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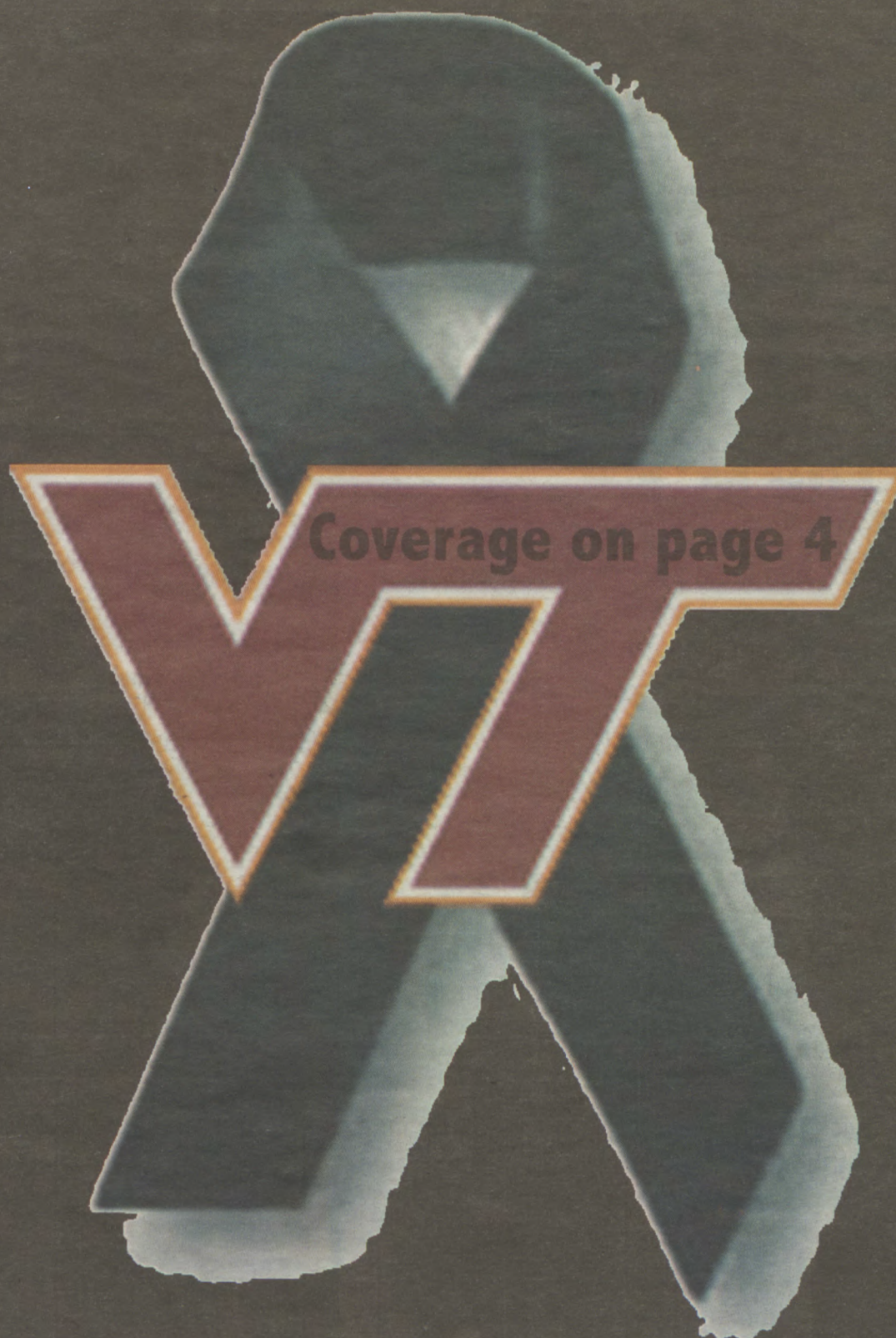
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OU feels grief; wonders 'what if?'

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

7:15 a.m. Two students, a male and female, were killed in West Ambler Johnston dormitory.

9:26 a.m. An e-mail was sent to students informing them of the shooting and asking them to contact police if they notice anything out of the ordinary or if they have information about the case.

9:45 a.m. A gunman begins shooting people in Norris Hall, across campus north of Ambler Johnston dormitory. At least 31 people were killed in the hall, including the shooter.

9:55 a.m. A second e-mail is sent to students, warning them of a gunman and advising them to stay in their houses or rooms away from windows.

10:17 a.m. A third e-mail was sent to students, announcing that classes were canceled and to stay away from windows and lock their doors.

10:53 a.m. A fourth e-mail tells students that a second shooting has occurred and a gunman is in police custody, campus entries are closed and people are required to stay in university buildings.

Source: The Associated Press

OU will observe a moment of silence today at 9:25 a.m., the same time the second round of shooting began.



The unprecedented violence at Virginia Tech Monday left more than 30 people dead and just as many reported injured. Find out below how OU reacted to the news.

By Kyle Magin
Special Projects Reporter

Yesterday morning, you strapped on your backpack, grabbed a coffee and listened to the radio on the way to class.

You expected to come home at night. Monday at Virginia Tech, 32 students didn't make it home at night. They lost their lives when a gunman went on a two-hour rampage. At least 30 more were injured in the gunfire in Blacksburg, Va.

The shooter was Cho-Seung Hui, a 23-year-old English major. After the massacre, Hui turned a gun on himself, running the day's death toll to 33.

"Total shock and disbelief," is how economics professor Nivedita Mukherji described her reaction when she heard the news. Mukherji attended Virginia Tech for her doctorate between 1987 and 1992.

"It is a gorgeous campus, and one of the safest places in the world," Mukherji said. "I felt very safe."

English professor Barbara Mabee echoed Mukherji's sentiments, describing Blacksburg as "picturesque."

"How senseless! Where is this hatred and violence going to take us in the 21st century?" asked Mabee.

Oakland held a candlelight vigil last night in front of Bear Lake. It was hosted by Alpha Phi Omega, based off of an idea from member and junior psychology major Karly Feeman.

"I was watching the news this morning and I heard a few of the students (at Virginia Tech) talking about how their professor was killed for barring a door to protect them. I thought, 'We have to do something,' so I called (APO president Michael Zdanio) and got this together," Feeman said.

The vigil started as Oakland students gathered on the bridge spanning the lake. Students were invited to share their feelings. Some expressed support for the afflicted families, while others prayed for peace and understanding. Starting from the end of the bridge closest to the OC and spreading to the other, a somber rendition of "Amazing Grace" rose from the crowd. Those in attendance joined



KEVIN ALFORD/The Oakland Post

More than 100 students gather on the bridge over Bear Lake, honoring the memories the victims.

hands for a prayer before the crowd dispersed.

"I'm a veteran and I've served, so I understand sacrificing your life," Feeman added. "But professors educate the leaders of the future, they shouldn't be asked to make that sacrifice. I felt that holding this was important because it could have been our campus, our classmates and our professors. It could have been us."

"As a mother myself—I have a three-year-old—I'm worried my child is going to grow up in a society where this is the norm, this is expected, and what? Are all of us going to have bulletproof glass? How crazy is this?" asked studio art major Sarilyn Krauzowicz.

Sophomore Priscilla Dunklin, a sociology major, thought attending the vigil was important.

"I just wanted to support the school and the different people that died, and their families," said Dunklin. "I feel it could happen to anybody...to myself even. I feel like I would want someone to have a vigil for me if that happened here."

Kyle Carmean, a sophomore anthropology major, marveled at the senselessness of the murders.

"It's so close to the end of the year. These people, 33 of them, their futures are done now. And that one that did it, he was a senior, he was about to be

done," Carmean said.

Matthew Wiles is the Virginia Tech Alumni coordinator for Southeastern Michigan. Wiles attended Virginia Tech from 1997-2001, but now makes his home in Royal Oak.

"I had the typical reactions," Wiles said in a phone interview with The Post. "It went from shock, to disbelief and denial. I couldn't believe this could happen."

Wiles' chapter contains the 800 Virginia Tech alumni based in Southeast Michigan and he's busy trying to contact them to gauge interest in a local memorial service.

Marketing Professor Ram Mohan Pisharodi remembers a Virginia Tech that contrasts starkly to the images shown Monday. Pisharodi had his first job as a professor in Blacksburg from 1983-1987.

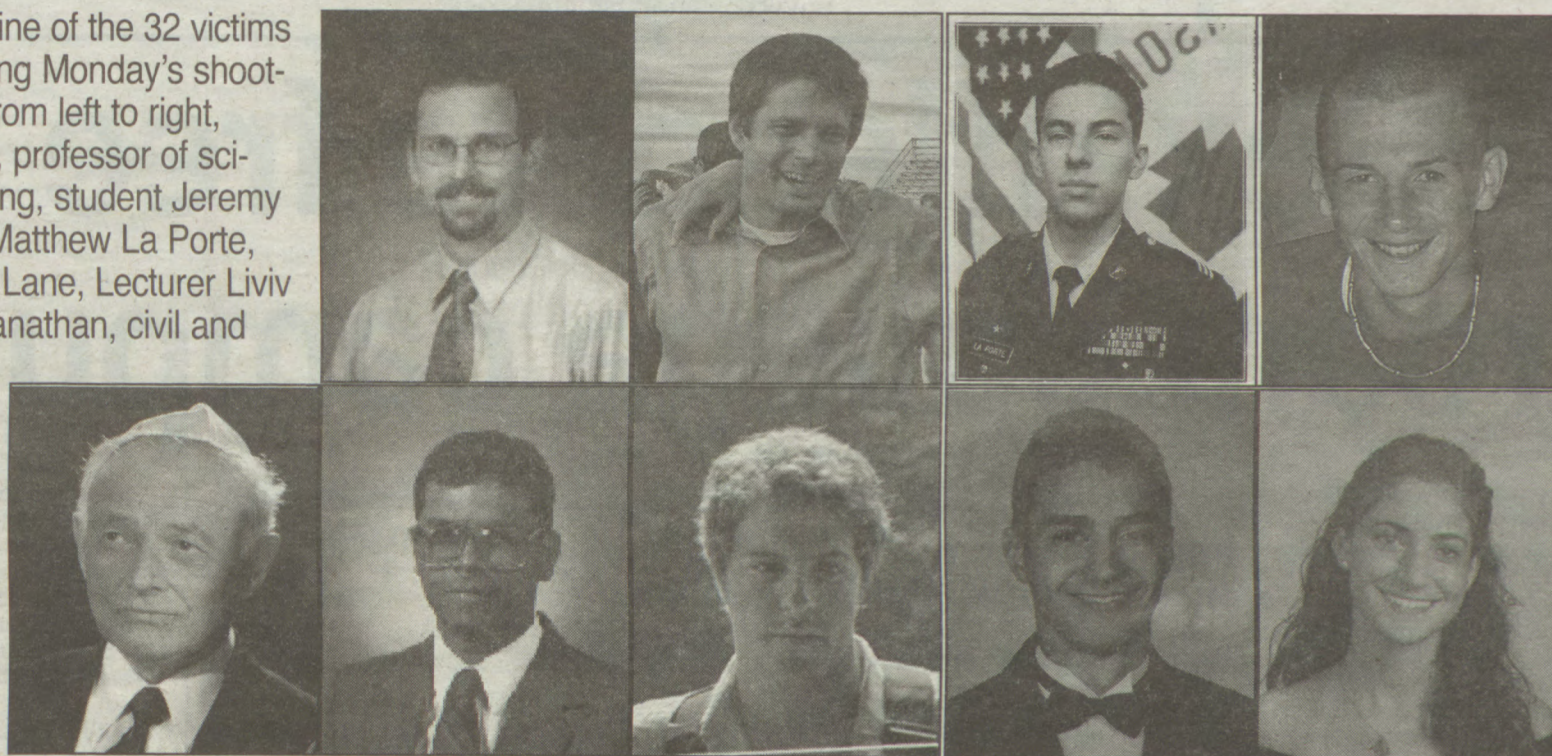
"It's a campus town located near the Blue Ridge Parkway, an extremely beautiful area. People would leave their homes and cars unlocked, and students would walk home at one or two in the morning with no fear of crime. It was a pristine environment. That's why I was so shocked, I never thought about it happening in Blacksburg," Pisharodi said.

Pisharodi drew a comparison between Virginia Tech and Oakland.

"They are just like us in many ways," he said. "It just shows that risks are everywhere and anywhere."

In Loving Memory

Pictured right are nine of the 32 victims that were slain during Monday's shooting. Their names, from left to right, are: Kevin Granata, professor of science and engineering, student Jeremy Herbstritt, student Matthew La Porte, student Jarrett Lee Lane, Lecturer Liviv Librescu, G.V. Loganathan, civil and environmental engineering professor, student Daniel O'Neil, student Juan Ramon Ortiz and student Reema Samaha



The Associated Press

Is OU prepared?

Oakland Police Chief Sam Lucido is confident that OU could handle an incident similar to what happened at Virginia Tech Monday.

"It is important to remember that each and every situation is different," Lucido said. "We are fully certified by the state of Michigan as a law enforcement agency, and we are trained and prepared to respond to any campus emergency."

If an emergency such as a shooting was identified on campus, there is a Crisis Management Team at Oakland University that would be notified. The team, according to Lucido, is comprised of "High-ranking" University officials.

The emergency action plan and the members of the team are confidential information.

If an incident were to occur on OU's campus, officers would conduct an initial assessment of the scene. At that point, Lucido said, they could make a decision to call in 'backup'.

"After the initial assessment, we could call in other agencies, whether local or federal. We have extremely good working relationships with the Auburn Hills police force and the Oakland County Sheriff, and train extensively with both," Lucido said. He indicated federal agencies could include the FBI or ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), and that Michigan State Police are also available to assist.

At that point, a decision would be made on whether to close campus and cancel school.

"If it was an incident that we felt represented a continuing or a potential threat to the campus community, we would notify the community," Lucido said. "There is a procedure that would include a broadcast email to the entire campus and student body, a posting on the university Web site and we would ask local media to assist us in broadcasting any closure. It would be similar to a weather-related closure."

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Sex offenders free to roam college campuses

By JEFF KRANITZ &
LINDSEY WOJCIK
Editor in Chief & Contributing Reporter

A filtered search of the online Michigan Sex Offender Registry will reveal that eight convicted sex offenders are currently enrolled at Oakland University. Three of them have been found guilty of either first or second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The Oakland Post was able to determine that one of the individuals, a first-degree offender, had previously lived in one of OU's on-campus dorms.

This leads to many questions. Were students in the dorm aware? Does the university inform residents and families in such a case? Should the university be responsible for that?

"Safety is a shared responsibility," said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs. "The university relies on our students and employees to work together with the police department to keep the campus community safe."

"If the university becomes aware of a sex offender living on campus—our housing contract asks students to indicate if they have any criminal record—the Dean of Students Office would conduct a full assessment of whether the student should be allowed to live on campus in consultation with OUPD, the Director of Housing and General Counsel. The University has the right to remove any student from the halls if it is determined that the person presents a threat of any kind to the other students," Snyder said.

An interview with Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Robert Giles indicated that OU's policy is in tune with what local lawmakers think.

"I don't think people who are convicted of sex offenses and are on the sex offender registry should be in a situation where they are attending classes with other students," Giles said. "It's incumbent upon the university to consider those factors

	Students	Sex Offenders
Mich. State	45,520	13
Wayne State	27,258	20
U of M	40,000	7
Eastern	23,000	17
Western	24,841	12
Central	27,452	11
OAKLAND	17,737	8

when they're doing the investigation and determining whether a student should be granted admission. It's certainly a factor the rest of the world looks into."

However, the university doesn't advise students and families to reference the sex offender registry. According to Snyder, the State of Michigan currently does not require universities to notify students and families if a sex offender lives on campus and, instead, provides citizens with its state registry.

"I have two concerns about a state notification mandate," Snyder said. "One, should such a law be limited to sexual misconduct? And two, would the state be able to ensure the accuracy of such lists so that an innocent person's rights are not violated?"

Behavior health experts and lawmakers have tended to agree that sex crimes warrant a separate classification based on the nature of the crimes themselves.

"The idea is that sexual offenders have a kind of behavior that cannot be cured,

so some states have some laws that mandate lifetime monitoring to reach the rate of recidivism," said Dr. Sylvie Lombardo, assistant professor in the department of psychology at OU.

Some cognitive behavioral therapies have been a helpful approach to treating sex offenders. Biological treatments using medications to decrease the sex drive is another approach, although psychologists don't know how effective this treatment is, Lombardo explained.

"The problem is that you can't rely on personality traits because the group is way too heterogeneous. You're mixing people with anti-social personality disorders with people who may be very socially skilled and well-established individuals who engage in pedophilia," Lombardo said.

Like those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction, Lombardo believes that incarceration for sex offenders fails to address the underlying issues that cause such behavior.

"Incarceration is not an effective treatment because just incarcerating individuals without providing them with treatment is probably not enough," she said.

Freshman Ka'Chelle Catledge lives on campus and has experienced living with her family next door to a registered sex offender in Detroit. "My dad found out about it through a website and told us about it," she said.

"I keep a constant eye on him. Sometimes, I feel like he's peeking through my curtains so I always look to see," she said.

Catledge said would not feel safe if she knew a sex offender was living in the dorms because "most sex offenders repeat what they do and there isn't a lot of security in the dorms."

"It's easy for anyone to get in the dorms. Someone could be lurking around and ask 'Can you let me in? My friend lives here,'" she explained.

If Catledge found out about a sex offender living in the dorms she said she would take more precautions. "I would make sure my door was locked and always be aware of my surroundings."

Public Sex Offender Registry

■ An average of 200 new offenders are added to the registry each month.

■ As of February 2007, there were 19,401 offenders on the registry.

■ The registry is required to include individual photographs of all offenders.

■ The registry offers full names, addresses and listed offense information for each offender.

Visit www.mipsor.state.mi.us to learn more

Semester ends, OUSC plans begin

By OWEN SEXTON
Senior Reporter

Student Congress met Monday for a lengthy final meeting of the semester.

The second week of the new congressional term produced significant results. After a successful Executive Board confirmation, the Rob Meyer Administration has a full staff.

Former Student Body President Madalyn Miller and former Vice President Mia Evans were present to publicly endorse all candidates up for approval.

Reappointed from the previous congressional term were Jordan Twardy and Tamara Kukuk.

Twardy will serve a second term as student services director and Kukuk will begin her second term as student program board chair.

A few legislators from the previous term made the jump to executive positions. Former Legislator Danielle Fallis was confirmed as student activities funding board chair and former Legislator Marc Griffin became financial affairs director.

Three rookies filled the remaining positions. Phillicia Jackson was named legislative and multicultural affairs director. Amanda Vanderford became the public affairs agent and Crystal Merrell was selected as administrative assistant.

During the three hour meeting, a spring and summer budget was approved after a few alterations by Legislator Mark Medaugh.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, also presented the early stages of a proposal to remodel the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Budget proposals

Student Congress approved a spring and summer budget proposal of nearly \$50,000. During the second reading of the proposal, three amendments were made by Legislator Mark Medaugh. Uncategorized funds were altered to increase disbursement among other programs. The amendments augmented spending for handouts during new student orientation and Student Congress New Initiatives, totaling \$4,000. The final amendment removed facilitation funding for congressional committees, freeing \$200. Congress passed all three amendments and the proposed budget of \$45,920 passed unanimously.

Renovation plans for the Oakland Center

Renovations could improve student activities in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Possible plans include a cyber café, student art gallery and theatre room. Director of the Center for Student Activities Jean Ann Miller presented a rough plan to Student Congress, receiving immense support from legislators and executive board members. A cyber café would replace the dim TV lounge providing a brighter, more student friendly area. The Student Technology Center along with the Center for Student Activities and Student Resource Center would be completely remodeled. Plans include combining the STC and CSA office into one large media room and training center. Architects will be consulted in the near future and if plans are approved the work would take two or three years to complete, according to Miller.

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CSA SERVICE WINDOW EVENTS

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Congratulations!

The CSA Office would like to congratulate all organizations and individuals who were nominated and received awards at the 2007 Student and Greek Organizations Recognition Night!

Outstanding Organization Awards

Student Organization of the Year
La Pittura
New Student Organization of the Year
Lebanese Club
Greek Organization of the Year
Phi Sigma Sigma
Club Sport of the Year
Men's Ice Hockey

Outstanding Program Awards

Outstanding Academic/Educational Program
Career Development Series, Psi Chi
Outstanding Multicultural/Diversity Program
Andrea Lekaj Performance
Albanian American Student Organization
Outstanding Co-Sponsored Program
Casino Night, Student Program Board
& Residence Halls Programming
Outstanding Traditional Program
Meadow Brook Ball "The Golden Ticket,"
Meadow Brook Ball Committee
Outstanding Community Service Program
"Nathan's Blankets" - Making Blankets for Children
with Cancer, United Hope
Outstanding Fundraising Program
Up Tilt Dawn Letter Writing Campaign
Outstanding Social Program
Mr. PhiSignificant, Phi Sigma Sigma

Outstanding Leadership Awards

Student Organization President of the Year (Female)
Lisa Lozen, Pi Sigma Alpha
Student Organization President of the Year (Male)
Rami Haddad, Lebanese Club
Gregory Marrs Greek Woman of the Year
Krystal Minarik, Phi Sigma Sigma
Gregory Marrs Greek Man of the Year
Rob Meyer, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Student Leader of the Year (Female)
Kibionne Fletcher
Student Leader of the Year (Male)
Matt Sawicki

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Dagohir Club
Excellent Planning
FMA, OASIS, Beta Alpha Psi
SAFB Chair's Choice
Graduate Student Physical Therapy Association

Advisor Awards

Student Organization Advisor of the Year
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Greek Advisor of the Year
Scott Crabill, Sigma Pi
"Black & Gold Award"
Jean Ann Miller

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Alisha Bellows
Aaron Burns
Renee Blackburn
Samir Hanna
Melissa Kindred
Kristin Solt
Karianne Dutrieux
Mia Evans
Andrew Hansen
Ronee Harvey
Aaron Kochenderfer
Rob Meyer
Stacey Rybinski
Amanda Rymiszewski
Jordan Twardy
Sheila Brooks
Krista Kettelhut

Volunteer Service Award

Beta Alpha Psi
Karmen Bishop
Stefanie Bair
Shalonda Dennis
Ronee Harvey
Vanessa Page
Matt Sawicki
Kristin Solt

Sidney Fink Memorial Award

Margaret DeGrandis
Mia Evans
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OU now offers international relations major

Political science department adds faculty and classes to support program

By C.M. GRASKI

Senior Reporter/Photographer

The challenges and benefits that have manifested as a result of globalization are undeniable. Students and graduates must be prepared now, more than ever, for the rapidly dynamic environment of the world stage. Oakland University's political science department recently added a new International Relations program to its major offerings.

"The process began in 2003," said John Klemanski, chair of the political science department. "We knew how important this major could be in preparing OU students for successful careers. We worked with the economics, history, philosophy, international studies and modern language departments."

"We presented a written proposal to each department and to numerous review committees in the college and

across campus. This was a very thorough review process," Klemanski added.

According to Klemanski, in addition to the new course offerings and other academic incentives, the university has also authorized the hiring of one additional full-time faculty member and a part-time instructor with a specialization in international relations.

One of the political science department's newest members of the IR faculty is Professor Peter Trumbore, who was initially hired as an IR specialist.

"I began work on developing the IR program four years ago," Trumbore said. "Among the main things that I did was to first evaluate our existing courses to see what new courses needed to be offered in order to make the program a strong one."

"Along with other faculty members, we determined the standards for IR programs based on an analysis of exist-

ing programs and universities across the nation. We crafted our program to reflect the best of what we saw elsewhere," added Trumbore.

The IR program was approved April 4 and is available immediately. It is an interdisciplinary program, requiring two years of a foreign language and several courses in economics, political science, history and philosophy.

"The beauty of the IR major is that it gives our students the ability to structure their coursework around those areas where they are most interested, and perhaps where they may want to pursue careers or graduate study after they leave OU," Trumbore said.

Introductory level courses including World Politics, US Foreign Policy, International Relations Theory, International Terrorism and Human Rights were all created to support the IR degree before its inception.

"The capstone course, PS 472 Seminar in International Relations, has not been created yet, but we expect to offer that course sometime in 2007 or 2008," Klemanski said. "We also will be creating other new elective courses over the next couple of years, including a course in international organizations."

Several internships, scholarships and study abroad opportunities will also be available to IR majors, conservatively estimated to be initially around 60 students, explained Klemanski.

"We've already raised funds for the scholarships and will likely be dispersing some of that beginning in the fall semester. We've also made agreements with businesses and government organizations to accept our IR majors for internship placements," said Klemanski.

For more information, visit the department of political science in 418 Varner Hall.

Students earn prestigious awards

Gianna Hair, Matilda R. Wilson Award

Gianna Hair, 21, received the 2007 Matilda R. Wilson Award for demonstrating scholarship, leadership and concern for social issues on campus. An English major in the Honors College, Hair has also devoted time to Golden Key, SMEA, Sigma Tau Delta (as president), the writing center at Oakland University and Project Upward Bound, which works to prepare "at-risk" high school students for college.

Read about Hair's favorite books, future plans and inspiring advice at www.oaklandpostonline.com

Peter Halabu, Alfred G. Wilson Award

Peter Halabu, 20, cites his community and campus involvement as the main quality that won him the 2007 Alfred G. Wilson Award. "I joined groups on campus, advocated for social issues and volunteered my time in the wider community," Halabu said. "So it wasn't so much about studying hard as it was about being in clubs, attending events and helping at my church and my old high school."

Find out what Halabu reads, eats and loves most about OU at www.oaklandpostonline.com

Alexis Garland, Fulbright scholarship

Alexis Garland, an Oakland University MA candidate in linguistics, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue doctoral coursework and research in Germany. Garland is currently in the process of completing her master's thesis on age and geographic correlations in attitudes toward standard and non-standard German. She plans to spend her summer teaching English in China and traveling abroad. As a Fulbright scholar, she will study in the cognitive science department of a German university beginning in October.

POLICEFILES

A vehicle was broken into in the P-1 lot. The victim reported that he parked and locked his vehicle at 4 p.m. April 8. The next day, he discovered his driver side door lock area was damaged. The contents of his glove box and center console were scattered on the seats, the trunk was open and the jack was missing from the trunk. He said he found nothing else missing. An officer examined the lock and noted it appeared to have been punched in.

Other thefts or attempted breaking and entering of vehicles occurred over the last two weekends. A student parked in the 7000 University Student Apartment lot at 9 p.m. on April 8 and found lock and window seal damage on his car 1 p.m. the next day. A Van Wagoner resident left her vehicle unlocked in the P-5 lot at 11 p.m. April 13 and returned at 9:40 a.m. to discover damage to her steering column and evidence of an attempted removal of her radio/CD player. Another student's golf clubs were stolen from her trunk in the 3000 USA lot after she parked at 10 p.m. April 14. The student, who said her passenger side lock didn't work, discovered the clubs were missing at 9 a.m. the next day.

An officer investigated an attempted breaking and entering of a student resource room in Hannah Hall. Students locked the room at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 7. A graduate assistant said she noticed two bolts missing from the top hinge of the door April 9 and replaced one that she found on the floor. Students were using the room's computers when police arrived. Police noted one missing bolt and two loose ones in the top hinge of the door and found three nuts on a bookshelf inside the room. Nothing was discovered missing from the room.

No charges have been filed by a West Vandenberg Hall resident against her former roommate after an argument escalated into an assault April 11. The offender was moving out over a prior disagreement they had. When the victim attempted to move her former roommate's mini-fridge, the offender told her not to touch her "stuff," and an argument ensued. The offender slapped the victim across the face twice, and the victim responded by grabbing the offender's hair, ending the altercation.

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Residence hall rights

Can resident assistants raid your room?

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

The Hamlin Hall room is dark and silent. No one's home. Suddenly, a crack of light appears as the door is opened. Three people walk in and systematically sweep the room, taking in everything they can see. They aren't scoping the place for a robbery.

They're resident assistants and they're doing their job.

The video, captured by a Hamlin resident on a camera he hid at the beginning of a fire drill last semester, shows an authorized room inspection conducted by three RAs.

If you're surprised by this, it might be a good idea to read your student handbook more closely.

According to the 2006/2007 handbook, under the heading "Entering Student Rooms," housing staff normally needs "permission of the student or other legal authority" to enter a resident's room. But this is followed by a list of exceptions. One simply reads, "during fire drill procedures."

According to Assistant Director for Residence Life Christine Cleary, during most fire drills, housing staff inspect all dorm rooms in a residence hall.

Sometimes, this isn't possible.

"If the week that a fire drill is scheduled, we're also expecting a snowstorm, we don't want the students to stand outside any longer than [necessary]," she said.

In those cases, a computer program generates a random list of rooms to inspect.

If someone pulls a fire alarm, the rooms to be inspected may be determined by the OU Police Department.

Other occasions in the handbook for staff to enter rooms without the resident's permission include "when there is reason to suspect imminent danger to health, safety or property of a resident."

In any case, the handbook states that "staff members, when entering

student rooms for reasons listed above, will report any visible or suspicious contraband or violations of residence hall and/or university policies."

The key words are "visible or suspicious." Even when housing staff can enter a room, there are regulations on what they can do there.

Drawers and other types of storage furniture—whether a university-owned dresser or your filing cabinet—can't be opened, said Cleary, without the permission and presence of the resident.

Otherwise, a warrant would be needed and the subsequent search would be handled by law enforcement, not housing staff.

Most student belongings are also off-limits. Touching an object to confirm it's drug or alcohol-related may be necessary, but in most cases, items in the room aren't supposed to be touched.

Cleary said that while not every such guideline is written down, "There's a variety of ways in which we orient our staff in training."

And what if a resident thinks an R.A. has inappropriately inspected a room?

"We would encourage a student with that concern or any other concern...[to] report that to their hall director," said Cleary.

The student may be asked to fill out a witness statement, including a description of what led him or her to believe the room was inspected inappropriately. Anyone can get a witness statement form from their hall director or the housing office in Hamlin Hall.

Staff member performance is evaluated by the housing office regularly, said Cleary, "and if there was a concern brought to a staff member's attention, then of course it would be investigated even more so. Obviously if a staff member doesn't know about a performance issue, then it's a hard thing to specifically investigate."

For more information, or to pick up a copy of the student handbook, visit the Housing Office in 448 Hamlin Hall.

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EDITORIAL

The future is already here, and changes are imminent

Like it or not, the status quo in our society is bound on an irreversible course destined for change. We stand poised to experience the most profound turnabout that any group of human beings has ever faced on this planet.

Right now there's a balance. There's good and bad inherent in all that we do, but we are staring at a future so uncertain, and so potentially wonderful AND disastrous, that we simply cannot afford to remain on the sidelines while a select few make the decisions that will impact us all in ways never before conceived.

Ignorance, apathy, racism and an overall lack of civility are alive and well.

The latest scandals that have rocked our global credibility—the bogus Duke Lacrosse rape allegations, our fascination with Anna Nicole Smith's death and the current frenzy surrounding radio personality Don Imus' moronic behavior—should be acting as 'idiot lights.'

They should be blaring indicators that, as a society, we still have much growing up to do.

We've got choices to make. And we better think about them long and hard if the transition ahead is going to be a smooth one.

Our borders continue to be eroded by globalization, mostly unrestricted information flows at light-speed from New York to Tokyo and new technological advancements designed to improve our quality of life are introduced on an almost daily basis.

Most remarkable, perhaps, is the astonishing work that's taking place in the field of biotechnology. Many experts say that industry is getting ready to see the greatest growth of any industry since computers thirty years ago.

Genome research may unlock the answers needed to cure diseases ranging from addiction to the deadliest forms of cancer. Sometime soon researchers will likely be able to isolate the genes responsible for personality traits that cause depression, anxiety, laziness—just imagine the possibilities!

Biotechnology is so new and unprecedented that it's no wonder many fear and resist it. It has the potential to alter most people's concept of God. Many say that it's dangerous to mess with Mother Nature—but we've been battling

with nature since our very beginnings. We'd have perished long ago from disease and/or natural disaster if Mother Nature had her way. Perhaps God, or whatever you call it, has seen fit to place this knowledge in our brains to help us better cope with life on life's terms. Maybe it's up to us to use it wisely.

With all these changes taking place it's a shame to see that our society still seems too premature to handle them.

Respect and civility have been traded in for attitude. It's everywhere in our culture.

Imus' "jokingly" racist remarks last week and the resulting frenzy should come as no surprise. Especially when the loudest calls for justice come from Jesse Jackson—who once called New York City "Hymietown," and Al Sharpton—whose reference to Jews as "diamond merchants" was only one of the many times he himself has had to ask for public forgiveness.

Ironically, as the world around us shrinks, the Internet and other electronic distractions are also working to further isolate us from our neighbors across the street and on the bus or subway ride to work. Online chatting with someone from India should be an enriching supplement to having real connections with the people we see every day—not the other way around.

It's time to finally get involved in the world around us.

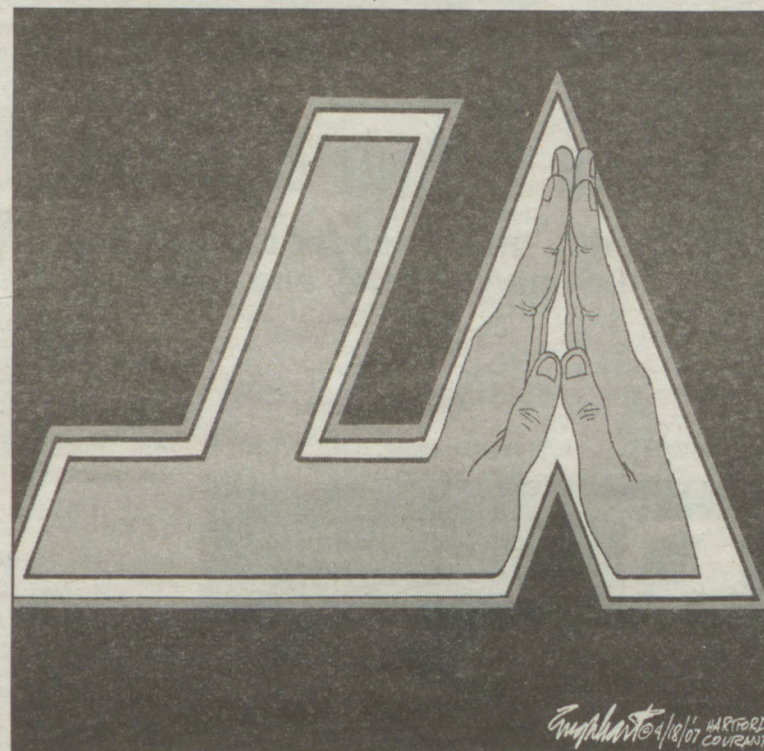
The changes taking place are bound to affect each one of us; events of this magnitude demand that everyone weighs in. The dangers of letting such a tiny portion of the population accept the responsibility of guiding everyone through uncharted waters are too great to chance.

So what can we do?

Read more and get ourselves informed. Think critically with an open mind. Allow ideas that might at first seem negative or unhealthy the chance to be considered along with the status quo.

Apathy could be the device that allows for instability, but it doesn't have to be.

—The Oakland Post



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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I see so much waste in packaging every day—from water in self-serve bottles to all the foil and cardboard you have to break through to get to a new print cartridge. What is being done to make packaging more “green friendly,” including cutting out as much of it as possible?

— Jeanne L.
Canton, CT

Thanks to forward-thinking action by the European Union (EU), people around the world are beginning to recognize that wasteful packaging puts unnecessary stress on the environment. In 1994 the EU issued a “Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste,” putting the responsibility of waste reduction and reclamation on manufacturers instead of on retailers, consumers and local governments.

The program, popularly known as “Producer Pays” or “Extended Producer Responsibility,” requires product makers to either take back their packaging (consumers can leave it behind in the store or send it back in the mail at the producers’ expense), or pay a fee to an organization called “Green Dot” that will handle it for them. “Green Dot” is now the standard take-back program in two-dozen European countries.

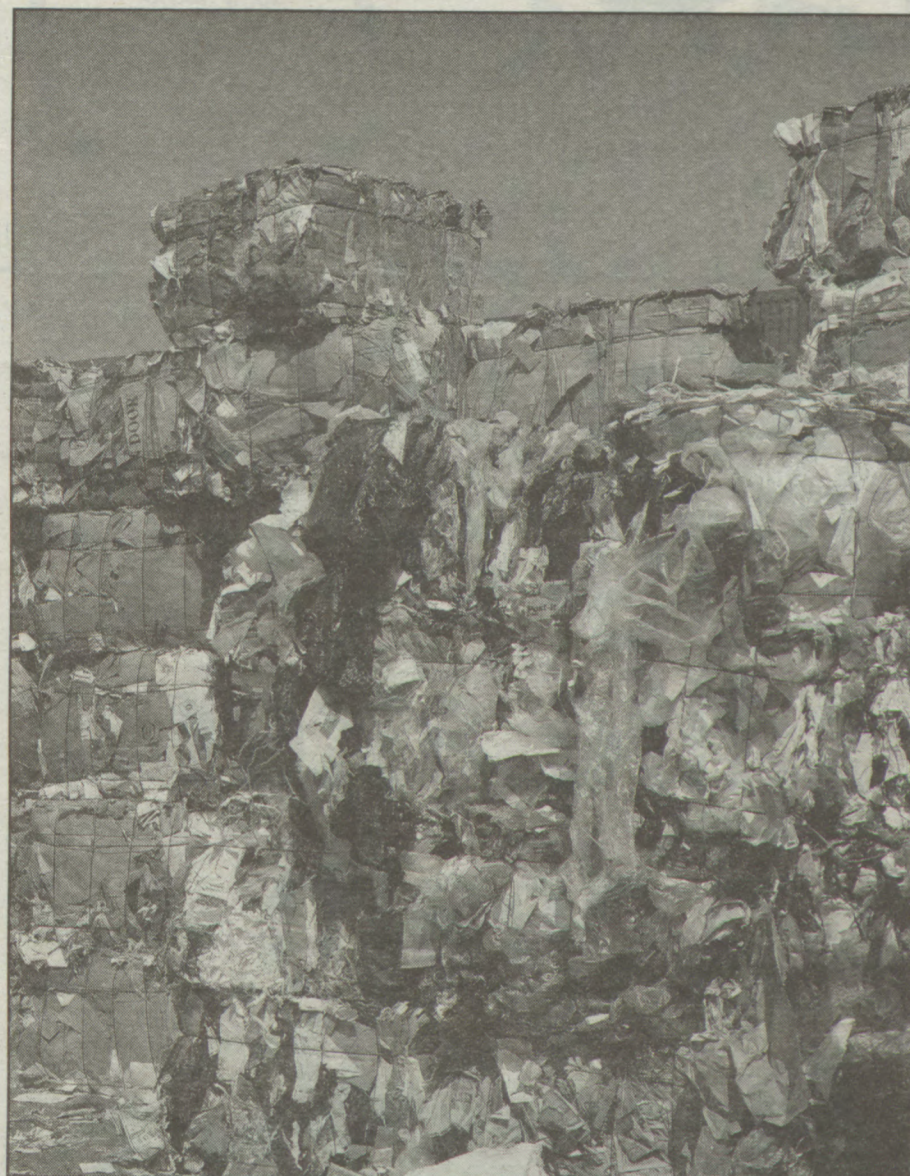
According to Bette Fishbein of INFORM, Inc., a nonprofit environmental research organization based in

the U.S., the concept has “spread like wildfire” and has been adopted by many industrialized nations—including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Japan, Korea and Taiwan—but not yet by the United States, which could certainly benefit. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) annual generation of municipal solid waste in the U.S. increased from 88 million tons in 1960 to 229 million tons in 2001, with containers and packaging making up almost a third of the weight.

Maine has followed the European model and initiated its own “Producer Pays” program; the first in the U.S. Maine requires electronics makers to fund consolidation centers where used TV and computer monitors are sent. According to the state’s Department of Environmental Protection, “Maine’s electronic waste recycling law...is a national model, as it protects our environment, saves taxpayers money and puts costs where they belong to encourage safe design and recycling of electronic wastes.”

Some U.S. companies are also taking initiative. Microsoft worked with Packaging 2.0, a packaging solutions company that recycles used materials into new packaging, to develop an environmentally responsible and reusable package for its line of GPS consumer electronics products. And a number of other companies, including Unilever, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft Foods, Microsoft and Nike, have come together under the umbrella of the Sustainable Packaging Coalition, a project of the nonprofit GreenBlue, and released a guide for designers and developers to assist them in designing sustainable packaging.

In February 2008 Wal-Mart will implement a “packaging scorecard” to measure and evaluate its entire supply chain. Goals include using less packaging and using more sustainable materials in packaging. According to Wal-Mart, the company is already beginning to make



Courtesy of Getty Images

The annual generation of municipal solid waste in the U.S. increased from 88 million tons in 1960 to 229 million tons in 2001

headway. “By reducing the packaging on one of our patio sets,” says the company website, “we were able to use 400 fewer

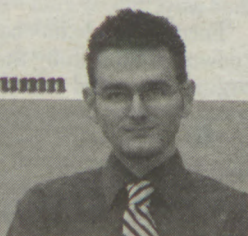
shipping containers to deliver them. We created less trash, and saved our customers a bundle while doing it.”

Get to know your student congress

New weekly column aims to connect OUSC with student body

Guest Column

Rob Meyer
Student Body
President



Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC); what does this entail? Politics? Constitution? Government? Most ‘typical’ students will think of those words when congress is brought up in conversation. But in fact, those words are just a minute fraction of what student

congress here at Oakland University encompasses. Our mission statement is to “...strive to represent the student body and increase pride and unity on campus through dynamic leadership, a commitment to diversity, and an ongoing devotion to the quality of university life. We aim to meet the needs and address the concerns of our fellow students and encourage students to voice their ideas to help us create the best possible ‘Oakland experience.’” I believe that Oakland University Student Congress has not had much of a visible presence on campus. As the new student body president, my main goal is to work closely with my executive board as well as the legisla-

tors and do whatever possible to resolve this issue. We are here to represent you, the student, and to take your concerns and address them. Student Congress is the voice of the student body and we want to ensure that you are made aware of this. Throughout the course of the next year many issues and ideas will be brought before the university such as a possible tuition hike, renovations of the Oakland Center, construction on campus and increased programming. Student Congress is here to take stances on such issues and show support, or lack of support, from the student body.

I encourage everyone to get involved on campus, whether it is through OUSC or

any other organization. It is involvement through these that make your college career more lively and exciting. If you are interested in becoming more involved within student congress, or any other organization in that manner, contact myself or simply stop by the student congress office located in the basement of the Oakland Center (across from WXOU and the Post). I can be reached at rjmeyer@oakland.edu or 248-370-4290. Thank you for your time and I look forward to serving as your new student body president. Please remember this, it is never too late to get involved or to express your concerns...that is what we are here for!

Your body's (green) life after death



Green burials offer an eco-friendly alternative to traditional methods

By WENDY LYONS
Contributing Reporter

If you're like most people, you probably think that your environmental footprint disappears from the planet once you're dead and gone. After all, what harm could you possibly do? But it seems even the dead aren't off the hook.

Whether you choose to make your final exit six-feet under or up in smoke, according to Joe Sehee, executive director of the Green Burial Council, and Dr. Billy Campbell, founder of Ramsey Creek Preserve, your death will leave a mark, and it's going to hurt.

"I think people have really been lied to about how neat and tidy conventional

death care is," Sehee said. "It is anything but that."

So, if you are looking for an eco-friendly way to check out that doesn't require fossil fuels and pollute the air with cancer-causing dioxins and mercury, like cremation, or potentially leach formaldehyde into the ground, like conventional burial, according to Campbell and Sehee, what you want is a green burial.

Death warmed over

In a conventional cemetery, your corpse would be placed in a casket, which is then enclosed in a concrete box and buried deep in the earth.

"What people don't understand, which I think they need to, is that the 'hygienic'

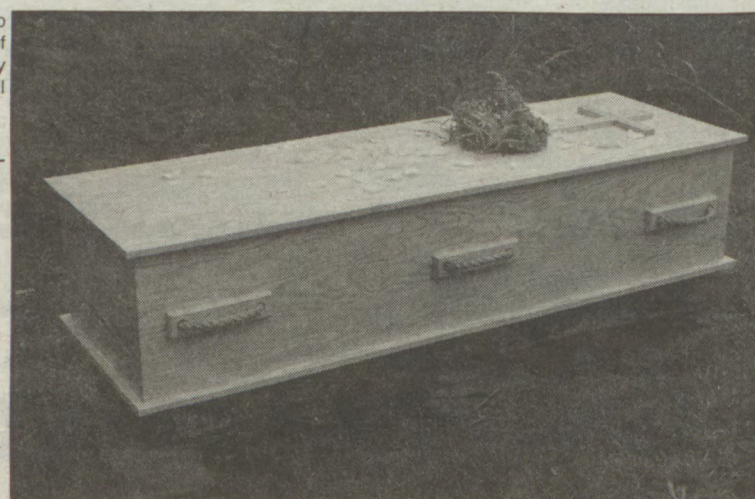


Photo courtesy of Kimberley Campbell

Green burials are becoming more available for those who are concerned about reducing their environmental impact, even after death. It allows bodies to decay naturally, without adding harmful chemicals to the soil. It also uses less energy than conventional burial methods.

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Campbell

In green burial, an unembalmed body is wrapped in a shroud or placed in a biodegradable container.



way of death that is sold to us is not that hygienic," Sehee said. "What you are really forcing corpses to contend with is anaerobic bacteria, which, when you're putting bodies in vaults and sealed coffins, causes liquification and putrefaction and body cavities to burst and all sorts of things."

A dying business

Besides becoming a human stew, there are ecological problems with conventional body burial such as the potential for embalmed bodies to leach formaldehyde into the ground. "There are some concrete vaults that will trap the chemicals at the bottom of the vault," Sehee said. "However, the earth shifts, and there are

vaults that crack, and it gets in there that way."

"Formaldehyde has been regarded as a known carcinogen by the World Health Organization and many other international organizations," Sehee said. "It's on the probable list of carcinogens by our own EPA."

"It's been associated with nasal cancer and leukemia and other diseases, and we have no baseline data about what the environmental impact is of the nearly 900,000 gallons of embalming fluid that is dumped into the ground each year. It (the data) just doesn't exist."

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Mother Nature, CEO



While an increasing number of companies embrace green marketing practices, OU students and professors remain skeptical

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

Earth Day and graduation have many things in common: both celebrate what we have, and both attempt to address the challenges ahead. As there is an ever-increasing need for sustainability in all areas of existence and development on our planet, there is also a necessity to be able to thrive in a dynamic, professional world.

For the business, marketing, or liberal arts majors, there may be one field that has not been considered.

Eco-friendly light bulbs, unbleached coffee filters and solar power are becoming the staples of everyday experience, but the movement that has brought such developments to storefronts, homes and businesses is quite new.

This trend is known as green marketing and was pioneered by Jackie Ottman, founder of the first green marketing company, J. Ottman Consulting.

"I saw an opportunity to use my new product concept generation and evaluation skills to help corporate America develop the next generation of products

designed with the environment in mind. This has been my company's mission for 20 years," Ottman said.

According to J. Ottman Consulting, green marketing involves the sustainable development of businesses and products on a variety of scales.

"In the late 1980s, I was researching environmental issues for an advertising agency who wanted to attract more consumer goods clients. We predicted that this would be a big issue that they would have to address in the 1990s," said Ottman. "I looked at waste produced by packaging, air pollution, ozone layer depletion and other issues. I realized that the planet was in pretty bad shape, and that we could alleviate this trauma if we designed consumer products differently."

The next logical step was to create a company that could provide solutions to those sustainability issues.

"J. Ottman Consulting focuses on product development and marketing, which will not only help companies develop current products, but also future products and their marketing programs using 'green' methods," Ottman said.

Green Glossary

Eco-design: An approach to design of a product with special consideration for the environmental impacts of the product during its whole lifecycle. In a life cycle assessment the life cycle of a product is usually divided into procurement, manufacture, use and disposal.
<http://glossary.eea.europa.eu/EEAGlossary/E/eco-design>

Green marketing: Incorporates a broad range of activities, including product modification, changes to the production process, packaging changes, as well as modifying advertising in a manner that is environmentally friendly.
www.bathfram.org/tfb/EO4.htm

Sustainability: An attempt to provide the best outcomes for the human and natural environments both now and in the future.
http://en.mimi.hu/marketingweb/green_marketing.html

In her book, "Green Marketing: Opportunity for Innovation," Ottman provides several examples of companies that employ green marketing techniques.

Tom's of Maine, a family company located in Kennebunk, Maine, is completely devoted to sustainable development and establishing a positive rapport with its consumer base, according to Ottman's book. The company produces its line of toothpaste, mouthwash and deodorant free of additives, preservatives, artificial flavors or colors, and come in 100% recycled packaging.

Nancy Rosenzweig, director of corporate communications, said the company's success is a result of complete collaboration and cooperation with shareholders, environmental agencies and groups, and, most importantly, the consumer.

Patagonia is another company that holds the planet and the consumer among its highest priorities. The corporate offices and retail outlets, from the wood that they are built from to the disposal of waste, are routinely and thoroughly audited for environmental friendliness.

The clothing company manufactures its products using organic cotton and post-consumer recycled materials. Patagonia also deducts a portion of its annual earnings as an "Earth Tax," which it usually donates to small environmental groups and causes, such as the Access Fund, Surfrider Foundation, and the Earth Conservation Corps.

The concept of green marketing and eco-design is not unknown to the Oakland University School of Business Administration. As with most citizens of the world, however, the interest is a general awareness and respect for the issues.

Sustainability is likely not the foremost concern for college students working several jobs just to pay tuition and rent, or a family of four living near the poverty line.

"One must keep in mind that this topic is not an overwhelming topic in the minds of most Americans, indeed most citizens of the world, as most are

confronted with the task of providing for themselves and their families and dealing with life struggles," said Professor Ron Dix.

Students share this opinion. With few exceptions, most students have financial difficulties that do not merit the indulgence of sustainable living or consumption of "green" products, even if they are aware of their positive affects on the planet.

"I think that the advertising for green products isn't effective, for one. Nobody would buy into it unless a celebrity was advertising it. Plus, green products are very expensive," said psychology major Chantique Langston.

According to Professor Kim Serota, students had several green marketing options for a marketing research proposal project, but few showed interest.

"Sustainability and going 'green' are presently means for political maneuvering more than a manifesto for a changing society," Dix said.

Dix estimates that, if accurately polled, most consumers would be shown to tolerate the topic, but not abide by the implications of global warming, etc., as it represents behavior that requires preparation, a change in discipline, changes in lifestyles and such, and in the consumer mind, a significant emotional event would need to occur to cause such a consumer and social shift.

This is why green marketing and sustainability are considered to be largely frontier issues to the School of Business Administration.

"These issues have not yet become significant subjects of study in the business curriculum in the United States. European business education has a head-start on these vital issues. The OU marketing area lacks the resources to offer an extensive curriculum which would include attention to green and sustainability issues," said SBA Chair Ravi Parmeswaren.

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Thinking outside the box

In contrast, green burial works with nature, not against it.

"There is no need for toxins or materials that aren't biodegradable to be used," Sehee said.

Green burial allows us to "get in sync with the natural process of death and decay and regeneration that we see all around us," he added.

While conventional burial separates the body from the earth, green burials put it to good use.

In green burial, an un-embalmed body is wrapped in a shroud or placed in a biodegradable container. It is buried in a shallow grave — about 3 ½ feet deep — where microbe-rich soil exists to efficiently break down the body naturally. "If you bury a body 6 feet deep," Campbell said, "you're not going to return to kind of the living layer of the earth anytime soon."

Above ground, two to three feet of topsoil is mounded on top, and the grave is marked with a living object, such as a tree or wildflowers, or a GPS tag or some type of inconspicuous ecologically functional marker like a boulder.

Unlike a conventional cemetery, which packs in the dead at around 1,000 per acre, a green cemetery has an underground population of around 100 per acre.

Decomposing the myths

"This way of burial has been done for thousands and thousands of years," Campbell's wife, Kimberley, said, "and it's a very efficient and safe way of disposing of the dead."

Nevertheless, burying bodies au naturel today often conjures up fear of disease, foraging animals and water contamination.

"I'm a physician," Campbell, a medical doctor in practice for 23 years, said, "and I can tell you that the human body doesn't turn radioactive when you die."

"If you have someone with a really high rate of infectious disease, the best thing you can do is put the body in a box and cremate the box and the body or bury the body. That is the safest thing to do for the public health."

Campbell said that U.K. scientific reports and soil scientists who specialize in groundwater confirm that water contamination is not a problem with green burial.

"By the time the water percolates that many feet and outcrops in a spring," Campbell said, "there is absolutely no way there is going to be anything alive (in the water)."

"If anything, the things more likely to get into the water table would be things like formaldehyde, which really doesn't degrade. That's the reason why it is an embalming fluid. It lasts for a long time."

As far as hungry beasts digging up corpses for a tasty midnight snack, Campbell said, "We get that (question) all

the time, but this is a low-tech solution to that very problem. Back in the days when we had much larger omnivores like grizzly bears and things, in California the pioneer cemeteries did quite well. A very effective way of keeping animals away from a body is burying it several feet underground. It really does work."

Life from the dead

The dearly departed aren't the only ones welcome at a green burial ground.

"These can be places that are multipurpose," Sehee said. "They can be suitable for weddings, you know, hikes and interpretive centers and all sorts of interesting things. We are talking about kind of reinventing the cemetery idea."

More than an eco-friendly way to dispose of the dead, Sehee and Campbell say green burial is also a land conservation strategy.

In addition to Ramsey Creek Preserve, America's first green burial ground, Campbell founded Memorial Ecosystems, Inc., a firm that develops and operates green burial grounds.

"Our goal, in the next 30 years, is to help save over a million acres," Campbell said. "Our model, as far as our business right now, is not to own the land ourselves but to help land trusts, religious institutions and universities to permanently protect large pieces of land. That's kind of our goal — to become a major force in land protection."

In an attempt to curtail potential green-washing, the practice of falsely marketing oneself as eco-friendly, Sehee founded the non-profit Green Burial Council to establish levels of standards for green burial and provide certification.

"I think a lot of people who like this idea just think it's as simple as digging holes in the ground," Sehee said. "Well, I'm not one of those people who believe that, and Dr. Campbell is not either."

"We think it has to be done properly, and we are concerned that some people who like this idea don't really have the same concerns and can potentially give the movement a black eye by causing some damage. That is why we are trying to get ahead of things with the standards."

A grassroots movement

People seem to be warming up to the concept of going green.

In the U.K., around 200 green burial grounds have emerged over the past several years. And in the last two years, it is finally gaining ground here. The U.S. has a total of four green burial grounds located in South Carolina, Texas, Florida and New York, Sehee said.

And Michigan may soon be added to that list.

"We have two sites that we're working on with owners in Michigan in Lapeer County and Oakland County who would like to do green burial," Sehee said.

Although Sehee doesn't have exact

figures, he estimates that between 300 and 500 green burials have taken place in the U.S. with close to that number of plots purchased for future use.

Putting your money where your corpse is

Securing an eco-friendly ticket from here to eternity doesn't have to eat up an inheritance either.

"Green burial is usually less than conventional burial because you're not paying for a lot of the same things," Sehee said. "You don't need to have a casket if you don't want — a shroud can be used. You're not going to be paying for embalming, obviously. You're not going to be paying for a concrete burial vault."

"But some people that I know of have also paid a fair amount of money. Some people don't mind, if they are getting value," Sehee said. "A lot of people who don't want to spend \$5,000 on a bullet-proof casket don't mind spending more if half of the proceeds go down to restoring or acquiring or stewarding a natural area and that is part of their legacy."

In the end, your legacy and being a good steward of the earth is what Sehee and Campbell say green burial is all about.

"It allows people to connect to a bigger story," Sehee said. "It lets people know that their last act on earth can further a greater good and help heal the planet as well as themselves."

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While several courses touch on these subjects, it is likely that students will have to wait at least a decade before they see a major in green marketing.

"Right now, a professor might spend one or half of a lecture to discuss green marketing and sustainability," Parameswaren said.

The closest a student can get to a focused study of green marketing and sustainability is to conduct an independent study, or it might be the subject of a special topics course, but these are rarities.

"These are the best options I can suggest to a student that is truly interested in the issues," said Parameswaren.

Although green marketing might be a frontier issue in the minds of the mainstream, there are several cruelty-free and planet-friendly companies that have flourished over the years, and more are emerging all the time.

For more information on J. Ottman Consulting, visit www.greenmarketing.com. For more information on current sustainable businesses in the United States, visit www.coopamerica.org. For a list of green companies, visit us online at www.oaklandpostonline.com.

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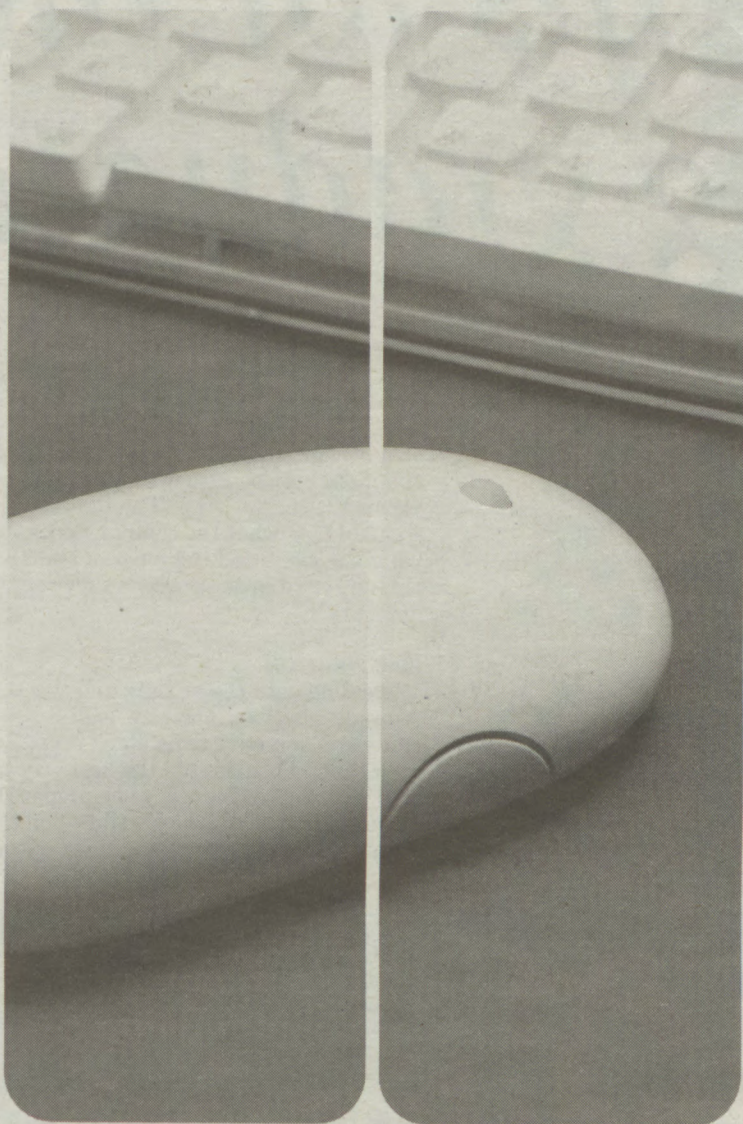
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Quick tips for the aspiring graduate

By LIZ TURVILL
Contributing Reporter

It's that time of year again. Graduation is approaching, and that means it is time to brush off the resume—as well as your interview skills—to get yourself that job you've been working towards.

So now that you've spent hours, perhaps days, fine-tuning your resume and cover letter and have carefully circulated them within a broad network of potential employers, it's time to consider how to best market yourself for an interview.

Just in case you feel a little weary about the whole process, Oakland University Career Services offers some tips to help you draft the best resume and cover letter and performing well during an interview.

Career Services Director Robert Thomas says the importance of putting together a successful marketing package for yourself has become even more significant due to a difficult job market and a great deal of competition.

"Doing a good sales job in your interview is very crucial," Thomas said. "No longer do you just walk in and get a job just because you have a college degree."

Thomas said he finds interviewing to be the most interesting part of the process because it has to do with personal dynamics.

He tells students that there are five major principals involved in pulling off a solid interview, and calls them the "five p's."

PREPARATION

Before going to an interview, Thomas says applicants need to do some homework. "They need to know about their own background, and they need to know about the employer that they're interviewing with," he says. "The interviewee should know what the company does, what the job is and the types of skills that are used in the position they've applied for."

PERSPIRATION

"Dealing with the anxiety and the stress levels of an interview is difficult—and you have to be able to cope with that," Thomas said the best way to deal with nervousness is to be prepared. "Take your time and be careful—don't rush into any questions and practice before." Thomas added that it's probably wise not to eliminate all anxiety and stress because sometimes, in small doses, it can keep you on your toes.

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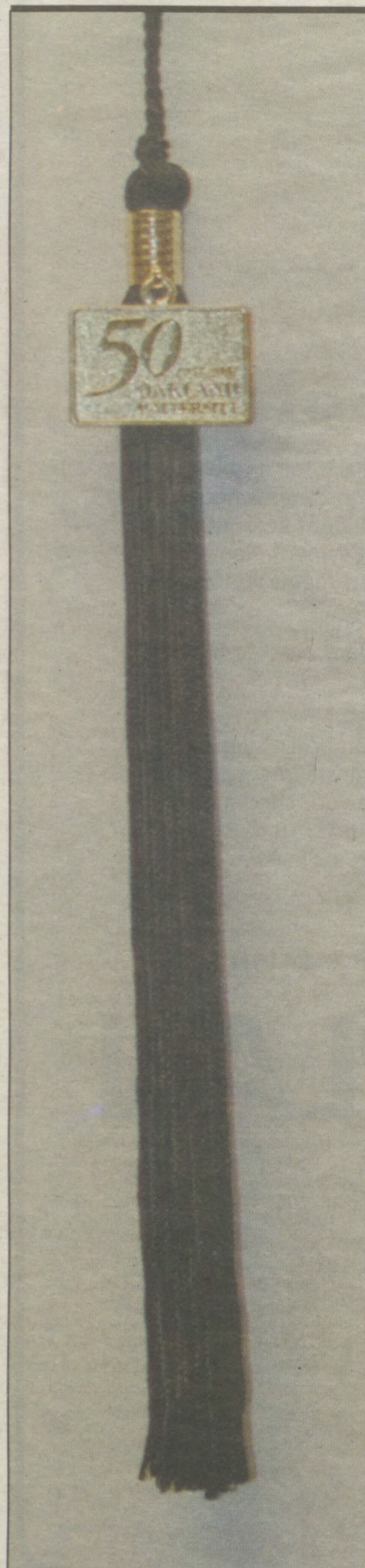
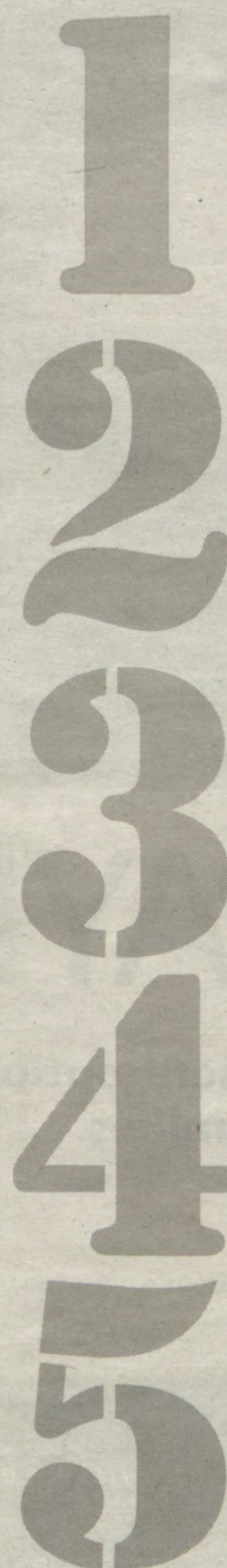
"Do mock interviews with anybody you can, preferably with someone who knows about interviews," Thomas said. Your best bet might be to take advantage of the workshops offered by Career Services, some of which include mock interviewing. Career Services also provides worksheets that include sample interview questions as well as suggested response methods.

PRESENTATION

"You have to practice, but the final line is how you perform in the interview itself. Let yourself come across in an interview and put your best foot forward—you don't want to tell them anything negative," Thomas said if they ask you about something negative, tell them how you dealt with it and turned it into a positive.

PERSISTENCE

Finally, after the interview is over, be sure to follow-up. "Let them know that you're still interested in the position, either by sending an e-mail or writing a follow-up letter," Thomas said. You can also include two or three items you thought were crucial to you about the organization, and anything that you might have forgotten to say during the interview.



What to Include in Your Resume

- Contact information – Name and address, email, phone number, etc.
- Objective/Career Summary – Shows job objectives or career goals
- Education – Always include major, date of graduation and list your degree
 - Computer skills – Lists skills, even if it is a short list
- Experience – Work history, volunteer or leadership activities, accomplishments
 - Activities/Honors/Professional Memberships
- Languages – List any knowledge of written or oral languages
- Research and Publications – Projects of papers that have been published

Do's and Don'ts for Your Resume

- DO proofread
- DO be organized
- DO include if you are available and willing to travel
- DON'T include high school information unless you are a college freshman
- DON'T list salary history
- DON'T include height, weight, religion, ethnicity, age or sex
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What to Include in Your Cover Letter

- What can you do for the employer
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 - Position applying for
- Why you are interested in this position
- Qualifications and experiences in the line of work you are applying for
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"I love going to Arizona and riding through the desert and taking walks."

Ingrid Rieger
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"I like to surf. I usually go to Huntington Beach."

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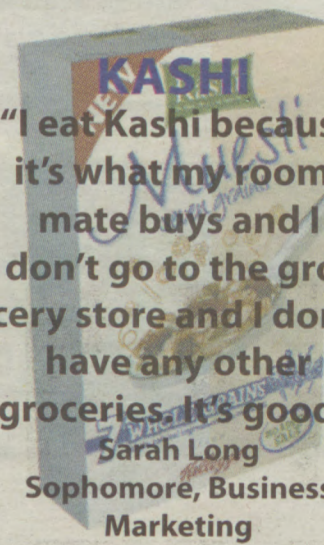
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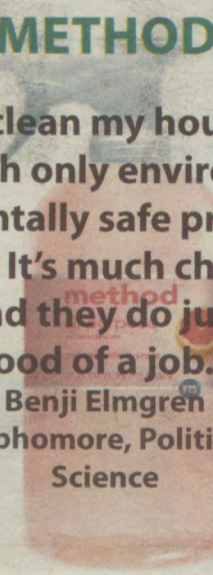
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"I eat Kashi because it's what my roommate buys and I don't go to the grocery store and I don't have any other groceries. It's good."

Sarah Long
Sophomore, Business Marketing



METHOD
"I clean my house with only environmentally safe products. It's much cheaper and they do just as good of a job."

Benji Elmgren
Sophomore, Political Science



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What's your favorite nature spot?

WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO GO TO GET SOME GREEN?



Joe Gunnells
Senior, History

"I love to ride my bike in the trails. I try to go once a month."

DODGE PARK



Christina Droscha
Freshman,
Environmental Science

"My parents have this garden at home. I like to help them with that."

MY PARENTS' GARDEN



Amber Gale
Senior, WHP

"I love going up north and seeing nature that hasn't been touched yet."

UP NORTH



Photos by Dustin Alexander

Do you believe in global warming?



"Yes, I do. The weather is all over the place lately."

Essence Reid
Freshman, Psychology



"Yes. The weather changes all over the US have been weird. It's April and it's still winter."

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Landfill looms over city

Auburn Hills landfill nearing maximum capacity

By ROB TATE
Senior Reporter

Did you know that there is a landfill within five miles of Oakland University? Well there is and the site has been approaching its maximum capacity for the last couple of years according to reports from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

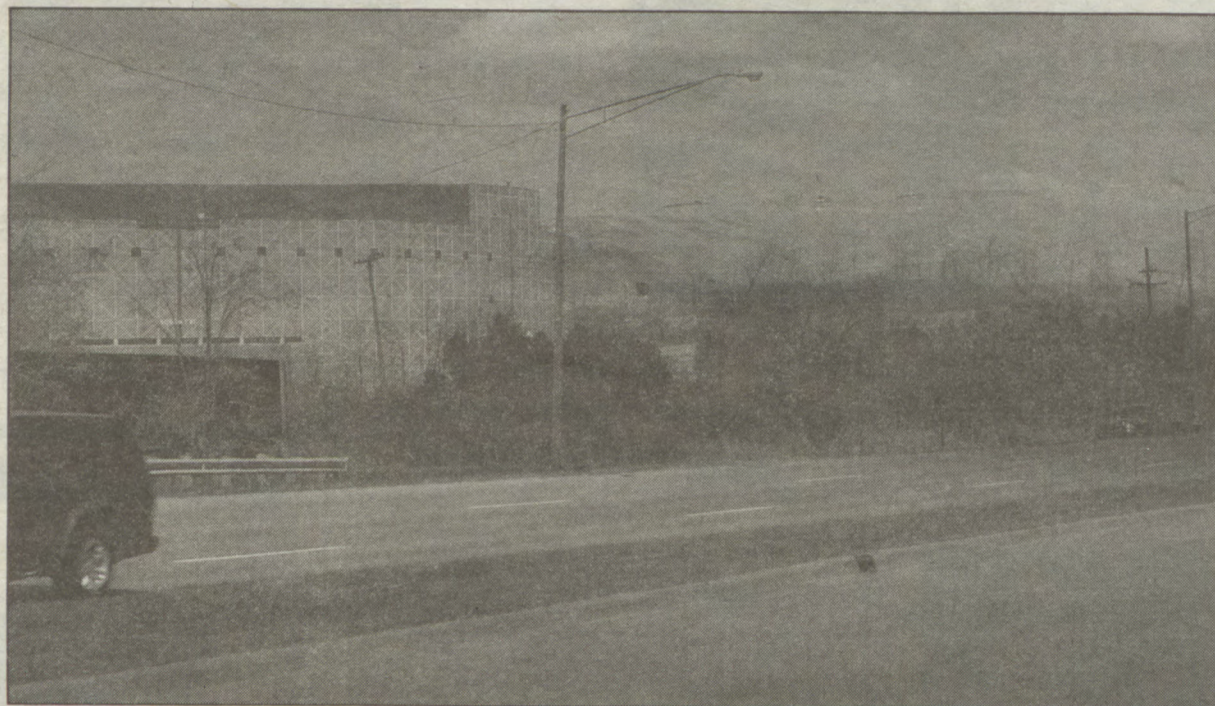
A landfill can actually be viewed as a necessity for communities to get rid of their waste, but some landfills can be found in surprising locations.

The Oakland Heights Development on Brown Road, just north of The Palace of Auburn Hills, is right across the street from a residential community. It is also the final destination for Type II waste and Type III waste from the surrounding counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne.

Type II waste is basic municipal solid waste. Type III wastes are generated in industrial and construction/demolition waste. This can include foundry sand, coal or wood ash, wastewater treatment sludges and sediments from wood processing or paper manufacturing.

Landfills are generally defined as a place to dispose of internal waste underground. Landfills are regulated by each state in the United States but can't fall below the standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the MDEQ report for the fiscal year of 2006, which covers October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, The Oakland Heights Development housed



KEVIN ALFORD/The Oakland Post
The Oakland Heights Development on Brown Road is an expanding landfill located within five miles of Oakland University's campus.

1,015,331 cubic yards of Type II waste and 552,698 cubic yards of Type III waste. Michigan's total amount of waste for 2006 was 61,877,245 cubic yards, which dropped by about two million cubic yards from 2005.

According to the same report, the Oakland Heights Development (as of September 30, 2006) still had a remaining capacity of 828,000 cubic yards and that capacity could be reached within two years, although that is also stated in the 2005 fiscal year report.

A source at Oakland Heights Development, managed

by Allied Waste, Inc., said they were almost to capacity but wouldn't give further comment.

In 2006, around 70 percent of the trash in Michigan landfills came from Michigan while 20 percent came from Canada and 11 percent was imported from other states.

According to www.mackinac.org, the majority of imported waste is non-hazardous and current trends show that Michigan has the capacity to take imported trash.

Rochester receives funds for new trees

By JAKE TERRELL
Contributing Reporter

Rochester Hills recently received a federal grant to replace trees destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer bug.

The grant is funded through the USDA Forest Service's State and Private Forestry Program. It is administered through the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The grant helps communities in Michigan impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer, a bug that destroys ash trees, by providing them with money to

replace the damaged trees.

During the last several years, the ash borer has multiplied in Southeastern Michigan and infested most of the ash trees in Rochester Hills, many of which have died.

Rochester Hills is one of 30 communities throughout Michigan to be awarded the federal grant. Rochester Hills has received several grants in the past, but the grant that the city is working on right now is worth \$10,000. The grant covers the replacement of 80 trees, providing a total of \$125 toward the cost of each \$270

tree. The contractors give each tree a guarantee for up to one year, in case the trees suffer any future ash borer damage.

As far as other steps being taken for ash borer prevention of the new ash trees, Rochester Hills Forest Re-operations Manager Gerry Lee said that proper care of the new trees is necessary.

Lee also said that the tree replacement process is one for one. For every tree that is removed, one is replaced. But the city has replaced even more trees than the grant covers.

Movin' and groovin'

Southeastern Michigan prepares to celebrate National Dance Week

By CARRA PAYNE
Contributing Reporter

What's the first thing you want to do when you hear a good song with a great beat?

Chances are your shoulders start to shrug as you get into the groove of whatever tempo has caught your attention. The movement usually moves to the hips and then all the way to the toes. Before you know it, you're dancing.

Many people, like freshman dance major Kendra Dennard, know what it's like to eat sleep and breath dance — but you don't have to be a professional dancer to love dancing.

Dennard, like so many other people in Michigan and across the nation, has a love for this activity that is part performance art, part sport and all heart.

"Dance is my life and that's who I am, what I'm about and what I represent," Dennard said.

And that's what National Dance Week is all about.

Started by the United Dance Merchants of America, the Coalition for National Dance Week is a group of dance professionals and enthusiasts who believe dance is so critical that it merits a week-long national celebration.

The coalition is an organization of dance performance material merchants and suppliers who have a vested goal in seeing that dance remains on the forefront of national interest.

This year, Toni's Dance Company (TDC), of which Dennard is a company member, was chosen for the Southeastern Michigan delegation to garner support for National Dance Week's efforts.

Dennard and several other TDC members were selected to take part in Southeastern Michigan's National Dance Week celebration which will take place in various locations throughout Detroit from April 20 through April 29.

TDC's showcase will take place on Sunday, April 29 at 5 p.m. in the City Theater inside of Hockeytown and will include several types of dance such as hip-hop, traditional Irish and Polynesian.

Dennard is choreographing a modern-lyrical duet for the showcase.

"This will be something new for me, I've never choreographed a piece for

such a small cast before," Dennard said.

Although the challenge is new, Dennard feels that discovery is what National Dance Week is about.

"You never know what you like until you actually see something you've never seen before," she said.

Television shows such as "So You Think You Can Dance?" and "Dancing With the Stars," coupled with the lovely legs and fancy feet of their contestants, have kept viewers' interest for multiple seasons. Local performers, such as Dennard, wish to garner the same interest through National Dance Week.

"I see [National Dance Week] as another outlet for the general population to take part in what we do all of the time and what we love so much," said Dennard.

Toni Webb, director of TDC, said, "We want to be able to celebrate and show as many sides to dance as possible."

Webb is very supportive of National Dance Week efforts.

"I write letters to the governor and mayor to try to get any and everyone to support it," said Webb.

Webb also said letter writing is a tool used in efforts to get the word out and raise funds for National Dance Week.

Although the coalition does have delegation throughout most of the United States, the cause hasn't been made into a nationally recognized holiday.

"National Dance Week has been celebrated for over 20 years," Webb said. "We've gotten the nod and recognition from a couple of different [US] presidents, but nothing to make it legal."

For dancers like Dennard the cause is noble and supporting it is a necessity.

"National Dance Week is a great thing because it brings awareness to the general population about what's going on in the dance world," Dennard said. "Even here at Oakland — we're not putting on shows just for other theater people or other artists to enjoy, but for the general public as well."

Supporting dance is as simple as going to a local or on-campus performance and, with the help of efforts such as National Dance Week and dedicated performers, dancers are able to get their groove on for a cause.

For more information visit the National Dance Week Web site at <http://www.nationaldanceweek.org/>

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

GM seeks to fill high-tech jobs

DETROIT (AP)— GM is looking to fill 400 new jobs. They are looking for engineers to fill positions in powertrain engineering, product development, fuel cells, the OnStar telematics system and information technology. GM wants interested candidates to register for the May 5 career fair, to be held in the Detroit area, at <http://www.gmcareerfair.com>. A minimum 4-year degree in engineering or other related fields is required. Qualified candidates will be invited to the job fair.

Kindergartner killed by flagpole

FERNDAL, Mich. (AP) — A 5-year-old kindergartner died Monday after high winds toppled an elementary school flagpole located in an interior courtyard during recess and struck her, school officials said. The 1 p.m. accident happened at Roosevelt Primary School in the Ferndale School District in Detroit's northern suburbs. "We stayed with her to make sure she felt supported and secure," said Principal Dina Krause, who heard the metal pole snap from her office adjacent to the courtyard. She said she saw the girl on the ground and called 911. The girl was taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she was pronounced

dead, the district said. Her name wasn't released. Winds in the area were blowing out of the northeast at about 25 mph, with gusts near 40 mph, the National Weather Service said.

Shooter suspect to undergo psychiatric evaluation

TROY, Mich. (AP) — A judge granted a defense request Monday that a man charged in an office shooting undergo an evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial. Jerome Fenton, who represents Anthony LaCalamita III, asked for the psychiatric evaluation at a court hearing in Troy, and the motion was approved by District Court Judge Dennis Drury. Authorities say LaCalamita, who was fired two weeks ago from his general accountant job at Gordon Advisors, returned to his former office in Troy last Monday and killed a receptionist and wounded two managers with a shotgun. The violence occurred as Gordon Advisors employees were scrambling to beat the approaching federal tax deadline. LaCalamita, 38, of Troy, is charged with one count of first-degree murder, two counts of intent to murder, using a firearm during the commission of a felony, and fleeing and eluding police. He is being held without bond in the Oakland County Jail. If convicted of the charges, LaCalamita faces life in prison with no chance of parole.

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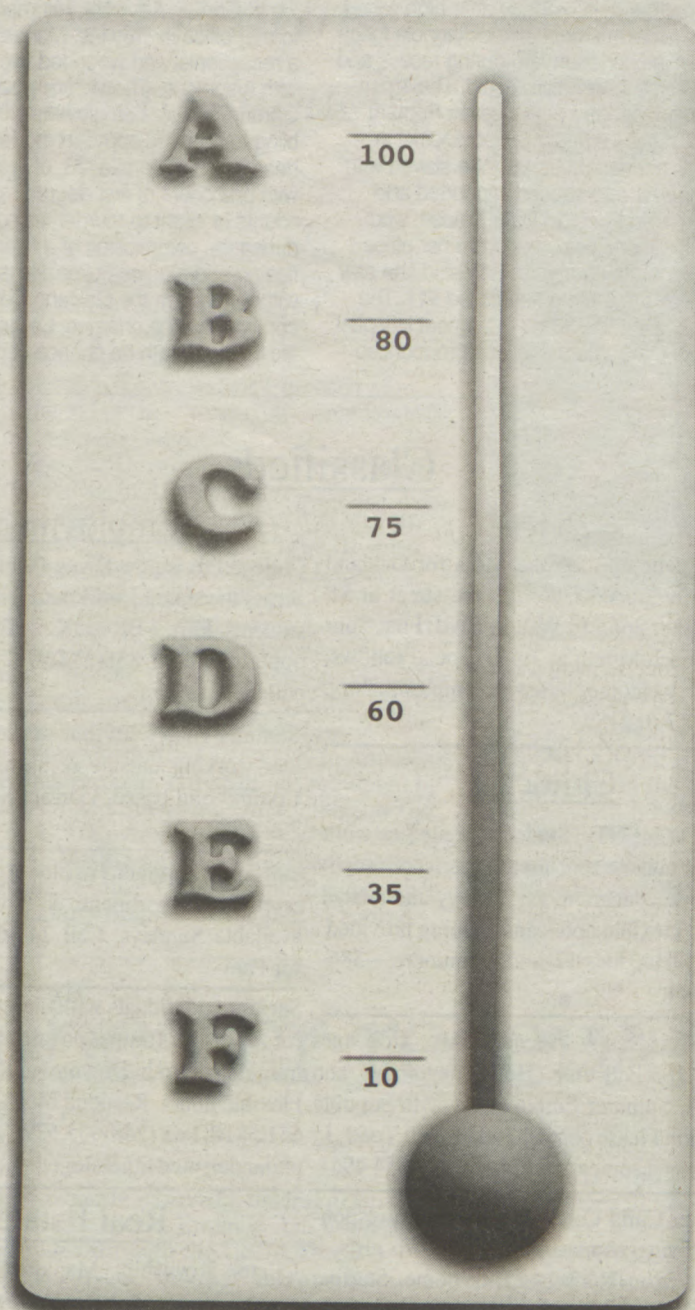


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Men's hockey celebrates after winning the Division I ACHA title in March.



Nicole Piggott proved to be a star player as the women's basketball team cruised all the way to the Mid-Con finals. The men's team also made it to the tournament finals.



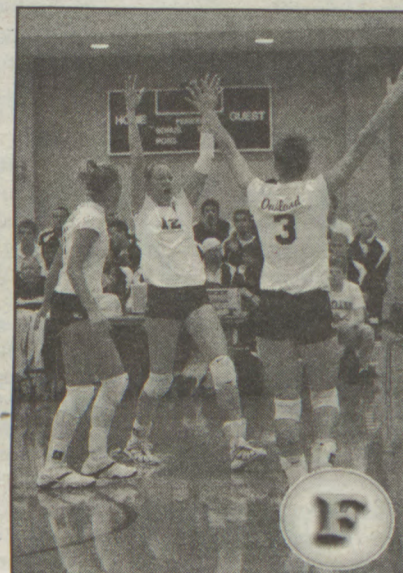
It's hugs all around as the Golden Grizzlies defeated WIU for the Mid-Con Championship.



Men's soccer falls to Ohio State back in November. It was the team's first losing season since head coach Gary Parsons started at OU in 1979.



Oakland swimming and diving had a sky-high season, having won their eighth straight conference championship.

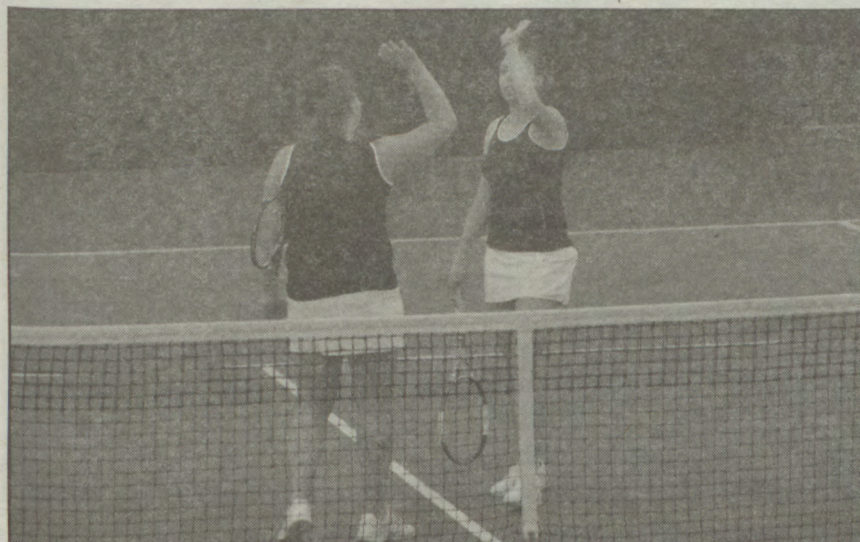


Volleyball celebrates after defeating Chicago State on Oct. 13. Go figure that the Friday the 13th game would be their only win of the season.

Riding off into the sunset...

Cortney Glass and Trista Reno of the OU Equestrian Team competed in the zone competition in Kentucky. Glass will be competing in the national skills competition May 3-5 in Massachusetts.

It takes two



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Tennis celebrates after a doubles victory this weekend. The women's tennis team defeated Centenary and UMKC Friday, but lost to Western Illinois and IUPUI over the weekend.

SOFTBALL

One for the road

By ROB TATE
Senior Reporter

Miraculously, the weather actually held up enough for Oakland University softball to get a couple games in against Western Illinois down in Macomb, Ill. this past weekend. Unfortunately, Oakland couldn't handle the Westerwinds as they lost two of three games in the Mid-Conference match up last weekend.

Oakland split with Western Illinois on Friday, first losing 3-1 and then reversing their fortunes with a 7-6 victory in the second. Western Illinois took the lone game on Saturday by a score of 5-0.

In Friday's 3-1 loss, junior Alex Perrino led the team in hitting going two for three with an RBI single to right field. Sophomore Jessica Granger pitched six innings, giving up no earned runs. Oakland committed four errors.

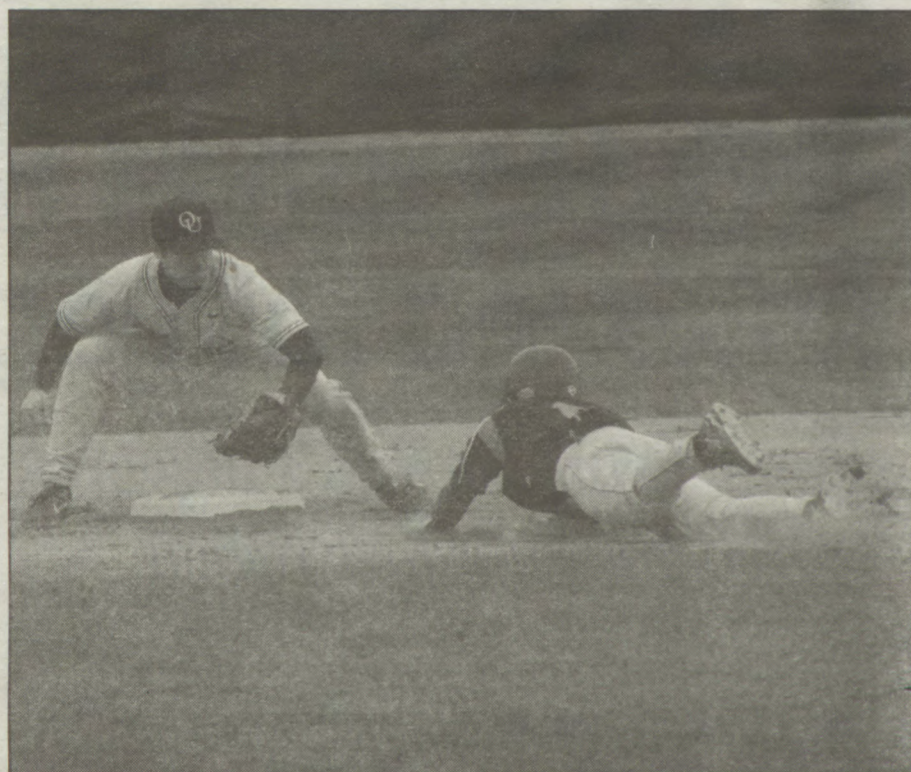
The bats came alive in the second game of the doubleheader for the

Golden Grizzlies who took a 7-6 victory. Leadoff hitter, sophomore Julie Owens, tore it up, going three for four at the plate while knocking in four RBI, including the game winning three-run home run in the seventh inning. The home run was Owens team-leading fourth of the season. Owens also leads the team in RBIs with 10.

Granger and freshman Niki Schulty split the pitching duties for the game. Granger pitched four innings giving up three earned runs and Schulty pitched three innings in the third to shutdown the Westerwinds, holding them to three hits.

The Westerwinds finished off Oakland in the series finale with the 5-0 victory. Oakland was held to only two hits on the game. Granger went six innings giving up three earned runs and striking out four batters.

Granger's pitching record this season now stands at 8-8 with a respectable 3.01 earned run average and 79 strikeouts.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

An Oakland infielder tags out a Concordia base runner Saturday. The Golden Grizzlies swept the visiting Cardinals in Saturday's double header, with scores of 6-5 and 5-0. OU has a flawless 7-0 home record.

Lucky number seven

Baseball goes 7-1 at home this season

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Contributing Reporter

After canceling two games earlier in the week due to poor weather conditions and a soggy field, the Grizzlies dominated Concordia and Rochester College in a pair of double-headers to close out the weekend and bring its home record to a perfect 7-0.

It took 11 innings, but the Grizzlies managed a 6-5 comeback win against Concordia in the first game Saturday afternoon.

Down 3-0 in the third inning, the Grizzlies finally got on the board with a run from senior Ryan Heath.

The teams traded runs in the fourth inning, before the Grizzlies shut down the Cardinals offense, allowing them to close the scoring gap.

Concordia finally broke a 4-4 tie in the eighth inning. Oakland responded with a run in the ninth to force the game into extra innings.

Senior Andy Shepard had the winning run for the Grizzlies in the eleventh inning.

Oakland's fourth pitcher, junior Ben Darga, recorded the win. Senior Scott Boleski started the game and was replaced by senior Billy Schmeider, followed by Mike Takashima.

Oakland took an early 1-0 lead and never looked back on their way to a 5-0

victory over the Cardinals in the second game of the afternoon.

The Grizzlies then went on to easily knock off Rochester College on Monday in another double-header. Oakland won by scores of 8-2 and 23-5.

In Monday's second game, sophomore Andrew Stafford led the Grizzlies with five runs, while senior Chad DiFranco had five RBIs.

But Tuesday night, the Golden Grizzlies lost their weekend magic and at the hands of the Chippewas of Central Michigan University, fell to the tune of a 20-7 loss.

The Golden Grizzlies open up Mid-Con action against Western Illinois Wednesday.

Upcoming Home Games

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Imus, no longer, in the morning

Imus' firing reveals a bigger problem than just racism

By SCOTT CONTOR
Guest Columnist

Don Imus is officially out of a job. No more radio program. No more MSNBC simulcast. No more charity drives. Imus' 30+ years of broadcasting are over. Done. Kaput. And many are cheering.

Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson had lobbied tirelessly for the firing of Imus for certain racial and gender based comments that the host made about the Rutgers women's basketball team a week prior.

The media voraciously covered the controversial issue, and yet, many of these same major news outlets—and I say “news” with the greatest level of generosity—elected not to report on the exact nature of Imus' comments or on the context in which the comments were made. These are the same news programs that have no qualms about reporting the most graphic details of physical and sexual abuse crimes perpetrated against children—and yes, Nancy Grace, this does mean you!

Since everyone is developing firm opinions on this issue, I believe it is vital not only to hear the exact comments, but also to have a clear understanding of what is really at stake by firing Imus.

On April 4, Imus and his executive producer, Bernard McGuirk, discussed Tennessee's victory in the NCAA Women's Finals. Imus expressed surprise that the women of Rutgers were defeated because they were tattooed and looked comparatively “rough” next to the “cute” Tennessee players. McGuirk labeled the Rutgers players “hardcore hos,” and Imus added the now infamous line, “nappy-headed hos.”

As for the much ballyhooed claim made by Sharpton that Imus and his cohorts used the term “jigaboo,” the comment was made only in relation to the satiric Spike Lee film, “School Daze,” which features social groups named the Jigaboos and the Wannabes at an all African-American college. This offense was not racial, but cinematic, erroneous-

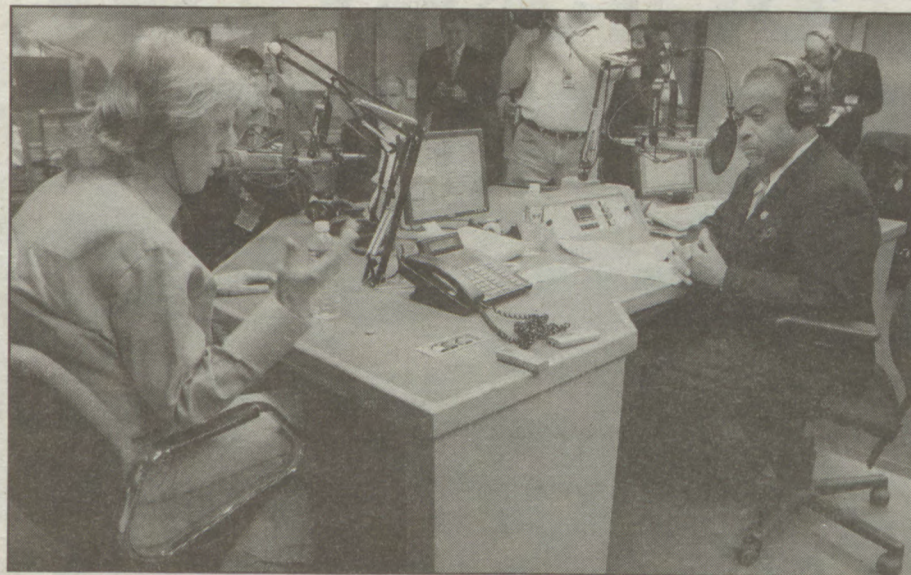
ly crediting Lee's “Do the Right Thing” as the source. However, you should not take my word for it; go to YouTube.com and hear the comments for yourself before you pass judgement.

The hypocrisy of Sharpton and Jackson calling for Imus to be fired for “an abuse of the airwaves” should be evident. Both men have supported the accuser in the Duke lacrosse scandal, and Jackson personally offered the young woman a full college scholarship. Even after the three Duke players were exonerated of all charges—the very week that a mea culpa was demanded from Imus—Jackson and Sharpton both refuse not only to apologize to the Duke students, but Jackson has not retracted his scholarship offer to the discredited accuser.

One player on the Rutgers team has said that the comments of Don Imus “have scarred her for life.” Yet, what about the Duke players, the three young men who have been accused of lying, violent assault and gang-rape? The students who were not only removed from the lacrosse team, but who were also expelled from Duke University based upon unfounded charges?

The Rutgers team held a heavily televised news conference where they denounced Imus' comments as sexist and racist—the irony of electing one of only two white players to discuss the marginalization of black women within the United States apparently lost on all. The Oprah program then provided another forum for the Rutgers players to vent their hurt. I assume that the Duke players did not appear on Oprah's panel due to scheduling conflicts.

NBC reporter David Gregory, recently drew a comparison between Imus' comments and the racial slurs that Jackson and Sharpton have directed at Jews in the past. Jackson accused Gregory of making a weak analogy, asserting that his description of New York City as “Hymietown” was not intended to be heard, while Imus made his comments on national radio.



RICHARD DREW/The Associated Press
Radio personality Don Imus, left, and Rev. Al Sharpton appear face-to-face on Sharpton's radio show. Imus issued another apology for referring to the Rutgers women's basketball team as “nappy-headed hos” on his morning show last week.

Mr. Jackson apparently finds private bigotry to be defended more easily than an insensitive public joke. And a joke it was.

I am not arguing that the comments made by Imus are not offensive; nor am I arguing that they are funny. However, what I will argue is this: I shake my head at many comments that air under the aegis of “comedy.” Jon Stewart. Carlos Mencia. Dave Chappelle—these are just a few of the comedians who I don't find funny. They are also comedians who perform topical material—making light of race, politics and religion in such a manner that, even if they don't offend your own sensibilities, rest assured they offend the tastes of somebody. If you support the ousting of Don Imus, I hope that today you are actively lobbying to have these comedians also fired. You can deal with the racist and misogynistic rap industry tomorrow. I'll even help by donating my Outkast and The Roots albums.

Chidimma Acholonu, the president of the Rutgers chapter of the NAACP, stated at an anti-Imus rally, “This is not a battle against one man. This is a battle against a way of thought.” Acholonu is undoubtedly referring to racism and sexism, but I would argue the “way of thought” that she despises most is free speech. Most Americans love

free speech—that is when it is our own personal free speech or free speech with which we already agree. Yet, it is a test of our democratic principles when we are required to support a person's right to say something even when we find the comments to be racist, sexist, hateful, uninformed, biased, or, in the case of syndicated columnist Ann Coulter, all of the above.

If you doubt that free speech is truly under fire, just watch the one-sided coverage of the Imus controversy. During a three-hour “dialogue” show that aired in the time slot that once housed “Imus in the Morning” on MSNBC, not a single Imus supporter was featured. Instead, a slew of black activists repeated ad nauseam that the entire country—when were we polled?—was offended by Imus' comments and demanded that he be fired.

As for Mike Barnicle of The Boston Herald, a long-time Imus guest and the only white panelist, he refused to even mention his former friend's name, instead electing to bemoan a general lack of racial discourse in this country. Barnicle doesn't have to support Imus' comments, but he could at least support Imus the man. However, to utter support of Imus this week is tantamount to attending a Klan rally.

So much for a dialogue.

A breath of fresh sulfur dioxide

By PAUL GULLY
Mouthing Off Editor

It causes over 400,000 premature deaths per year in China and more than 24,000 in England. In recent studies, it has been argued that effects may be more harmful than exposure to the radioactive fallout of an atomic bomb. No it's not heart disease, bird flu or ... erectile dysfunction. The culprit: air pollution. Yes, the same "villain" that we've been hearing about since grade school but always blew off and disregarded.

I'll be the first to admit, I'm not the most environmentally friendly citizen of this global community of ours.

My way of trying to protect the environment is to speed, ensuring that I get places faster, thereby emitting less harmful fumes into the atmosphere. (I doubt that my "speeding theory" actually helps, but that's what I tell myself). But of course, in doing my part to reduce the emission of deadly global-warming-causing fumes by speeding, I simultaneously

toss my empty Aquafina bottles out the window.

I also attempt to condense my weekly garbage output by tossing my trash onto my neighbor's yard (unbeknownst to him, of course).

But the air pollution problem caught my attention. Things are particularly bad in Britain and China, where 16 of the top 20 cities with the most polluted air are located.

Studies have concluded that moving to London could be more hazardous to your health than relocating to Chernobyl, the site of a nuclear disaster in 1986.

Smog in China is so bad that it often delays flights, and residents are advised to stay indoors during the spring dust storm season. According to reports, China only registered 11 blue-sky days in the month of January.

Air pollution is so bad in Beijing that there are serious concerns as to whether it is suitable to host the 2008 Summer Olympics, as it is slated to.

Just last February, 22 people were

taken the hospital, two in critical condition, after running a marathon in Hong Kong.

This has to be a slight concern for the nation of Kenya, whose only claim to glory and fame (not just in the Olympics, but in ... everything) is that they seem to produce the world's greatest malnourished athletes. These Kenyans run marathons like there is a sparse collection of bread crumbs at the finish line to feast upon.

But you have to wonder, is air pollution part of a secret Chinese plot to dominate the Summer Games? With their athletes already acclimated to the deadly air, they should, in theory, capture the gold (if it's not tarnished by the chemical-laden air) in the majority of the events.

Well, all except for basketball, seeing as that American NBA players should adjust fine to the air—I'm sure they voluntarily expose their lungs to plenty of "air pollution."

But at least China and England don't have to worry as much as other nations

about terrorist groups trying to contaminate their air. Attempts to release poison gases into their air would have little effect on their citizens, who probably inhale worse on a stroll through the park.

Much of the air pollution problem in Britain and China can be attributed to emissions from automobiles and industrial plants. Another major factor in China is the country's reliance on coal-burning for energy.

It's 2007—why is China relying on an outdated method of energy? Sure burning coal is cheap, but this is China, a nation that uses a cloud-seeking aircraft, artillery and rockets to enhance and control rainfall—yeah, China can make it rain! But they can't stop air pollution? Come on now. Let's get our priorities straight.

Instead of ensuring rain-free skies during the Olympics, shoot for blue, clear skies and breathable air.

For more information on air pollution check out the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site at www.epa.gov.



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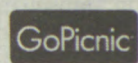
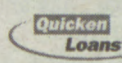
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Expedited Excursion



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By **LINDSAY WOJCIK**
Contributing Reporter

Ahh, summer. Classes have finally ended and while some may be planning week long vacations to extraordinary out-of-state locations, a weekend trip to Michigan destinations or surrounding states may be just as fulfilling.

Summer is the best time to take advantage of the beautiful Great Lakes.

Traverse City has 180.8 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and beach-front hotels to accommodate any beach bum.

For fun, entertainment, food and drinks head up to Traverse City during the annual Cherry Festival during the first week of July. Don't miss the Sleeping Bear Dunes, offering hiking trails with beautiful scenery as well as an intense workout. Visit www.visittraversecity.com for accommodations and more information.

Head up north to take a drive across the Mackinac Bridge and stay in St. Ignace for a weekend. Take a ferry ride through Lake Huron to Mackinac Island. A round-trip ferry ride costs \$21 on the Star Line Ferry.

Once you get on the island rent a bike and cycle around the entire island or take a carriage ride. See exotic flowers and butterflies at the Mackinac Island Butterfly House. Don't forget to stop at a fudge shop before departing from the island. Visit www.mackinac.com for more information.

If you're on the adventurous side, drive to any one of Ohio's three amusement parks. Roller-coasters to amuse any thrill-seeker can be found at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Paramount's Kings Island in Mansion or Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom in Aurora.

Cedar Point has the tallest roller coaster in Ohio, the Top Thrill Dragster,

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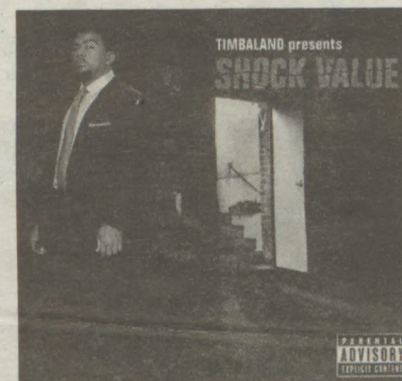
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Shock Value

BY KARA O'CONNELL
Special Projects Editor

There are those songs that leave you no other option but to make your way to the dance floor. The kind of song that just about forces the girls holding the pink drinks to tuck their tiny purses under their arms and shout "This is my jam!"

In the last six months of the club season and VH1 you-oughta-knows, at least half of those songs have been featuring Timbaland's work.

With the release of "Shock Value," Timbaland switches up the syntax and moves the "featuring" to follow his name, calling up the long list of IOU's that he's racked up in the past year. Pay back is sweet, with an album chock full of special guests like Justin Timberlake, Nelly Furtado, 50 Cent, Elton John and most surprising, Fall Out Boy.

The album is an obvious attempt to make it onto every DJ's play list. With songs like "Release" and "Bounce," Timbaland slides comfortably into his role as beat master with the kind of sound that is bound to be "blowing up" as cell phone ring-tones everywhere. Timbaland comes at his dance tracks with the kind of originality that he brings to all of his collaborations and succeeds in selling his talent to sample, flow and drop the kind of beat that when he says "Bounce, like your ass [has] got the hiccups" you really can't help but obey the lyrics.

"Shock Value" loses steam its second half. Collaborations with the Hives, Fall Out Boy and even Elton John lack the same gusto that Timbaland brings to his "hiplectic" style.

standing at 420 ft. Other roller coasters of interest include the Millennium Force and the Magnum. Opening day for Cedar Point is May 12 and admission is \$41.95.

Experience a tropical paradise north of the equator at Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom. The water park has a huge wave pool and waterslides. Geauga Lake is also packed with roller coasters that flip riders upside down. Geauga Lake's season opens May 26 and a one-day ticket costs \$26.95.

Check out the world's tallest wooden roller coaster, Son of Beast, or take a ride to the top of the replica Eiffel Tower at Paramount's King Island. The park opens April 21 and admission is \$44.95.

Beach bums, nature lovers, and thrill-seekers alike can have a satisfying summer at any one of these destinations without boarding a plane or breaking the bank.

Not just for inspirational office art

The Ansel Adams exhibit develops at the DIA

By KARA O'CONNELL
Special Projects Editor

You have without a doubt, seen his work. Ansel Adams' work is synonymous the modern art print. Lucky for Metro-Detroiter's, the largest private collection of Adams' work is on display at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Adams, who was trained as a classical pianist in his youth, traded notes and scales for the careful lighting and composition of each frame. He timed his developing process using a metronome and considered the print to be his final performance.

Leaving behind ebony and ivory keys for glossy black and whites, Adams interest in nature remained and was apparent in almost every frame of work. Adams joined the Sierra Club at the age of 17 and used his photographs as a means of spreading the mission statement of the group; to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. Anyone who so much

as glances at a handful of his prints can see that Adams had a purpose beyond the art. His prestige as a environmental photographer led him to lobby for land protection in front off U.S. Congress.

His striking, nature focused photography is of the calibre that introductory photography students aspire to achieve during countless hours in the dark room and features the scenery that any nature-lover would drool over. Aspiring photographers, art enthusiasts and the environmentally concerned alike have an opportunity to come together and take a peek through the viewfinder of one of the great American artists, to put into focus the importance of art's ability to create conversation about issues larger than just what fits into the frame.

The exhibit runs until May 27, 2007. For museum hours and information, visit www.dia.org.



Photos courtesy of The Lane Collection and The Detroit Institute of Art
Left: Aspens, Northern New Mexico. Above: Freeway Interchange, Los Angeles.

Green Groupies

By KARA O'CONNELL
Special Projects Editor

There is the yellow brick road and then there is the Green Highway. It's the driving force — literally, the bio-diesel buses — behind Reverb, the organization rocking out while trying to raise awareness and support for the environment through A-list musicians and their fans.

Following tours from artists like Bonnie Raitt and Neil Young, Reverb dreamt up the Campus Consciousness Tour featuring the bands Guster and The Format as the headlining acts. They set out with a mission statement to "educate, inspire and activate students and above all leave a positive impact on each community and college/university that the tour reaches."

The audience doesn't seem to be complaining despite the major changes

in the artist habits. Aside from the bio-diesel busses, changes include offsetting emissions with wind powered concerts, reducing plastic waste by switching to reusable aluminum water bottles, non-toxic eco-friendly cleaning products on the tour busses, reusing old guitar strings to be made into artisan jewelry and the use of rechargeable batteries on band instruments.

The positive impact made on the environment may be huge but the difference in the performances may be so subtle that many Reverb associated artists remain under the radar in their eco-endavors. You may have attended a Reverb concert without even knowing it. Artists include: Avril Lavigne, Jack Johnson, Blue Man Group, Dave Matthews Band, Alanis Morissette, Barenaked Ladies, Guster, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and currently on tour, Sheryl Crow.



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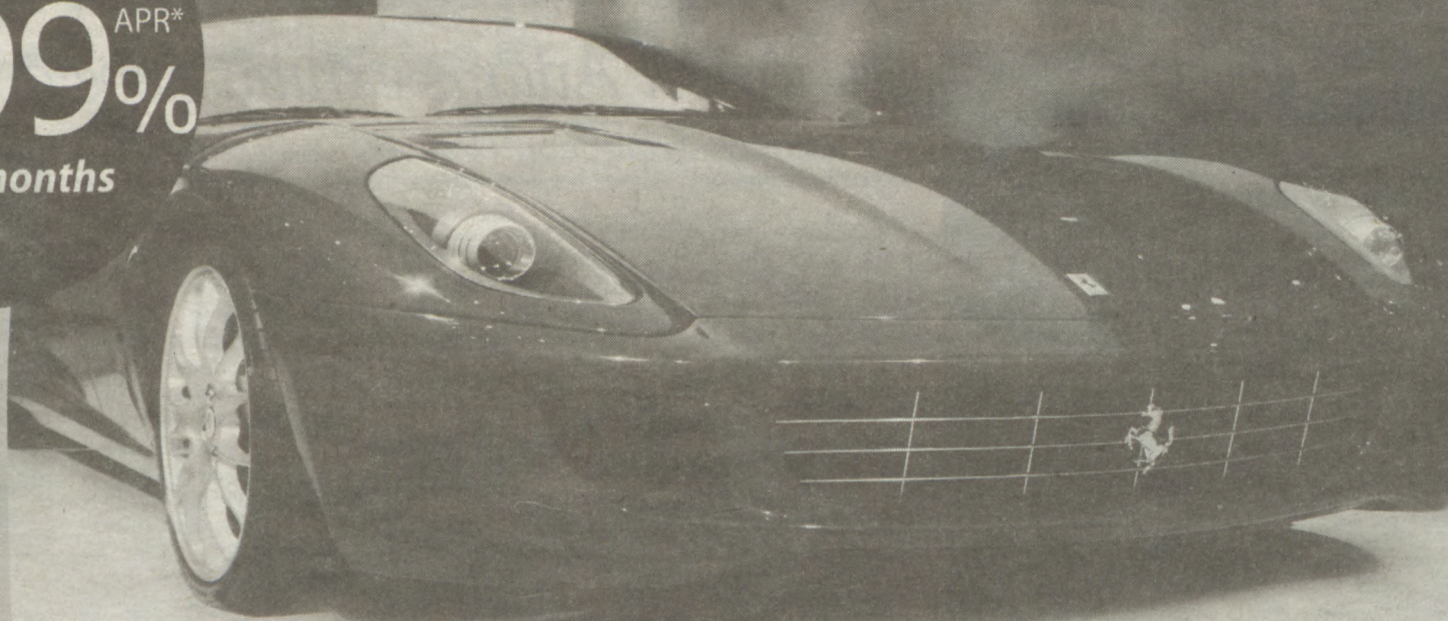
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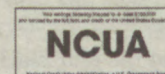
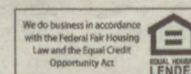
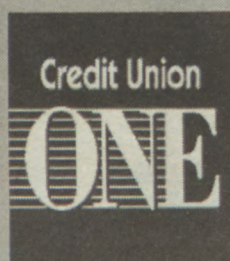
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Earth Day Expo Schedule of Events

Times	Cafe & Main Stage Keynotes & Music	Oakland Room Films & More	Classroom 1 Sustainability	Classroom 2 Health	Classroom 3 Both	Exhibit Hall & Kids Corner
10:00	Opening Ceremony					Exhibits Open
10:30						
11:00	Fr. Charles Mervin Climate Stewardship	Dances of Universal Peace	Fair Trade: Impact and Implications Lia Wren	Holistic Self Care & Ecology Harsha P Jayatilake, M.D.	Energy Efficient Lighting Rick Benup and Gary Zaplatny	
11:30	Robert Weir					
12:00	Peace, Justice & Care of the Earth		Green Building for your Home	Integrative Women's Healthcare	By Womb and Willows	
12:30		The Power of Community - How Cuba Survived Peak Oil	Jacob Stevens Corvidae - WARM Training	Jonathan E. Cayle, MD FACOG CST	Jim McDonald	Prize Drawing (12:50)
1:00	Like Water Dropping & Dance (outdoors)		Global Home Wrecker James Caccamo, VegMichigan	Internal Energy Management	Meditation Class For the Peace Within	
1:30		An Inconvenient Truth - Slide Show		John W. John DC	Amanda Butler	
2:00	Upland Hills Music		Energy Smart Tips for Homeowners Gerald Tarr, Upland Hills HAC	Bio-identical Hormones	Preventing & Reversing Heart Disease without Drugs or Surgery	
2:30				Catherine Waller MD	Robert Jarick, PhD	
3:00	Water Weather Tribute	Cool Fuel Road Trip With Shaun Murphy	Wind Power Basics	Natural Air Purifiers	Financing New Ways to Produce Wellness Dr. Robert Levine, Henry Ford Health System	
3:30	Eco. Design Clean Air, Water & Transit	Power Shift	John Weber	Dawn Ross		Joe Keilly Kids' Music
4:00	Lt. Gov. John Cherry Earth Day Address	Living with Ed Starring Ed Begley, Jr.		Heart Health Seminar Ramona Norton	What About Hybrids? Eric Douglas	Prize Drawing (3:50)
4:30						
5:00	Joe Keilly & Friends		New Sustainable Technologies John Barrie and Daniel Malott	CST: A Natural Approach to ADHD Vanessa Cayle, MSPT	Detoxify Your Home Ken Green ND	Prize Drawing (5:50)
5:30	Earth-friendly Music	Yoga Demonstration				



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The coordinating committee for the second annual Earth Day Expo at OU, from left to right: Dr. Bob Jarski, Event Coordinator John Batdorf, Lori Pinkleton, Chris Tarr and Jim Leidel.

Second annual Earth Day Expo at OU to bring out the green in all of us

Lt. Gov. John Cherry among those slated to speak, plus a tribute to Earth Day co-founder and labor union leader Walter Reuther

By Jeff Kranitz
Editor in Chief

Wondering what sort of ecological footprint you're leaving on our environment?

Oakland University will host the second annual Healthy People, Healthy Planet Earth Day Expo Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in and around the Oakland Center.

The all-day event, produced by the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center, a charitable non-profit organization, and OU's Energy Management and Complimentary Medicine & Wellness Department, will feature educational exhibits, vehicle/equipment displays, product/service demonstrations, musical entertainment, expert presentations, award-winning films, organic food and plenty of kids' activities, according to a press release.

This year will feature a special tribute to Walter Reuther, legendary labor leader and unsung environmental hero who, through the UAW, provided major funding for the first Earth Day in 1970.

"Most of us know of Walter Reuther's efforts to promote the interests of labor through his UAW leadership," stated Chris Tarr, Executive Director of Upland Hills.

"Some may know of his broader commitment to human rights and social justice and his associations with leaders of those movements. However, few realize that Reuther was a visionary and leader in the movement that has resulted in so many of the environmental protections that we enjoy today," Tarr said.

Reuther actually delivered a speech on OU's campus in 1970, during a celebration of the very first Earth Day.

Jim Leidel, energy manager at OU, suggested ways for students to get involved in the movement to raise environmental awareness.

"You need to be aware of your ecological footprint. Whether it is the size of the car your drive, the type of fuel you burn in it, the energy you save (or don't at home & school), and the food you consume with all of its processing and packaging, everything adds up to have an overall impact...educate yourself, and then become aware of the problem, or merely become aware of a better, healthier, and more sustainable way to live. I think the exciting part is the fact that the new energy efficient and sustainable designed economy will need tons of innovation, new products, and new jobs which will need to be filled by young, innovative people like the students of OU."



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