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30 years

The outdoor mall will feature upscale stores such as Nordstrom and Parisian.
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PERSPECTIVE



Sheila Kosztowny
Senior Editor

My three hours as a paparazzi

Let's get this straight: I am not an Eminem fan.

In fact, I despise his music. But that did not stop me Saturday night when the editor of The Oakland Post called me to cover Eminem's wedding at Meadow Brook Hall on Oakland University's campus.

The Detroit rapper, whose real name is Marshall Mathers III, remarried his ex-wife, Kim, Saturday in a low-key wedding at the 80-year-old mansion located off of Mansion Drive.

Talk about crazy. Remember his song "97 Bonnie and Clyde" on his 1999 album "The Slim Shady LP," where he explained how he would dispose of Kim's dead body. And now after publicized disputes, including a custody battle for their daughter Hallie, the couple remarried.

And so there I was with my notebook and camera, hoping to get a shot of the two newly-weds who both grew up near 8 Mile Road.

University police blocked Sunset Drive at Meadow Brook Road, and any bystanders could not get closer to the wedding party.

Local news stations broadcast live, and reporters from People and Star magazines waited at the side of the road. But none of them could get past the police.

How can I get the scoop better than these reporters, I asked myself.

I immediately realized that I would have to become a paparazzi for one night. This was a complete turn from my current journalism experience from covering panel discussions to new local developments. This time I could not just approach someone to talk to them, but rather I would have to engage in a covert operation.

And then I remembered a hole in the fence that runs along Adams Road. Within a few minutes, I found myself wiggling underneath the fence, and I was suddenly on the Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

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"Marshall and Kim Mathers were married tonight in a small private ceremony."

— Dennis Dennehy, Interscope Records spokesman of Eminem's label

Eminem weds on OU campus



OU police secure Sunset Lane at Meadow Brook Road as guests arrive for the wedding of Eminem, whose real name is Marshall Mathers III, and his ex-wife Kim Mathers at Meadow Brook Hall Saturday.

ROCHESTER (AP) — Superstar rapper Eminem remarried his ex-wife Saturday, a month after he announced they were getting back together, his publicist said.

The wedding was held at Meadow Brook Hall on Oakland University's campus.

"Marshall and Kim Mathers were married tonight in a small private ceremony," said Dennis Dennehy, a spokesman for Eminem's label, Interscope Records.

News helicopters hovered overhead and paparazzi congregated outside as the Grammy-winning rapper born Marshall Bruce Mathers III and his high

school sweetheart arrived by limousine and were whisked inside the 110-room mansion built for auto baron John Dodge's widow 80 years ago.

"Family and close friends were in attendance, including members of D12, 50 Cent, Obie Trice and members of G-Unit," Dennehy said. "D12's Proof (whose real name is Deshaun Holton) was best man."

Dinner was lobster tails and filet mignon, and New York DJ Lord Sear provided the music for the reception, Dennehy said.

The first marriage of Eminem, 33, and Kim Mathers,

Please see **EMINEM** on A8

His new album:
Eminem's 2005
"Curtain Call"
The Mix — A10



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Lawsuits seek end to domestic surveillance

NEW YORK (AP) — Two lawsuits were filed Tuesday in federal court that seek to end President Bush's electronic eavesdropping program, saying it is illegal and exceeds his constitutional powers.

The lawsuits — one filed in New York by the Center for Constitutional Rights and the other in Detroit by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups — say the program bypasses safeguards in a 1978 law requiring court approval of electronic monitoring.

The Center for Constitutional Rights is suing Bush, the head of the National Security Agency and the heads of the other major security agencies.

The organization, which represents hundreds of men held as enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, must now audit old communications to determine whether "anything was disclosed that might undermine our representation of our clients," said Bill Goodman, the center's director.

The Detroit lawsuit, which names the National Security Agency and its director, said the program has impaired plaintiffs' ability to gather information from sources abroad as they try to locate witnesses, represent clients, do research or engage in advocacy.

It was filed by the ACLU, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Greenpeace and individuals on behalf of journalists, scholars, attorneys and national nonprofit organizations that communicate

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CAMPUS

James Earl Jones shares quest for cultural awareness

By DANTE CIULLO & KRISTIN SOMMER
Photo Editor
Senior Reporter

Before being seduced by the Dark Side of the Force and before keeping balance in the "circle of life," James Earl Jones faced another challenge: cultural awareness.

Speaking at Meadow Brook Theatre Jan. 24 at 7 p.m., Jones will bring his insights on culture through his speech "Culture Quest: How Culture Affects Us and How We Affect Culture."

Jones, whose ancestry consists of African-American, Native American and Irish descent, in a phone interview with The Oakland Post, says he discovered the importance of cultural awareness early on in his career.

In 1965, he performed in an English adaptation of the French play "Danton's Death." A reviewer cited a flaw in the performance that caught Jones' attention.

"She said what she missed in the production was an awareness of the French culture," Jones said. "This is when I became more conscious of culture."

For the past few years, between voice-over jobs, television and movie appearances, he has taken time to speak to audiences.

James Earl Jones
Tuesday, Jan. 24
7 p.m. in the
Meadow Brook
Theatre

Please see **JONES** on A8

Filmmaker Spike Lee emphasizes King's dream

Lecture encourages parents to get more involved in their children's education

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Filmmaker Spike Lee opened his Jan. 16 lecture by making a light-hearted reference to another celebrity event that recently took place on the campus of Oakland University.

"I missed the wedding, huh?" Lee asked, referring to rapper Eminem's recent nuptials at Meadow Brook Hall. "I didn't get invited. What's up wit dat?"

Lee was direct, insightful and,

often, funny during his hour-long lecture in the banquet room of the Oakland Center.

His visit on Martin Luther King Jr. Day was arranged by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives to coincide with the kickoff of OU's African-American Celebration Month.

Lee spoke in great length as to why it's important to continue educating future generations about Dr. King's legacy.

"It is really our responsibility to teach our children who this great

man was," Lee said during his address.

"So very often people's lives are trivialized or reduced to a quote — to something that does not get the full scope."

Lee said that it's upsetting how younger generations take the sacrifices made by Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement for granted.

He encouraged parents to take a more pro-active approach to educating their children about American history.

"You cannot rely 100 percent on the education system — private or public — to teach your children

Please see **SPIKE LEE** on A8



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post
Lee, director of "Malcolm X" and "Do the Right Thing," spoke to about 500 people Monday in the Oakland Center.

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U.S., Mexico agree to continue tequila shipments

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took two years, but the trouble in Margaritaville has been resolved.

The United States and Mexico signed an agreement Tuesday that will allow continued bulk shipments of tequila from Mexico into the United States.

In 2003, the Mexican government issued a proposal that would have banned bulk shipments and required that all Mexican tequila bound for the United States be bottled in Mexico.

U.S. liquor companies cried foul, saying the proposal was a violation of international trade

rules and ran counter to general practices in the liquor industry worldwide.

In 2004, 74 percent of the tequila imported into the United States was shipped in bulk form.

The rule never went into effect as negotiations began to resolve the dispute.

Under the agreement signed Tuesday, the Mexican government said it would not limit bulk shipments of tequila into the United States.

The agreement was signed in Washington by U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and Mexican Economy Secretary

Sergio Garcia de Alba.

"We have resolved this important trade challenge in a way that ensures U.S. bottlers will have continued access to bulk tequila," Portman said in a statement.

He said Mexico's proposed ban would have threatened huge investments made by American companies to build bottling plants and develop brand loyalty.

Peter Cressy, president of the Distilled Spirits Council, an American lobbying group, said the deal would "protect the interests of Mexican agave growers and tequila producers as

well as U.S. bottlers and importers."

Propelled by the popularity of margaritas and tequila shots chased with lime and salt, tequila is the fastest growing liquor in the United States.

The industry said tequila sales volume rose by 8.3 percent in 2004, with retail sales reaching approximately \$3.3 billion.

The agreement calls for establishment of a tequila bottlers registry to identify all approved bottlers of tequila in the United States and creation of a working group to monitor implementation of the agreement.

Supsect in scam case enters guilty pleas

DETROIT (AP) — The lead defendant in the nation's first prosecution under a 2004 federal anti-spam law pleaded guilty to three felony charges Tuesday, federal prosecutors said.

Daniel J. Lin, 30, of Oakland County's West Bloomfield Township faces up to 57 months' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000,

the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit said.

Two of the counts are fraud charges involving millions of unsolicited spam e-mails sent to computer users.

The other is possession of a firearm by a felon, for guns discovered when authorities raided Lin's suburban Detroit home.

Lin and three other West Bloomfield Township men were identified in court documents as being part of the massive illegal spam scheme.

Court papers described a complex web of corporate identities, bank accounts and elec-

tronic storefronts used to send hundreds of thousands of e-mail sales pitches for fraudulent weight-loss and erectile dysfunction products.

The Federal Trade Commission said angry consumers forwarded to authorities more than 490,000 e-mails from the operation from January 2004 to April 2004 — more than from any other spam outfit worldwide during the same period.

Court records show that charges against the other defendants, James J. Lin, Chris Chung and Mark M. Sadek, have been dismissed.

State house votes to prevent new rules for worker safety

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan would be kept from adopting rules aimed at reducing the number of workplace injuries caused by repetitive movements under a bill approved Tuesday by the state House.

The Republican-controlled chamber voted 56-45 along party lines to send the legislation to the GOP-led Senate, which plans to pass it next week. The measure is meant to keep Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration from requiring ergonomics standards in workplaces.

Republicans who voted for the bill said new rules would kill jobs and discourage companies from locating in Michigan. "When you have over-regulation and red tape, job providers look at you as a

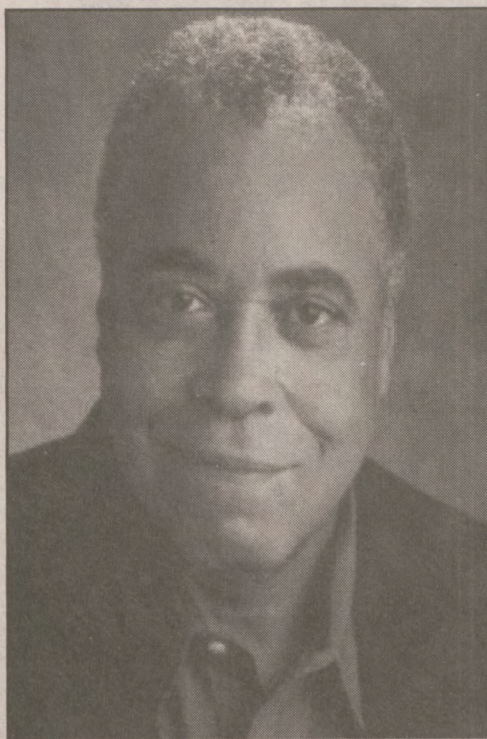
bad state to do business," said Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

Democrats called the charge baseless and said ergonomics helps businesses save money by not having as many injured workers who need health care.

Rep. Andy Meisner, D-Ferndale, said there is evidence that for every \$1 California businesses spend on ergonomics, they save \$2 on workers' health care.

"It is irrefutable that workplace injuries are costing a loss of profit," he said.

Ergonomics aims to limit injuries caused by heavy lifting, repetitive motion and awkward work positions. It applies to the setup of everything from chairs and computers in an office to work stations on an assembly line.



Oakland University Presents
The 2005-2006 Student Life Lecture Series

James Earl Jones

Culture Quest: How Culture Affects Us and How We Affect Culture

Tuesday, January 24, 2006
7:00 p.m. in the
Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall

*This lecture is free. No tickets are required.
Seating is on a first come basis.*

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Tuesday, January 24, 2006
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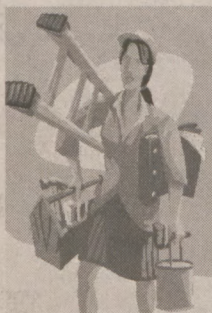
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All are welcome for this very informative conversation.



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OU staffer bowled over

Director to volunteer as captain for Super Bowl

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

By Super Bowl Sunday, the population of Detroit is expected to swell by 100,000.

To help deal with the influx of people, thousands of volunteers have spent the last several months preparing.

One of the volunteers is Paul Franklin, Oakland University's coordinator of campus programs.

When asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering for the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee, Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said she immediately thought of Franklin.

Franklin has previously volunteered for numerous large-scale events.

In 1984, he helped with the Olympics in Los Angeles. When the Ryder Cup came to the area in 2004, Franklin was there to help, too.

Of the 8,000 people who are volunteering for the upcoming event, 250 are known as super captains like Franklin. These super captains will be doing more than an average volunteer.

Franklin will be working a minimum of five shifts in which he will be responsible for the volunteers at four hotels.

Additionally, he will be an alternate for supervising the volunteers at the Oakland County Airport.

One of the hotels Franklin will be supervising is where the

American Football League team will be staying.

"We want people to have a real positive experience," Franklin said.

"The whole reason why the Host Committee is doing everything they're doing is so that the 100,000 people who are going to be visiting the Detroit area have a positive experience. We want that. We want to wow them."

In order to accomplish this, meetings and training have been a part of Franklin's life for the last year.

"It's been a real interesting experience because we've been meeting on a monthly basis since January 2005 and just learning an incredible amount about what goes into putting the Super Bowl on," Franklin said. "We've had meetings at some of the most incredible sites around Detroit that people just don't realize they're there."

The Detroit Yacht Club, Focus: Hope, the University of Detroit-Mercy and a GM-UAW training building along the Detroit River were a few of the meeting places.

Aside from training volunteers, the Host Committee has also been working on security.

he said, she said ...

"Young people have to be really energetic to utilize their minds. Even more specifically talking about African-Americans, Hispanics and people of color."

—Spike Lee, a filmmaker who visited OU for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

ACHIEVEMENT

Alumnus honored for automotive influence

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Oakland University alumnus Carolyn Woznicki, MBA '91, was no typical college student.

The dorm life and partying atmosphere of college passed Woznicki by as she spent her evenings attending classes so that she could also work full time at General Motors Corp.

Woznicki, now the vice president of global purchasing for Johnson Controls, was recently named in Automotive News' list of 100 leading women in the American automotive industry.

Woznicki attributes some of her success to the time she spent at OU.

"The experience was great," she said. "There were small classes, good professors and great interaction. I can remember at the time that Oakland University was actually ranked one of the top three business schools in the state of Michigan."

Woznicki said many of the projects she worked on at OU required a team approach to accomplish mutual success, an approach she finds very important in the workplace.

"Anything that you touch or do will engage people from other functions. You certainly need to be able to communicate effectively with others and work as a team," she said, referring to what she thinks is the greatest single skill she acquired at OU.

Besides learning to appreciate the value of working in a team, Woznicki said the insights she gained from the coursework of her classes has also been helpful.

Finance, investment, taxation and human resource development are topics that she often reflects back on.

Before coming to OU, Woznicki completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Administration from General Motors Institute in Flint.

According to a Johnson Controls press release, she worked in a variety of supplier quality, purchasing and manufacturing positions at GM for 18 years prior to joining Johnson Controls.

Johnson Controls is a global market leader in automotive systems and facility management and control. In the automotive market, it is a major supplier of integrated seating, interior systems and batteries, according to Woznicki.

Growing up, Woznicki said she never would have thought she would be where she is today.

"I had no exposure to the auto industry and certainly did not have a view into the various career paths available," she said. "As I reflect back, it was a combination of hard work, good luck, making some good choices and taking some measured risks that led to a variety of more challenging roles."

"If I was going to talk to young kids still in college — my kids — I would tell them to make sure that they're thinking about what they're going to be setting themselves up for in terms of success," she said.



Woznicki

Grizzly statue: worth the wait?

After years of waiting, the Grizzly statue will be making its way to campus this spring.

Designed by the parents of a former Oakland University swimmer, the statue will be placed in a new courtyard area near the O'Rena.

Students first began campaigning in 2003 for a statue to boost school spirit. The parents of former student Hunor Ma'te agreed to make the statue for free if OU paid for the cost of materials and shipping from Hungary.

The statue will cost an estimated \$18,500, however it is valued up to \$750,000. Four groups on campus — OU Student Congress, the Division of Student Affairs, Athletics Department and President's Office — allocated funds for the arrival of the grizzly.

The 9-foot-tall statue weighs nearly a ton and will arrive by boat. It will be placed in front of the O'Rena just west of the main entrance.

The statue will be modeled after the bear pictured to the right. The miniature replica is located in the Student Affairs office in the Oakland Center.

— Kristin Sommer
Senior Reporter

Will the statue boost school spirit and was the money well-spent?

"I think it's a waste of money. I think they should put in a parking structure, something we can use."

Brandon Fotiu, Junior



"I feel like the grizzly bear is a great mascot, but what is a golden grizzly? So when I look at it I'm going to laugh at it because it's silly."

James Esbrook, Senior



"Maybe people will recognize our mascot more. Maybe it will change our image and boost school spirit ... for a little while."

Wayne Wright, Junior



"Let's get a football team. Let's take the money and get one. That would be a better boost of school spirit. There's not enough sports involvement on campus."

Rose Degele, Senior



"I think it will be a nice attraction to campus. Anything that people will recognize will boost school spirit."

Danny Ng, Senior

POLICEFILES

■ After exchanging friendly e-mails with a male student on http://www.facebook.com, a student started receiving threatening messages and hang-up phone calls from him. She told OUPD the threats began after she declined to attend a party with him. Although he

had stopped making the threats, she wanted a report made in case they started again.

■ OUPD arrested a suspicious person in parking lot P-5 across from Vandenberg Hall. They found a male looking through car windows. When they ran his name through the law enforcement information network, it

was discovered that he had two outstanding warrants. The misdemeanor warrants were for retail fraud and minor in possession of alcohol.

■ A car in parking lot P-5 was vandalized. The passenger side window was broken and the CD player was stolen from the dashboard. The damaged was valued at \$400.

■ OUPD responded to damage in the 2000 and 6000 apartment buildings. A resident noticed a broken light fixture and exit sign in the hallway. Four additional lights on a different floor were also broken. In the 2000 building, someone had written harassment messages on the wall about another resident. The message was then covered with spray paint.

Dates to remember...

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Last day to return textbooks at the OU Bookstore.

Last day for late registration for the Winter 2006 semester and to drop a class with no grade.

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Wednesday, Jan. 19

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154, Monday, 1/23/06, 3pm, Lake Michigan
Room, Oakland Center
- Studying and Note Taking, Tuesday, 1/24/06,
12 noon, 168 South Foundation Hall
- Focus Seminar: How to Pass PSY 100,
Wednesday, 1/25/06, 12 noon, Lake Michigan
Room, Oakland Center.

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- Stomp (Jan 29)
- Chicago (Feb 28, March 5)
- Three Mo Tenors (March 14, 26)
- Aida (April 26, 28)
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 25, 28)
- Wicked (May 31, June 1, 4, 8, 11, 18)
- Annie (Feb 21)
- Les Grans Ballets Canadiens (April 7)
- Cinderella (May 17, 19)
- Salome (June 7, 9)

OU Winter Blood Drive

Monday - Wednesday

January 23-25, 9 am - 9 pm Gold Rooms, OC

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February 11, 2006

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Tuesday, January 24

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Macomb Co. home to future mall

Partridge Creek Fashion Park due to open in 2007

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

A new mall, Partridge Creek Fashion Park, located at a former golf course site in Clinton Township, is set to bring many firsts to Macomb County.

Construction is underway for the commerce haven, which will include two major department stores, a 14-screen movie theater and up to 90 retailers.

Clinton Township Supervisor Robert Cannon said in a press release, "The mall at Partridge Creek is the type of smart-growth development initiative we believe will help strengthen the township's economic future, while contributing to our community's quality of life."

It is the Macomb County's first new mall since Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights was built in the mid-1970s.

The 590,000 square-foot plaza will also be the first open-air style in the county, with a layout similar to the Village of Rochester Hills.

The mall will be situated on a 55-acre lot on the south side of Hall Road between Garfield and Romeo Plank roads. The remaining 117 acres from the golf course will be residential with single-family homes, condominiums and an assisted-living senior citizen complex. The county's first Nordstrom and Parisian locations will serve as anchor retailers, along with MJR Theatres' eighth location.

The mall is expected to open in October 2007 with Nordstrom opening in April 2008.

Karen MacDonald, a spokeswoman for The Taubman Company, a Bloomfield Hills-based real estate group



Detail of an artist's rendering of the Partridge Creek Fashion Park. The mall sits on a 55-acre property formerly occupied by a golf course. The remainder of the land, 117 acres, will be used for residential housing and a senior living complex.



The future site of the Partridge Creek Fashion Park is located south of Hall Road (M-59) in Clinton Township.

developing the mall, said college students are necessary for the mall's success.

Partridge Creek could prove to be popular with college students because its location is less than one mile from Macomb Community College.

We need college students "Both to shop there and work there as well," MacDonald said.

The mall is expected to create 1,500 temporary construction jobs and 2,000 permanent jobs.

In addition to the upscale stores and a fresh layout, the mall will also have amenities most malls can't compete with.

The plaza will have a park-like setting, which should help it blend with the area, MacDonald said.

Three outdoor fountains, including a pop-jet fountain where children of all ages can play, will be placed throughout the mall.

Also, a central seating area will fea-

ture flat-screen televisions and a stone fireplace.

The whole mall will be dog-friendly, allowing shoppers to bring their canine companions with them.

The shopping mall will feature a play area for children, two bocce ball courts and an oversized chess game board with pieces measuring 2 feet tall.

Although it will be located close to Lakeside Mall, MacDonald is confident both centers can be successful.

"A lot of people like the experience of being outdoors," she said.

"It's definitely not replacing traditional shopping centers, but it is definitely a different experience."

In terms of size, Partridge Creek mall will only be about 40 percent of the size of Lakeside Mall, which measures 1,550,450 square feet.

RECREATION

Ski areas beating the rain, warmth

By PATRICK HAYES
Contributing Reporter

An abnormally warm holiday season did not affect skiing conditions at local slopes, said managers from Mt. Holly Ski Area and Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Actually, temperatures have been near perfect for skiers and snowboarders, it is the wet weather that put a damper on things.

"(The rain) most certainly has an adverse affect on business," said Mark Tibbits, general manager of Mt. Holly Ski Area. "It takes away from the atmosphere when you look out and see brown patches of grass in the snow."

Both Pine Knob Ski Resort and Mt. Holly Ski Area can produce enough snow, however, to make up for what the rain has melted.

"Rain in the winter is not a rarity in Michigan, we still have plenty of snow here," said Robert Shick, general manager at Pine Knob Ski Resort. "Just because you can look in your backyard and see no snow does not mean that we don't have snow here. That is the biggest misconception (about warm temperatures)."

Both ski slopes have added new equipment and features this year aimed at attracting young people and beginners.

Additions at both include Wonder Carpet conveyors to get people up the hill. An obstacle for many beginners is struggling up the hill using a rope tow, and the Wonder Carpet is designed to make that easier.

"All you have to do is stand up on the conveyor and it carries you up," Shick said.

"Mastering getting up a rope tow is hard for beginners and these conveyors should make it easier," Tibbits said, noting that many young people have also been more interested in snowboarding than skiing in recent years.

"We want to encourage more young people to enjoy the sport (of skiing)," he said.

Pine Knob Ski Resort has also added a new 9-acre terrain park to its complex and renovated the cafeteria. There are still at least two months left in the skiing season, with Tibbits and Shick both saying that their slopes generally remain open until the first or second week of March.

For daily snow and temperature information at each of the ski areas, visit Web sites <http://www.skipine-knob.com> and <http://www.skimtholly.com>.

COMMUTE

MDOT adding new sensory equipment

By PAUL KAMPE
Local News Editor

It's official. Now with a partnership between the Michigan Department of Transportation and Traffic.com, nobody needs to wade through the news to get traffic reports.

MDOT recently announced that their project to install 95 new free-standing traffic sensors along highways in southeastern Michigan is going well.

The program, implemented in the late fall, will put 95 of the sensor towers up in valleys and slopes along stretches of I-75, I-275, I-696 and I-94.

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said that the project should be finished by the time Super Bowl XL cruises through the Detroit area, however, the project is weather permitting.

The new devices help MDOT keep updated information posted for motorists along the highways with the use of interchangeable message signs.

Vehicle speeds, travel times and congestion levels will be available at <http://www.traffic.com> and at the MDOT Web site <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot>.

"It allows MDOT to better know what's going on," said Greg Krueger, manager of

MDOT's Statewide Information Transportation System.

Krueger also stressed the ease of use on motorists, "From their cell phone, from their computer at work, they can get travel times from point A to point B and make decisions."

Morosi said that MDOT is testing the capability, reliability and cost-effectiveness of the apparatuses.

Traffic.com will pick up the \$500,000 tab for the installation and they will also cover the maintenance of the equipment.

Traffic.com is an interactive traffic monitoring company

with coverage in large American cities.

The towers have the circumference of a light pole, and they feature two solar panels and a data box, which MDOT describes as the size of tissue box.

Traffic information such as the number of vehicles on the road and the speed they are traveling will be monitored by radar from the sensors.

After being translated and transmitted to Traffic.com, MDOT will receive the information.

The data will also enable MDOT to dispatch emergency personnel to the scene of a

accident quickly.

"We should be able to be proactive to get the authorities, that's what we're going for," Morosi said.

The sensors will be an upgrade from the current pavement-embedded traffic sensors because they will not need to be removed during road construction.

The new freestanding appliances will be used to help fill in gaps where the old pavement sensors are lacking.

There are roughly 2,200 sensors cemented in highway pavement in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties, Morosi said.

Winterize your vehicle to prevent costly repairs

Preventative maintenance may save time and money

By CRAIG A. COLE
Contributing Reporter

Although winter's icy chill has not completely set in this year that does not mean you can neglect auto maintenance. If you do, Old Man Winter could throw a wet blanket on your budget.

Cold weather will put extra stress on the critical components of a car during the winter months, making auto maintenance very important. But often it is overlooked.

Thomas Moody, manager of the Goodyear Service Center

in Rochester, said that winter's chill can cause many expensive repairs if routine maintenance is not followed.

"The number one failure in the United States is the cooling system," Moody said.

He also said it is very important to have a vehicle's cooling system checked. If the cooling system is neglected, it can lead to broken hoses as well as inconvenient and expensive tows to the repair shop.

The worst-case scenario could result in a cracked engine block, which would be an expensive repair and a vehicle would have to stay at the shop for an extended period of time.

Nancy Cain, public relations manager for AAA Michigan recommended creating a winter preparedness kit. A kit should include a flashlight, a blanket, a small shovel, a warm hat, a phone and an

extra pair of boots and gloves.

She said the cost of a winter preparedness kit is about \$15.

Besides the cooling system, Moody recommended having the battery tested in a battery load test to ensure that it can start the car in a below-freezing situation. Moody also recommended a comprehensive vehicle inspection, which many auto repair shops will perform at no cost or include it with an oil change.

"The owner's manual is a very, very basic guide. It doesn't touch on what manufacturers really recommend," Moody said.

He also said when performing seasonal maintenance, it is best to follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedule.

Many shops have comprehensive service manuals spanning many makes and models that show exactly what main-

tenance should be performed and at what mileage service becomes necessary.

Jason Hammond, ASE certified technician and assistant manager of the Rochester Hills Midas said that checking a vehicle's coolant is the most important thing to look at in preparation for winter. He also recommended checking all other fluids, as well as tire pressure and tread condition.

"Wiper blades are a big one ... bald tires are probably the second biggest," Hammond said.

Cain, who echoed both Moody and Hammond, said AAA recommends making sure a vehicle's battery is in good condition. In addition, she said, "Make sure you have good washer fluid and wipers."

Cain also agreed about the importance of checking fluid levels in the vehicle, as well as the tire condition.

Winter Car Care Tips

■ **Make sure your vehicle's coolant is topped off and in good condition.** If it's not, you can pick up some anti-freeze at nearly any gas station or auto shop.

■ **Make sure your car's battery is in good condition.** Get a battery load test if possible.

■ **Check tire pressure and make certain they have enough tread on them.** If they're looking bald like your old history teacher, it's time to hit the tire shop.

■ **Check under-hood fluids.** Top off washer fluid and make sure there is ample coolant in the reservoir tank. Always check your fluids with the engine turned off. Check your oil after the car has been turned off for at least 30 minutes.

■ **Make sure wiper blades are in good condition.** If they streak, dart to the nearest auto parts supplier or retail store automobile aisle. This is an easy inexpensive do-it-yourself procedure.

■ **Perform vehicle under-body inspection.** If you have a garage, you can leave newspaper underneath the vehicle to spot for leaks. The freezing and thawing can wreak havoc on hoses in the engine. If a leak is spotted quickly, a hose may be the only thing necessary to replace, not the entire engine.

■ **Make your winter preparedness kit and keep it in your trunk.** Think of it as a stuck in a blizzard kit. It should have a blanket, flashlight with batteries that work, small shovel, hat and mittens, boots and even cat litter or ice melting salt to help get out of a slippery situation.

STAFF COLUMN



Paul Kampe
Local Editor

Journalists should refuse all freebies

Upon my travel to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit last weekend, I was exposed to the largest event to which I had ever been granted media access.

Everything was going great, we were free to roam the showroom floor without bumping elbows with anyone, no one walking in front of camera shots, and company representatives eager to please and answer any questions.

I had seen gathering areas around the floor of the show and really thought nothing of it until I was at the nearly empty Toyota display. Another show attendee, presumably another member of the press, asked me where the food area for this display was. I thought, "Wow!"

When my group and I entered the General Motors section of the event, I felt like I was in a posh nightclub complete with a disk jockey, dancing and drinks — lots of drinks, presumably free. I did not ask, nor did my cohorts. Numerous well-dressed waitstaff surveyed the floor around to offer blue-colored cocktails.

The stage, which featured the highly anticipated Dodge Challenger, looked like it had fallen victim to a keg party with empty beer bottles along the stage.

A former instructor of mine once emphatically discouraged against partaking in even the smallest of courtesies, even cookies. We managed to stay complimentary-item free, except for the excellent press kits provided by the carmakers for the entire show.

Watching all of the people sitting, standing and laughing while imbibing alcohol, I would presume on the job, I wondered if I was just naive.

Another of my former professors suggested that many people feel that they could not be bought for a beer.

I could understand how someone could think that simply having a drink or two could not jeopardize their allegiance to objectivity.

I feel that the excesses of consumption on display, nearly as prevalent as the latest technology from Ford, Honda or General Motors, is a problem. Like I said, this was the first large event that I have attended, so this is not something I am used to seeing.

I asked my colleague, "Do you think that there is product bias in automotive reporting?" His response was, "Of course." And that was just based on our discussion of reporting on foreign automakers while we had grown up in the Detroit area.

My impression of being a reporter is the metaphor, "Be a fly on the wall." When my former instructor laid out the restrictions on freebie consumption I did not think that partaking in the gratuities was a bad idea. I slowly took to the concept, and my belief was solidified on the first press day of the auto show.

If no one can be bought, then why would the automakers try so hard to please the media? The press kits themselves were a competition that ranged from the bare bones information, to Toyota and Audi's public relations assault on the norm. From the bright lights to the extravagant Jeep Commander display atop a building off Jefferson Avenue (to borrow from Ned Flanders), "It's all designed to inflame the senses."

It's up to reporters to be objective and provide their own checks and balances, but in my opinion, there has to be at least a dozen or so out of thousands who were wooed by a potential suitor who bought them drinks, and that sounds like too many.

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GUEST COLUMN

BOT shows 'arrogance' in denying prof tenure

By FAY HANSEN

I would like to correct a statement attributed to me in the Dec. 7th article "BOT Denies Prof Tenure." The article concerned Oakland University's board of trustees denial of tenure and promotion to Dr. Gabrielle Stryker of Biological Sciences, despite her having received unanimous votes of support at every stage of her tenure review. (Records of her review are available at www.oaklandtenure.org with Dr. Stryker's permission).

The statement attributed to me was that the BOT showed "appalling ignorance" by their decision. What I had stated in my interview with The Oakland Post was that the BOT's action showed "appalling arrogance."

This comment needs elaboration because this is a case that goes well beyond a "personnel issue," as OU's administration refers to it.

Astonishingly, Provost Moudgil recommended denial of tenure and promotion in the case of Dr. Stryker, who, coincidentally, he had hired when he was Chair of Biology.

Does the BOT normally ask for information on a faculty member when they vote to deny his/her tenure? Another faculty member and I made a point to address the BOT prior to its vote in order to inform them of facts that they almost certainly were not given and which they probably didn't bother to inquire about. With the information presented, a responsible BOT would have immediately removed Dr. Stryker's name from the consent agenda for further consideration.

Instead, — without question or discussion — the BOT voted to approve the entire consent agenda, thereby denying Dr. Stryker's tenure and promotion. This is what I consider an appallingly arrogant action — destroying a career because of what many faculty members consider to be one administrator's abuse of power and the BOT's unwillingness to act as anything but a rubber stamp for him.

The impact of the BOT's arrogance doesn't stop at the destruction of a career.

■ Dr. Stryker is an excellent teacher and research mentor. The BOT has deprived current and future

students of outstanding experiences in the classroom, as well as in the research laboratory.

■ Dr. Stryker coauthored and received a \$2 million NIH grant (The Oakland Post Nov. 13, 2002).

■ Dr. Stryker has initiated several interdisciplinary biomedical collaborations. Denial of Stryker's tenure thus has a rippling effect, undermining other research programs, including that of some untenured faculty.

This is supposed to be an institution which places value on biomedical research. Dr. Stryker's research on Chagas disease, DNA-vaccination techniques and novel antibody-based biosensors ranks as one of OU's notable examples of cutting-edge basic science and clinical work.

The ripple effect of the BOT's arrogance continues. What about faculty recruitment in other departments? OU currently has at least 35 faculty positions posted, with expensive searches underway.

Every candidate will want to know about OU's tenure and promotion policy and will make career decisions based on what he/she hears.

Each department's written criteria and the long-standing contractually mandated review procedures have just been rendered meaningless by Provost Moudgil and the BOT.

How many of those top candidates are going to be interested in OU after they hear that there seem to be no guidelines whatsoever for tenure decisions? But then, perhaps I am wrong here, the single guideline that seems to matter could be that the faculty member must make sure he/she has no opinions that conflict with Provost Moudgil. The price for that transgression could range from being called a racist to losing your job. Provost Moudgil has made no secret of his self-ordained power to control faculty careers of any review process.

■ While Moudgil was department chair, Dr. Stryker and other untenured biology faculty were sequestered with him and CAS Dean Downing for a "shakedown." They were not-so-subtly made aware that their opposition to a controversial departmental PhD program could cost them their jobs.

■ When associate professors in the department petitioned to be reviewed

for promotion to full professor, they were informed that Moudgil had vowed to turn down any promotion to full professor that came to him from the biology department.

■ During his entire six years as departmental chair, Moudgil "overlooked" absenteeism, insubordination, incompetence and harassment of women by a departmental technician.

This caused significant loss of research productivity to several faculty, and to another unit to which this individual was transferred 8-9 years later.

As chair and as provost, Dr. Moudgil claims to have high standards for OU. In theory, that's why he recommended that the BOT deny Dr. Stryker's tenure and promotion. In practice, however, history shows that Moudgil has a "sliding scale" for academic standards and personnel issues.

The scale slides either way depending on how it suits his needs, and rumor and innuendo appear to be as useful in his decision-making as do the hard facts.

Yes, arrogance abounds at the upper levels of OU's administration and the BOT. This case is not about what is happening with regard to a single faculty member — it is much more. What seems to be lacking is integrity and a respect for open, honest discussion, exchange of ideas without intimidation, and the very principles of academic freedom that have always been the hallmark of true universities.

Isn't it time the BOT had concern about their investments in faculty and follow the institutional policies and procedures that have served the university well?

The BOT needs to do its homework before firing faculty it has invested in and it needs to immediately rescind its vote against Dr. Stryker's tenure and promotion.

Fay Hansen is an associate professor of biological sciences.



Hansen

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stryker's tenure trouble damaging to student body

Dear Dr. Russi,

As a parent of a student who was mentored by Dr. Gabrielle Stryker, I am writing to express my dismay at learning her tenure was not granted. Our daughter, Laura Schultz, began working in Dr. Stryker's lab in the winter of 2004 during her junior year at Rochester High School as a part of the EduMentor Program.

Dr. Stryker shared her time and her knowledge generously and introduced Laura to lab techniques and protocols.

The experience was so positive that Dr. Stryker agreed to work with Laura and Randy Mikula, the program coordinator at RHS, to develop coursework for an independent study in Gene Expression for Laura's senior year, in 2004-2005. Dr. Stryker served as Laura's mentor for an entire academic year, facilitating a research project for Laura that involved measuring the relative gene expression levels of the PRF genes in *Trypanosoma cruzi*. Extraordinary experiences such as this become defining moments in shaping the careers of young adults.

Laura is now a freshman at Michigan State University, majoring in molecular biology, with plans to pursue advanced degrees in genetics and genetic research. In addition to sharing her knowledge of laboratory skills and research techniques, Dr. Stryker contributed immensely to the development of the determination, dedication and work ethic our daughter exudes. I was, and remain so today, amazed and impressed at the time, dedication and passion for her work that Dr. Stryker shared with our daughter. We are very fortunate to have professors as invested and engaged as Dr. Stryker at Oakland University. Dr. Stryker is a wonderful role model both personally and professionally, and an asset to the teaching profession and the research community. She has shared her passion for her work generously, and performed an outstanding community service by reaching out at the high school level to mentor a budding research student.

Susan Schultz

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Mid-Con dominance

Swimming, diving teams prepare for title run

By ALICIA SOSSI
Assistant Features Editor

For the Oakland University swimming and diving teams, the Mid-Continent Conference Championships are only a month away. With only three meets between now and then, both teams are preparing to go for their seventh straight conference championship held in Indianapolis, Ind. Feb. 16-18.

Highlights of the men's season thus far include a first-place finish at the Miami (Ohio) University Invitational in early December and a 139-90 victory over Hope College on Jan. 7.

At the invitational, senior Chris Sullivan, senior Eric Lynn, sophomore Zoltan Horvath and junior Bryon Tansel set a record with a first-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay.

Sullivan also won two individual events, including the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Sullivan is tied for the 24th best time in the nation this year with a 48:64 in the 100-yard butterfly.

For his performance, Sullivan was named Mid-Con Athlete of the Week for the ninth time in his career as a Golden Grizzly.

Sullivan, one of three seniors on the team, also had an individual win to lead his team to victory against Hope College.

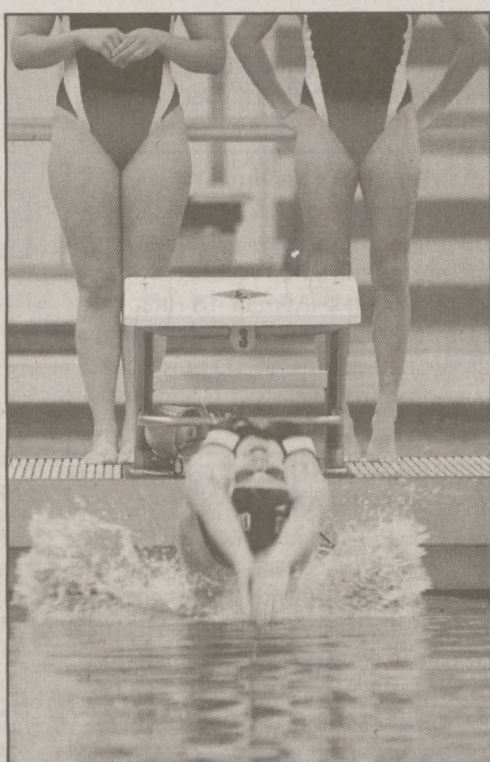
On the women's side, highlights include a 170-128 victory over Wright State and a 132-83 win over Hope College.

The team also took fifth at the Miami (Ohio) University Invitational.

At the Hope College meet, the women swam to first place in the 1000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle.

Sophia Gustafsson, a freshman from Sweden, received Mid-Con Athlete of the Week honors for her first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly.

Senior Erin Meredith led the team with a win, and the relay team of sophomore Sarah Brettrager, senior Maria Musialczyk, Sophomore Chrissy Hager and sophomore Lauren Parker won the 200-yard medley.



The men and women's swimming and diving teams prepare for the stretch run as both look to win their seventh straight Mid-Con Conference championship in Indianapolis, Ind. Feb. 16-18.



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At its last meet on Jan. 14 against Eastern Michigan University, the women's swim team fell short to the Eagles, but received a strong performance from junior Melissa Jaeger.

Currently, the men are ranked sixth (238.59) by <http://www.collegeswimming.com> in the Division I Mid-Major Poll. The women are ranked ninth (230.86). The men and women of Harvard lead both polls.

Rankings are different from other sports in that not all Mid-Con schools have Division I swimming and diving teams.

IUPUI, Northeastern Illinois, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and OU are the only D-I Mid-Con representatives. Northeastern Illinois is the one school that doesn't represent the conference in most other sports.

Both OU teams will be favored to win the Mid-Con championship in February. The two teams have combined to win the last 12 conference titles. With no home meets left, the men and women's teams swim this Friday at Michigan State University and then Saturday at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Division I Mid-Major poll (Men)

1. Harvard University
2. U.S. Naval Academy
3. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
4. Princeton University
5. Missouri State University
6. Oakland University
7. Eastern Michigan University
8. U.S. Military Academy
9. Cornell University
10. Western Kentucky University

Division I Mid-Major poll (Women)

1. Harvard University
2. Miami University (Ohio)
3. Eastern Michigan University
4. University of Maryland, Baltimore County
5. Missouri State University
6. University of Denver
7. University of Akron
8. Western Kentucky University
9. Oakland University
10. University of Toledo

SPORTS

Comeback falls short for men's basketball at UMKC
Facing a 22-point half-time deficit, OU stormed back to tie the game at 91-91 with under 10 seconds to play in Kansas City. Unfortunately, Dee Ayuba hit the game-winning shot with 6.3 seconds left, and the Kangaroos survived, 93-91. Kalu Guasco led UMKC (8-8, 5-2 Mid-Con) with 23 points, and Dee Ayuba finished with 20. Junior Calvin Wooten led OU with 19 points, and fellow junior Rick Billings added 15.

Men's basketball leaves no doubt in win over WIU

OU earned its first Mid-Con road win of the season as Calvin Wooten scored 10 of his team-high 19 points in a 76-64 win over the Leathernecks (5-11, 1-4 Mid-Con). Wooten came out firing in the second-half and pushed the lead to 64-45 with 7:20 left in the game. Junior Vova Severovas finished with 16 points, and freshman Derick Nelson chipped in with 12 points and nine rebounds. The leathernecks were led by David Jackson's 19 points. OU (7-11, 2-4) shot 56 percent from the field while holding WIU to just 39 percent shooting.

Women's basketball falls to UMKC in Kansas City

OU was out-scored 47-32 in the second-half in its tilt with the Kangaroos and lost its second consecutive conference road game, 75-61. OU (6-11, 2-4 Mid-Con) held a slight half-time lead, but the Kangaroos used its rebounding edge, 46-33, to slowly push past and pull away from OU. Senior Jayme Wilson and junior Bonnie Baker each had 13 points to lead OU. Freshman Jessica Pike added 10 points, an early career high. UMKC (6-11, 4-2) was carried by Stephanie Brown and her 21 points and nine rebounds.

HOCKEY FALLS TO WAGNER



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior Jordan Ingram (8) and Will McMahon (18) converge on the net in a game against Wagner Saturday. Despite a hat trick from McMahon, OU fell 5-4. Wagner goalie Kyle Finnerty made 46 saves against an OU team that was playing its third game in as many nights. OU won't have another home game until Jan. 27 when they face Grand Valley State at the ONYX.

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The Association of Black Students marched throughout campus Monday in celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The organization's Web site says they "fought to have classes suspended in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King." About 30 students marched from Vandenberg Hall to the Oakland Center.

JONES Cont. from A1

During his visit to Oakland University, Jones is going to expand his talk to include commentary on sacrifice.

This change is spurred by something he saw on The History Channel where an archaeologist, exploring ancient Mayan culture, seemed focused on the topic of sacrifice.

"I've always felt — being a member of a minority group — I always felt a bit suspicious of anthropologists and archaeologists trying to fit people into a mold," Jones said. "The European mind, or the Western mind, tries to fit other cultures in a mold, and I think that's a mistake."

This is a mistake he believes is made by many people.

"It's what they call human nature to see others through our eyes," he said.

That is what Jones said he believes the archaeologist did when discussing sacrifice.

Sacrifice should be viewed not from the narrow view of human eyes, but through the broader view of life experience, he said.

"Is it not sacrifice when we send our sons to war," Jones said. "We think we're killing the other guys, and we're killing our sons. Is that not sacrifice?"

Jones says he experienced sacrifice in his own life, when

he once stepped away from his beloved stage for the big screen of Hollywood.

"I prefer the stage, that's where I got my start in acting," he said. "At one time I was so broke, and I had a wife and child to support, so I decided to go away from Broadway and make bigger pay in Hollywood."

Long before becoming one of the most recognizable voices in "Tinseltown," a young Jones remained nearly silent where he grew up in Dublin, Mich., west of Cadillac.

For many years, a stutter kept him quiet outside of his immediate family.

That is, until a school teacher noticed the problem.

It was then that Jones began to take voice and acting lessons to help overcome his stuttering.

After high school, he went on to the University of Michigan to study medicine, but soon found himself drawn to the stage.

He changed his major to drama, and after graduation and a stint as an officer in the Army Rangers, he moved to New York to pursue acting.

Throughout the 1950s he acted in small plays, and by the end of the decade he made his Broadway debut.

The 1960s brought television and movie roles for Jones.

His first movie, Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove," came in 1964. He also appeared on several daytime

soap operas.

He has played everything from a heavyweight-boxing champion in "The Great White Hope" to a blind junkyard owner in "The Sandlot."

He lent his voice to Darth Vader in episodes three through six of the "Star Wars" saga, as well as King Mufasa in "The Lion King."

Aside from movies, Jones is the voice behind the "This is CNN" tagline and some Verizon Wireless commercials.

"Now, I'm sort of a spokesperson for Verizon," he said.

"Verizon has a very extensive literacy program. In the near future, I may be in your area reading to children."

In his five-decade career, Jones has won five Drama Desk awards, four Emmy awards, two Tony awards, two Cable ACE awards, a Golden Globe and a Grammy.

For all his achievements, Jones remains humble about their meaning.

"They are, at best, trophies," he said.

"I respect them like I respect critics, but they're not part of what counts."

Jones, who turned 75 years old Jan. 17, will star in a monodrama this spring about former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood (Thurgood) Marshall.

Indicating that he has no plans for quitting any time soon he said, "actors don't retire, they just stop talking."

In the pitch-black night, I was whacked in the face by tree branches and slipped in mud repetitively. But the worst part of my mission was when I had to cross the streams. I climbed on top of a dam to get across the first stream, where my foot broke through and slipped into the water.

The second stream looked more like a river. The water seemed to crash against the rocks, and I was expecting to see white water rafters paddling through at any minute.

But there was no turning back. I found a fallen tree that formed a bridge over the stream and hugged it like a koala bear to scoot across.

I finally saw the end of the woods, and now I was at the side of the mansion.

"Victory," I shouted when I emerged from the tree line.

I felt like I was Frodo Baggins, the hobbit from the Lord of the Rings, after journeying through the dark woods.

I saw the 110-room mansion and walked straight across the field leading to the mansion. I peered in the side window,

expecting to see Eminem's close friends D12's Proof or 50 Cent. I was expecting to see the guests dine on lobster tails and filet mignon. But instead I saw nothing.

Just as I was about to go to another window a security guard called me out.

"You can't be here," he said. "Go back to where you came from."

"There is no way I am going back that way," I told him, thinking about the swampland and its obstacles. I was still panting from the long physically-demanding adventure.

But after three hours in the woods, I didn't care about getting the scoop on Eminem's wedding anymore. After all of that hard work, I simply turned around and found a trail leading away from the mansion.

Three hours as a paparazzi was enough for me. I think I will stick to the face-to-face journalism, where you are upfront and honest.

Never again will I venture to such extremes to get information. Traditional journalism is my calling.

PAPARAZZI Cont. from A1

Running through the golf course, I had to duck whenever the police lights would comb the course, looking for intruders. I felt so James Bond or a spy from one of those video games where they crawl military-style.

I should have dressed in black and covered my face with black shoe polish, but instead I was in my Adidas tennis shoes and my blue pea-coat.

I ran toward the mansion, but my trek was cut short when I saw field lights screening for any trespassers entering from the woods. I could see that security was tight. There were five guards dressed in black standing at the back of the mansion.

I had no choice but to go into the woods to get closer. I thought all I had to do was jump over a few fallen trees or duck from some branches. Instead, I was walking through a swampland, where streams run.

SPIKE LEE Cont. from A1

what they need to know," Lee said.

The filmmaker also pointed out how Dr. King realized that, after the passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Acts of 1964 and 1965, respectively, he needed to shift his focus to combating poverty in America.

"Dr. King had the foresight to see that this was

the next battleground and we are still stuck, as a country, in that same spot," he said.

In an exclusive Post interview, Lee said the lingering residual effects of institutionalized racism are still prevalent today.

Although Jim Crow was abolished over 40 years ago, Lee says that the poverty that has occurred from generations of racism continues to make equal opportunity a distant goal.

"The United States has

always been good at hiding poverty," Lee told The Post.

"They try to make it invisible, so it's not blunt in your face ... but Katrina really blew that out of the water — no pun intended."

The devastating effect of Hurricane Katrina was also a topic that Lee called attention to during his lecture. He was extremely critical of the response from the state and federal government.

"I would say Dr. King

would be highly upset about what happened in Katrina," he told the audience before adding, "... and the slow, slow, slow as molasses response by the rest of American citizens — right down to the documentary on Katrina we're shooting now for HBO."

According to Lee, the documentary is tentatively titled "When the Levees Broke" and will feature his perspective on the Katrina tragedy.

He expects it to air in

2006 on the first anniversary of the hurricane.

Lee latest feature film, "Inside Man," starring Denzel Washington and Clive Owen, is due in theaters this spring.

Lee told The Post that one day he hopes to produce and direct a biographical film on legendary Detroit boxing champion Joe Louis. He said that he'd like Terrence Howard, of recent "Hustle and Flow" fame, to star as the Brown Bomber.

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c. 3500
d. 150 | 2. James Earl Jones served as what kind of US Army Officer?
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b. Intelligence
c. Ranger
d. Finance | 3. Oakland University offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.
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a. 2000
b. 1500
c. 850
d. 5000 | 5. Who was Eminem's best man in his recent wedding?
a. Spike Lee
b. 50 Cent
c. D12's Proof
d. John Dodge | 6. What color suit is recommended for an interview?
a. light tan
b. black or navy
c. red
d. yellow |

EMINEM Cont. from A1

Mathers, 30, ended after two-plus years in October 2001 in an ugly legal fight that included a custody battle over their young daughter.

Kim Mathers applied for a marriage license last week, and Detroit television station WXYZ showed an invitation to "join them as they exchange vows and the celebration of their new life together."

The couple is planning a honeymoon for later this year, Dennehy said. The Matherses reconciled in late 2004, and Eminem announced in December that the two would get back together. Both grew up in suburbs along 8 Mile Road, Detroit's northern border.

After attaining hip-hop superstardom, he lived in Sterling Heights and Clinton township and now lives in a mansion in Rochester Hills, 20 miles north of Detroit.

LAWSUIT Cont. from A1

with people in the Middle East, Asia and elsewhere. A spokesman for the Justice Department disputed the lawsuits' assertions. "We believe these cases are without merit and plan to vigorously defend against the charges," Brian Roehrkasse said.

A message left with the National Security Agency was not immediately returned.

Bush maintains the program is legal under a congressional resolution passed after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It authorizes eavesdropping on international phone calls and e-mails of people deemed terror risks. The New York lawsuit noted that federal law already lets the president order warrantless surveillance during the first 15 days of a war and allows courts to authorize surveillance of agents of foreign powers or terrorist groups.

The 1978 law requiring court approval was established after public fury erupted over surveillance of individuals, including Martin Luther King Jr. "I'm personally outraged that my confidential communication with my clients may have been listened to by the U.S. government," said Rachel Meeropol, an attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Attorneys have long relied on privacy to gather facts to ensure fair trials, lawyer Josh Dratel said in a statement supporting the ACLU case. He has represented people accused of terrorism-related crimes.

"That comfort level no longer exists, and it has sent a chill through the legal community," he said. The program will further isolate U.S. social scientists, journalists and researchers from those who report on political developments or human rights abuses, said Larry Diamond, a Stanford University professor and plaintiff in the ACLU lawsuit.

"One reason why the United States is held in such low esteem ... today is because we are seen as hypocritical," he said. "We vow to promote individual freedom as the central purpose of foreign policy, and then we violate individual freedom with this secret warrantless surveillance."

Dressing for the interview

Expert tips on how to dress to land the job

By ORNELLA BOTTI
Contributing Reporter

Most of us know the saying "You only get one chance to make a good first impression." The first thing many people notice is your appearance. That is why dressing the part for an interview is crucial.

Whether you are looking for a job or an internship, an interview is often the first step to success.

Students should not dress the same way for an interview as they do for class.

"Some students show up at interviews wearing a Polo shirt and khakis or a pair of slacks and a sweater. That's not business professional," said Carol Anne Ketelsen, program manager for the department of arts and sciences at Oakland University.

Collegegrad.com says, "Dress(ing) for the world outside college is quite different from the campus scene. You should be doing the talking, not your clothes."

Eryne Trombley, a 25-year-old guest student from Central Michigan University, has been to several job interviews in the past five years.

"When I go to a job interview I'm not trying to be beautiful, I'm trying to look professional," she said.

The best way to impress the interviewer is to show up dressed professionally.

A professional image usually means a conservative image.

A dark-colored suit with a

white shirt is the most popular interview attire.

"A black suit is the general rule for an interview. Once you are in the door it gets better," Ketelsen said.

Men should wear a solid black pants suit or a dark navy pants suit with a white shirt and a conservative tie.

Dress shoes and socks should match the suit. No white socks.

Women can wear either a skirt suit or a pants suit in navy or black. Prints should be avoided.

If you decide to wear a skirt suit make sure the skirt is not too short and be sure to wear stockings.

The blouse should be white and not too low cut.

Women should not wear open toe shoes or stilettos.

However, you want to dress according to the style of the company.

For example, someone who is looking to get hired at a fashion magazine should ditch the black suit and wear something trendier.

But, you must maintain a

"You are presenting your best face. Although people shouldn't judge you according to how you look, they do. That's just a way of life."

Eryne Trombley
Guest Student

professional look.

"An employer is looking for 'are you going to fit into our company?'" Ketelsen said. "You want to fit the part."

The important thing to remember is that you are not trying to get a job with what you wear but with what you can do.

Many students fear that they will have to spend a lot of money to purchase business attire.

But that doesn't have to be the case.

Instead of thinking Armani or Hugo Boss, think Loehmann's or the Men's Warehouse.

These stores sell good suits for around \$100.

As for shoes, you can find great deals at Payless Shoe Source or DSW.

Your image is more than just your clothing and your shoes.

You must also pay attention to your jewelry, make-up, perfume and hygiene.

"You are presenting your best face. Although people shouldn't judge you according to how you look, they do. That's just a way of life," Trombley said.

Women should keep jewelry to a minimum and make sure their makeup looks natural.

Both sexes should take time doing their hair and cleaning their hands.

Also, go easy on the perfume.

Ketelsen recommends not wearing any because it could be risky.

"Your perfume could remind the interviewer of their ex-wife or ex-husband. And some people are allergic."

Students shouldn't assume they can wing it. A professional image may just be the extra thing that wins them the job.

A student who took time to get dressed will not go unno-

Helpful tips for women

- If you want to wear a skirt suit make sure to put an extra pair of stockings in your purse just in case you accidentally damage the first pair
- Do not wear anything sexy or too revealing
- Your makeup and jewelry should be discreet (this also goes for nail polish.)
- Avoid high heels

Helpful tips for men

- Avoid flashy patterns
- Shave or trim your facial hair
- Wear socks that match your shoes
- Do not show any jewelry unless it's a wedding ring

Helpful tips for both

- Fingernails should be trimmed and cleaned
- Take out your visible body piercings
- Have a special pair of shoes that you only wear to interviews so that they always look brand new
- Try not to put on any cologne or perfume

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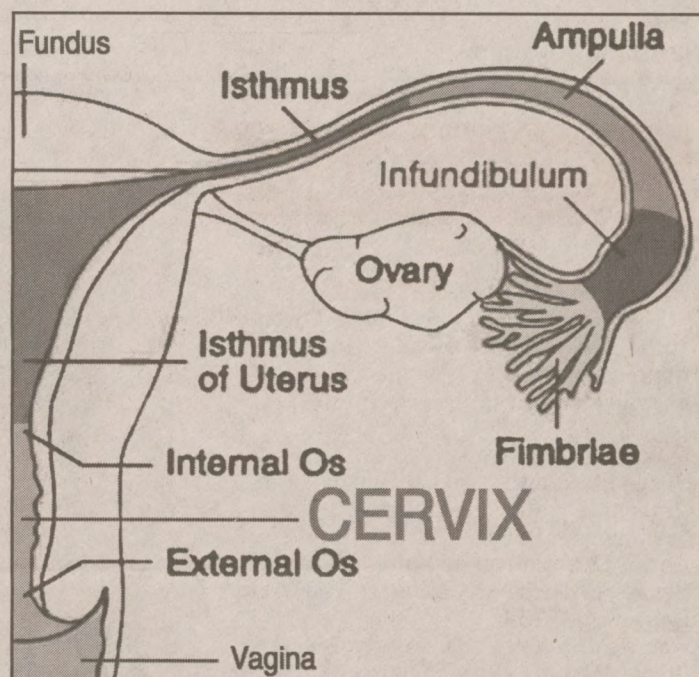
"I have been complimented on my appearance before. Like after I've gotten the job. They appreciated the extra effort," Trombley said.

Initially, a company gives quite a bit of importance to how a person looks.

It's not reassuring, but interviewers can decide in just a few seconds that they don't want you.

"An employer makes an opinion in like 10 seconds," Ketelsen said. "You see the person and think this is a person who could work for my company. They are hiring an image."

HEALTH



Knowing cervical cancer risks help prevention, detection

By ALICIA SOSSI
Assistant Features Editor

According to the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, cervical cancer is responsible for more than 4,000 deaths in the United States each year.

The good news is there are ways to lessen the risk of cervical cancer. January is Cervical Health Awareness Month — the time designated for women to become aware of the causes, symptoms and ways to prevent cervical cancer.

According to WebMD.com, cervical cancer is most likely to occur in those infected with the human papillomavirus, also known as genital warts.

"HPV is a virus that is an STD and causes more than 99 percent of cervical cancer cases," said Joanne Talarek, an adult nurse practitioner and director of the Graham Health Center at Oakland University.

"Basically, cervical cancer is a

sexually transmitted infection."

Cervical cancer is likely to occur in those who have multiple sex partners or in those who become sexually active before age 18. Smoking is another risk factor. Symptoms of cervical cancer include bleeding, pain and abnormal discharge containing mucus. Talarek says the best way to detect cervical cancer is by having an annual Pap smear.

"The whole reason we do a Pap smear is to screen for cervical cancer," she said.

The Pap smear is given at regular gynecological exams. It detects changes in the cervix that may lead to cervical cancer. Talarek recommends that young women have a Pap smear annually starting two to three years after they first become sexually active.

For more information about cervical cancer, visit your OB/GYN or your primary care physician.

Experts reveal the 5 fastest flourishing fields

OU offers degrees, experience in the fastest-growing fields for college grads

By CINDI POZZI
Contributing Reporter

In today's highly competitive job market, it is crucial for college students to know which careers are in demand and which academic programs can lead to those occupations.

Robert Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University, says the following are the five fastest-growing careers:

Nursing

Glance at any classified page and you'll see ads for nursing positions scattered everywhere. Nurses are in high demand in almost every aspect of the field, but registered nurses and home health aides are especially needed.

OU has an extensive nursing program that offers bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as a nursing education graduate certificate.

Physical Therapy

This field includes a range of activities, from aiding accident victims in the recovery process, to helping a patient regain strength by using precise exercises. Physical therapists and physical therapist assistant jobs are expected to increase. OU students can earn a bachelor's degree in health sciences with a focus in pre-physical therapy.

Accounting

Accountants are responsible for preparing, analyzing and examining financial statements. This is considered a stable field to venture into. Auditing as well as finance positions are also expected to grow.

OU offers undergraduates a major and minor in accounting through the School of Business

Administration, as well as a master's degree program and a post-master's certificate for graduate students.

Criminal Justice

The most growth will be in the security branch of this field, due to the increase in national security. These jobs can range from working for the Department of Homeland Security to getting hired by private companies. A concentration in criminal justice is available to OU students through the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Marketing, promotions and sales manager jobs are expected to increase faster than the average occupation.

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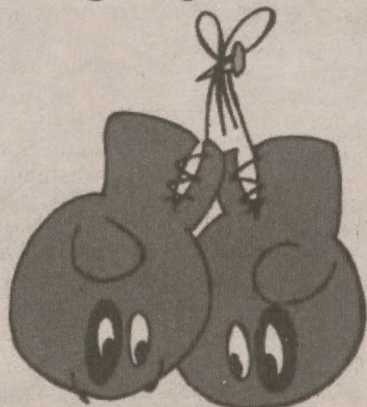
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MTV's The Real World was at the Sandpiper in 2005 with MJ and Robin as special guests at an Axe/Stuff Magazine Beach Party. They sponsored a model search, party, and a swimsuit competition. Alloy Marketing has also brought in model searches, along with

Classmates USA's calendar model search. Spring Breakers can expect plenty more of the same this year with bikini and wet t-shirt/wet jockey shorts contests daily and nightly.

The Sandpiper is never short on big-time entertainment, hosting such acts as Bob Marley's Wailers, Tone Loc and other major acts. Tentatively scheduled for this year are the Black Eyed Peas performing on the beach behind the Sandpiper Beacon during Jay Leno's show. Metro Nightclubs is a Spring Break sponsor giving away swimwear and the Corona Beach Volleyball Tournament is scheduled to take place behind the Sandpiper this year. There will be entertainment all day and all night at the hotel throughout spring break.

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Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Sandra Oh, "Grey's Anatomy," ABC
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MOVIES

Picture, Drama: "Brokeback Mountain"
Actress, Drama: Felicity Huffman, "Transamerica"
Actor, Drama: Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote"
Picture, Musical or Comedy: "Walk the Line"
Actress, Musical or Comedy: Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line"
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Supporting Actress: Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"
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Screenplay: Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana, "Brokeback Mountain"
Foreign Language: "Paradise Now," Palestine
Original Score: John Williams, "Memoirs of a Geisha"
Original Song: "A Love That Will Never Grow Old" from "Brokeback Mountain"



Is 'Curtain Call' Slim Shady's final bow?

The Associated Press

By PAUL KAMPE
 Local News Editor

Hi, kids, do you like violence, or retirement? The maniacal bleach-blond quasi-genius who stormed his way into hearts during the Clinton administration takes us on a journey back to his maturation in "Curtain Call."

Eminem's greatest hits album nearly falls victim to the often-popular tactic of adding unreleased tracks to a hits package. "Curtain Call" has three such tracks: "Fack," "Shake That" and a saving-grace addition, "When I'm Gone." The former two additions could easily be left off the disc and replaced with other Shady classics that were not used as singles.

"When I'm Gone" was released at the proper time in Em's career, which might be the end of it, if you believe the hype. The newest of the singles is comparable to the emotion of

"Hallie's Song" and plays on the bond he has with his daughter. This bond is as strong as it was on his first LP, which promotes his retirement as well.

The track begins with Em ignoring Hallie because he is busy writing a song and follows with, "Turn right around in that song and tell her you love her, and put hands on her mother who's a spitting image of her, that's Slim Shady, yeah baby Slim Shady's crazy, Shady made me, but tonight Shady's rock-a-bye-baby."

All the hits are here on this record, from "My Name Is" to "The Way I Am" and even the tracks from Eminem's previous studio LP "Encore" make the list, which is good news ("Mockingbird") and bad news ("Just Lose It").

The problem with this record is that it has limited itself to radio singles that have been released. Surely, fans have made their own greatest hits mixes

using their iPods or CD-burners.

We are also treated to an edited broadcast edition of "Stan" with Elton John singing the hook, taken from the 2001 Grammy Awards telecast. That performance reminds us how Eminem constantly stood out and flipped the bird to the rule-book and everyone who watched that show, after being assailed on many fronts in that part of his career.

Em persevered and hit the peak of his career more than a year later, and this compilation is possible because of his courage.

Through the years, we have seen Mr. Mathers mature musically, and that is really what this disc is about. Eminem has grown from the crazy loud-mouth MC eager to take on any beefs, and "Curtain Call" is certainly a last look at the songs that were possible because of his determination.

Recommended

Movies



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In a time when duty and honor reign, fate interferes in the lives of two star-crossed lovers. "Tristan and Isolde" is an epic-tale based on a Celtic legend that takes place during the Dead Ages. Tristan (James Franco), a courageous English warrior, falls in love with Isolde (Sophia Myles), an Irish princess, while their native countries are feuding.

Loosely based on Richard Wagner's opera — minus the singing — the film mixes the play's original plot of love sparked by magic and replaces it with a heartfelt attraction between lovers.

There are no magical potions, as in "Romeo and Juliet," that mystically unite the lovers. There's no secret marriage, and there are no tragic suicides with daggers.

Instead, the film features adventurous battles with lots of bloodshed and displays the hardships of those times when things of the heart are meaningless compared to duty.

The love story takes place circa 600 after Roman power retreats, leaving England divided into nations who are at war with Ireland.

Tristan is just what every hero should be: fierce, strong and passionate, and the plot is jam-packed with irony and fate.

From before Tristan and Isolde meet, Tristan kills Isolde's betrothed, whom she despises, in battle.

Fate calls again later when Tristan competes to win Lord Marke a bride, yet Tristan has no idea that the prize is Isolde, the princess of Ireland, and that the marriage is meant to make peace among the nations.

This is where the real tragedy strikes: seeing your lover wed to the man you are loyal to. But, Tristan and Isolde cannot control their passion and end up sneaking every opportune moment to share with each other. Franco is convincing as Tristan, better known for his role opposite Tobey Maguire in the "Spiderman" films.

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