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When election time rolls around ...

Candidates prepare to vie for office



McGuinness

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

The two candidates running for the office of student body president had their first chance to officially take on each other's ideological differences Tuesday during a timed debate in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

Incumbent Student Body President Michael McGuinness, together with challenger Peter Vitale, Oakland

Incumbent: Student Body President Michael McGuinness
Challenger: Legislator Peter Vitale
Issues: Budget management, accountability, unified Student Congress

Election period: Monday, March 27-Wednesday, March 29

University Student Congress legislator, fielded questions related to items such as budget management and selecting an executive board staff for just over hour.

McGuinness, an active member of several student organizations, said he would continue to work toward enhancing current policies and programs, as

well as introducing new ideas.

"One of the things I want to start anew, if elected, is definitely focusing on civic participation in the upcoming general election," McGuinness said before an audience of approximately

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Invalidated candidates call election process into question — A2

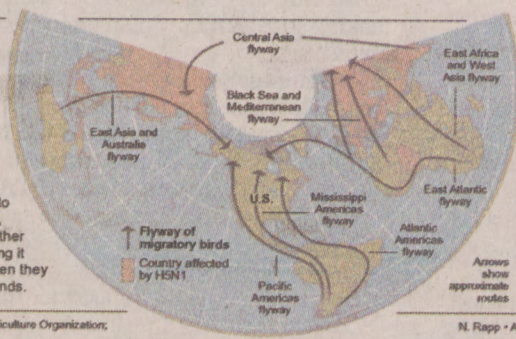


Vitale

Birds on their way north

Next month, birds migrating from Asia will start showing up in Alaska. They may carry the H5N1 virus to the breeding grounds, and pass it along to other birds that will then bring it southward this fall when they fly to their winter grounds.

SOURCE: U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization; Wetlands International



PUBLIC HEALTH

Bird flu could appear in months, official says

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A deadly strain of bird flu could appear in the United States in the next few months as wild birds migrate from infected nations, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Thursday.

Chertoff said "there will be a reasonable possibility of a domestic fowl outbreak" as migrating birds mix with ducks, chickens and other birds in the U.S. But he cautioned against panic, noting that the Agriculture Department has dealt with other strains of bird flu for years.

"If we get a wild bird or even

a domestic chicken that gets infected with avian flu, we're going to be able to deal with it, because we've got a lot of experience with that," Chertoff said, speaking to newspaper editors and publishers.

"I can't predict, but I certainly have to say that we should be prepared for the possibility that at some point in the next few months, a wild fowl will come over the migratory pathway and will be infected with H5N1," he said.

The H5N1 strain has killed at least 95 people since 2003, mostly in Asia, according to the World Health Organization, and has devastated poultry stocks. Scientists are concerned

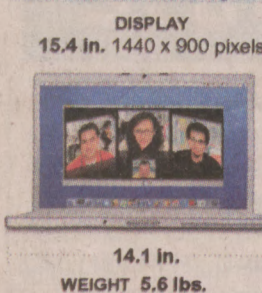
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TECH TEST

Comparing Apples to oranges

Apple Computer's switch to Intel processors means the guts of its new MacBookPro are now similar to other high-end laptops running Microsoft Windows XP Professional.

	Apple MacBook	Acer TravelMate 8200
OP. SYSTEM	Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger	Windows XP Pro
PROCESSOR	Intel Core Duo; 1.83-2.16GHz	Intel Core Duo; 2.0GHz
RAM (MAX.)	512MB (2GB)	2GB (2GB)
HARD DISK	80GB - 120GB	120GB
BUS SPEED	667Mhz	667Mhz
PRICE	\$1,999 - \$3,199	\$2,399
INCLUDED	Bluetooth; 802.11b/g; digital audio	Bluetooth; 802.11a/b/g; modem; card reader



SOURCES: Apple Computer; Acer America



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Photo illustration by DANTE CIULLO/The Oakland Post

CAFFEINE: Experts rebut the effects caffeinated beverages can have on one's health.

Caffeine brews disputes

Coffee might spell heart trouble for slow caffeine metabolizers

By LINDSEY TANNER & KELLY L. REYNOLDS
The Associated Press/The Oakland Post

Can't live without your morning coffee ... or your afternoon soda, mid-afternoon tea or you nightly mocha?

Well, here's a real caffeine jolt — heart attacks might be a risk for coffee drinkers with a common genetic trait that makes

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Beverage report funded by tea company stirs trouble for scientists

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
The Associated Press

Some prominent nutrition experts put out new guidelines last week urging Americans to cut back on calorie-rich sodas while allowing lots of room for tea and coffee — up to 40 ounces a day.

That's more than three tall cups at Starbucks, although that might bust suggested limits on caffeine.

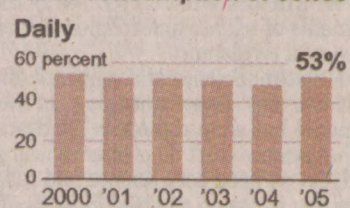
The report was paid for by the corporate parent of Lipton Tea,

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Coffee consumption

More than 172 million adults in the U.S. drink coffee daily.

Adult consumption of coffee



SOURCE: Specialty Coffee Association of America; National Coffee Association of U.S.A. Inc. AP

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Carbon dioxide rises to record level in atmosphere

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere climbed to a record 381 parts per million last year, an increase sure to spark further debate on

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Pesticides have been found throughout many of the nation's streams — Read on B4

global warming.

The reading was up 2.6 parts per million, according to preliminary calculations, David

J. Hofmann of the Office of Atmospheric Research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Tuesday. Final calculations from reporting stations around the world won't be available until

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Election process called into question by invalidated candidates

By KELLY REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

This year's Student Congress Elections are heating up. While some candidates recently presented their campaigns at the Candidates Meet and Greet and the OUSC Debates, others, like the libertarian candidate hopefuls, have posted signs around campus claiming wrongdoing.

Libertarians Eric Perich and Mike Palmer have been invalidated as candidates for the presidential and vice presidential positions. They say their problems with the election's process started the day they received their presidential packet from the Center for Student Activities.

The packet should include sheets for the candidate hopefuls to collect signatures — 377 were needed this year — and also a copy of the official OUSC bylaws, which include rules for campaigning.

Perich and Palmer said they received the signature sheets, but didn't receive the bylaws until three days later.

Perich said he thinks that it was this lack of bylaws that got their campaign off to a late start.

They were supposed to have an orientation to the elections during one of the two sessions the week before spring break, he said.

Instead, their orientation was the day the packets were due,

Palmer said. "She was very difficult in getting me the bylaws, she didn't really seem that concerned in getting them to me," he said of Crystal Allen, Election's Commission chair.

Allen said the delay in handing out the bylaws was a printing error, and that she got the team the information as quickly as possible. "I'm working under the guidelines, and I can only do so much," she said.

The packets were turned in with over the required amount of signatures with the team's platforms, Perich and Palmer said.

Perich says he received an e-mail from Allen on March 6, stating that only 277 of the signatures were valid, "which works out to 85 or 90 of the signatures were thrown out."

According to Allen, she personally checked Perich and Palmer's signatures four times, two of which were with other members of the Election's Commission, to try to validate more names. She said that a total of 10 of the signatures had no Grizzly numbers at all, which is a required field on the signature sheet, and most of them were unable to be read.

The process of checking these names, however, seems by both Allen and Perich to be flawed.

According to Allen, the Election's Commission is provided a list of every Oakland University

student. The list is arranged alphabetically by last name. When validating signatures, Allen must go through the list, find each student by last name, and make sure the Grizzly number provided matches the G-number on her list. When asked if an electronic database to search by both name and G-number would help the validation process, Allen said, "It would be a lot more helpful."

Perich also thought there should be another way to help in validating signatures.

"Rather than assuming that they are all invalid, there should be some way for us to appeal the process so that we can say, 'this is who the people are,'" he said. "You would think you would explore any resources possible to see if these were valid students."

After learning that their candidacy was invalidated, Perich said he then thought, "Ok, that's fine, we can still be write-in candidates, but we were very upset at the same time. I think we have reasons to question her interests in the election process."

Allen also mentioned in the e-mail that Perich and Palmer could see the packets with the invalid signatures if they choose to, and also stated, "Feel free to campaign as a write-in candidate."

Perich said it was nearly impossible to reach Allen in order to see the invalid signatures.

"Between the two of us, on Monday and Tuesday we probably stopped by the Student Congress office five times," he said. "Tuesday she was only there for a couple hours and it conflicted with our work or class schedules. Basically no one could stop by the couple hours she was in the office."

In response, Allen said, "We did give them two more days to come and meet with us. I'm not saying that nothing could have been worked out. There is only so much reaching out that I can do."

Palmer said, "She was in the office for a very limited time slot. She was not willing to work with us ... basically making us harder and harder for us to see the signature sheets."

According to Allen, however, Perich and Palmer made no such attempt to contact her. "I received a letter saying that 'we wanted to meet with you,' I received no e-mail or call or anything. If they wanted to contact me, they could have. I tried not to do too much election work in the office. I tried to keep my election work away."

Because Allen had mentioned in the previous e-mail that they could continue to campaign as write-in candidates, Perich and Palmer went to the Candidate Meet and Greet, Wednesday, March 8, in order to continue their campaigning. When Allen

arrived, Perich said she immediately demanded they remove their materials from the table which had been provided for candidates.

"She told us 'you're not allowed to be here or campaign in this area because you're not official candidates,'" Perich said. "It struck me as a little strange especially after she encouraged us to participate in the events and I think I remembered reading in the bylaws that there is no restriction in participating in other events beside the debates. I didn't fight her initially, but I went outside and looked at the bylaws and couldn't find anything that prohibits us from being there, so I went back to her with the bylaws in my hand and said 'can you please show me where it says I'm not allowed to be here?' She didn't even look at them handed them back to me and said, 'well you're allowed to be here you just can't use that table,' so I stayed there and handed out my flyers and campaigned around the table."

Allen referred to the official University Student Congress Election Guidelines, and said that she technically didn't even have to let them campaign at all at the Meet and Greet.

According to the guidelines, a balloted candidate may attend the official campaign kick-off event

hosted by the Elections Commission. Since Perich and Palmer weren't official balloted candidates, they may have been barred completely from campaigning at the event, according to Allen.

Perich said he also wanted to be validated in time for the debates. He said, "As far as the debates, you have to get the signatures by the deadline, which is two weeks before the debate ... so if you get invalidated before, you have enough time to make it up. But we only found out eight days before the debates that we were invalidated, which leaves us out of the debates."

Allen said she reviewed the bylaws with her advisor, Samantha Hardenburgh, and found that the guidelines only state that the original signature packet is due two weeks before the debate, and never mentions make-up signatures of any sort.

According to Perich, the best possible outcome for the team would be to get on the ballot and win the elections, but with his flyers and Web site, he is just hoping to raise awareness that the election process may be flawed and open the door to a future third party.

Allen agrees that things could be better, but stand by her actions saying, "I did everything in my power to get them validated."

Speaker addresses religion, science

By DAN WILKINSON
The Oakland Post

When Oakland University was born, the first faculty member hired was philosophy professor Richard J. Burke.

Now retired, Burke has watched the institution mature over the years from its promising beginnings to its present day position as one of Michigan's fastest-growing universities. In an effort to continue the rich tradition of nurturing the educational community here at OU, Burke has established the annual Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society.

The inaugural Burke Lecture took place yesterday, featuring Holmes Rolston III, a distinguished professor of philosophy at Colorado State University and a distinguished visiting professor of bioethics at Yale University. He has written several books and has given lectures on all seven continents. Among other honors, Rolston received the Templeton Prize in Religion in 2003. Considered by many to be the father of modern environmental ethics, Rolston has been a pioneer in the effort to bridge the gap between religion and science. The lecture was titled Challenges in Environmental Ethics and dealt with questions of the human duty towards the non-human world. In addition to the first annual Burke Lecture, Rolston also gave a lecture on Monday at noon titled Genes, Genesis and God in which he discussed the scientific and philosophical debate about order and disorder.

The Oakland Post had the opportunity to spend a few minutes with Mr. Rolston.

Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post: You have been studying, writing and teaching for many years. Why do you do what you do? What is your mission or purpose?

Rolston: I do what I do because I believe in inquiry and in the success of the power of the human mind to penetrate and understand the meaning and significance of the universe, and I've been fortunate enough to have a reasonably successful career doing that. I think it's important for us to think critically and creatively. I think that much of the meaning and significance of life comes in our capacities to understand who we are, where we are, and what we ought to do, so I've been trying to help people understand those critical concepts.

Wilkinson: What do you see as the primary benefits of science and religion having a more peaceful coexistence?

Rolston: Science and religion I often say are the two most important things in the world. Science has shaped modern life dramatically. But what science can't do is offer ethical guidance for life. So we need both science and religion. They are two wings on one bird. Science gives us the

powers that we need for better survival, but religion gives us the ethical guidance that we need. The problems of life are as deep and painful that they have ever been. After 9-11, the collapse of Enron, the war in Iraq, the AIDS epidemic, it is evident that although we've had 400 years of science, we're in as much conflict about the deeper values of life as we have ever been. Science now may be giving us the power to reengineer our genetic constitution for example, but should we? If we should, what kind of people do we want to make? Do we want to make children that are more athletic? Or do we want to make women who are all blonds? Or do we want to make children who are more charitable or more just? The kinds of choices we might be empowered to make about engineering the future are ethical choices' as much as they are scientific choices.

Wilkinson: Do you believe in the biblical account of creation?

Rolston: I take the biblical account of creation to be what I would call a parable. I do not take it literally. I do not think the earth was created in six 24-hour days. I think science teaches us the details of creation. The Genesis parable teaches us that the world is good, that God created a good earth and gave it meaning and significance. The general flavor of that story is that once upon a time there was a formless deep and the Spirit of God moved on the waters and said let the Earth bring forth swarms of creatures, and Earth did that. In a way that is a poetic or symbolic way of saying what, in a certain sense, science also says happened: that once there was a simple formless earth, and there was generated on it swarms of creatures of many kinds, and this was a good thing, and at length there came man and woman, who occupied a unique roll on Earth, who had dominion, power, stewardship, and responsibilities that no other creatures had, so I don't find creation and evolution to be incompatible. It's a blending of the natural history that science gives us with an ancient account of the meaning and significance of this place.

Wilkinson: What environmental issues should today's college students be most concerned about?

Rolston: There are two main issues that will be pivotal in the lifetime of today's college students. One of them deals with sustainability- the degree to which our consumption patterns today can be continued. Getting humans into a sustainable relationship with their landscape and with the Earth is the first important problem that needs to be worked in the coming years. The second issue that should be of utmost importance to college students today is bio-diversity, and specifically endangered species. There is a window of opportunity in the next 30-40 years to save many of these species that are in danger of going extinct. If a serious effort is not made in this window of opportunity, these species will be lost.

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40 which included students, administrative and faculty members.

McGuinness pointed to the Newspaper Readership Program, which provides students with free daily copies of The New York Times and USA Today, as one example of the success he has achieved during his first term as student body president.

Vitale said he would look to increase student participation in OUSC through ways such as promoting statement of student concern forms and arranging ways for students to meet with legislators outside of formal meetings.

He also said he would hold student congress more accountable to the students they represent.

"Accountability is a very big piece to the puzzle that we need to fill, and that's definitely something that me and Mark are going to bring to the table," Vitale said, referring to his running mate.

The two candidates were asked what criteria they would use to select an executive board and how they would ensure a collaborative work process with the legislative body.

"The executive board is definitely one of the key components — you can't do everything by yourself as student body president or vice president," Vitale said in response.

"The criteria is simple: making sure that the exec-

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later in the spring, Hofmann said, but the preliminary numbers are usually quite close.

Carbon dioxide is a major greenhouse gas. Those are chemicals that have been increasing in the atmosphere since the Industrial Revolution, raising fears of altering the planet's climate by trapping heat from the sun.

In addition to carbon dioxide, the 2004 data from WMO calculated that nitrous oxide, which has been rising steadily since 1988, totaled 318.6 parts per billion. Methane has risen the most dramatically over the past two centuries, with the total amount in 2004 at 1,783 parts per billion, but its growth has been slowing, WMO said. In September researchers at the Georgia Institute

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that the virus could mutate into a form easily spread among people, sparking a pandemic. If a bird flu case is confirmed in the United States, Chertoff said the Homeland Security Department would have specific plans to deal with it, including watching to see if it developed human health characteristics. "But it would not be time to push the panic button," he said.



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UP AND COMING ...

Vice presidential candidates for the upcoming 2006 - 2007 election will be answering questions regarding financial aid issues, student life, housing, campus safety and this Thursday at noon.

—Oakland University Student Congress Vice Presidential Debate, Fireside Lounge

Lives and legacies honored at banquet

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Always an occasion for proud reflection, the 14th Annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet was given added significance this year as a result of the passing away of two of America's greatest civil rights activists.

Speakers at last Wednesday's banquet in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion used the occasion to commemorate the lives of Rosa Parks

and Coretta Scott King — whose death in January came less than a year after she spoke at the 2005 banquet.

The scholarship was created to recognize the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. as displayed through the achievements of Oakland University students. Four OU students were each awarded the \$5,000 scholarship this year.

The 2006 recipients include Nerissa Brown, a junior human resource development major, Margaret DeGrandis, a

junior English secondary education major, Kirbionne Fletcher, a junior finance major and Michael Lerchenfeldt, a junior elementary education major.

Andrew Young, a former United Nations ambassador and close friend to King, was this year's keynote speaker. Huel Perkins, a FOX 2 News anchor, served as emcee.

Young said the collective contribution from all who prompted social change during the civil rights movement should

continue to be a source of inspiration — even after they're gone.

"Life goes on," he said. "Each of them, along with Rosa Parks and many, many others, have left us a legacy that we will have a hard time living up to."

The former ambassador suggested that some of the world's most difficult problems have been most effectively remedied through the cooperative efforts of people with all sorts of human differences, pointing to the international response to

the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina as examples.

"South Africa has never been as strong economically as it is at this minute," he said. "It's strong because blacks, whites and Asians have learned to live and work together."

Young told the audience that a "peaceful human family on this planet" could be achieved through unrestricted empathy and goodwill.

He cited examples from his past experiences.

"Martin Luther King was castigated like I don't know what in 1967 because, when asked about the Chinese, he said, 'well, a billion people aren't going to disappear because we don't want to admit that they're there.'"

"Remember — peace with the Chinese started with a ping-pong match."

Young also admitted to being a fan of the film "Crash," which dealt with interracial misunderstanding and recently won

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DANTE GIULLO/The Oakland Post

Oakland University is sporting an H2 Hummer with grizzly decals. The vehicle is used as a recruiting tool but can be seen around campus at various locations, including in front of the Rec Center.

KEY ISSUES

OU women gather for celebration

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Historically, women rally for peace while men fight during wartime, according to Odile Hugonot-Haber of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Despite different ethnic, race and religious backgrounds, women all over the world can and do rally together for shared goals.

Hugonot-Haber talked about the foundations of the peace movement and the role women play at last week's "Transforming Armageddon, Making Peace a Reality: Women's Visions."

"We realize that wars have gone on for a long time, and it's one occupation after another occupation," she said.

"Every worker, every person in society can do something for peace and eventually it will get recognized," she said.

For the last 15 years, Hugonot-Haber has traveled to other countries to promote peace.

Hugonot-Haber said she came to campus because "it's your world, it's your planet, and it's your future."

Moving to a more political topic, Hugonot-Haber talked about representation of women.

Women "are 58 percent of the world, but in government, we are at most 12 percent," she said. "If we were 58 percent in the government, I think we'd see a change in the agenda."

Hugonot-Haber is also a member of Women in Black, an international organization that organizes silent nonviolent rallies for women's rights.

The discussion was the first event in Oakland University's Women's History Month celebration.

Events ranging from guest speakers to psychics, and comedians to a drag show are planned throughout the rest of March and beginning of April.

The events are sponsored by the Center for Student Activities, Gender and Sexuality Center, Women's Issues Forum and the Women's Studies Program.

The theme this year's celebration is "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams."

To honor women at OU, a hall of fame honoring students, staff and faculty will take place all day Wed., March 22 in the Fireside Lounge.

The events were chosen "to highlight all the achievements of women on campus," said Heather Brewer, manager of the GSC.

"This month makes us less of a silent partner and more of an equal," said Jennifer McGreevy, president of Students for Choice.

OUSC to vote on fee increase

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

After a lengthy debate, Oakland University Student Congress voted to add a proposal to the upcoming ballot that would increase the student activities fee.

If passed by the students during the election, which runs March 27 to March 29, the fee would increase by \$6, to \$25 per semester per student. The proposal originated from the Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee.

Special Projects Fund Allocation

Oakland Post — \$15,000

OUSC — \$1,000

Student Activities Funding Board — \$25,000

Student Life Lecture Board — \$4,000

Student Program Board — \$0

Student Video Productions — \$0

WXOU — \$17,000

The remaining money will be divided equally among all seven groups.

The committee was made up of representatives from the seven groups that receive money directly from the fund.

All other student organizations receive money through the Student Activity Funding Board, which is one of the seven groups in the committee.

One student from Student Congress, the Student Program Board, the Student Activities Funding Board, Student Video Productions, The Oakland Post, WXOU and the Student Life Lecture Board, in addition to three at-large students, made up the committee.

The decision to propose an increase of the fee was passed unanimously by the SAFAC committee. The committee also proposed using the 2 percent safety deficit net for funding special projects. Organizations with special projects presented a request to the

committee. When fees were rolled into tuition at the beginning of this semester, students began paying the equivalent of \$19 per semester, a \$2 decrease from the fall semester. In order for student organizations to keep up with the growing enrollment at OU, an increase was necessary, according to Mike McGuinness, president of OUSC and SAFAC chair.

This would be the first increase in the fee since it was raised to \$21 in 2001, McGuinness said.

Student Congress also debated over a budget amendment.

The amendment called for re-allocating \$1,000 of funds from other programs for an educational event on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

The initiative, which will be on the statewide ballot this November, calls for eliminating the use of race in university admissions.

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POLICEFILES

■ The Oakland University Police and Auburn Hills Fire departments transported a male student to Crittenton Hospital after his cheek swelled to the size of a baseball. The man did not know what caused his injury except that he had bit his lip earlier.

■ A female reported her cell phone stolen last week and claimed that whoever took it is now calling her friends with it. She does not know exactly where or when it was taken but no one has been able to identify who is using her phone.

■ A fight on the basketball courts of the Rec Center was broken up last Sunday. Officers questioned both the suspect and victim.

■ A car traveling east on Walton Blvd. was pulled over by OUPD after it swerved several times in the lane. A strong odor of alcohol was noticed in the vehicle and the officer proceeded to give the male driver various sobriety tests. A Breathalyzer was given and determined that the man was almost twice the legal limit of alcohol consumption. He was arrested and his car was towed.

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Deadline for all three awards is Friday, March 31, 2006 to CSA, 49 Oakland Center. Recipients are honored at the CSA Student & Greek Organizations Recognition Night on Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

New Student Programs

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Time Management, Tuesday, March 21, noon, Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center

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Basketball 3 on 3 Tournament

The 2006 Golden Grizzly 3 on 3 Shootout will be held on Saturday, March 25 at noon (captain's meeting at 11AM). There is no cost and there will be a FREE lunch and t-shirt. Play until you lose and watch the NCAA Tournament on the big screen in the Pioneer Room at the Rec Center. For more information email imsports@oakland.edu.

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Educators, students weigh benefits of AP program

High school courses earn college credit

By STACEY MORSE
Contributing Reporter

The Advanced Placement program recently marked its golden anniversary — 50 years of offering advanced courses to high school students to accumulate college credits.

The idea for the AP program began in 1951 when The Ford Foundation Fund for the Advancement of Education sponsored two studies, the General Education in School and College and the Kenyan Plan. These two studies showed that the average high school student had what it took to succeed in college-level courses.

The program officially started in 1955 and 1956 when the College Board took over the administration of AP, with Williams College professor Charles Keller as the director.

The AP program began with offering 11 subjects including, American history, biology, chemistry, English, French, German, Latin IV (fourth-year Vergil), Latin V (prose, comedy, lyric), mathematics, physics and Spanish. Now more than 110,000 teachers are instructing AP courses in high schools worldwide in order to benefit students in their education.

The program can save money for those who successfully complete AP courses — the credits are intended to transfer to the next level as

college credit.

After 50 years, many students found the AP program to be a useful preparation tool for college.

"I took AP classes mostly because it would look good on my school record when I was applying for college," said junior Cristin Perry.

Freshman Amanda Shiner said her high school set the classes up as a continuation of the school's honor program.

"If you take the AP test you can not have to pay for college classes that cost a lot more," said Shiner.

Students are noticing the financial advantages of taking AP courses. According to data collected in the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges in 2005-06, tuition and fees average \$365 more than last year in four-year public institutions.

While financial reasons persuade some students into taking AP courses, others take AP courses to further their knowledge. "I wanted to get farther in math," said Bill Murray, a second year student at OU. "Then I took English because the opportunity came up."

Whatever the reasons, there was one thing that many agree with — advanced placement courses better prepare students because of its nature for college.

The exam scores are graded on a five-point scale; five being the highest.

"They have done studies that even students who aren't successful who get a grade such as a three will do better and will be better prepared than those who do not," said Connie Fleck, counselor and AP coordinator of Clarkston High School.

According to College Board Research Notes, a 2003 study found that 45 percent of students who take one AP exam are more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

Even if students do not take the Advanced Placement exam, just taking the class in itself may be beneficial.

"(Students) have more success in college and tend to stay in college even if (they) do not take the test," said Barry Freund, counselor at Rochester Adams High School.

"I think it got me a better perspective and outlook to what college professors will expect," said freshman Keith Anderson. "I thought it was very beneficial. It was more of a college setting. It was more independent studying."

"Yeah, they were challenging," said Murray. "You had to do a lot more on your own."

"The pace was the biggest thing," said Perry. "They prepare you for the faster pace in college. You have to learn a lot quicker than high school."

There can be another problem in taking the classes beside the workload and pace.

Although she took the AP course, Perry did not feel that it was beneficial because of problems transferring the credits she was supposed to earn for the course.

Counselors at Rochester Adams High School encourage their students to take AP courses, but it does not require their students to take any of them.

The College Board will audit the program next year to provide an outline of what is taught in their courses.

IN BRIEF

NASA delays shuttle launch to at least July
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)— NASA on Tuesday pushed back the launch of space shuttle Discovery from May until at least July because of a faulty fuel tank sensor. A similar problem briefly delayed last summer's launch of Discovery on the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster in 2003. NASA said it needs the time to open up the spacecraft's hydrogen fuel tank and replace the sensor, which gave an electrical current reading that was slightly off. The space agency plans to replace the three other sensors in the tank, too, to be safe. The fuel gauges are designed to prevent the main engines from running too long or not long enough, during the climb to space. An engine shutdown at the wrong time could prove catastrophic, forcing the astronauts to attempt a risky emergency landing overseas, or leading to a ruptured engine. "We wish it had worked out differently, but it's first and foremost that we fly safely," said Wayne Hale, NASA's shuttle program manager. "It was prudent to change these sensors out." Replacing the sensors will take three weeks and require a worker to enter through the bottom of the upright 153-foot tank.

Credit bureaus unveil new scoring system
NEW YORK (AP)— The nation's largest consumer credit bureaus have unveiled a new credit scoring system that they hope will give lenders a better measure of borrowers' creditworthiness and make the process easier for everyone to understand. Consumer advocates worry that it won't necessarily work out that way.

Milosevic may have had access to drugs
THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)— Slobodan Milosevic had regular access to drugs and alcohol smuggled into his prison cell, yet the U.N. war crimes tribunal failed to take action despite warnings, tribunal officials said Tuesday. Two officials told The Associated Press the unit's prison warden had cautioned the tribunal president and registrar that as a result, Milosevic's health could not be guaranteed. Nevertheless, they said, no action was taken to tighten supervision. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the tribunal's strict confidentiality rules. The officials, who had access to confidential reports on Milosevic's incarceration, were countering allegations by Milosevic's loyalists that the former Serb president was poisoned or unwittingly given harmful drugs. They said two doctors had concluded that Milosevic intentionally took drugs that undermined the medicine prescribed for his heart ailments, in order to slow his war crimes trial. Hours earlier, Milosevic's son alleged his father was murdered.

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As Jean Ann Fox, director of consumer protection with the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C., put it, the new system looks a bit like "a new recipe, but the same old ingredients." The credit reporting companies — Equifax Inc. of Atlanta, Experian Information Solutions Inc. of Costa Mesa, Calif., and TransUnion LLC of Chicago — announced Tuesday that they're introducing "VantageScore" to banks, mortgage lenders and credit card companies. After the lender rollout, the new scores will be available to consumers, probably later this year. Credit scores traditionally have been three-digit numbers that lenders use to evaluate borrowers. The scores reflect how much debt a consumer is carrying, how good they've been at paying back loans and how many credit applications they have outstanding. The scores are important because lenders use them to decide if they'll loan money to consumers and at what rate. The higher the score, the more creditworthy the consumer is considered and the lower the interest rate the consumer will be charged. With the new system, a single methodology will be used to create the scores for all three credit bureaus, the agencies said. There will be only minor variations in the results, based on differences in the data each bureau has accumulated in consumers files, they said. "There's clearly been a need out there to have a consistent scoring model that works across all three reporting agencies' data," said Kerry Williams, group president of Experian's credit services division. "And consumers need a consistent score that they can understand and use in their own financial lives."

WORLD

Resort city undergoing reconstruction
CANCUN, Mexico (AP)— The sugar-white sand beaches are back after being swept away by Hurricane Wilma five months ago. But there are no stages for contests, and MTV won't be hosting its spring break beach party. Instead, the first wave of winter-weary college students who converged on Cancun found that construction workers nearly outnumbered revelers this week in Mexico's spring break capital of beer and bikini. With nearly half its hotels still closed, Cancun has plunged down the list of destinations for spring breakers from the United States. The Caribbean resort fell from No. 2 last year to No. 8 this year for travelers booking trips through CheapTickets.com. Miami was the top destination. Tourism officials say they expect about 25,000 visitors in Cancun this season, compared to 40,000 last year. Many spring breakers have moved farther south to the Maya Riviera or to Acapulco, the Pacific playground of the 1950s.



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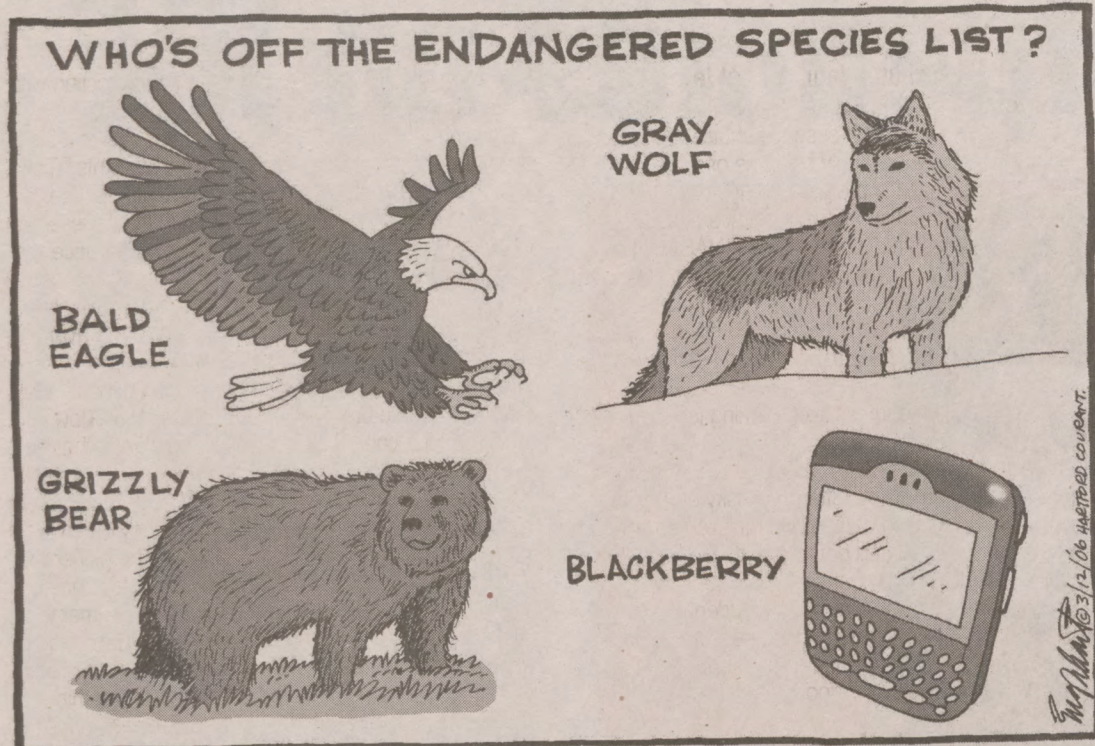


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—Kayla Burton, Legislator
Oakland University Student Congress



STAFF COLUMN

Minimum wage changes could affect you and many others

The minimum wage is ready to increase to 6.95 per hour by October, and then rise to \$7.40 per hour by July 2008 if Gov. Jennifer Granholm signs it. The minimum wage has been standing still since 1997 at \$5.15 per hour, regardless of inflation.

One year after the last increase, I was a teenager earning that minimum. I agree that the minimum should be acceptable for teenage workers because they are usually working for pocket money. But would it have been enough money to support a family—definitely not.

According to the Associated Press, almost 90,000 Michigan workers made less than the minimum wage in 2004. That equates to 3 percent of the total workforce in the state. I feel that these workers

should be making more money.

If someone is the sole provider for another, in particular, a family, they hopefully already earn more than the new minimum, but the current rate wasn't even enough money for me, as a teenager. The Michigan Needs a Raise! Group says that forty percent of minimum wage earners are sole breadwinners for their family.

I think that this legislation is a step in the right direction from those in charge because it should give people more money to spend. And as long as they keep the money in-state, it should be coming back to Michigan.

However, there is one thing that I am anxious about. And that is if the company has to pay its workers

more, will the cost of products rise as well? At the same time, I could sympathize with an independent owner or a family-run place that has to layoff people to meet this standard.

What happens to people who are making that much money last week for being an exceptional worker, but now only makes the minimum? The owner might not be only "forced" to raise the pay of the employees who make the minimum, but also decrease the pay of those who make more.

I plan on watching this increase closely, and you should too, because this can have an effect more than three percent of the state population.

—Paul Kampe,
Local News Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Only kindness, respect and acceptance can end racism'

Dear Editor,
Congratulations to each of the recipients of the 2006 Keeper of the Dream Awards. I enjoyed the winning students' acceptance speeches and it was a privilege to hear Ambassador Andrew Young. Mr. Young has been outspoken and controversial throughout his career—unafraid to voice his dissent, especially on issues of human rights. It's with this same spirit that I'm compelled to comment on a statement he made in his speech: He reminded us that we have a duty as a society to forgive the ignorance and sickness of racists and to live in peace with people who challenge us, including those who are "confused about their sexual orientations." The subtext of this assertion not only groups homosexuals with racists and the like, but suggests to me that homosexuals are who they are because they "know not what they do." I found this to be a discordant sentiment at a banquet honoring individuals committed to diversity and keeping, "...Dr. King's dream of brotherhood, harmony and equality for all people," alive. When Coretta Scott King addressed the OU community at the 2005 Keeper of the Dream Banquet, she emphasized the importance of "making room at the table for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters." Mrs. King's attitude reflects a tone of loving acceptance rather than begrudged tolerance. Tolerance put blacks and whites in the same schools in the south, but only kindness, respect and acceptance can end racism and homophobia.

Anne Switzer
Information & Outreach
Librarian Kresge Library

'McGuinness-Miller ticket is what the university needs'

Dear Editor,
I would like to take the time to talk about the numerous things our current Student Body President Michael McGuinness has done and will continue to do if re-elected with Madalyn Miller. During the McGuinness-Caver Administration's tenure, Student Congress has come to a new level that the students here at Oakland University can truly recognize. Two programs I have really seen blossom are the Newspaper Readership Program and the many programs the Student Services Committee of Student Congress has put on. In regards to the Newspaper Readership Program, this Administration has used the philosophy "more bang for your buck". Currently, this program supplies free USA Today and The New York Times in the Oakland Center. This program has clearly been noted as successful and this administration is currently working with

the university to expand to have more papers available in places such as South Foundation Hall, Pawley Hall and the Recreation Center. It should also be noted the wonderful programming events that are coming out of the Student Services Committee of Student Congress. Under the direction of Student Services Director Katie Miller, programs such as Anti-Hate Week, Student Employee Appreciation Week, Environmental Awareness, Stand up for Change and the Technology Advancement Program are a few to name. The McGuinness-Caver Administration had a vision and they gave Director Miller that vision and let her run with it. Through these programs, the Student Services Committee engaged uninvolved students, led several awareness initiatives and gave the campus a more distinct flavor. As a current legislator on Student Congress, I can speak to this because I have worked first hand with both Michael McGuinness and Madalyn Miller not only on congress related stuff but also as fellow Executive Board Members for the Association of Michigan Universities. As I am seeking re-election to congress, I would be honored to be serving with these two extraordinary people. The McGuinness-Miller ticket and myself, I can truly say will work for the best interests of the students. With my involvement with Student Services and Legislative and Multicultural Affairs, I believe that I can continue to represent the students in a fair and just manner without personal gains and I would also ask you to vote for me Dan Kubicek for Legislator. Under the leadership of Student Body President Michael McGuinness, I believe he has truly done what a Student Body President should. Michael is always put this job as his number one priority and will continue if elected. His Vice Presidential Candidate Student Program Board Chair Madalyn Miller is a true leader and decision maker that is needed in Congress. The successes of the Student Program Board calendar under her direction, especially the highly successful 112 concert, demonstrate that she also offers energetic and positive leadership. In conclusion, I believe the McGuinness-Miller ticket is what the university needs to continue the successes of the Student Congress. These two people are true to their word and will bring energetic and positive leadership for an exciting year.

Dan Kubicek
Legislator,
Oakland University
Student Congress

We need to overcome 'unethical dealings'

I am expressing my concern toward the recent treatment toward Eric Perich and Mike Palmer in the 2006 student Congress elections. Although I am confident that Perich and Palmer can be a peerless team if they are elected into office, my main concern in this matter goes beyond my confidence in their loyalty, intelligence,

leadership, and integrity. That is, the credibility of our university is at stake in this matter. In this matter, the elections committee would not allow Perich and Palmer to be on the ballot because they allegedly had "invalidated" signatures. The inability of the elections commission to substantiate that the signatures were "invalidated" shows a lack of accountability on the part of the elections committee which sparks a high level of suspicion. As a graduating senior, I really have no vested interest in who is elected into student congress next year, but I do have an interest in the credibility of the university that I graduate from. By restricting Perich and Palmer of a fair chance in this election, Oakland University is taking a blow as an institution of higher learning. These unethical dealings are not suitable for a university that intends to graduate leaders of the future. If, at this point, it is too late to get Perich and Palmer on the ballot, then their voices must be heard. Log onto <http://www.geocities.com/voteforthestudents> to view their stances on many issues. Overall, we will always be OU golden grizzlies, whether as students, alumni, or faculty. It is important that we overcome the unethical dealings in this matter and save the credibility of our university by at least hearing Perich and Palmer's views so that voters can realize that they have what it takes to obtain the positions they seek. If you cannot find it within yourself to hear the views of Perich and Palmer for you, me, and the student body, do it for the future of our university.

Best Regards,
Tommy R. Nafso

On election day, 'Make it M&M!'

Salutations Oakland Post Readers,
As you know, 2006-2007 Student Congress Campaigns have started, and the elections are just around the bend! Today I come to you as a current Student Congress Legislator to show my support for the Mike and Madalyn campaign for President and Vice President. Over the past two years I have worked and formed bonds with the aforementioned, and have gotten opportunities to witness their working habits up close. Being a Student Congress Legislator, I have learned to have an unbiased opinion on everything I do. I believe that it is important to have the best representation of students possible. Based solely on my observations, I have come to the conclusion that The Michael and Madalyn Administration would be the best choice for the job. Freshman or otherwise, Michael McGuinness is not a stranger to the students. Always eager to meet new friends, he greets you with a smile and a question: "When's your birthday?/What's your sign?" This young man is full of spunk, and very active. To name a few, he belongs to Gay Straight Alliance,

Student Life Lecture Board, SAFE, But most importantly, he is your current Student Body Vice President. While fun-loving and supportive, Michael is able to get down to business, notifying the student body as well as others, things he feels the public should know. He makes constant effort not to misrepresent people, correcting fellow legislators and E-Board if mispoken, in the most respectful way possible. He takes his job very seriously, asking for feedback on his performance, making suggestions and helping legislators write legislation, and taking on somewhat of a mentor role. He believes in order, and is able to switch gears quite fluently. Although not an on-campus student, Michael makes his presence known at home basketball games, RHC meetings, and any other major events, constantly showing support and making sure ALL students are represented EQUALLY. I personally find it amazing how he can hold two jobs, be involved in so many organizations, including holding a position in Association of Michigan Universities, being a fulltime student, be president, and still make time for students. However, he does, and if anything he's always two steps ahead. Out of all the things he does for everyone, and out of the many friends he has, he remains humble, and I find this quite admirable. Besides current Vice President Kori Lynn Caver, he is one of the most approachable people I have ever encountered, and I am glad to have met and worked with Michael. Madalyn Miller is a very intelligent woman. Always eager to form bonds, Madalyn is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. She has shown her spirit as well as creativity, forming Student Congress and Student Program Board Spirit Rocks and Warm Fuzzies, making sure to let everyone know they truly are appreciated. Needless to say, Ms. Miller is in fact a wonderful person. However, she is not a stranger to leadership. Sitting on as SPB Chair for Student Congress, she is constantly looking for ways to bring excitement to us, the students. Being an on-campus student last year, she knows students' concerns and have experienced issues first hand. She was also the current administration's campaign manager last year. Yes, to be only a sophomore, Madalyn has done quite a lot. Many nights and weekends I have seen her working in her office, not leaving until the task is done, truly working hard for you. Three qualities Ms. Miller obtains is supportiveness, a good listening ear, and a caring heart. Working with her thus far has been pleasurable. When I think about what I would like in an administration who will be representing me, I want a group that's committed, motivated, caring, knowledgeable, approachable, and most of all, truthful. These are the qualities I look for, and these are what

I find in the McGuinness-Miller administration. They are like two peas in a pod, but just different enough to form new and diverse ideas. On election day I do encourage you to vote. Make it Sweet! Make it M&M!!

Sincerely Yours,
Meghan Redmond
Student Congress
Legislator Write
in Candidate

'McGuinness/Miller ticket will be the choice that will benefit the...Student Body'

Dear Editor,
As a newly appointed legislator I felt compelled to write to The Oakland Post expressing my thoughts on the upcoming election. I feel that the McGuinness/Miller ticket will be the choice that will benefit the Oakland University Student Body. Both McGuinness and Miller have taken time to get to know their constituents and what their concerns and needs are. Not once have I heard either one state they did not have time to gather specific information from students about issues that have arisen in the past. I believe that Michael McGuinness and Madalyn Miller will bridge the gap between University Administration and the Student Body as shown in the McGuinness/Caver Administration. This past Monday, I cast my first vote on behalf of the student body to send the Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee's recommendation to the student body to vote on this year in the elections, which passed unanimously. I completely support these recommendations that would help increase the amount of activities that will be available to the Oakland University campus. I thoroughly enjoyed today's meeting and the other meetings I have attended. I believe that, overall, Student Congress has the best intent for the students that it represents. I encourage anyone reading this to attend Student Congress meetings and let your voices be heard. I am on the ballot to be elected as a Student Congress Legislator this year and I ask for your support. Please help me so I can help you for a better OU!

Kayla Burton
Legislator, Oakland
University Student Congress

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A correction that appeared in the Feb. 22 issue of The Oakland Post should not have appeared. The correction stated that Student Services Director Katie Miller had been misquoted. The quote stands as originally published.

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ASKING THE BOSS FOR A RAISE ...

"Work is more than just a job, it is a reflection of our human dignity and a way to contribute to the common good."

—Paul Long, vice president for public policy of Michigan Catholic Conference, regarding legislation to raise Michigan's minimum wage \$1.80 per hour by October

Trying to put emergencies on ICE

Safety program aims to speed up responses

By MARIA VITALE
Contributing Reporter

A new program encouraging individuals to store a contact person on their cell phones could potentially save your life.

Michigan is catching onto a campaign that can help people do just that, and it only costs a few minutes of inputting phone numbers.

ICE, which stands for In Case of Emergency, is a campaign that was created by Bob Brothie, a paramedic in Great Britain.

As a paramedic, Brothie knew how difficult it was to contact the right family member in emergency situations.

According to the official ICE website, <http://www.ice-contact.com>, it takes an average of five hours and 51 minutes for family members to be contacted in an emergency.

By using the ICE contacts in cell phones, paramedics can make that call in a matter of minutes.

The idea works by saving up to four contacts on your phone with the acronym "ICE" preceding them, and then the name and your relation to them. For example, ICE 1- Mom.

Storing ICE contacts can be a reassuring thing to do. Oakland University junior Bekah White said she first heard of ICE contacts on local television news last August.

"It took me a few months to actually put ICE contacts in my phone, but I feel better now that I have them on there," White said. "However, I haven't heard anything about ICE since then."

ICE was created in May 2005 and took off after the London bombings in July 2005.

Although it was mentioned in local news last August in Michigan, there is still little to be seen in the way of promotion of the campaign.

"I haven't seen any emphasis in Michigan on implementation," said Lt. Mel Gilroy of the Oakland University Police Department. "In concept it's a good idea," he said.

Ron Crowell, fire chief of the Rochester Hills Fire Department, said the program "gradually started taking effect across the area in the last few months."

In efforts to promote ICE contacts, the Rochester Hills Fire Department handed out flyers and planning on some promotion at their upcoming fire prevention events.

ICE also offers a membership for an annual fee. As a member, ICE will store up to four contacts, as well as medical details such as allergies and medications, in a secure database. Subscribers also receive an ID code card.

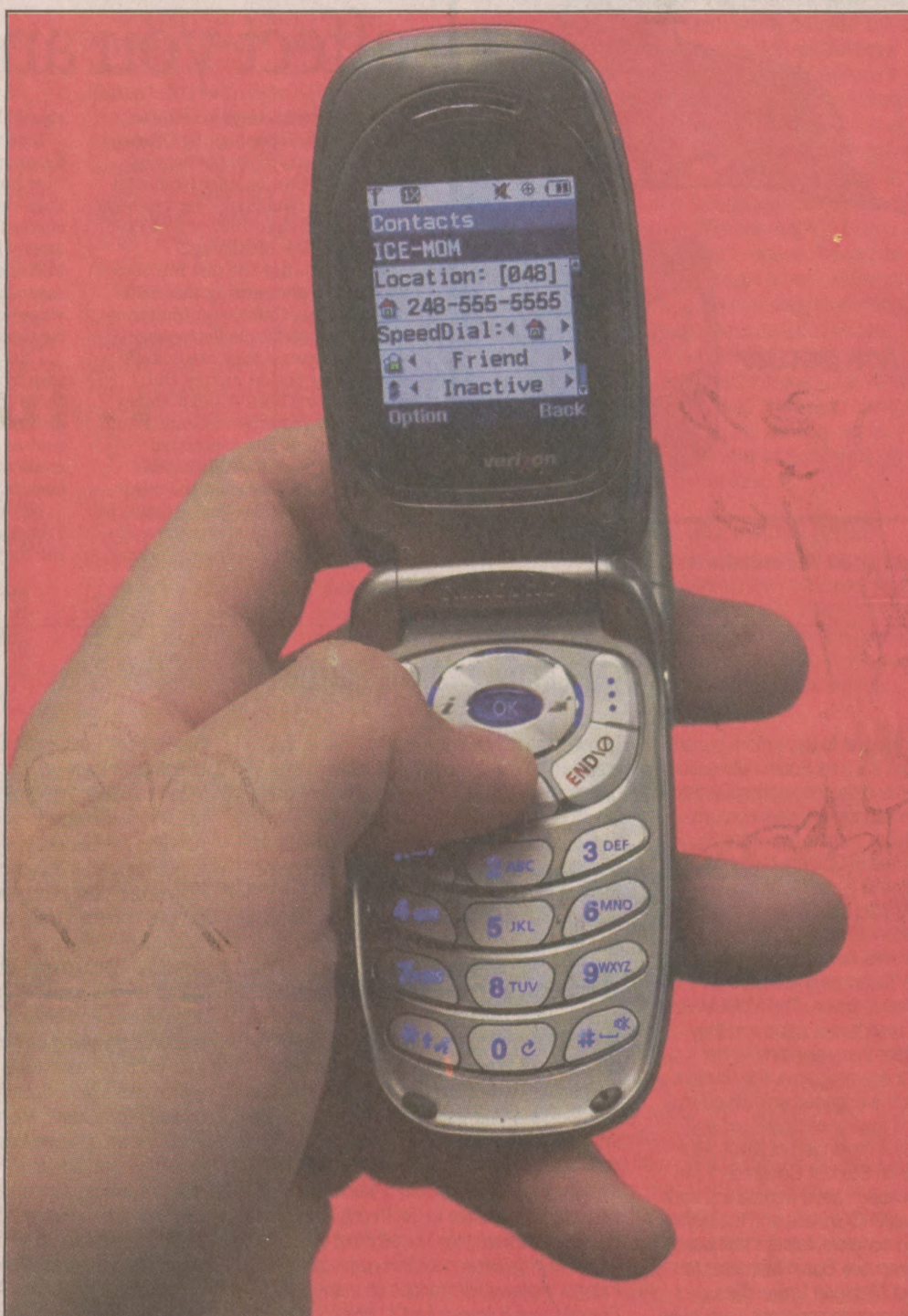


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Adding the prefix ICE before contacts in the address book of a cellular phone can prove to be helpful in the event of an emergency. The program was started nearly one year ago in Europe.

Some tips for ICE

1. Make sure the person whose name and number you are giving has agreed to be you ICE partner.

2. Make sure your ICE partner has a list of people they should contact on your behalf.

3. Make sure your ICE partner's number is one that's easy to contact.

For example, a home number could be useless in an emergency if the person works full time.

4. Make sure your ICE partner knows about any medical conditions that could affect your emergency treatment. For example, he or she should know of any allergies or current medication that you may be taking.

5. Make sure if you are under 18 years of age, your ICE partner is a parent or guardian authorized to make medical decisions on your behalf in the case of a life or death situation.

6. Should your preferred contact be hearing impaired, type ICETEXT and then the name of your contact before saving the number.

Tips courtesy of <http://www.icecontact.com>

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Music, Theatre and Dance

William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" begins Thursday, March 16 in the Varner Studio Theatre. The play is directed by Michael Gillespie and features Oakland University students.

It runs through April 2. General admission is \$12, \$6 for students and \$6 for all 10 a.m. matinee. For ticket information, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or send e-mail to mtd@oakland.edu.

Now Playing ...

Students will hold a free **recital** to present their **musical compositions** Tuesday, March 21 at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. The concert features a variety of musical instruments.

The performances will be under the direction of Lettie Alston and student co-director John Drabecki.

Contact the Varner Box Office for more information.

Meadow Brook Theatre

"Devour the Snow" is a courtroom drama about Lewis Keseberg and his suit for slander.

Keseberg was a German emigrant who survived the tragic Donner Party expedition, which stranded the families of George and Jacob Donner in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the winter of 1846-47.

The show opens today and plays through April 9. For tickets, call the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at (248) 377-3300.

Movies Opening March 17

"She's the Man" (PG-13): Amanda Bynes plays Viola, a girl who dresses as a boy in order to play soccer, in this romantic comedy loosely based on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." "Find Me Guilty" (R): Vin Diesel plays a mobster in this courtroom drama.

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"V for Vendetta" (R): This film is based on a novel about terrorism in England and stars Natalie Portman.

Three things you can do this St. Patrick's Day



Learn the history

By JENNIFER BROCK
Contributing Reporter

Ever wonder why people wear green on St. Patrick's Day, or why shamrocks, Irish music and corned beef are a big deal on this holiday?

The traditions celebrated on March 17 have carried on for thousands of years.

The holiday is celebrated on the 17th because it is St. Patrick's religious feast day and the anniversary of his death, which happened around 460 A.D.

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, incorporated traditional rituals into his teaching of Christianity to the Irish. It is believed that St. Patrick used the shamrock, a three-leaf clover plant, to demonstrate the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the 17th century, the shamrock became a symbol of Irish culture. Now people wear shamrocks as a symbol of pride for their heritage.

Green is the color associated with the holiday because it's close to the start of spring and because Ireland and shamrocks are green.

Corned beef and cabbage just became a tradition around the turn of the 20th century. Irish immigrants to New York could not afford the traditional Irish bacon so they replaced the bacon with the cheaper corned beef and cabbage.

One of the most popular traditions of St. Patrick's Day is beer. Some beer is dyed green, and lagers, ales and stouts are poured out of taps all day long to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The leprechaun is an American invention, stemming from the 1959 Walt Disney movie, "Darby O'Gill & the Little People." The leprechaun has developed in America and Ireland as a symbol of St. Patrick's Day although the leprechauns of Irish folklore were not related to St. Patrick.

More than 150,000 people participate in the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, which is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States. Other major cities such as Detroit and Philadelphia have annual parades as well.

Chicago has celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the tradition of dyeing the Chicago River green. The tradition, started in 1962, uses 40 pounds of vegetable dye to make the river green for several hours on the holiday.



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Check out the celebrations at a local Irish pub

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Birmingham
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dinner, bands, bagpipes

Kennedy's Irish Pub
1055 W. Huron St., Waterford
(248) 681-1050
Opens at 6 a.m.; \$5 cover
Radio station, band

Hamlin Pub & Deli
1988 S. Rochester Road
Rochester Hills
(248) 656-7700
Opens at 7 a.m.; No cover
Radio station, five bands

O'Tooles
205 Fifth St., Royal Oak
(248) 591-9226
Opens at 7 a.m.; No cover
Corned beef sandwiches, bands



1. What is a shillelagh?

- a. A blackthorn stick
- b. A pot of gold
- c. A bottle of beer

2. What colors are on Ireland's flag?

- a. Green, white, red
- b. Green, white
- c. Green, white, orange

3. Which U.S. state is about the same size as Ireland?

- a. Arizona
- b. West Virginia
- c. New York

4. Which of these is not a famous Irish actor?

- a. Colin Farrell
- b. Liam Neeson
- c. Hugh Grant

5. What is the currency of Ireland?

- a. Euro
- b. Dollar
- c. Pound

6. Who is the president of Ireland?

- a. Mary McAleese
- b. Fianna Fail
- c. Bertie Ahern

7. Which of these musicians or musical groups is not from Ireland?

- a. James Blunt
- b. Enya
- c. U2

8. It is believed that a person who kisses the blarney stone receives the gift of what?

- a. Love
- b. Eloquence
- c. Peace

Answers: 1.a; 2.c; 3.b; 4.c; 5.a; 6.a; 7.a; 8.b.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Students learn Chinese at early age

‘The younger the child, the more open they are to learning.’

The Associated Press

BAY CITY, Mich. — Bay City Public Schools plan to begin teaching some 3- and 4-year-olds in Mandarin Chinese as part of an immersion program that officials hope will help them become more competitive in the global economy.

The idea is that young children are like sponges, making it easier for them to learn a foreign language than for an older person, said Suzanne Murphy, the school district's director of the gifted and talented program and special projects. "The younger the child, the more open they are to learn-

ing," she told The Bay City Times for a story published Sunday. For half the day, the children at the Webster Childcare Center would be taught in Mandarin Chinese while being immersed in the Chinese culture and the Chinese way of teaching preschool. For the other half of the day, the children would be taught in English, using traditional American curricula. Because of budget constraints, the school district cannot provide any funding for the project. Instead, planners are seeking grants and contributions. Although Chinese classes

are not yet an option at other Bay City schools, long-range plans call for the preschool program to be expanded to higher grades. If it is, the preschoolers who have been exposed to Chinese will have the basics under their belts. "Anything that you do ... when you go to pick it up again it will come much easier than for someone who's never had it," Murphy said. Chinese has been a part of the high school curriculum in Huron County for more than 20 years. Annie Eichler, who teaches the language to about 115 students at Laker High School in

Pigeon and four other schools via videoconferencing, said several of her students have been offered jobs in China. Others have put the language to use in fields such as in nursing, where workers may encounter non-English speaking patients. A pilot project that began in January is bringing Mandarin Chinese via the Internet and Michigan Virtual University to 30 students at 21 high schools across Michigan. The plan is to make it available to all high schools this fall. Speaking Chinese could provide students with opportunities across the globe. About 1.3 billion people worldwide speak Chinese, according to the Asia

Society, an international non-profit group promoting U.S.-Asia relations. "Our world is Hindi, Farsi and Chinese," Murphy said. "We want our kids to be prepared and to compete globally."

What do you think?
Should students learn Chinese in preschool? Should they be taught other languages? E-mail your thoughts to editor@oakpostonline.com.

BOOK REVIEW

‘Boardrooms’ could be student’s track to success after college

By **CARRA PAYNE**
Contributing Reporter

Most guides to surviving post-baccalaureate life may leave a graduate with the sense that job hunting may be a daunting and arduous task. Others may paint the picture of a rose colored world where finding a job can be a snap for a new grad. While either of these extremes may be plausible in the ever changing job market that exists today, most of this year's graduates and upperclassmen are experiencing a world much like that described in Victoria Pilate's 'Dorm rooms to Boardrooms'. Pilate has managed to cover many of the different and ever-changing obstacles that may face a young person burgeoning into the

workforce. Subjects such as initially finding a career are supported by other things to consider upon doing so. Finding a new place to live, dealing with office politics, getting ahead in your job and travel tips are some of the many subjects on which she offers her advice. Pilate takes special care to cover in detail the types of people that one may find when entering a new position. She advises to be on the lookout for both those people that can help and hurt your professional career. Pilate takes care to note the difference in being a "team player" and a "yes-man." Boardrooms also address the need for strong personal reservation when it comes to issues of ethics

as well as comfort in a new work environment. The need for strong communication skills is duly emphasized throughout 'Boardrooms' whether it be in finding a reliable roommate or knowing when to opt out of an informal office lunchtime. Pilate's adaptation of the professional world is not at all lacking or misleading in information or the personally noted experiences of her and her colleagues. Boardrooms effectively touches on both the joys and pains of not only being "the new guy" in a corporate situation, but also considers the pressure to perform that is placed on a new graduate. All in all, 'Boardrooms' is a fantastic tool that any person journeying into the workforce would be well equipped to use.

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a. a blackthorn stick
b. a pot of gold
c. a bottle of beer
d. a rainbow | 3. Last week's Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet commemorated the lives of Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King.
True
False |
| 4. What team won the Mid-Con Tournament this year for Women's Basketball?
a. Oakland University
b. Western Illinois
c. Oral Roberts
d. Chicago State | 5. What team are the Golden Grizzlies playing in the first round of the NCAA tournament?
a. Army
b. Notre Dame
c. Ohio State
d. Duke | 6. Where are the Golden Grizzlies playing for the first round of the NCAA tournament?
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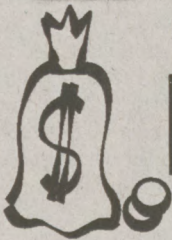
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HEALTH ALERT

Caffeine junkies beware!

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caffeine linger in their bodies, a study suggests.

Research on more than 4,000 people in Costa Rica found that about half had the trait and were considered "slow caffeine metabolizers." The other half had the opposite trait, which caused their bodies to rapidly break down or metabolize caffeine, and coffee-drinking in this group appeared to reduce heart attack risks.

Among slow-metabolizers, those who drank two or more cups of coffee daily were at least 36 percent more likely to have a nonfatal heart attack than those who drank little or no coffee. Even higher risks were found for younger slow metabolizers — those

under 50. They were up to four times more likely to have a heart attack than slow metabolizers in their age group who drank little or no coffee.

The findings, though preliminary, might explain why there have been such mixed results in previous studies investigating caffeine's effects on the cardiovascular system, said University of Toronto researcher Ahmed El-Sohemy, a study co-author.

Caffeine is thought to block the effects of a certain chemical that is believed to help protect against tissue damage, he said.

Some previous research has linked coffee-drinking to a higher risk of heart disease, but other studies have suggested the opposite. While there's evidence to suggest caffeine can cause short-term blood pressure increases, a study last year said coffee-drinking

didn't appear to cause long-term high blood pressure, at least in women.

The new study "clearly illustrates that one size does not fit all," El-Sohemy said. "Perhaps in the future we'll be making different (dietary) recommendations based on people's genetic makeup."

For now, there's no easy way to know if you're a fast or slow caffeine metabolizer. Staying awake all night if you drink coffee in the afternoon doesn't mean you're a slow metabolizer, and a genetic test that could answer the question is used in research but is not commercially available, El-Sohemy said.

His study, conducted with researchers from Harvard's School of Public Health and the University of Costa Rica, appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical

Association.

Participants were 2,014 men and women aged 58 on average who'd had a nonfatal heart attack between 1994 and 2004, plus a control group of 2,014 healthy men and women. Genetic tests of blood samples determined which ones were slow caffeine metabolizers and which were fast metabolizers.

El-Sohemy said the prevalence of both traits is similar in other population groups but that worldwide prevalence varies.

"This data is very provocative and very interesting," said Dr. Roger Blumenthal, a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins Medical School who was not involved in the study.

Still, even if future research confirms the findings, it's likely that caffeine plays a much smaller role in

heart attacks than conventional risk factors like high blood pressure, cholesterol and smoking, Blumenthal said.

Dr. Nieca Goldberg, an American Heart Association spokeswoman, said that while the results aren't conclusive, "One good message that we can give people is that life is about moderation."

The study "doesn't say you can't have caffeine," but drinking several cups of coffee daily is probably excessive for some people, she said.

Coffee can trigger heart palpitations in people who are sensitive to caffeine. Those palpitations may not be harmful but they can be frightening, Goldberg said. She noted that caffeine is found in other foods including colas and chocolate.

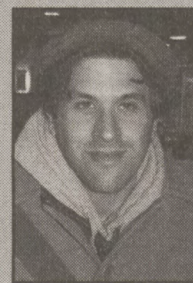
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"Last year I drank probably three 20-ounce cups of coffee a day before switching to tea. It doesn't surprise me that it might be dangerous. My heart would race and I would constantly feel jittery."

Marshall Stephens
Junior
English/Environmental Studies

"I'd definitely want to hear more about it because heart disease is the number one killer. I go back and forth between a lot of caffeine consumption and a little."

James Misuraka
Junior
English



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"I think I would try to drink less, but I think I'd still drink it quite a bit. Maybe just one per day."

Rachel Biermann
Journalism



"I think it depends on a person's lifestyle. If you're constantly, every week, drinking lots and lots of coffee than I can understand if you might want to cut back a little bit."

Allison Cummings-Stuckman
Sophomore
Anthropology

TEA Cont. from A1

which is now using the scientists' advice to advertise tea's benefits.

The nutritionists say they didn't know the extent of Lipton's marketing campaign, and the company didn't play a role in the recommendations, which generally urge people to drink more water.

But beverage industry spokesmen and other nutritionists found fault with several of the guidelines.

The beverage industry seized on the accompanying marketing campaign by Lipton, a part of Unilever Health Institute, which gave about \$40,000 to finance the report.

The company plans full-page ads in USA Today featuring the guidelines with a coupon for \$2 off tea.

Among the scientists who wrote the guidelines is Dr. Walter Willett, chairman of nutrition at the Harvard School

of Public Health and a widely quoted expert on numerous nutritional topics.

He said he was unaware of the details of the marketing effort and wished it had not included such blatant promotion.

"This was sort of a new experience," he said of working with a private sponsor, whose \$4,000 share of the fees he turned over to charity. Willett said the company had no role in what the scientists recommended.

"This was done with complete freedom to come to whatever conclusions we came to," he said.

The guidelines were published last week in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. In general, they urge Americans to drink water and limit both sugar-sweetened and naturally sweetened drinks.

Unsweetened tea and coffee are seen as acceptable substitutes for water. Americans should limit beverages to 10 percent to 14 percent of their total calories — half what they comprise now, the group

advised. The panel of six scientists was assembled by Barry Popkin at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, a longtime advocate of curbs on soda. He said he did so because federal dietary guidelines, including the food pyramid, focus on food and miss a significant contributor of calories.

One of every five calories in the average American's diet is liquid, something that doesn't produce the sense of fullness that food does.

The portion of daily calories coming from sugar-sweetened drinks has roughly doubled over two decades, contributing to the nation's obesity problem, the report contends.

"We were quite dissatisfied" that federal guidelines and other advice focus on foods and general topics like dairy products, but don't spell out how much people should consume of each type of beverage, Popkin said.

In their guidelines, the nutritionists recommend 20 to 50 ounces of water a day.

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the academy award for best picture. He said the film should be compulsory for all college students.

"It ('Crash') lets us know that there is no American, maybe nobody on the face of the earth, that doesn't have some kind of insecurity in them that someone else would

label racism."

The scholarship winners each said they would continue to dedicate themselves to furthering the dreams of all those who have pioneered for civil rights and interracial understanding.

"Let us learn from the tremendous deeds of those who joined together, causing a chain reaction of equality and unity," said Fletcher, just

before accepting the scholarship.

Brown stressed the importance of family while accepting her award. She said that her father — who passed away in the summer of 2004 — always encouraged her to attend college and do well.

"Although it was difficult, I continued on with my faith and a new attitude. I am here today in tribute to my father."

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Director of Financial Affairs Brendan Stevens said the proposal called for using funds that were already spent.

Saman Waquad, director of Legislative and Multicultural affairs, said although the idea of hosting an MCRI event was mentioned to her, she was not involved in the process of writing the resolution.

She also said she was already working on an affirmative action program.

Madalyn Miller, Student Program Board chair, suggested

lowering the amount called for in the proposal and also making sure the money is available.

Legislator Mike Mersol-Barg, who wrote the proposal, said he proposed using \$1,000 to insure the event wouldn't be under-funded.

"I'm still trying to make this work," Mersol-Barg said, "I'm not trying to step on anyone's toes, although I apparently failed in that endeavor."

Since so many members objected to the proposal, it was postponed to a later meeting. Two new legislators were appointed to Congress.

Senior Timothy Atwood is involved with several other

organizations on campus and hopes to branch out through Congress.

"I'd like to point out there are more things geared toward people who live here," Atwood said.

"There are a lot of commuter students and older students who don't get involved, and perhaps they don't want to, but it may be they don't have a chance to."

Freshman Kayla Burton was involved in student government in high school and is looking to get involved to bring students together.

"The biggest thing I would work to do is bridge all the gaps," she said.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Chile's first woman president sworn in

By FEDERICO QUILODRAN
The Associated Press

VALPARAISO, Chile — Michelle Bachelet, a Socialist pediatrician who suffered prison, torture and exile under Chile's military dictatorship, was sworn in as the nation's first female president on Saturday.

Bachelet took her oath before Senate President Eduardo Frei at the crowded Hall of Honor of Chile's Congress in this port city near Santiago. Outgoing President Ricardo Lagos removed the white, red and blue presidential sash he was wearing and handed it to Frei, who placed it on Bachelet.

The 54-year-old president appeared relaxed and waved her right hand in response to salutes from people in the stands.

Some 30 foreign leaders and several prominent women, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, attended.

Bachelet's inauguration marks a deep cultural change in this male-dominated, conservative society, where divorce was legalized less than two years ago, abortion remains illegal, and women often earn up to 40 percent less than men doing the same work.

Already, she's challenged the traditional power structure by appointing what she calls a "parity government" — with equal numbers of

men and women at more than 250 key jobs. She made the appointments without the traditional, lengthy negotiations with the political parties.

In addition, Bachelet has also vowed to promote legislation that would force political parties to include a certain percentage of female candidates.

Bachelet was elected to a four-year term in a Jan. 15 runoff vote to replace Lagos, a fellow Socialist. Bachelet served as Lagos' defense and health minister.

At an International Women's Day celebration, Lagos called Bachelet's election "proof that we have expanded the limits of what is possible in Chile nowadays."

A separated mother of three, Bachelet is the first elected Latin American leader who didn't rise to power with the help of a powerful husband. She says her victory reflects profound changes in Chilean society.

Bachelet is the daughter of an air force general who was tortured and died in prison for opposing the 1973 military coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

She, too, was briefly imprisoned and tortured before being forced into exile.

She is expected to maintain Lagos' free market economic policies that have made Chile's economy one of the healthiest in Latin America. The country had a \$5 billion surplus in 2005.

Pesticides found throughout many of the nation's streams

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most of the nation's rivers and streams — and the fish in them — are contaminated with pesticides linked to cancer, birth defects and neurological disorders, but not at levels that can harm humans.

Pesticides were found in almost all U.S. rivers and streams between 1992 and 2001, says a study released Friday by the U.S. Geological Survey, although most drinking water supplies haven't been affected. "While the use of pesticides has

resulted in a wide range of benefits to control weeds, insects and other pests, including increased food production and reduction of insect-borne disease, their use also raises questions about possible effects on the environment, including water

quality," said Robert Hirsch, the USGS associate director for water.

Pesticides were seldom found at concentrations likely to affect people, and they were less common in groundwater. But they were found in most fish. Most frequently detected in agricultural streams were three herbicides used mainly on farms: atrazine, metolachlor and cyanazine. Just last week, the Environmental Protection Agency settled a 2003 lawsuit brought by the Natural Resources Defense Council, forcing the government to assess whether atrazine threatens the survival of endangered Chesapeake Bay sea turtles, endangered Texas salamanders and 16 other aquatic species.

Three other herbicides used commonly in cities — simazine, prometon and tebuthiuron — showed up more often in urban streams.

The USGS looked for 100 pesticides, and found 40 of them had a widespread presence in streams and sediment in both urban and agricultural areas, at concentrations that could affect aquatic life or fish-eating wildlife. The pesticides showed up more than 90 percent of the time in the fish tissue found in agricultural, urban and mixed land-use areas.

In each of the streams the USGS studied, at least one pesticide was detected. In about 19 of every 20 streams with agricultural, urban or mixed land-use watersheds, pesticide compounds were found at nearly all times of the year. The most frequent occurrence was in shallow groundwater beneath agricultural and urban areas, where more than half the wells contained one or more pesticide compounds.

Jay Feldman, executive director of Beyond Pesticides, a national research and advocacy group, said the data surrounding the nation's reliance on about 1 billion pounds of pesticides a year "shows an urgent need to strengthen policies

at all levels of government and curtail pesticide use." The USGS report is based on an analysis of data from 51 major river basins and aquifer systems nationally, and a study of an aquifer system that runs through eight states from South Dakota to Texas, east of the Rocky Mountains.

It found that concentrations of individual pesticides nearly always complied with the EPA's drinking-water standards, though no water samples from streams were taken at drinking-water intakes.

The EPA also is responsible for reviewing pesticides, based on pesticide-makers' tests that can cost tens of millions of dollars.

It typically takes up to a decade to study each one before it can reach the marketplace, according to industry figures.

But simply detecting the presence of a pesticide does not always mean there is reason for concern, said Jay Vroom, president of CropLife America, which represents pesticide developers and manufacturers. He emphasized that the use of pesticides by farmers, ranchers and others is strictly regulated by federal and state laws.

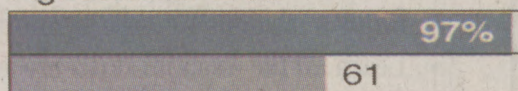
"Water quality is of paramount importance to us," he said. "And the USGS report correctly recognizes that the large majority of pesticide detections in streams and groundwater were trace amounts, far below scientifically based minimum levels set for protecting human health and the environment."

Polluted water

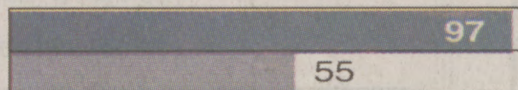
Pesticides are less common in ground water, but are found in more than 50 percent of wells sampled in agricultural and urban areas.

■ Stream water
■ Shallow ground water

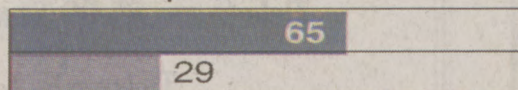
Agricultural area



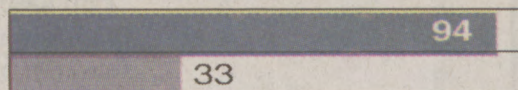
Urban areas



Undeveloped areas



Mixed land uses



SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey AP

Contaminated streams and ground

One or more pesticides were detected in water more than 90 percent of the time during the year in agricultural, urban and mixed-land-use streams. Atrazine is one of three herbicides used on farms that was most frequently found in agricultural streams.

Atrazine in agricultural streams

Concentrations

● Low ● Medium ● High

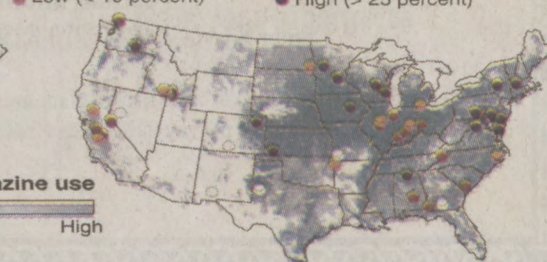


...in shallow ground water in agricultural areas

Atrazine detection frequency

○ Not detected or negligible ● Medium (< 10 - 25 percent)

● Low (< 10 percent) ● High (> 25 percent)



SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey

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IT'S A 'HOLI' DAY



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Sejal Rathi takes a soaking from Vaishnavi Srivatsan (right) and Sandhita Reddy (middle) while Raj Mudbidre (behind Rathi) watches. The water balloon fight, on the lawn between South Foundation Hall and the Oakland Center, was a celebration of the festival of Holi. Sponsored by the Indian Students Association, Holi ushers in the spring by spreading the brightly-colored paint when the balloons burst.

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ANTICIPATION: OU's cheerleaders and dance team look on as seeding is announced for the women's Division I NCAA tournament field.



FINALLY: OU players celebrate as they hear their name called during Monday night's selection show. From left to right: Kelly Lyons, Lakeshia White, Anne Hafeli, Nicole Piggott, Jessica Pike and Jessica Knurick.



WELCOME BACK: Head coach Beckie Francis, who led OU to its second Mid-Con tournament championship, celebrates by cutting the nets down in Tulsa, Okla. (above)
TOUGHNESS: Senior Anne Hafeli drives to the basket against Western Illinois in the Mid-Con tournament championship game. (right)



Tournament worth weight in gold, and black

OU looks to shine as host institution for men's NCAA tournament at Palace of Auburn Hills

By PAUL KAMPE
Local News Editor

It's a different air of excitement around Oakland University during March Madness 2006. The women's basketball team will be participating in the festivities this season, and the school will be getting the kind of advertising that could be the next best thing to having your team in the tournament.

That is the plan that the Athletics Department has in mind this weekend when OU plays host to the NCAA men's Division I basketball tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"From an athletic point of view, this is the biggest thing that we've hosted," OU sports information director Phil Hess said.

Hess said the tournament is the most up-front work he's ever done with the school, adding that the department has been working pretty much on a daily basis to prepare.

The NCAA accepted OU in late 2002 to be one of the eight host institutions for the first- and second-round games this season. The Palace will house four games of the opening round Friday and two games Sunday for the second round.

In the opening round, the Atlanta regional division of the 65-team bracket will showcase No. 3 seed Iowa against No. 14 Northwestern State at 12:25 p.m. and No. 6 seed West Virginia vs. No. 11 Southern Illinois at 2:45 p.m.

Also on Friday, in the Oakland, Calif. regional bracket, No. 6 seed Pittsburgh will play No. 12 seed Kent State at 7:10 p.m. and No. 4 seed Kansas will tangle with No. 13 seed Bradley at 9:30 p.m.

The winners of each game will move on to square off against one another in Sunday's round two action, however, game times have yet to be determined.

Iowa, Kansas, Southern Illinois, Kent State and Northwestern State all won their respective conference tournaments.

The Palace will not change its 22,076 seating capacity that it maintains for Detroit Pistons home games, according to Jeff Corey, director of public relations for Palace Sports and Entertainment.

Corey hinted that the arena will undergo a makeover for the event. "If they (spectators) haven't been in our building, they wouldn't know that the Pistons play here. It's like a clean slate," he said.

"Although it's at the Palace, when you see the welcome banners, you'll also see Oakland University," said Tracy Huth, OU senior associate athletics director.

One big change that is being made at the venue is the court. Huth said the playing court will resemble that of the Athletics Center with the gold trim and the white letters. Hess added that "Oakland University" will be shown across center court.

"People are ... realizing (OU is) not a California school," Huth said.

"We're a host institution, not (just) a host athletic department." He added that there is an attraction for prospective students, "We're not just doing this for the athletics."

The three all acknowledged that the tournament ranks very high in the national sports landscape.

"The NCAA tournament is probably second to the Super Bowl in popularity," Corey said. "It does give you national status."

Hosting the event is one of the best things that the school could do because millions of people will see Oakland University on the floor and on the banners of the scorer's table, Hess said.

Huth spoke highly of the 570,000 square feet venue, calling OU wants everything to be "top-notch" and the Palace is an excellent venue.

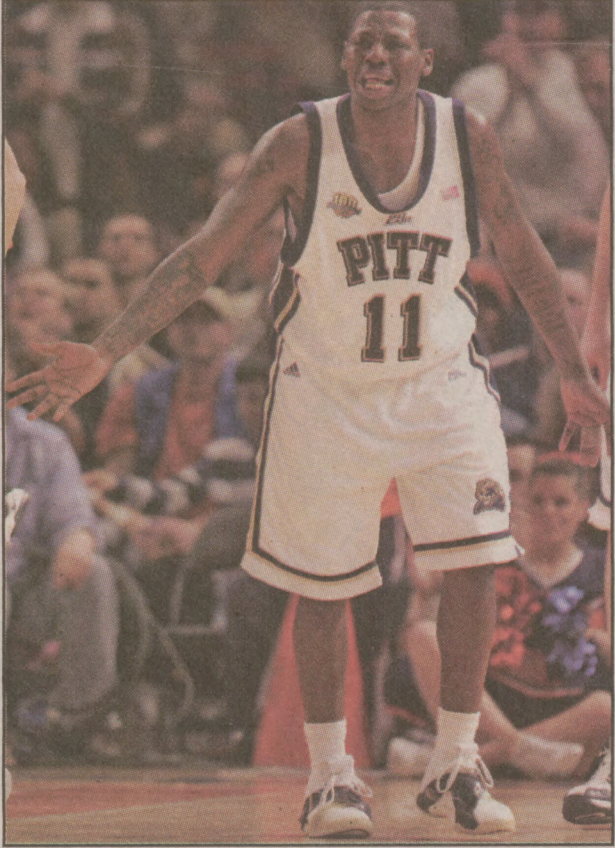
Tickets are still on sale for the event. The \$180-per-seat cost covers all six of the games to be played at the Palace on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.



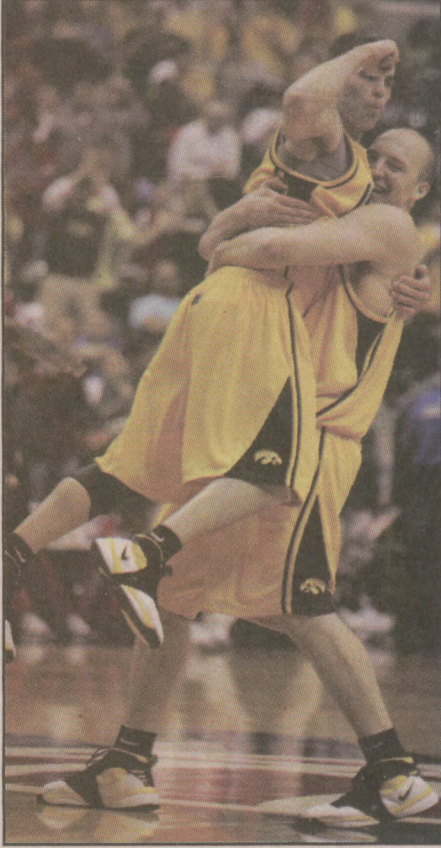
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No. 6 West Virginia is led by senior Kevin Pittsnogle.



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No. 4 Kansas rides freshman Brandon Rush.

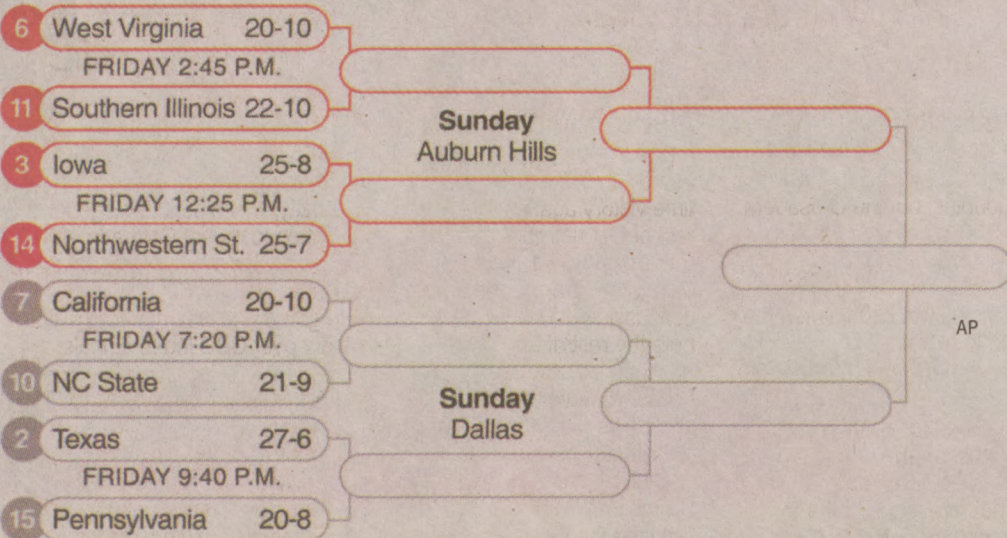
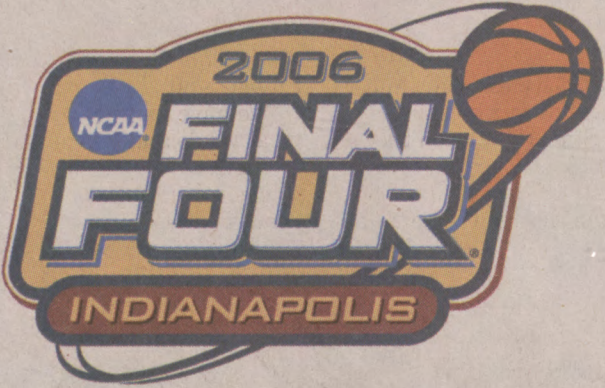
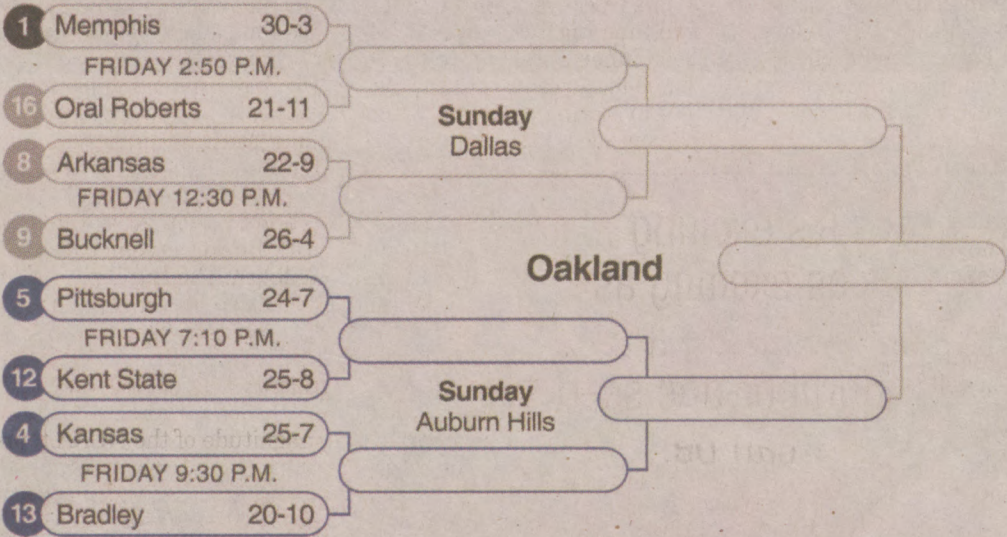


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No. 5 Pittsburgh follows senior Carl Krauser.



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No. 3 Iowa is led by seniors Jeff Horner and Greg Brunner.

The Palace of Auburn Hills' tournament seeds and times





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Grizzlies face tall task

Seniors end career in style; tournament is icing on the cake

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

Well, the suspense has finally been broken. On March 13, the Golden Grizzlies found out whom they would be playing in the first round of the NCAA tournament in front of friends and family in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. When their card turned up, No. 16 seed Oakland discovered they would be playing top-seeded Big Ten champion, Ohio State University.

OU will have plenty of doubters going into this weekend, but it's nothing they didn't face over the course of the season. Despite being picked to finish fourth overall in the conference and having three players make the Mid-Con first team, OU got off to a rocky start, losing four games in a row during a seventh game home stand in the first half of the season.

OU broke through the slump and won five consecutive games at home. Even though they lost their last three games of the regular season, they entered the tournament as a No. 6 seed and came out on top as Mid-Con tournament champions.

Now, regardless of the outcome of their game with Ohio State, the women's team is happy to get their chance in the national spotlight.

"(It's) definitely good for our careers," said senior Jayme Wilson. "It's good to finally get there."

After the excitement died down in the OC, Wilson took a moment to reflect on her career at OU.

"Coming in (as a freshman), they (OU) had just won the championship, so I thought that was the norm," she said. "It was disappointing for a while (not getting to the tournament), but I'm glad we're there."

Fellow senior and Mid-Con tournament MVP Anne Hafeli shared Wilson's sentiments about closing out their years in an OU uniform.

"It's a great way to cap off our senior year," Hafeli said. "We had a goal (to get this far). The season didn't go as planned, but we had a good year and came together at the end."

Junior Nicole Piggott is happy to see her senior teammates go out with a bang.

"It's a good feeling to know you're sending your seniors out this way. They've worked so hard this season," she said.

And work hard they have. After losing to Oral Roberts on senior night 55-54, OU sought revenge when they traveled down to ORU's home court in Tulsa, Okla. for the Mid-Con tournament. As the No. 6 seed, OU faced off against the third-seeded Golden Eagles in the first round of play.

This time, it was OU who came out on top, as they avenged their senior night disaster with a 50-37 victory over Oral Roberts, knocking them out of the tournament on their home court.

The Golden Grizzlies went on to beat No. 2 seed IUPUI and No. 1 seed Western Illinois in consecutive days. It was the first time in Mid-Con history that any team, in the men's or women's bracket, had defeated each of the top three seeds in order to win the championship.

One of the unsung players on this team during its run through the Mid-Con tournament was senior Lakeshia White. The 6-foot-1 White held her own in the middle against three teams that were all bigger than OU.

White's two best performances came against Tanika Mays of IUPUI and Zane Teilane of Western Illinois. She held Mays (6-foot-3) scoreless in the second half of their semifinal game and battled with the Mid-Con Player of the Year, Teilane (6-foot-7), for most of the championship game.

"She was amazing," Piggott said of White after the championship game in Tulsa. "She is so strong, and I guarantee that those players are physically tired after battling her."

Looking ahead to the Albuquerque region of play in West Lafayette, Ind. for the Big Dance, the Golden Grizzlies are excited that the game is close to home.

"We're excited to play Ohio State. It'll be a good game and I'm glad it's close so people can come out and watch," Hafeli said.

Piggott isn't worried with OU's top-seeded opponent and it's due to the teams attitude.

"We've always had the philosophy that it's not who we're playing, but it's how we play," she said.

OU head coach Beckie Francis has called her team a cocky bunch that is feeling very confident after their tournament run. The team will need all of the confidence it can bring, as well as the leadership of its three seniors, to extend their season past Sunday.

Regardless, OU has turned a once disappointing season into one that will be remembered for quite some time.

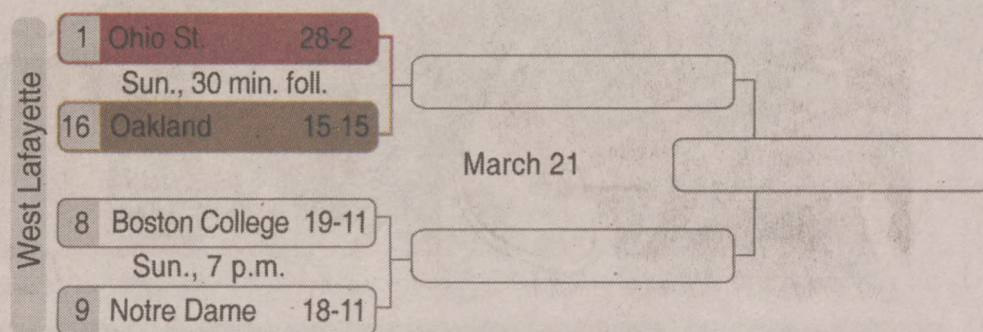


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Mid-Con tournament MVP,
OU senior Anne Hafeli

Big Ten Player of the Year,
OSU junior Jessica Davenport

The Associated Press



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OU women draw top-seeded Ohio State in first round of NCAA tournament

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

Following her team's Mid-Continent Conference tournament championship in Tulsa, Okla., Oakland University women's basketball head coach Beckie Francis said it would be "awfully ironic" if her team drew Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The NCAA committee has a funny way of making things happen.

No. 1 seed Ohio State will play No. 16 seed Oakland in a first-round game in the Albuquerque region Sunday.

The game will be played on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. at 9 p.m.

"It's exciting, as exciting as facing a number-one seed can be," Francis said. "Deep down you want to play the teams that have been there and have all the history, but once it sinks in, you realize what you have in front of you."

Francis considered the matchup ironic because the last time OU was in the tournament in 2002, they played No. 1 seed Vanderbilt, coached by Jim Foster. Foster left Vanderbilt after that season and is currently the head coach at Ohio State.

"We know what they do," Francis said. "They run the same things Vanderbilt did, so scouting them will be a little easier for us."

"It's also nice that we got put in Indiana," she said. "Our fans should be able to make the short drive and the team travel will be much easier."

Ohio State (28-2) won the Big Ten regular season title and the tournament title. They ended the season on a 19-game

winning streak and are No. 2 in both Associated Press and Coaches' polls.

The Buckeyes are led by two-time Big Ten Player of the Year, junior Jessica Davenport. The 6-foot-5 center led the Big Ten in scoring (20.4), field goal percentage (.662) and blocks (3.50).

OU (15-15) had success against bigger teams in the Mid-Con tournament, but they didn't face a player like Davenport.

"One thing I will stress to my team is that we can't worry about how we match up with them," Francis said.

"We have to worry about what we do and play to those strengths. If we do those things, we force them to worry about matching up with us,"

she said.

Senior guards Anne Hafeli and Jayme Wilson have led OU all season, but they know the competition level is about to change.

"We're excited to play that caliber of competition," Wilson said. "We going to have to play hard and fight ... We're going to see what we can do."

The two will go head to head with Buckeyes senior Kim Wilburn. The Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year is a native of Southfield, and attended Birmingham Detroit County Day High School.

OU doesn't want to let the magnitude of the NCAA tournament get to them. Francis hopes that her experience in 2002 can take some of the pressure off her team come Sunday.

"I don't want things to surprise them," she said. "I feel it's advantage some of the coaching staff and I have been there before. We're a proud and confident team and we need to carry that into this weekend."

"It's exciting ... as exciting as facing a number-one seed can be."

Beckie Francis
Women's basketball head coach

Grizzlies Sports Roundup

Sullivan earns spot in NCAA Division I Swimming Championships
Senior Chris Sullivan will compete in the NCAA's in three different events March 23-25 in Atlanta. He will swim in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard freestyle. Sullivan recorded 'B'-standard times in each event. This will be the fourth time Sullivan has competed in the NCAA's, taking part in the same three events during the 2004 season. NCAA Championship competition will involve three days of events with preliminary heats beginning at 12 p.m. and finals races taking place after 5 p.m. each day.

—DUSTIN FRUCCI

Baseball gets first win of season over Dayton in doubleheader
OU took the first game of a doubleheader, 11-3, over the Dayton Flyers, behind two home runs and six RBI's from junior Chad Winkler. Senior Byran Bishop tossed a complete game for OU. Winkler's three-run home run in the third came with the score 2-2. Junior Drew Jenison stepped up and made it back-to-back home runs after Winkler to give OU the margin it needed for the win. OU fell in the second game, 5-2, as the Flyers didn't allow the Grizzlies to score past the second inning.

—DUSTIN FRUCCI

Tennis goes 1-1 in Las Vegas with win over Southern Utah

The Golden Grizzlies defeated Southern Utah for the second time in a row, taking down the Thunderbirds, 4-3, on March 10. In the next match against Valparaiso, OU took the point for the doubles, but the Crusaders came back in the singles to take the match, 4-2. Against SUU, OU took all the singles flights except for No. 1 and No. 4. Playing against Valparaiso, the Golden Grizzlies just could not hold onto their doubles success and fell to the Crusaders. OU's sole singles win came when the Crusaders' No. 6 singles competitor was forced to retire.

—SAMANTHA FRANZ

Golden Grizzlies tennis held scoreless by San Jose State

OU finished up their Vegas vacation on a sour note as they fell to the Spartans, 7-0. San Jose State swept the doubles competition, as OU only coming as close as 8-2. Singles play did not fare much better for the Golden Grizzlies, as they only got on the board for one match at the No. 5 singles, 6-2, 6-1, by junior Angie Trecola. Oakland hosts Detroit Mercy, March 22, in their only home match of the season.

—SAMANTHA FRANZ

OU club hockey takes ACHA title for second time in three years

It took three overtime games, but the Golden Grizzlies came out on top at the ACHA tournament. OU kicked off the tournament with a 10-9 overtime victory against rival Indiana University, which set the stage for the rest of OU's climb to the top. They went on to defeat Colorado, 4-3, Stonebrook, 7-1, and took down Colorado State in the National semifinals with a 4-3 overtime victory. Senior Anthony Magdowski suffered a concussion during the Colorado State game and was not able to compete the rest of tournament. The victory over CSU led to a finals matchup against Liberty University. The Golden Grizzlies rose to the occasion, defeating Liberty, 7-6, in their third overtime win of the tournament. The Golden Grizzlies sent out a very successful group of seniors out with their second championship title in three seasons. Freshman Brandon Lipari was awarded tournament MVP honors, and seniors Dale Swims and Will McMahon were selected to the all-tournament team. The last time the Golden Grizzlies won the championship was in 2004. For more information regarding this year's ACHA champions or are interested in joining next year's team, visit <http://www.oaklandhockey.org>.

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Ohio State Buckeyes await OU
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ARE DANCIN'



PATIENCE: Head coach Beckie Francis and her team wait for their name to be called during Monday night's selection show held in the Oakland Center's Banquet Rooms.



CONDUCTING: The Grizz leads OU's pep band in pre-show entertainment during the selection festivities. (above)

PASSION: Junior Joya Puryear cheers on her team in the waning moments of the Mid-Con championship game. (left)



EFFORT: Junior Bonnie Baker goes up for a shot in the middle of three IUPUI defenders. (above)
RESILIENCE: Senior Jayme Wilson looks to find an open teammate in the Mid-Con tournament championship game. (left)

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