



Men's soccer is setting their goals higher than where a preseason poll placed them earlier this month. Find out where they hope to go, and who will lead them there on B12.



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Step back in time at the Ren Fest on B5.



The meningitis vaccine: Is it a sure shot?

Review your risk on B6.

Tuition up, spirits down

"Double Digits Aren't Necessary"

"15.2% = Too Much!"

By ALICIA SOSSI Senior Reporter

Senior Steven Reed registered for 16 credits this semester, and he works full time. For him, Oakland University's tuition increase means an even busier schedule. "There should be other sources of money to cover these costs," Reed said of OU's 9.53 percent tuition increase. The increase, approved by OU's board of trustees on Aug. 4, averages an extra \$532.50 per resident undergraduate student for the fall semester.

The three main contributors to the increase were a decrease in funding from the state in recent years, growth in student enrollment and cost increases such as health care and utilities. "When your model is two types of funding — appropriations, and tuition and fees — and one is flat or declining, you only have one other solution to handle things that are inevitable," said John Beaghan, OU's vice president of Finance and Administration. Over the past 10 years, OU has ranked second highest in growth among Michigan's 15 state universities. However, the university receives less

than \$4,000 per student in state appropriations, which makes it the second lowest in that category. The increase in tuition includes funding for non-discretionary cost increases, three sets of priority needs and rolling fees into tuition. Non-discretionary costs cover employee salaries and health care. Priority needs are projects that the university deems "critical," Beaghan said. If fees were to be rolled into tuition, students would receive a bill with one

"I'm An Incoming Freshman ... Think Of Me!"

"Think Success, Think Lower Tuition"

"Keep Tuition Lower!"

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OU star turns pro

By DAVE PEMBERTON Assistant Sports Editor

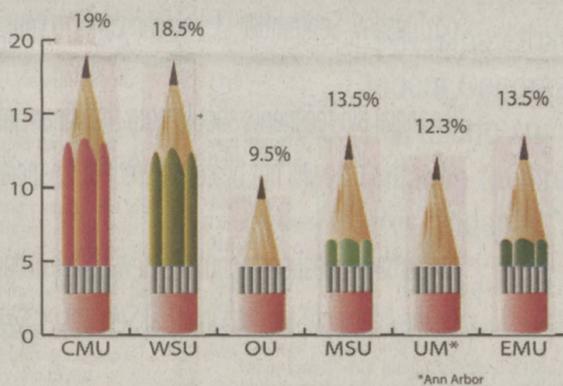
As the ink dried on his first professional contract, Rawle Marshall couldn't help but smile. During his days at Detroit Mackenzie, Ball State and then Oakland University, Marshall had always dreamed of making it to the NBA. The Dallas Mavericks made Marshall's dream a reality by signing him to a contract potentially worth \$400,000. "I couldn't believe this was happening," Marshall said. "I was just thinking dreams really do come true. I didn't know what to do with myself. I still haven't got down from it. I'm just enjoying the feeling." One of the first things Marshall did was let his family know. "They were jumping out the ceiling," he said. "They are still calling me today, and I signed weeks ago. They are still calling me and saying they are happy for me." Things didn't come easy for Marshall after OU's NCAA tournament run last season. Marshall came back and found out he needed to do extra work to catch up in his classes so he could graduate.



Rawle Marshall

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Tuition Increase at Select Michigan Universities



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Tuition increases throughout state

By PAUL KAMPE Senior Reporter

Parents and students across the state are getting schooled by the cost increases in the university education that they are paying for. The increase has made some students angry, and it's forcing some others to seek an alternative to the four-year school. Michigan's 15 public universities have increased their tuition this year due to funding cuts from the state — OU being in the lower third of tuition increases at state universities. "You're forced into it," said William Dombrowski, a sophomore majoring in business at Western Michigan University. "You can't change schools because of problems with transfer credits. Gas goes up and you still need to go work. Tuition goes up, and you still have to go to school," he said.

WMU students will face a tuition increase of over 14 percent within the next year. Unlike the cost of textbooks, an expense that savvy college students can find ways to dodge or cushion the impact — like buying books on Half.com or sharing with a classmate — tuition increases cannot be avoided. They may also be forcing more and more students into community colleges after high school. The Oakland Press reported that 42 percent of students surveyed at Oakland Community College in 2004 said that they were planning on obtaining an associate degree then transferring to complete work on a bachelor's degree. Freshman Bryanna Williams, a 2005 graduate of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, said she will attend OCC before transferring to the University of Michigan's Flint

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KATRINA

Body count rises along Gulf Coast, Storm's effects can be felt in MI

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Rescuers in boats and helicopters struggled to reach hundreds of wet and bedraggled victims of Hurricane Katrina on Tuesday as the scope of the disaster became clearer with every tale of misery. Mississippi's governor said the death toll in one county

alone could be as high as 80. "At first light, the devastation is greater than our worst fears. It's just totally overwhelming," Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said the morning after Katrina howled ashore with winds of 145 mph and engulfed thousands of

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The Associated Press Clark Derbes floats briefly in the air as strong winds from the Mississippi River fill a sheet tucked into his shoes Monday, in Baton Rouge, La., as Hurricane Katrina moved through the area.

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Check out OU's new tuition refund policy

effective for Fall 2005 term

The last day to drop or withdraw from a course and receive a 100% refund is Tuesday, September 13. Beginning September 14, no refunds will be given.

Beginning with fall 2005, you have two weeks, instead of one, to receive a 100% tuition refund should you decide to drop or withdraw from a course. **The last day to drop or withdraw from a course and receive a 100% refund is Tuesday, September 13.** Beginning September 14, no refunds will be given.

If you decide to drop or withdraw from a course, it is highly recommended that you drop or withdraw on the SAIL Web system at www.oakland.edu. If you choose to drop or withdraw in person, by fax or by mail, requests must be received and processed by the Registrar's Office, 100 O'Dowd Hall, by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13. You can confirm your current class schedule on SAIL. If you drop all courses, a \$57 general service fee is non-refundable.

Financial aid recipients should note that financial aid is based on the number of registered credits as of 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13. Credits added after this time will not be considered for financial aid, scholarships and grants.

If you have questions about the new policy, dropping or withdrawing from a course, or deadline dates, contact the Registrar's Office at (248) 370-3450 or the Office of Student Financial Services at (248) 370-2550.

Important dates to keep in mind

August 31	Classes begin 5 p.m. Last day SAIL (Web) registration for Fall 2005 New student convocation
September 1 - September 15	Late registration; instructor's signature required to register or add class(es)
September 5	Labor Day recess - classes not in session
September 6	Classes resume
September 9	Last day to file application for degree/certificates for Fall 2005
September 10	Students bills due (tentative)
September 13	Last day 100% tuition refund - full semester courses (if dropping all classes, a \$57 general service fee is non-refundable). Drop classes on the SAIL Web system at www.oakland.edu (in person, by fax or mail, must be received and processed by the Registrar's Office by 4 p.m.). Financial aid recipients: Financial aid is based on the number of registered credits as of 11:59 p.m. Credits added after this time will not be considered for financial aid, scholarships and grants.
September 14	First day 0% tuition refund - full semester courses



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Changed refund policy promises more money

Students have 2 weeks to receive a full refund

BY KRISTIN SOMMER
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Students at Oakland University will now have two weeks, instead of one, to withdraw from a class and receive a 100 percent tuition refund, due to a new refund policy instituted by the university.

The refund does not include the \$57 general service fee, which is withheld to cover the cost of enrollment and withdrawal processing.

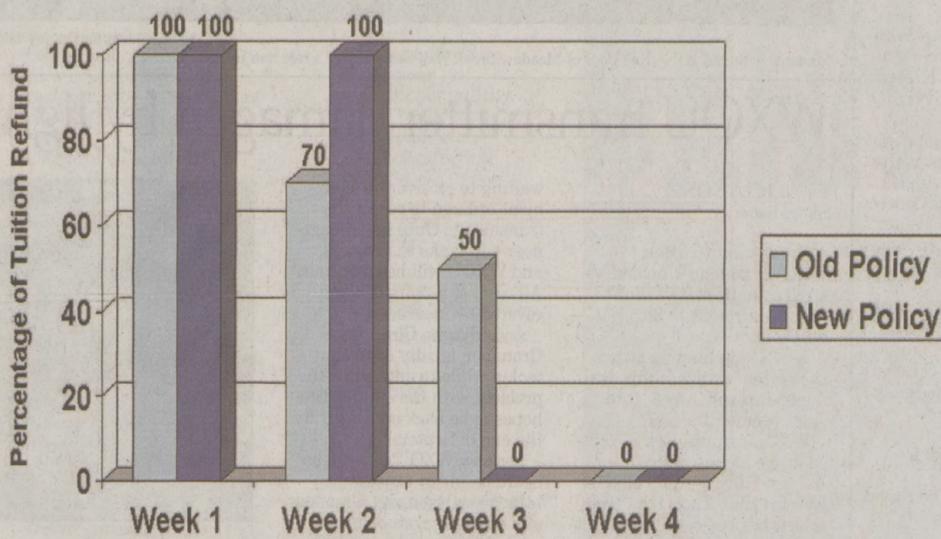
After the two-week period, which ends Sept. 14 this semester, no refund will be given for dropped classes.

The old policy allowed students to receive a 100 percent refund on classes dropped during the first week of the semester.

Seventy percent of tuition was refunded during the second week of class and 50 percent the third week.

"We wanted to give students a

Comparison of OU's New and Old Tuition Refund Policies



OU's tuition refund policy now allows for student to drop classes and receive 100 percent of their tuition back for two weeks after the beginning of the semester.

"We looked at what changes we could make that would have some advantages for students and hopefully make it simpler."

Steve Roberts

Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration

little longer time to get a full refund," said Steve Roberts, Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration, "but we had to do away with the partial refund."

"The refund policy was changed to simplify the withdrawal process for both students and OU," he said.

"Students can register earlier, they can get financial aid earlier, and they have a

little longer to make a decision about a class they are in," Roberts said.

The new policy allows students to have more time to lock in scholarships, grants and financial aid without penalty.

Financial aid will be based on the number of registered credits as of Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Classes added after this time will not count toward financial aid scholarships and grants.

Financial aid was disbursed to student accounts the week before classes started this year.

Previously, disbursement did not occur until several weeks into the semester.

"We looked at what changes we could make

that would have some advantages for students and hopefully make it simpler," Roberts said.

The idea was presented to OU's Student Congress earlier this year to explain the pros and cons and solicit feedback, according to Student Body President Michael McGuinness.

"The way they presented it was that it would benefit more students, and that's positive," McGuinness said.

Flyers alerting students to the changes were included with bills sent out for this semester.

The new policy also appeared on OU's Web site, on posters around campus and in several e-mails sent to the student body.

Despite these efforts,

some students are still unfamiliar with the changes.

"I did not hear about that. I don't like it," said junior John Reeser.

"I would definitely like to hear some more about it. They should say more," freshman Kendall Hood said.

The policy's effectiveness is scheduled for review after the start of the winter semester.

Dropping classes can still be done in person in the registrars office, located in 101 O'Dowd Hall.

Withdrawals can also be made by phone, fax, or through the SAIL Web site.

Students must drop classes by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

OUSC Meeting Schedule

No meeting on Labor day
September 14 at 5 p.m.

All meetings take place in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Fall/Winter Budget is approved

Oakland University Student Congress' Fall/Winter Budget is set in stone after Monday's meeting.

Out of \$119,435 in funds available, OUSC categorized \$116,670. Major expenditures include more than \$52,000 for staff salaries, almost \$9,000 in leadership development, and \$9,000 in operational expenditures.

Two amendments were also discussed and passed before the budget went to vote.

Legislator George Nahas proposed an amendment for \$100 from the uncategorized money to be designated to co-sponsor a financial aid seminar for freshmen.

The Association of Black Students and the Center for Multicultural Initiatives will also co-sponsor the event.

All members of Student Congress that were present voted in favor of the amendment. One member abstained from voting.

Another amendment proposed by Legislator Bre Kopson set aside \$300 for a student employee appreciation week.

Kopson's proposal followed from an earlier discussion brought forth by Student Services Director Katie Miller.

Miller had talked to student Fred

DeNault IV about setting aside funds to recognize the students who work at OU.

Nahas asked what kind of events the money would be used for. Miller replied that a student employee breakfast, raffle with prizes and some type of ceremony with cake were talked about, but nothing was decided.

Disciplinary Chair Montrell Porter questioned if the \$300 would be enough money. With more than 1500 student employees on campus Porter wanted to make sure everyone was represented.

Madalyn Miller, student program board chair, said that even with a small amount of money, Katie Miller "can do something to make a lot of people feel good. And feeling good is a good thing."

DeNault attended the meeting and was pleased with the results.

"I'm happy that Student Congress is taking an initiative toward the students," he said.

Other points on the budget that were discussed at length included the newspaper readership and the PAWS programs.

Starting in the fall two bins will be placed in the OC that provide students with 150 free copies both the New York Times and USA Today newspapers daily.

A pilot of this program was tried last fall, according to OUSC President Michael McGuinness.

Legislator Brendan Glatfelter asked to have only the New York Times provided, to save money because the program was still expensive.

McGuinness said both papers have to be provided for the program to be implemented. The price tag of the program is more than \$11,000. It also includes the advertising around campus for the newspapers as well as the recycling costs.

OUSC also talked about a new program that will start this semester, Promoting Active, Well-rounded Students, or PAWS.

All students are eligible to win a variety of prizes just by attending events on campus.

OUSC will meet on September 12 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

"I'm happy that Student Congress is taking an initiative toward the students."

Frederick Arthur Denault IV

Junior

ATMs come with price

BY KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior News Writer

During the summer, Oakland University's new financial institution, Credit Union ONE, opened a full-service branch in the Oakland Center and took control of four ATMs on campus.

The new ATMs, installed to replace the previously owned MSU machines, come with a surcharge, however.

"The way the ATMs work on campus is if your financial institution belongs to the CO-OP Network, then there's no charge," said Tom Schaeffler, Executive Vice President of Credit Union ONE.

Users who are not part of the network are charged a \$1.25 fee for processing the transaction.

"The majority of the transactions being performed on those machines are Credit Union ONE or CO-OP Network members," Schaeffler said.

Credit Union ONE ATMs are located in the Oakland Center, Kresge Library, the Rec Center and Vandenberg Hall.

The machine located in front of South Foundation Hall is still surcharge free for everyone.

Within the next few weeks, direct deposit will be added to the list of services available to customers. This will allow for financial aid, payroll and refunds to be placed directly in a student's bank account.

"We are pretty close to being ready to go," said Steve Roberts, Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration.

"We think we've found a way with Credit Union ONE to get the money in the student's hand as quick as, or quicker than, a check," he said.

Students will be able to have their money deposited into any financial institution - not just Credit Union ONE, once direct deposit is in place.

However, getting direct deposit going has been difficult for some students.

Junior Fred DeNault IV, who worked as an orientation group leader this summer, was one of a handful of students who took part in a direct deposit trial run.



This newly placed Credit Union ONE ATM in Vandenberg Hall now chases fees.

"Nothing happened. I still had to go pick up my paychecks all summer," he said.

Credit Union ONE and OU say they are optimistic the service will be working within a few weeks.

"It's very close to getting going," said Tom Schaeffler.

"There's not any real issue with it," Roberts said, "We have an agreement we are finishing with Credit Union ONE."

Once the agreement is finalized, direct deposit should be available.

For \$6.25, students can open a checking and savings account and upgrade their SpiritCard to a SpiritCard PLUS.

This adds the MasterCard logo, letting students use their card as a debit card everywhere MasterCard is accepted.

Setting up an account takes less than fifteen minutes.

Students who open accounts also receive a new picture for their SpiritCard PLUS.

Schaeffler reports that approximately 550 individuals from the OU community have opened accounts with Credit Union ONE since mid-May.

POLICEFILES

Backup was called after the OUPD found a female student crying in her car behind the station. The victim was seeking help from physical abuse and was upset about an ongoing fight that occurred with a male. The male, who was standing outside the car, was

searched, and police determined that the domestic violence had occurred in Auburn Hills. The victim, an OU student, drove to the campus to seek help.

A man went to his locker mail box in 4000 USA to get a package he had received. However, when he unlocked the mail locker, the package was gone.

SpiritCards offer a new looks and features

BY ALICIA SOSSI
Senior News Writer

OU's SpiritCard has a new look this year and more benefits to go with it.

The redesigned student and staff identification cards offer optional PLUS features with a MasterCard and Credit Union One logo.

The PLUS features give ATM access and MasterCard debit purchasing capabilities for new and existing Credit

Union One account holders.

Additional benefits include free checking, a free first order of checks and unlimited free ATM transactions at the four on-campus ATMs.

The redesigned SpiritCard is issued to all new students, faculty and staff. Current students can also receive the new ID Cards without incurring any fees. All students have an option to upgrade to the PLUS feature by visiting the ID Card Office.



UP AND COMING

Wednesday, Aug. 31

All new students are invited to Making College Count, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

Celebrate being a new student at Oakland University at the New Student Convocation and Involvement Fair from 3 to 5 p.m. in the O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center.

Watch "Old School" with your friends at 10 p.m. at the Student Lounge in Kresge Library.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is having a picnic between the OC and O'Dowd Hall from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Commuters can get a special treat by visiting the entrance of Elliot Hall between 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1

Win a free portable DVD player and other great prizes at the New Student Programs' Open House. Refreshments will be provided at 121 North Foundation Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Win a prize if the FANs Pride Patrol cart sees you wearing black and gold today and tomorrow. Support your school, wear your colors.

Set free cookies and Kool-Aid while at Kresge Library from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1 cont'd

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., OU's Greek Life sponsors the Greek Carnival with games, music and prizes, between South Foundation Hall and the OC.

The "Get Your Black and Gold On" pep rally will feature the 2005 OU Mid-Con Championship Men's basketball team. The 2005 orientation spirit award winners will be announced from noon to 12:30 p.m. between North and South Foundation Halls.

Friday, Sept. 2

Enjoy yourself at Bumper's Game Room in the OC for a Dance Dance Revolution and Pool Tournament from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Free food, music and fun at the Theta Tau Welcome Picnic. Located between Kresge Library, Dodge and Hannah Halls from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 11th Annual Sigma Pi Pig Roast happens from 4 to 10 p.m. between the Kresge Library, OC and SFH.

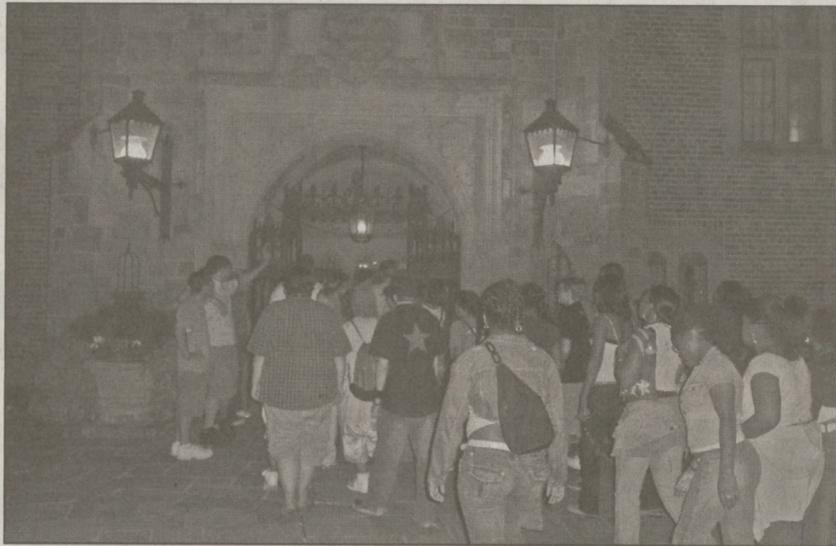
Spend the night singing and eating caramel apples at the Karaoke & Karamel Apples event in the OC Food Court. It's sponsored by the Center for Student Activities and goes from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Enjoy the night and a movie with Outdoor Movie Night. Watch "Napoleon Dynamite" on the North Side of O'Dowd Hall from 9 to 11 p.m. Bring blankets to sit on.

Monday, Sept. 5

The university will be closed for Labor Day.

Students walk to MBH



Students gathered at the front door of Meadow Brook Hall and received a free tour inside.

Monday night's walk to Meadow Brook Hall attracted many as hoards of students walked to the home, which is the fourth largest house museum in the United States.

Beginning at 9 p.m. at the Hamlin Courtyard, students walked across campus and through woods to arrive at the 79-year old mansion.

Upon arrival, walkers received a free tour through the house while MBH staff provided insight to the history of the home.

Students can get a guided tour of MBH for free with a SpiritCard. Tours times are Monday - Friday at 1:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

— Julie Swidwinski

WXOU transmitter damaged by lightning bolt

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

If you want to listen to WXOU, Oakland University's student radio station, don't tune your radios to 88.3 FM — at least not yet.

A bolt of lightning struck the station's transmitter during a storm on July 9. It has since been off the air.

WXOU's transmitter is located at the highest point in Auburn Hills, by The Palace of Auburn Hills. This is the first time it has been struck by lightning.

The station is currently

waiting to receive the equipment ordered to repair the transmitter. Once in, an engineer will make the repairs, and WXOU will be on the air. All costs of repairs is being covered by insurance.

According to Christine Cronauer, faculty advisor, it took a while to determine the problem with the station. She hopes to be back on the air by the end of September.

For now, WXOU can still be heard online by visiting <http://www.wxou.org>. Cronauer still encourages students to apply for jobs and to work at the radio station as usual.



Maggie Ferguson, program host, hosts a folk program on WXOU.

Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

NEWS IN SHORT

OU Day at Comerica

Students, alumni and friends of Oakland University gathered at Comerica Park last Wednesday to enjoy one of America's favorite pastimes. Over 200 individuals gathered to watch the Detroit Tigers play against the Oakland Athletics. A reception before the game offered free T-shirts, pizza and refreshments. Despite the game ending in a loss for the Tigers, the Alumni Association saw the evening as a success. "We had a great turnout," said Erin Czlada, assistant events coordinator. The Alumni Association hopes to hold a Friday night event at the park sometime in the spring.

— Julie Swidwinski

First-Year Transition workshops held

A series of First-Year Student Transition Workshops are being held throughout the semester. The workshops will include a

variety of topics ranging from health, career advice and techniques for doing well in class. The one-hour workshops are interactive sessions geared toward helping first-year students overcome new challenges that may be faced while entering college. For more information or to register for the First-Year Student Transition Workshops, contact the New Student Programs office at (248) 370-4418 or nsp@oakland.edu.

— Kelly Reynolds

Renovated SFH now open for classes

The renovated and modernized first floor of South Foundation Hall will officially open today. OU President Gary Russi will make opening remarks at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:30 p.m. followed by refreshments and tours of the building. Construction began in early May to update the first floor classrooms to level 3 technology, making them the most advanced rooms on campus.

All rooms now include VHS/DVD players, digital document cameras and video/data projection systems with interactive display. The desks, podiums and teacher workstations were also updated during the renovations. Wireless Internet connectivity was added throughout the first floor, hallway and fishbowl area as well.

No plans are currently underway for updates to the second and third floors.

— Kristin Sommer

OU partners with Macomb Community College

Oakland University and Macomb Community College announced a new partnership, OU at Macomb, which will allow students to dual enroll in both colleges. Students that are eligible will be able to have joint admission, and earn an associate degree from MCC while pursuing a bachelor's degree from OU. The partnership will streamline the process of earning a degree for area students. A 40,000 square-foot addition,

the third phase in Macomb's University Center, is planned to accommodate the OU classes. It is expected to be completed by the fall of 2007. The colleges hope this will help work toward Governor Jennifer Granholm's goal of increasing the number of college graduates in Michigan.

— Kristin Sommer

Fly away to Florida

The OU Alumni Association is hosting the Florida Flyaway, making it possible to support the Golden Grizzlies men's basketball team and enjoy a weekend at Disney World this November. The basketball team will play in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic basketball tournament at the University of Florida in Gainesville. After watching the tournament on Nov. 9 and 10, guests will spend the two following days at Disney World in Orlando. The trip is \$799 per person, and cost includes airfare, transportation, hotels, four tournament games, a pre-game reception and admission to Disney World. The last day to register is Friday, Sept. 2. For more infor-

mation, call the OUAA at (248) 364-6140.

— Alicia Sossi

Senior applications for graduation

Seniors who are looking forward to graduating should fill out their applications to do so now. For those graduating after the Fall 2005 semester, applications are due by Friday, Sept. 9. Students graduating at the end of the Winter or Spring 2006 semesters must turn in applications by Jan. 27, 2006. For Summer 2006, applications are due by May 5, 2006. The applications for degree must be filed with the Academic Records Office at 102 O'Dowd Hall. A \$30 application fee will be applied to your student account. Also be sure to make an academic advising appointment to be sure that all requirements for graduation are met.

— Alicia Sossi

Vanessa Carlton cancels show at OU

The 25-year-old singer canceled her show suddenly Tuesday night and has been

replaced by comedian Mike Green. The event will still take place on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. There is first come first serve seating at Meadow Brook Theatre for 600 people. Doors open at 7 p.m. Students will also get a chance to win \$2,500 worth of prizes including gas cards, DVD players and televisions. Carlton's reason for cancelling the show is unknown.

— Julie Swidwinski

E-newsletter informs incoming freshmen

Bear Essentials, an e-newsletter, was recently launched on Aug. 15, to assist incoming freshmen with their transition from high school to college. The new e-newsletter is delivered bi-weekly and provides freshmen with links and resource tips to their OU e-mail accounts, including information regarding book purchases, campus office locations and resources to help with academic choices. The newsletter is also beneficial to faculty, staff and other students.

— Andrea Welt

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Greek Carnival
Thursday, September 1
Games, music, free food & fun!
"Throw a Pie at a Gamma Phi"
& ADPI's "King of the Wing"
Contest at 12:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. between South Foundation Hall & the Oakland Center

Get the Scoop on Thursday
at the Student Affairs
Ice Cream Social!
Between North &
South Foundation Halls
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
& 5:00—6:00 p.m.

OU Pep Rally!
Featuring the 2005 Mid-Con Champions
OU Men's Basketball Team,
Images Dance Team, "The Grizz" &
Golden Grizzlies Pep Band
Announcing the 2005
Orientation Spirit Award Winners!
Thursday, September 1
Between North & South Foundation Halls

Thursday, September 1
Student Program Board Presents
**Mike Green-
Comedian**

Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall
8:00 p.m.
\$2,500 prizes, gas cards, DVD, TV

FREE for OU students, faculty and staff!
Limited seating for 600
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CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Michigan Renaissance Festival (Through September 23)
- Miss Saigon (September 24)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra Pops: Toast to Ole Blue Eyes (October 6)
- Norma (October 12 & 14)
- Late Night Catechism (October 18)
- Peter Pan (October 18 & 23)
- The Kirov Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty (October 21)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers (November 2)
- DSO Pops: The Best of the Tonys (November 3)
- Menopause: The Musical (November 6)
- The Flying Karamarov Brothers (November 6)
- La Boheme (November 9 & 11)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (November 10)
- Cats (November 13)
- Golda's Balcony (November 20)

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Varner Studio Theatre
Friday, September 2
@ 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
September 3 & 4 @ 8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 2 Activities

- Sigma Pi 11th Annual Pig Roast
Between Kresge Library, OC & South
Foundation, 4:00 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Campus Ministries: **CLOSE THE DOOR**
Musical Concert, Gold Rooms
7:00—9:00 p.m., OC
- Karaoke & Karamel Apples
Expansion Food Court, OC
8:00 p.m.—Midnight
- SPB Outdoor Movie **Napoleon Dynamite**
North Side of O'Dowd Hall
(Rain site: Banquet Room B, OC)
9:00—11:00 p.m.

Student Organization Officers Training

Saturday, September 17, 2005
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

*The President and Treasurer must attend!
Sign up in the CSA Office

**Student & Greek Organizations
2005-2006 Registration Deadline:
Saturday, September 9, 2005!**

Gas prices around OU continue to climb

By VERA MARZOUG
Local News Editor

Gas prices are peaking and are leaving the wallets of some Oakland University students to run on empty.

"I try to bum a ride as much as possible," said freshman business major C.J. Reppenhausen, "but I really can't."

The national average cost of gasoline is currently more than \$2.60 per gallon, compared to \$1.89 last year, \$1.56 in 2000, \$1.22 in 1999 and \$1.11 in 1998.

Graduate student Jim Storhok hopes his commute to class won't become too costly this year.

"School hasn't really started, but I'm hoping the commute isn't going to be too bad," he said.

Gas prices are not expected to drop drastically either.

CNN experts suggest not buying gas on Mondays and Thursdays until Labor Day.

After Labor Day, don't buy gas Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings.

It is best to fill up before 10 a.m., after that is when prices generally go up.

Hurricane Katrina disrupted Gulf Coast petroleum output and rattled energy markets on Monday, sending oil and natural gas prices soaring and setting the stage for a spike in the retail cost of gasoline.

— The Associated Press

Ways to save gas

Combine your errands to one trip. Need to go to the pet store to get little Lucky food? Target is next door? Stop by and get those towels you've been needing.

Consider using public transportation if it is available. Using available public transportation cuts weekly fuel costs, reduces wear on your car and, in some cases, may be more convenient.

Try avoiding peak rush hours. If you can stagger your work hours to avoid peak rush hours, you will spend less time in traffic, consume less fuel and also avoid stress.

Carpool to school. Not only will this be fun and give you company for that ride to class, it's also very fuel-efficient.

Take the junk out of the trunk. A weighed-down car uses more fuel. For every extra 250 pounds your car carries, you lose about one mile per gallon in fuel economy.

Keep tires properly inflated and check air filters regularly. Proper upkeep of your car not only saves it, but will save you money at the pump as well.

Drive sensibly. When you feel the need to speed, just remember that rapid acceleration and braking wastes gas. Driving with caution may increase your gas mileage by as much as 33 percent at highway speeds and 5 percent around town.

GIVE ME A BREAK!

The latest prices for regular unleaded in town

Amoco on University & Pontiac Rd.
\$2.79 per gallon

Shell on Walton Blvd. & Adams Rd.
\$2.89 per gallon

Mobil on Walton Blvd. & Adams Rd.
\$2.99 per gallon

Palace Shell on Lapeer Rd.
\$2.99 per gallon

Amoco on S. Rochester Rd.
\$2.99 per gallon

* gas prices as of 1 a.m. on August 31.

Cost of gas per gallon in different countries

Amsterdam	\$6.48
Norway	\$6.27
Italy	\$5.96
Denmark	\$5.93
London	\$5.79
Germany	\$5.57
Paris, France	\$5.54
Ireland	\$4.78
Brazil	\$3.12
South Africa	\$2.62
Nicaragua	\$2.61
Russia	\$2.10
Puerto Rico	\$1.74
Saudi Arabia	\$0.91
Egypt	\$0.65
Venezuela	\$0.12



The Associated Press

This service station in downtown Fort Payne, Ala., has taken the guesswork out of ever-rising gas prices.

Doctor, nurse shortages mean longer waits

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Michigan faces a shortage of doctors and nurses in the next several years, prompting a push by state health and education officials to promote the medical profession and head off an already disturbing predicament for some people.

"There might be a delay in certain types of treatment like elective surgery," said Linda Thompson Adams, professor of nursing at Oakland University.

"We are at the point sometimes that patients are being held in ER and recovery rooms waiting to get beds or go home," said registered nurse Becky Baldwin, who works in a hospital in southwest Michigan.

The situation could get worse. Two reports released in the past year by Lansing-based think tank Public Policy Associates project Michigan, which now has about 117,000 registered nurses, will have 7,000 fewer nurses by 2010 than what will be needed to adequately meet the state's health care needs.

The group's expectations for doctors also are disturbing. By 2020, it predicts the state's medical needs will outweigh the supply of doctors by

roughly 6,000 physicians. Michigan currently has about 30,000 medical doctors.

The deficit is attributed to a number of factors, including an aging baby boomer generation, the retirement of older health care professionals and limited enrollment in colleges, universities and medical schools.

"The main thing is that we're living longer," Adams said. "As people live longer and age, they're living longer with diseases."

"A shortage of physicians is more of a problem," said Laurence Rosen, an analyst for Public Policy Associates. "It takes a long time to educate physicians, and it's not a simple or easy task. You can't just expand a medical school. It takes a lot of time and money."

Michigan State Medical Society President Alan Mindlin, a Pontiac ophthalmologist, said increasing medical school enrollments would require additional public funding at a time of tight state and federal budgets.

In addition, graduate medical schools, where physicians learn specialties such as pediatrics and surgery, receive funding from the federal

Medicare program based on a particular number of spots set by Congress in the 1990s.

Michigan is one of several states facing physician shortages in the coming years, but it's not among a handful of states already seeing deficits among primary care doctors and physicians in some specialty areas, according to a recent report by the American Medical Association. The Chicago-based group expects additional shortages in the future.

The projected shortage of nurses in Michigan is large, but it's slightly lower than national estimates, according to the federal Bureau of Health Professionals.

Michigan's nursing shortage is expected to climb gradually from 7 percent in 2010 to 22 percent in 2020, the bureau said. The national average, meanwhile, is expected to go up from 12 percent in 2010 to 29 percent in 2020.

A limited pool of qualified faculty in nursing programs at colleges and universities has prevented some schools from increasing their enrollments as much as they'd like, Rosen said. "We are now doing admissions three times a year instead of one," Adams said. OU

is also now admitting more students into the nursing program than they were before, she said.

Last year, about 3,500 applicants to nursing schools in Michigan were turned away because of limited faculty and enrollment restrictions, said Jeanette Klemczak, Michigan's chief nurse executive.

Nationally, the number of qualified applicants turned down was about 125,000, she said.

Andrea Bostrom, associate dean of the Kirkhoff School of Nursing at Grand Valley State University, said the school has nearly doubled its enrollment in the past five years.

The focus, however, is on producing highly educated nurses, Bostrom said.

"Now, we're putting out a higher number of associate-degree nurses than bachelor-degree nurses, and we need to change that," she said.

"A more well-rounded education makes nurses better able to respond to this rapidly changing and developing health care system."

The state is helping to accomplish that goal by setting aside \$4 million a year to offer an annual scholarship worth up to \$4,000 to help nursing

students cover supplies, tuition and fees, room and board.

To receive the scholarships, nursing students must agree to get a nursing license in Michigan one year after finishing a program and work in a state hospital, nursing home, hospice or home health care company.

Nearly 2,800 nursing students at more than 80 schools have received the scholarships since the program began in the 2002-03 school year, according to the state Department of Treasury, which distributes the funds to universities and colleges.

Despite the projected shortages, Rosen said people should not panic because the state already has stepped up efforts to attract nurses.

The addition of physician assistants and nurse practitioners at many hospitals is helping to alleviate some of the day-to-day requirements of doctors, allowing them to concentrate on the most serious matters, Rosen said.

"We're not looking at a major disaster," he said. "People are becoming aware of the problem, and they're trying to address it before it gets out of hand."

— Senior Reporter Alicia Sossi
reportercontributed to this report.

Oakland University's

Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Staff would like to welcome back all OU students and new freshman. We hope you have a successful fall semester!

NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

- Wednesday, August 31, 3-4 PM, O'Rena, Recreation and Athletic Reception and Fair following ceremony from 4-5 PM

CAMPUS RECREATION HAPPENINGS

www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec/Fitness/Wellness

Classes Begin—The Fitness Class schedule is posted on our web page. Group exercise classes begin the week of 9/6. Registration for specialty classes takes place in the Fitness Center 8/31-9/12. Student rate is \$15, non-students is \$25. All "drop-in" group exercise classes remain free to Rec Center members.

Lighten Up—Back again this year is the successful and powerful "Lighten Up" program. This 12-week program includes a support group of participants, class meetings, and a \$100 reward.

Requirements are current membership at the Rec Center, purchase of a fitness assessment (students free, all other \$25), weekly meetings/information sessions, and exercise a minimum of two times/week. Register online at www2.oakland.edu/training, call 248-370-4010, or attend the information session on Thursday, 9/15 at 12:10 PM in the Pioneer Room, Rec Center to learn more.

Intramural Sports

Fall IM sport registration is around the corner!
 ■ Soccer, registration deadline 9/9, captain's meeting 9/12 at 7 PM
 ■ Flag football, registration deadline 9/23, captain's meeting 9/26 at 9 PM
 ■ All-star basketball, registration deadline 9/29, captain's meeting 10/2 at 9 PM.

Don't miss the annual Campus Rec vs University Housing flag football game at 5:30 PM on September 7!

Aquatic Center

Learn to Swim—Registration will open on 8/29 in the Aquatic Center. Classes begin 9/28 and are held on Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday depending on class level. Cost for students and Rec Center members is \$45, non-members are \$70. Contact Liz Groth at 248-370-4532 for additional information.

Membership Opportunities

New this year, the Rec Center will not offer half-semester memberships at the beginning or at the end of the semester. Call 248-370-4732 for more information.

Campus Recreation Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday, 5:30 AM-11 PM
 Friday, 5:30 AM-9 PM
 Saturday and Sunday, 9 AM-9 PM
 Special Labor Day weekend hours are Sept. 3-5, 12 noon-8 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE presents J. Chris Newberg Friday, September 9, 2005, 7 PM, Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

J. Chris has already been referred to by The Detroit Free Press as "One of the most original talents to burst on the Midwest comedy scene in years." His improvisational, acoustic interludes led him to enroll at the nationally renowned Second City Comedy Troupe, where he studied improv humor for two years. He also began flexing his comedic chops with a metro Detroit improv troupe, Motor City Improv. One of the most original talents to burst open the Midwest comedy scene in years, J. Chris Newberg is a talent destined for national exposure. J. Chris has most recently been seen on Comedy Central's Premium Blend

and Jimmy Kimmel Live. J. Chris was recently nominated for NACA comedian of the year. Free admission and refreshments.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOP SURVIVOR OU! Wednesday, September 7, 5 PM, Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Wondering how to stay ahead of the game? Want to know proven strategies to help you earn the grades you want and succeed in college? This session will give you that, and much more!

New Student Programs Open House

Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8, 121 North Foundation Hall Win dozens of prizes including a portable DVD player! Stop by!

Career Services Fall 2005 Career Prep Month

Interested in starting a job or career this Fall? Career Services is available to assist you with your job search and employment success. We are hosting our Fall Career Prep Month throughout September and October 2005. The following is a list of the main career related events:

Thursday, September 15, Career Services Open House
 Friday, September 23, Mock Behavioral Interviews
 Monday, September 26, Marketing Yourself at Career Fairs and Beyond Seminar
 Tuesday, September 27, Walt Disney Presentation
 Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 and 29, Two-Day Career Fair
 Wednesday, October 26, CAST Networking Reception
 Thursday, October 27, Professional/Graduate School Fair

Visit www.oakland.edu/careerservices for specific details of all the scheduled activities.

Officials confirm four human West Nile virus cases

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan health officials confirmed on Friday the state's first four human cases of West Nile virus this year.

That number could soon grow. The Department of Community Health is awaiting test results from several other potentially positive cases. Results are expected next week, health department spokesman T.J. Buchholz said.

Cases of the mosquito-borne virus were confirmed in a 57-year-old Grand Traverse County man who was hospitalized a few weeks ago and now is improving.

A 74-year-old Wayne County man, currently hospitalized in Oakland County, also tested positive along with a 55-year-old man from Kent County.

At least 25 other states, including nearby Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, also have reported human cases of the West Nile virus, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported on its Web site earlier this week. Michigan health officials said 48 birds from 21 counties have tested positive for West Nile this year.

Rates of infection in birds and

mosquitoes submitted for tests have increased in the past two weeks, indicating a higher level of the virus in the state, the health department said.

Sixteen human cases of West Nile were reported in the state last year; no one died from the virus. Two people died in 2003 and 51 in 2002, the virus's peak year in Michigan.

The decline in the number of human cases over the past few years is largely due to improved immunity. People are believed to be immune to West Nile after they get it for the first time, and because

most cases are mild and have no symptoms, many Michigan residents may have had the virus in previous summers and fought it off without realizing it.

People older than 55 are among the most vulnerable to West Nile. About 20 percent of people exposed to the virus may develop mild symptoms such as fever, headache and body aches.

Some people may develop a more severe form of the disease, such as encephalitis, which enlarges the brain, and meningitis, which enlarges the spinal cord and brain

linings, and sometimes death.

State health officials on Friday encouraged physicians to test patients for West Nile if they have a fever, show signs of meningitis or encephalitis or have sudden painless paralysis without having a stroke during the summer months.

The state also wants residents to take extra precautions when mosquitoes are more active at dawn and dusk. Mosquito repellent also is an option, as well as wearing long sleeves and pants and draining puddles and other sitting water where the insects might breed.

Low-budget horror films scores big in Canton

CANTON TWP, Mich. (AP) — In Todd Brunswick's business, severed heads and bloody, lifeless bodies are commonplace.

So is an enthusiastic audience. Brunswick and his wife, Tommy, often make a gory mess while making low-budget horror films throughout the Detroit area in places such as Plymouth, Royal Oak and Northville.

The Canton Township independent filmmakers also have attracted a growing group of investors and fans throughout the world by cranking out horror films through their company, Crossbow 5 Entertainment.

People from all over the world rent and buy tens of thousands of copies of Crossbow's DVDs annually. The company's four movies have grossed a total of about \$400,000.

"These movies aren't huge blockbuster films," Todd Brunswick said. "But they bring back big returns. We know the market well."

The Brunswicks' first break came when a big production company picked up its 2001 "Biker Zombies" film for national and international distribution.

The movie, which took about two weeks to film, brought in more than \$250,000.

The Wayne County couple has since produced three more horror films, including "Lurking Terror" about a fictional town in which a longtime curse prevents resi-

dents from leaving, and "Mr. Jingles," in which a clown seeks revenge with a hatchet after being wrongfully jailed for molesting a child at a birthday party.

The couple's latest film, "Writer's Block" is to be released sometime next year. It weaves the tale of an alcoholic novelist, who a publisher taps to write a crime story after serving in prison for killing his family in a car crash caused by his drinking.

But the ghosts of a family who, 70 years prior, had lived on the rural Michigan farm where he attempts to write the book, haunt his words.

For each film, the couple lines up individuals willing to invest \$1,000 or more toward the production costs. The couple said the films, which can cost anywhere from \$17,000 to more than \$40,000 to make, generate an average of 300 percent to 400 percent return on investment.

Twelve people have invested in their films.

For "Writer's Block," the couple secured two investors with assistance from Money Finders Inc., a Clarkston venture capital firm.

Fritz Spademan, president of Money Finders, said the couple succeeds by tapping into a popular segment of the film industry.

The company points to a figure by the Independent Film and Television Alliance that horror/thriller films gained 23

percent in popularity last year.

"It was easy to get investors because they have a ready market for what they're doing," Spademan said. "They have a cult following."

Now, the couple said they've laid the groundwork for loftier endeavors. The Brunswicks said they plan to produce a bigger-budget film by early 2007 to be titled "Dumping Grounds," a detective story about two generations of serial killers. It has a \$2.3 million production budget, far exceeding the budgets of their previous movies.

They're also planning to make children's and family movies through a new company they've formed called Studio 3B.

"Investors are attracted to our business plan," said Tommy Brunswick. "That's what sells them on our movies and company. When they see the return, they want to invest again."

Roszowski, who's one of Crossbow's many local investors, was so impressed with Crossbow films that he not only shelled out \$1,000 toward production costs for "Mr. Jingles," but also played the caretaker of the haunted house in "Writer's Block."

"I believe their movies are fantastic investments," said Roszowski, who's planning on investing in the couple's next film.

"It was a no-brainer to invest," he said.



The Associated Press

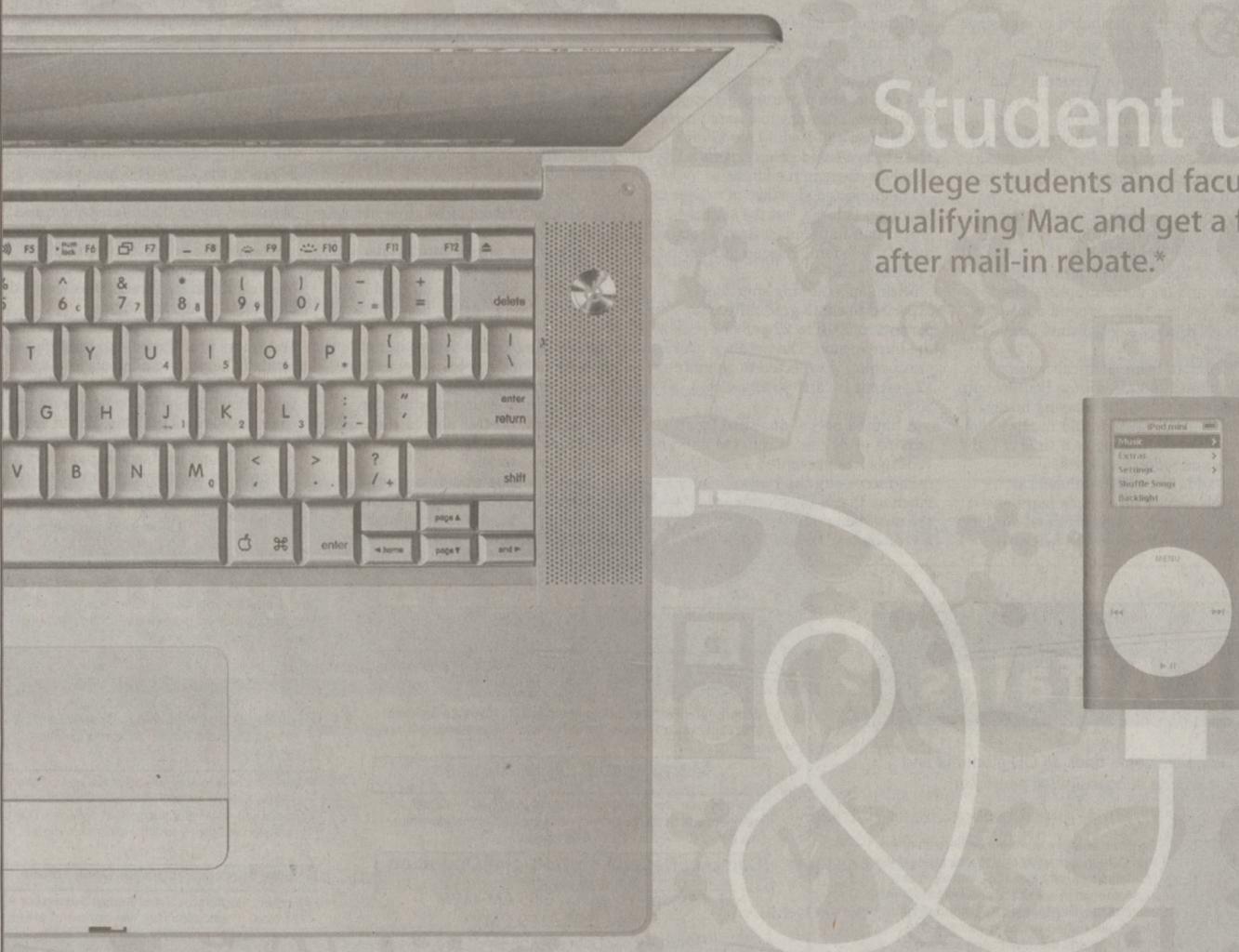
Jessica Hall, 23, of Ferndale, who plays the role of Samantha Jenner, screams into the camera during a shoot of her death scene for the film "Writer's Block."

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EDITORIAL

State funding flatlines causing OU to increase tuition

It is no secret that the U.S. economy is in a pinch, and that pinch has trickled down to the state level, which causes the state to make cuts.

But what happens when the state makes cuts in our education system? Students end up digging into their pockets for cash. Resident undergrads at Oakland University have to fork over an extra \$532.50 per semester, to be exact, since the OU board of trustees recently approved a 9.53 percent tuition increase for the 2005-06 school year. But, it could have been worse; the original proposal called for a whopping 15.2 percent increase.

Along with a series of budget cuts, OU had to resort to increase tuition to make up for a \$7 million shortfall in state funding over the last four years. In addition, the budget had to accommodate growth in enrollment and increased costs of campus utilities. Not only has OU been affected by the state budget, other universities have to bite the bullet as well.

Central Michigan University upped its tuition by 19 percent, whereas Wayne State University followed close behind with 18.5 percent. Western Michigan University increased tuition by 14 percent; Michigan State University, 13.5 percent; University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, 12.3 percent; U of M - Flint and Dearborn, 11.9 percent; and Eastern Michigan University, 9.9 percent.

So if universities are upping their tuition, where is all of this support Gov. Jennifer Granholm promised students just last year? Talk about being hypocritical.

In her 2003 State of the State Address, Granholm said, "One way or another, we'll make sure that the doors of educational opportunity swing wide for those with limitless dreams, but limited means."

Students are now facing more limited means as tuition rises every year. In the governor's proposed 2006 Executive Budget Recommendation, state universities would receive \$15.7 billion, of which \$2.1 billion is general fund.

"Students must expect to attend college," Granholm said.

But how can students expect to attend college when they are faced with rising tuition?

In the meantime, students are forced to fork over more money for their education, which could cause them to take out more loans or take on another job.

The end is not in sight for this madness.

Soon, universities will have to reevaluate their financial relationship with the state and increase tuition again.

The university cuts will have to be revamped, and OU will find itself in the same, current situation.

In order to avoid such a case, over time the board will have to propose another tuition increase for next year's students.

Another downer for OU students is that the increase in tuition ranks as the fifth lowest, compared to other universities in Michigan. OU did not raise tuition as high as other universities, which means that the tuition will most likely go up in the near future.

The state needs to consider the idea that students and education should come first. We, the students, are trying to get an education to improve our lives. The state should support us in our venture.

If Granholm has promised students a better means of education, she should keep her promise. Rework the state budget to provide financially for students. And students need to raise their voice on this issue.

— The Oakland Post

Find out more about the state funding at www.michigan.gov/budget. To contact Gov. Jennifer Granholm, call (517) 373-3400 or write to P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, Michigan 48909

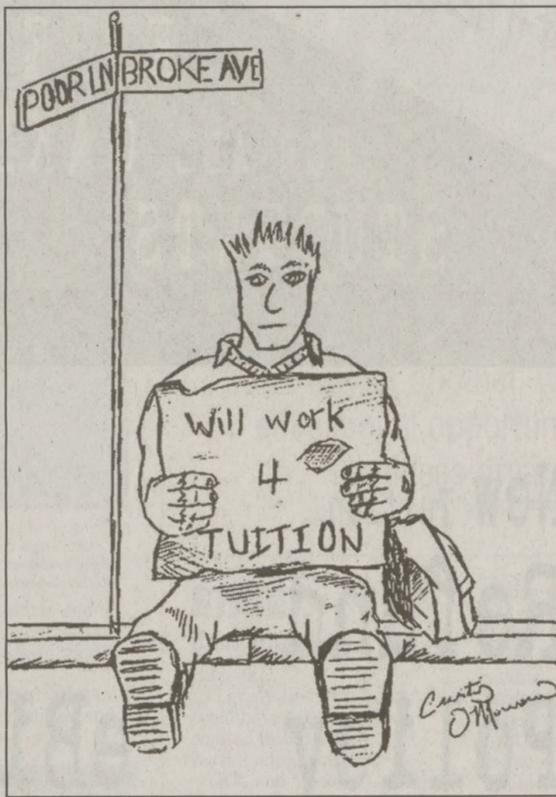


Illustration by Curtis O'Morrow

State law goes to far

If you are a pedestrian under 21, police can demand you take a Breathalyzer test or face a \$100 fine. You don't have to be holding any just cause, such as a beer bottle; they don't have to have a search warrant. This is only in Michigan, mind you.

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a federal lawsuit challenging the state law.

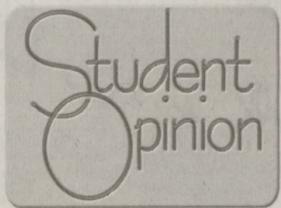
The case stems from an incident involving a 19-year-old Saginaw Valley State University honors student who was not drinking, and Thomas Township police, who asked her and three friends to take a Breathalyzer test. She said her choice was between "an invasion of privacy" and a \$100 fine, and called it "guilty until proven innocent."

Simply attending a party doesn't seem to us to be suspicious behavior.

It's easy to argue that if you're innocent, you should just take the test anyway. We disagree. Our personal rights are slipping away, through the oddly named Patriot Act and other means, and we are not about to endorse just handing them over.

We commend law enforcement agencies, universities and others who take underage drinking seriously. Forcing all minors to take Breathalyzer tests is not the answer, though. Standing in a house is not evidence a person was drinking, any more than standing in a store is evidence of shoplifting.

— Midland Daily News



OU students are facing changes as the semester kicks off. The Vandenberg Cafeteria was remodeled, SpiritCard has become the SpiritCard Plus, Credit Union One sits in the OC, and the tuition refund has some new guidelines. With all of these changes, take a moment to hear what students are saying.



"I think it is good because you won't have to carry around other credit card. You can use one card for everything."

Monique Longmire about the SpiritCard
Junior
Human Resource Development

"I don't like it because you may need a little longer than two weeks to drop a class. You might as well keep the class because you're going to have to pay for it anyway."

Marquis Longmire about the tuition refund
Junior
Political Science



"I think it looks nice, but if the food doesn't improve, it's not worth it."

Dana Chrisman about the Vandenberg Cafeteria
Senior
International Studies

Make the best of your college years



By GARY BAKER
Columnist

So, you're reading the school paper, which is a great start.

You have an interest in what is going on at your campus, you're really bored or you just needed some free reading material to browse instead of those books you just forked over two weeks' pay for.

So now that we've got your attention for a minute, ask yourself: What do I want to get out of college?

Do I want Oakland University just to be a place I drive to for classes, feign interest in a professor for a few hours and then drive home?

Do I want to study diligently, hours a night, confining myself to the Shawshank-esque prison cells called Hamlin Hall, ignoring all else that goes on around me in my quest for the Holy Grail of a 4.0?

Do I want to go Belushi my freshman year, drinking until the sun comes up, wasting away the thousands of dollars Mom and Pops have been saving up since I've been in Pampers?

Undoubtedly, there will be people who fall into each of these three genres. It's your choice which road to take. Do what you want with your college experience. But in four years, don't say that you missed out on just that — the college experience.

The college experience is much more than your academic career. While academics are the primary

focus — I'm supposed to say something like that — there is much more to be taken from your time as a student.

The college experience is more than just being a commuter. It is getting involved in some way on campus. It is taking advantage of all the resources available to you.

It's getting to know some people, hanging in the Oakland Center, going to a show at the Meadowbrook Theatre, staying around a few extra hours and finding out what Friday Night Live is all about.

The college experience is more than getting that 4.0. It's being able to stake your claim to the bragging rights as the best Halo or Madden player 5 West has to offer.

It's staying up way past midnight after studying, getting to know your

suitmates over popcorn and watching "Anchorman" for the 10th time.

It's getting your friends from the dorms and putting together a flag football team.

The college experience is more than skipping all your morning classes because of one too many kegstands. It's enjoying a crowd of 7,000, a Wednesday night at JD's, barhopping in downtown Rochester and still keeping that scholarship or making your parents proud of the report card.

The college experience is getting to know that cute girl in class. It's laughing your tail off with friends in the cafeteria.

It's painting your face black and gold and going to a game in the O'rena. It's taking the walk at night through the woods to the Meadowbrook Mansion.

It's making the Dean's List, but also making new friends. It's getting out of the dorms and checking out an event on campus or working out at the Rec Center.

It's a game of pong, a study group, a date to the Fall Ball, pickup basketball, late night Texas Hold'em, going to a Pig Roast, joining the Residence Hall Council or decorating yourself in a garb and finding out what Dagorhir is.

Your college experience could be none of these things, it could be any of these things or it could be all of these things. Your college experience is whatever you want to make of it.

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LOOK AT ALL THE CHANGES WE'VE MADE

EFFECTIVE FALL 2005
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Paper Bill

Phase Out

Beginning in October, OU will no longer mail paper bills via the U.S. Postal Service. OU will notify you of your monthly bill through an electronic billing presentment system known as eBill. This system:

- Provides quick and convenient service
- Eliminates mailing delays

Billing notices are sent electronically to each student's OU e-mail account each month. Remember to check your OU e-mail for a notification that your bill is ready to view!

New Online Payment Options

You can now make online payments through eBill from your checking or savings accounts!

New Tuition Refund Policy

The last day to drop or withdraw from a course and receive a 100% refund is **Tuesday, September 13**. Beginning September 14, no refunds will be given.

If you decide to drop or withdraw from a course, use the SAIL Web system at www.oakland.edu. If you drop or withdraw in person, by fax or mail, requests must be received and processed by the Registrar's Office, 100 O'Dowd Hall, by 4 p.m. on September 13. If you drop all courses, a \$57 general service fee is non-refundable.

Benefits of this new policy include:

- Two weeks, instead of one, to drop or withdraw from a course and still receive a 100% refund
- Students who pay through their own resources will receive a larger refund
- A billing process that is easier to read and understand
- Financial aid students have more time to make schedule adjustments and maximize financial aid eligibility

Financial aid recipients: Financial aid is based on the number of registered credits as of 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13. Credits added after this time will not be considered for financial aid, scholarships and grants.

eBill Upgrade

eBill, which allows you to pay your bills online, has been upgraded to provide a more comprehensive format for reviewing and paying bills. **New enhancements include:**

- Real-time billing information with your account balance calculated at login
- The most recent billing statement and transactions displayed on the home page
- The bill due date now listed on the payments page
- Users can create customized reports of the payment activity
- Users can authorize others to access billing statements and payment history
- Users can receive billing notifications at an OU e-mail address and another one
- Notices posted in the Important Announcements section of the home page

New Financial Aid

Disbursement Date

Financial aid for fall 2005 is disbursed 10 days prior to the first day of classes, **provided all financial aid requirements are met**, by crediting the student account (excluding non-disbursable aid such as work study) and on a rolling basis thereafter.

The new disbursement date means financial aid is applied to your account earlier, which helps you settle financial issues before you start the new semester.

If you drop a class between the disbursement date and the last date to drop a class with a 100% refund (September 13), your financial aid might be reduced or canceled.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE CHANGES?

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charge, combining both tuition and fees. To accommodate cost needs, Beaghan originally proposed a 15.2 percent increase, which was refused by the board at its Aug. 3 meeting.

Students engaged in a silent protest at the meeting by holding signs encouraging the board not to approve the increase.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness spoke before the board, asking members to keep students' best interest in mind.

"Students have been realistic, and they understand what needs to be done," McGuinness told The Post after the meeting.

However, the increase "has a very real human impact," he said. "It's very difficult. That could mean a third job that has to be taken up. That means a higher level of loans needs to be taken out."

"I think the board is very understanding of the students and very responsive to student concerns, and I think the administration is too," Beaghan said. "That is why we came back with a more modest 9.5 percent increase."

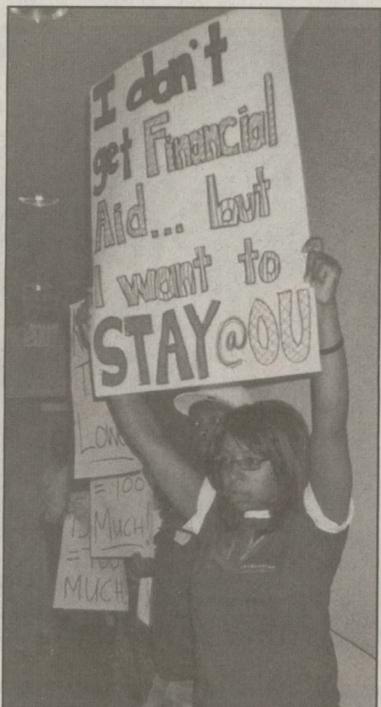
The 9.53 percent increase still funds non-discretionary cost increases and some priority needs.

However, other priority needs have been set aside for discussion after the state budget becomes clear.

The budget is not expected to be decided on until the end of next month, but state appropriations for OU are expected to remain flat.

Rolling fees into tuition also remains up for discussion.

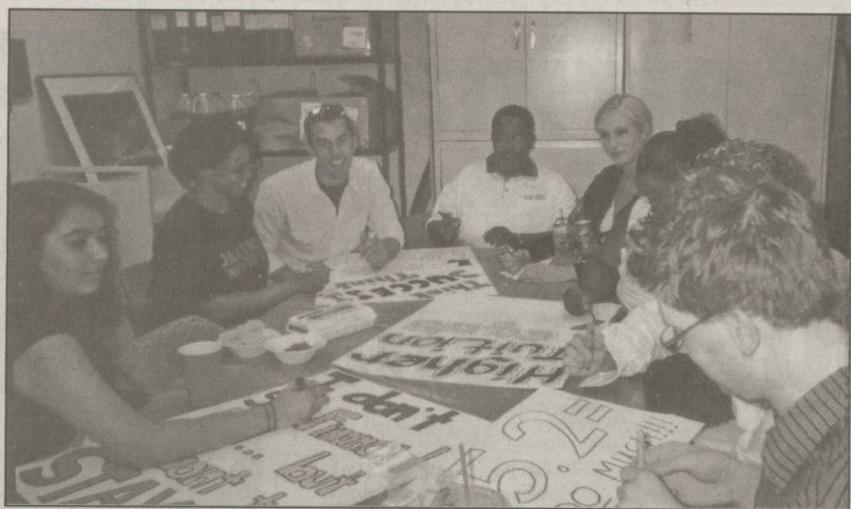
Beaghan said the university is working to build more sources of revenue, so it does not have to rely solely on state appropriations and tuition to cover costs.



Roqaya Eshamawi/The Oakland Post
Junior Christina Rountree holds up a sign at the board of trustees' meeting as board members begin to discuss a possible 11.5 percent increase in tuition.

Putting the increase in perspective and comparing it to what other universities have done keeps OU's increase "way down there," he said.

OU's tuition this semester is fourth lowest among Michigan's 15 state universities, and the increase in tuition is fifth lowest.



Roqaya Eshamawi/The Oakland Post
Students gather in OU's Student Congress office to make signs to take to the board of trustees meeting.

"One way or another, we'll make sure that the doors of educational opportunity swing open for those with limitless dreams, but limited means."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm in the 2003 State of the State Address

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campus.

"I graduated with honors, I could have gone anywhere I wanted to, but I went to OCC for the price," she said.

OCC and Macomb County Community College are combining to form a student pipeline together; they sent 566 transfer students to OU in 2004.

The tuition rate at OCC this fall is \$55 per credit hour, while MCCC has a rate of \$65 per credit hour.

With the increase, OU's rate this fall will be \$178 per credit hour.

"You kind of see where the money goes, and you think it's a waste," Dombrowski said.

This is the state's fifth consecutive cut in educational funding, said Ted Montgomery, OU's media relations director,

adding that OU has lost over \$13 million in state aid over the last couple of years.

"We have to maintain the quality of academics. That becomes more difficult to do with every budget cut," he said.

OU's initial proposal to increase tuition by 15.2 percent would have ranked OU among the top three universities in tuition increases.

Central Michigan University raised its tuition 19 percent, but promised that the rate will stay the same for the next five years.

The Associated Press reports that members of the most recent graduating class at CMU saw the rates increase over 26 percent during the span of their studies.

Wayne State University, second to CMU when it comes to increased rates, raised tuition by 18.5 percent.

Rebecca Sprys, a WSU graduate, said tuition rose every

year she attended, adding that she felt the education offered was not worth the price tag.

"Wayne State is just outrageous," she said.

Michigan State University increased tuition by 13.5 percent, while the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor upped its cost by 12.3 percent. Students at U of M's other campuses, in Flint and Dearborn, will also see an increase of 11.9 percent.

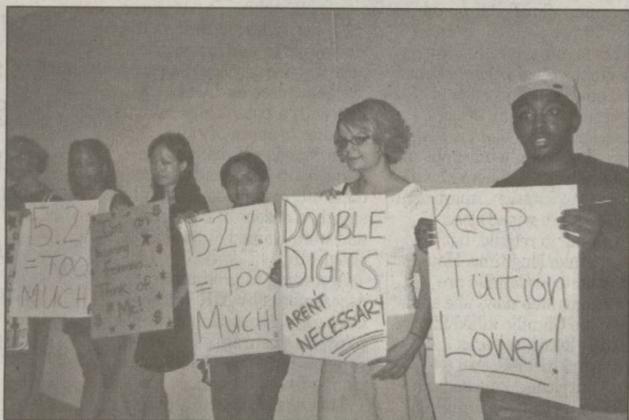
Since the 2001-02 school year, OU's tuition has risen approximately 32 percent and is expected to be \$6,122 this year.

This year's tuition increase of 9.53 percent comes after last year's increase of 2.5 percent.

The average increase in tuition for Michigan's 15 public universities comes to nearly 12 percent this academic year.

If state funding doesn't increase, students and parents may see tuition figures continue their annual climb.

Students engage in a silent protest at the board of trustees meeting on Aug. 3.



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Katrina crisis deepens

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homes in one of the most punishing storms on record in the United States.

In New Orleans, meanwhile, water began rising in the streets Tuesday morning, apparently because of a break on a levee along a canal leading to Lake Pontchartrain, prompting the evacuation of hotels and hospitals.

New Orleans lies mostly below sea level and is protected by a network of pumps, canals and levees, but many of the pumps were not working Tuesday morning.

Officials began using helicopters to drop 3,000-pound sandbags into the breach, and expressed confidence the problem could be solved within hours. All day, rescuers were also seen using helicopters to drop lifelines to victims and pluck them from the roofs of homes cut off by floodwaters.

"We know that last night we had over 300 folks that we could confirm were on tops of roofs and waiting for our assistance. We pushed hard all throughout the night. We hoisted over 100 folks last night just in the Mississippi area. Our crews over New Orleans probably did twice that," Capt. Dave Callahan of the Coast Guard in Mississippi said on ABC.

National Guardsmen brought in people from outlying areas to New Orleans' Superdome in the backs of big duces and a half-ton Army trucks.

Louisiana's wildlife enforcement department also brought people in on the backs of their pickups. Some were wet, some were in wheelchairs, some were holding babies and nothing else.

Nevertheless, it was clear the death toll would rise sharply, with one survivor after another telling of friends and loved ones who floated off or disappeared as the floodwaters rose around them.

"I talked with paramedics that are on the scene and the devastation is so great that they won't quit counting (bod-

ies) for a while," said Mark Williams, operations supervisor for American Medical Response, which operated ambulances along the Mississippi coast.

Along the coast, tree trunks, downed power lines and trees, and chunks of broken concrete in the streets prevented rescuers from reaching victims.

Swirling water in many areas contained hidden dangers.

Crews worked to clear highways. Along one Mississippi highway, motorists themselves used chainsaws to remove trees blocking the road.

Tens of thousands of people will need shelter for weeks if not months, said Mike Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

And once the floodwaters go down, "it's going to be incredibly dangerous" because of structural damage to homes, diseases from animal carcasses and chemicals in homes, he said.

As of Monday night, more than 37,000 people were in American Red Cross shelters along the Gulf Coast, the organization reported.

Officials warned people against trying to return to their homes, saying that would only interfere with the rescue and recovery efforts.

Looting broke out in Biloxi and in New Orleans, in some cases in full view of police and National Guardsmen.

On New Orleans' Canal Street, the main thoroughfare in the central business district, looters sloshed through hip-deep water and ripped open the steel gates on the front of several clothing and jewelry stores.

More than 1,600 Mississippi National Guardsmen were activated to help with the recovery, and the Alabama Guard sent 800 of its soldiers to Mississippi as well.

In New Orleans, a city of 480,000 that was mostly evacuated over the weekend as Katrina closed in, those who stayed behind faced another, delayed threat: rising water.

Failed pumps and levees apparently sent water from Lake Pontchartrain coursing through the streets.



The Associated Press

Bay St. Louis Emergency Management Agency volunteer crews rescue the Taylor family from the roof of their suburban, which became trapped on US 90 due to flooding during Hurricane Katrina on Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

The rising water forced one New Orleans hospital to move patients to the Superdome, where some 10,000 people had taken shelter, and prompted the staff of New Orleans' Times-Picayune newspaper to abandon its offices, authorities said. Hotels were evacuated as well as the water kept rising.

Downtown streets that were relatively clear in the hours after the storm were filled with 1 to 1 1/2 feet of water Tuesday morning.

Water was knee-deep around the Superdome. Canal Street was literally a canal. Water lapped at the edge of the French Quarter.

Clumps of red ants floated in the gasoline-fouled waters downtown.

"It's a very slow rise, and it will remain so until we plug that breach. I think we can get it stabilized in a few hours," said Terry Ebbert, New Orleans' homeland security chief.

Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi said there were unconfirmed reports of up to 80 deaths in Harrison County — which includes devastated Gulfport and Biloxi — and the number was likely to rise.

An untold number of people were also feared dead in Louisiana. At least five other deaths across the Gulf Coast were blamed on Katrina.

"We know that there is a lot of the coast that we have not been able to get to," Barbour said on NBC's "Today Show."

"I hate to say it, but it looks like it is a very bad disaster in terms of human life," he said.

As for the death toll in Louisiana, Blanco said only: "We have no counts whatsoever, but we know many lives have been lost."

At the Superdome, someone

died after plunging from an upper level of the stadium, Ebbert said. He said the person probably jumped.

The biggest known cluster of deaths was at the Quiet Water Beach apartments in Biloxi, a red-brick beachfront complex of about 100 units.

Harrison County, Miss., emergency operations center spokesman Jim Pollard said about 30 people died there.

"This is our tsunami," Mayor A. J. Holloway of Biloxi, Miss., told The Biloxi Sun Herald.

Teresa Kavanagh, 35, of Biloxi, shook her head in disbelief as she took photographs of the damage in her hometown.

"Total devastation. Apartment complexes are wiped clean. We're going to rebuild, but it's going to take long time. Houses that withstood Camille are nothing but slab now," she said.

Hurricane Camille killed 256 people in Louisiana and Mississippi in 1969.

The hurricane knocked out power to more than 1 million people from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, and authorities said it could be two months before electricity is restored to everyone.

Oil prices jumped by more

than \$3 a barrel on Tuesday, climbing above \$70 a barrel, amid uncertainty about the extent of the damage to the Gulf region's refineries and drilling platforms.

By mid-day Tuesday, Katrina was downgraded to a tropical depression, with winds around 35 mph. It was moving northeast through Tennessee at around 21 mph.

Forecasters said that as the storm moves north over the next few days, it could swamp the Tennessee and Ohio valleys with a potentially ruinous 8 inches or more of rain.

On Monday, Katrina's remnants spun off tornadoes and other storms in Georgia that smashed dozens of buildings and were blamed for at least one death.

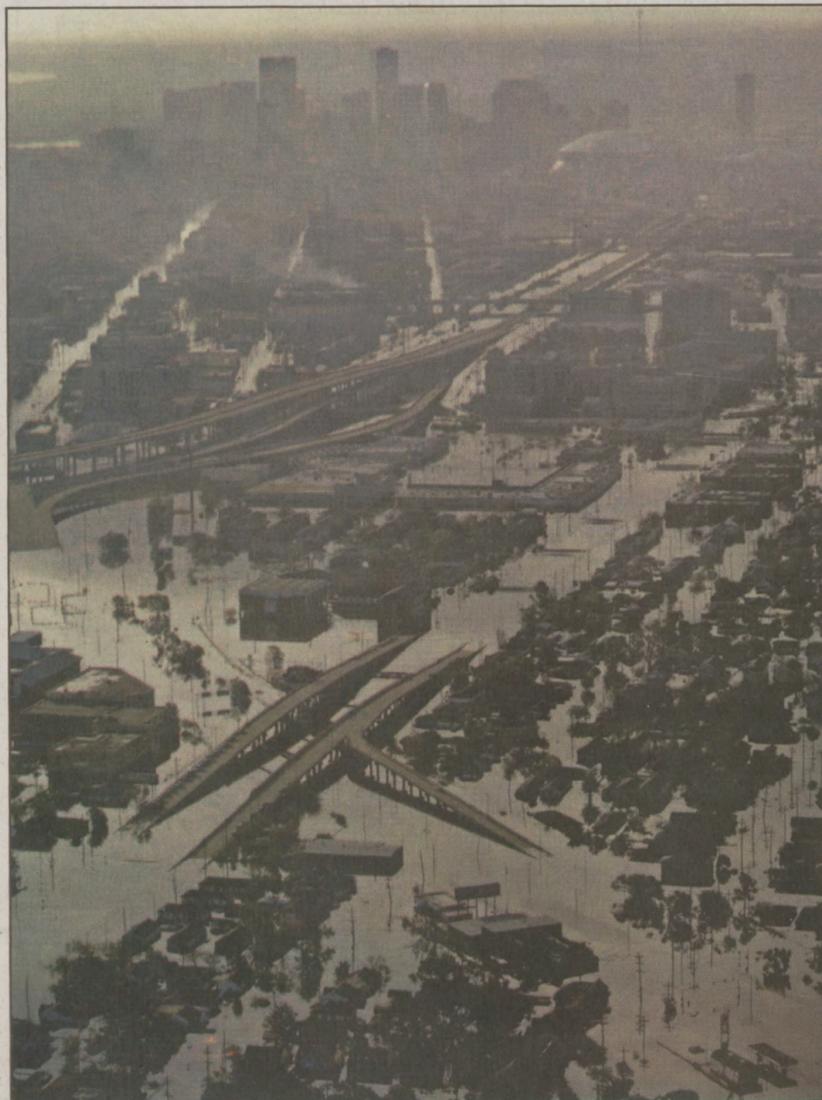
According to preliminary assessments by AIR Worldwide Corp., a risk assessment company, the insurance industry faces as much as \$26 billion in claims from Katrina.

That would make Katrina more expensive than the previous record-setting storm, Hurricane Andrew, which caused some \$21 billion in insured losses in 1992 to property in Florida and along the Gulf Coast.

The remnants of Katrina will track across Ohio overnight and across Lake Erie on Wednesday. High pressure averaging 29.8 inches will build into lower Michigan Wednesday afternoon and evening before a cold front swings through on Thursday.

Water covers roads and surrounds homes in New Orleans, Tuesday, the day after Hurricane Katrina made landfall. The Louisiana Superdome is seen in the background.

The Associated Press

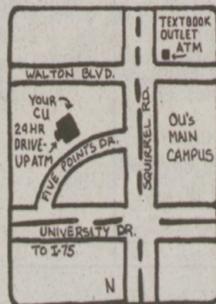


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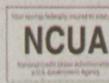
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The extra school work caused him to miss a pre-draft camp, but Marshall made up for it by impressing scouts at the Chicago Pre-Draft camp. However, he still went un-drafted.

Marshall wasn't going to let the disappointing draft night stop him.

He was determined to prove he belonged in the league.

He received several offers from NBA teams to play on their summer league squads, including the Mavericks.

In fact, the night of the draft, Dallas owner Mark Cuban called Marshall and told him the team was interested.

Marshall elected to sign with the Memphis Grizzlies and played on its summer league team in the Southern California Summer Pro League.

He played well, but didn't get enough playing time to really impress the coaching staff.

He had an agreement with Dallas that if the Grizzlies didn't sign him, then he would play for the Mavericks summer league team in Salt Lake City.

In Salt Lake City, Marshall got a chance to shine.

He averaged 10.6 points, 3 rebounds, 1.8 steals and a team-high 27.4 minutes per game for the Mavericks and then signed a contract with the team a few weeks later.

He is now working out in Dallas and preparing for training camp.

Marshall said the team hasn't told him much, but they just want him to keep working hard.

Marshall will get a chance to play in front of his friends and family on Oct. 18, when the Mavericks take on the Detroit Pistons in pre-season action.

Marshall said he can't wait to play in his hometown.

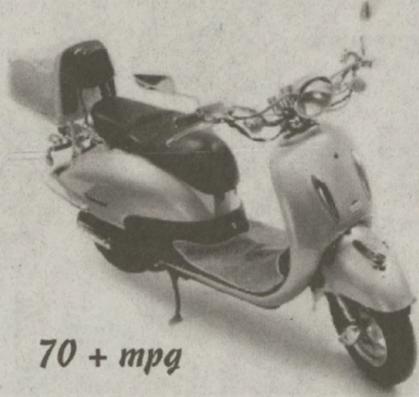
"Just coming back and playing at The Palace. Wow. It's amazing," he said.

"Everything that is going on is incredible."

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Can machines improve old-fashioned CPR?

WASHINGTON (AP) - Old-fashioned CPR is getting a makeover. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is crucial when people collapse with cardiac arrest, but it's hard to perform correctly. Now major efforts are under way to improve how doctors, paramedics and average bystanders do the job: New CPR guidelines are due this fall, and high-tech machines that promise to help are already showing up in ambulances and offices. Portable defibrillators can increase survival, delivering a jolt of electricity that stuns the

heart, ending the abnormal rhythm and giving it a chance to resume a normal beat. Studies show that doing CPR first makes defibrillation more likely to work if cardiac arrest has lasted longer than three minutes. The longer someone goes without oxygen, the more their abnormal heart rhythm degrades until it's unshockable. "It has to be good CPR. We don't want to delay defibrillation for crummy CPR," warns Dr. Lance Becker of the University of Chicago, co-author of one of a pair of surprising studies earlier this year that found even the best-

trained rescuers too frequently give inadequate CPR. The studies found long pauses in CPR; that rescuers often didn't pound hard or fast enough on victims' chests; and that they pumped too much air into the lungs. Why? Good CPR is tough and rescuers tire or may pause to prepare the defibrillator or perform other tasks. Enter the high-tech machines: Philips Medical Systems is seeking Food and Drug Administration clearance of a CPR-aiding defibrillator with sensor pads that measure

chest compressions. The Q-CPR system's recorded voice says "compress deeper," or faster, or slower, or not so deep. Additional sensors also measure whether lungs are being filled too fast or slow. Initially aimed at paramedics, Philips plans to put the system on at-home defibrillators soon, too. And more than 100 fire departments and other first responders have bought Zoll's AutoPulse, a battery-powered band that squeezes the chest to replace manual compressions. It's getting some rave reviews. "CPR is exhausting," explains

Glenn Ortiz-Schuld, the San Francisco Fire Department's chief of emergency medical services. "The machine doesn't tire." A recent study of his fire department found more AutoPulse recipients made it to the hospital alive than those getting manual CPR — 39 percent compared with 29 percent. The key question is whether those people also were more likely to recover without brain damage and leave the hospital. The University of Washington has begun the first study, called ASPIRE, to find out. Researchers recently suspended work because manual

CPR seemed to work better at one of the five study sites. Another snag: Officials in Riverside, Calif., suspended AutoPulse use because the corner was suspicious of injuries sustained by a 77-year-old man who died despite its use; Zoll says the machine isn't to blame. The technology's intriguing, says the heart association's Hazinski, but no machine yet has proven better than manual CPR. New international guidelines due in November aim to teach rescuers to do CPR better. The average person doesn't have to wait. Take a course, says Hazinski.



The Associated Press
Fireworks explode over the Byzantine era monument of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday on the occasion of Victory Day. Aug. 30th is a national holiday in Turkey, commemorating the end of the 1922 Turco-Greek war leading to Turkey's independence.

The Associated Press
Joe Pace, the owner of Risotteria, serves a risotto dish at his restaurant in New York. Pace's restaurant caters to those who have an allergy to gluten.

The Associated Press
Emilo Gonzales, left, Haley Benson, center, and Jeret Charnok, all third grade students at Leon Heights Elementary School, look through their new dictionaries given as part of "Dictionary Project," a dictionary distribution to students in Bell county, Texas.

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Meth raid reveals many labs, users
WASHINGTON (AP) - When police visited an assisted-living facility near Pittsburgh they found employees cooking more than just the evening meal — authorities seized a lab used to make methamphetamine. Police also made two of the more than 400 arrests that were part of the first nationally coordinated operation aimed at producers and sellers of the highly addictive drug. Authorities announced Tuesday the results of Operation Wildfire, a cooperative effort among police in more than 200 cities and the Drug Enforcement Administration. More than 200 pounds of the drug and 56 labs were seized. Methamphetamine, which can come in the form of a crystal-like powder or rocklike chunks, is an addictive stimulant that can be smoked, snorted, injected or taken orally. At least 12 million people have tried meth, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Authorities have dismantled more than 50,000 clandestine meth labs since 2001.

Sheehan "grateful" while leaving month-long camp in Crawford
CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - A woman who led an anti-war protest for nearly a month near President Bush's ranch said Tuesday that she's glad Bush never showed up to discuss her son's death in Iraq, saying the president's absence "galvanized the peace movement." Cindy Sheehan's comments came as war protesters packed up their campsite near the ranch and prepared to leave Tuesday for a three-week bus tour. "I look back on it, and I am very, very, very grateful he did not meet with me, because we have sparked and galvanized the peace movement," Sheehan told The Associated Press. "If he'd met with me, then I would have gone home, and it would have ended there."

Poverty level, number of uninsured rose in 2004
WASHINGTON (AP) - Even with a robust economy that was adding jobs last year, the number of Americans who fell into poverty rose to 37 million, up 1.1 million from 2003, according to

Census Bureau figures released Tuesday. It marks the fourth straight increase in the government's annual poverty measure. The Census Bureau also said household income remained flat, and that the number of people without health insurance edged up by about 800,000 to 45.8 million people. While disappointed, the Bush administration, which has not seen a decline in poverty numbers since the president took office, said it was not surprised by the new statistics.

Teen sentenced to life in prison for school shooting
ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) - A 17-year-old who gunned down two classmates at school was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison, with no possibility for parole until he's well over 50. "You devastated two families, you damaged a community's sense of safety and you destroyed your own and your parents' hope for the future," the judge told Jason McLaughlin at his sentencing. McLaughlin was convicted of first-degree murder in the September 2003 shooting death of 14-year-old Seth Bartell, and second-degree murder for killing Aaron Rollins, 17.

King of Pop relaxes over Buffalo wings, appears at ease in Dubai
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - He ate Buffalo wings. He took a speedboat to a luxury villa on a manmade island. He buzzed around the Emirate with a race car driver and a prince. In contrast to the frail and withdrawn Michael Jackson cleared of child abuse charges in June, the king of pop appeared at ease during his visit to this Persian Gulf sheikdom, said Mohammed Bin Sulayem, the Emirates champion rally driver who escorted Jackson on sightseeing tours. The pair was joined by a friend, Sheik Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the son of Bahrain's king. According to local newspaper accounts and pictures, the 47-year-old performer was spotted looking over the world's priciest real estate developments in Dubai, a luxury resort and one of the world's fastest-growing cities.

Rev. Jackson says U.S. should denounce assassination call
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - The Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday urged President Bush to strongly condemn a U.S. religious broadcaster's call to assassinate Venezuela's leftist president, saying Washington needs to cool down the rhetoric against this South American nation and major oil producer. The U.S. civil rights leader met Hugo Chavez in private at the presidential palace on Monday, saying beforehand that he hoped to help ease tensions aggravated last week by Pat Robertson's suggestion that Chavez ought to be killed. "We must make it clear that talk of isolating Venezuela, talk of assassinating its leader, this is unacceptable, and it must be denounced roundly by our president and by our secretary of state," Jackson told The Associated Press in an interview shortly before meeting Chavez.

Humanoid robot to go on sale in Japan can work as house-sitter
TOKYO (AP) - A 3-foot-tall humanoid robot that can recognize about 10,000 words and work as a house sitter will go on sale in Japan in September, its manufacturer said Monday. The "Wakamaru" robot can recognize the faces of up to 10 people and talk to them. When linked to cell phones, it can also monitor situations at home, such as a burglary or someone falling ill, according to Mitsubishi-Heavy Industries Ltd. It said it would be the first time a robot with communication ability for home use has been sold. "This is the opening of an era in which human beings and robots can coexist," it said. Mitsubishi-Heavy said it will start taking orders for "Wakamaru" from Sept. 16, and plans to sell 100 of the 66-pound robots at about \$14,300 for residents in central Tokyo. The owner's schedule can be programmed in advance and Wakamaru can give a wake-up call and remind them of the day's events.

Prime minister says police ordered to show restraint on election day
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Police have been ordered

to exercise "maximum self-restraint" during Egypt's first contested presidential campaign and to prevent a repeat of attacks against opposition protesters, reformist Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif said Monday. In an interview with The Associated Press, Nazif said the Sept. 7 balloting would be "a good first" step toward democracy in the world's most-populous Arab country, despite initial world skepticism and the likelihood that incumbent President Hosni Mubarak will win handily. "It's a first, and we're hoping it will be a good first," the 53-year-old Mubarak appointee said at his office in Cabinet headquarters. "The world started with some skepticism. I think skepticism was warranted," Nazif said. But he said "we have a real campaign in place" now, and "we've started to gain credibility and the trust of our own people — which is very important — and of the rest of the world."

China suspends search for miners
BEIJING (AP) - China suspended a search Monday for 123 workers trapped after a flood swept through a coal mine in the country's south, declaring all of them dead. Authorities in Guangdong province said the conditions at the Daxing Coal Mine were "not suitable for survival and that rescue efforts were fraught with difficulty," the official Xinhua News Agency said. "We had let go," Xinhua said, citing Guangdong officials. "The 123 trapped miners are dead." The mine flooded Aug. 7 and only four workers managed to escape alive. Pumps worked around the clock to remove millions of gallons of water that had inundated the shaft. Beijing has ordered an investigation into the flooding. Eleven officials have been detained in connection with the incident, including the owner, a manager, board chairman and chief technician of the mine. Two mayors who had jurisdiction over mines in the area have been suspended. China's coal mines are the world's deadliest, with thousands of deaths reported each year in fires, floods and other disasters. The government has repeatedly promised to tighten the enforcement of safety standards.

The Associated Press
A trader in the natural gas pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange gestures during early trading in New York as reports continued to come in about the condition of refineries off the coast of the southern United States in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

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Irene Barrientos is comforted after Government of Guatemala apologized for killing of 11 student leaders of the University of San Carlos in 1989.

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A boy wearing a Palestinian police uniform attends a demonstration in the Rafah refugee camp, in the southern Gaza Strip, Monday, Aug. 29, 2005. Hamas supporters on Monday called for the liberation of Palestinians held in Israeli jails.



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EyeToy puts you in the game

By MICHAEL FELBERBAUM
The Associated Press

When Sony Computer Entertainment decided to create games that let users interact with the console and see themselves on-screen, it seemed like a good idea.

The newest game, "EyeToy: Play 2," is fun if you have the patience to work through the not-always-accurate camera.

Bundled with a plug-in USB camera for \$50, "Play 2" features scores of games that vary from an old-fashioned game of table tennis to Monkey Bars, where you maneuver down tall buildings while avoiding roadblocks and bombs.

Unfortunately, the setup of this game entailed spending about 15 minutes rearranging my furniture just so my image fit in the childlike outline on the screen. Then I had to make sure the lighting was right and, of course, make sure the picture was in focus.

After that, I was really ready to play.

Feeling like a rock star, I decided to try one of the new games, Air Guitar, which, you guessed it, lets you play the on-screen guitar — which I am sure looked awfully odd to my neighbors.

As I strummed along, trying to match up my movements with the directions on the screen, it became clear that either I wasn't a really good guitar player, or the camera wasn't recording my movements accurately because as I strummed, the guitar wasn't making much noise.

At that point I had enough. I was ready to move onto something else. The EyeToy camera allows you to end the game by putting your hand over the camera lens — that of course, the camera recognized.

But when I got back to the main screen and tried to play a new game, I waved my hand over the start button for about 5 minutes before it actually registered with the game.

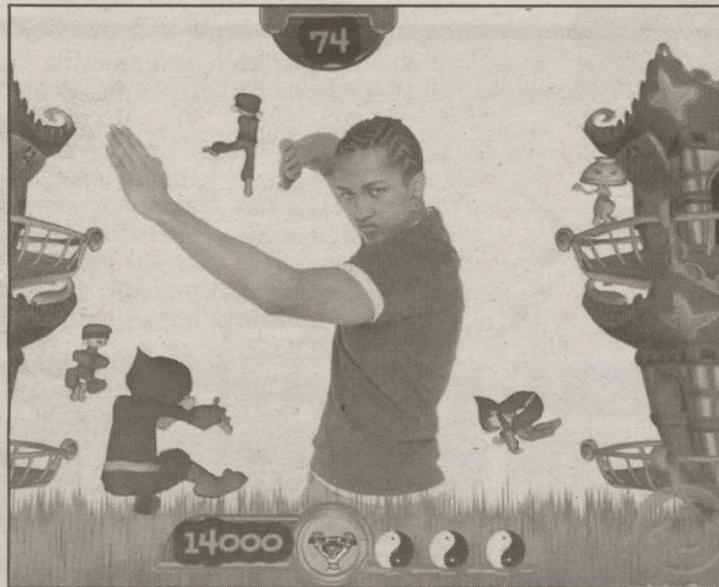


Photo courtesy of EyeToy.com

EyeToy: Play 2 allows gamers to see themselves on the screen and interact like they have never been able to before with a regular controller.

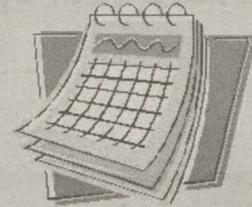
The next game, Bubble Pop, seemed to work a little better. Using my arms and hands, I popped screens full of blue bubbles, while trying to avoid popping the red ones.

Despite the problems with the camera, this PlayStation 2 exclusive title can be quite fun. I played a little baseball, table tennis and tried my hand at the drums and prepared for my next career — salting batches of fries.

If you like seeing yourself on the TV screen, take a look at "Play 2."

This game allows up to four players in multiplayer mode, and is definitely for an easily amused younger audience.

Life is full of choices



Thursday, Sept. 1

Craving something sweet? Student Affairs is hosting an ice cream social between North and South Foundation Halls from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 2

The "Transporter 2" opens in theaters today. See Jason Statham return as the ex-military driver determined to recover his employer's kidnapped children.

Saturday, Sept. 3

Attention bug-lovers! Saturdays at Lansing's Minibeast Zooseum and Education Center. There are activities at 1:30 p.m. including crafts, bug petting and bug hikes.

Sunday, Sept. 4

The last showing of "Kings and Queen" is today at Detroit Film Theatre located inside the DIA. Tickets are only \$6.50. The film's first show is Sept. 2.

Monday, Sept. 5

Take the chance to visit Greenfield Village for the last day of its Summer Celebration. It includes dozens of activities to enhance your journey through America's past, including a daily parade, dramatic presentations, music and historic baseball games.

Corvette's rev up at Canterbury

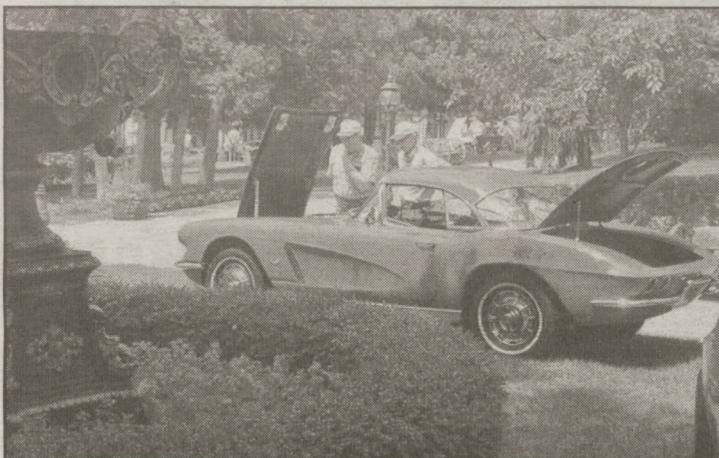


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Corvette enthusiasts check out things under the hood at the Canterbury Corvette Fest held in Lake Orion this summer.

By MARY MCKAY
The Oakland Post

Something even hotter than the temperatures took over historic Canterbury Village in Lake Orion — Corvette's.

Glistening in the June sun were Sting Rays, convertibles, historic models, a 50th anniversary edition, an Indy pace car and, parked in front, a 2006 Z06 performance Corvette, brand new to the market.

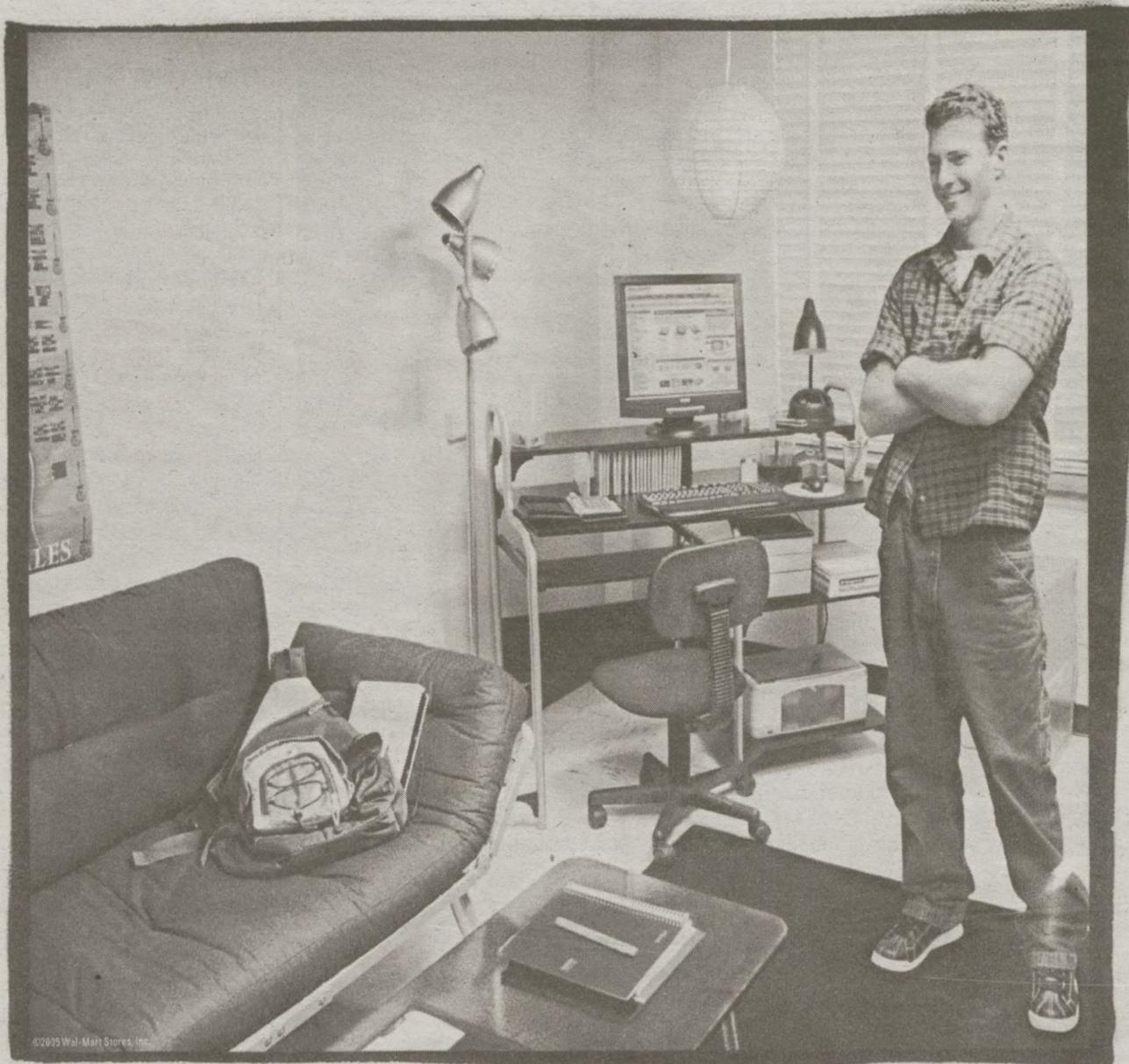
The first annual Canterbury Corvette Fest is a free event, sponsored by the GMC Corvette Set Club. It benefits the Leader Dogs for the Blind by raising money and awareness through raffles, a silent auction and donations. One raffle gave away a 1984 convertible.

The awards ceremony, a mystery cruise and dinner followed the show.

The second annual Canterbury Corvette Fest is scheduled for June 17, 2006.

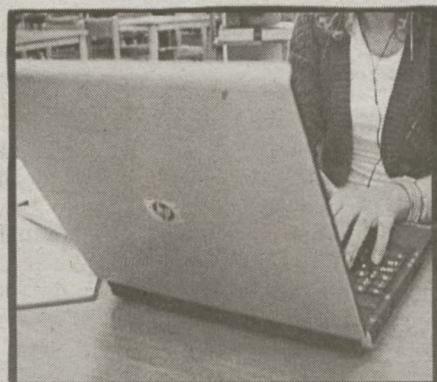
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Simpson's summer movie should stay 'Undiscovered'

By LAURA WEINER
The Oakland Post

One thing you can praise about "Undiscovered" is the directing by Meiert Avis.

The camera shots are aesthetically pleasing and help viewers forget that they could have written the film in their sleep and, well, watched it there as well.

After all, we have all heard the story before, fate bringing people together in magical ways.

"Undiscovered," like so many before it, brings this same fantasy to the big screen.

Ashlee Simpson makes her film debut as a friend that Brier (Pell James) meets during acting class.

Brier is a determined model on a quest for true love. The pair decide to go to Hollywood, where they plan to make it big.

Both women try to jump start the career of a failing musician, Luke, played by Steven Strait.

The movie's script could use improvement; it's not only predictable, but at times, even cheesy.

An E! Online critic said "Undiscovered" doesn't waste too much time with unnecessary stuff like having an interesting story. Its real job is to make everyone in it



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Brier (left), played by Pell James, talks with her agent Carrie, played by Carrie Fisher in the Lions Gate Film, "Undiscovered." Carrie warns her against getting involved with rock star musicians, but Brier can't help but falling for their smooth charm.

look like the most delicious batch of snack cakes ever. It succeeds at that at least."

Look for it in video stores soon.

"Undiscovered' hits its fair share of sweet notes — only to be tainted by the handful of sour ones." — Robert K. Elder, Chicago Tribune



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Clea, played by Ashlee Simpson (left) and Brier, played by Pell James, head to Hollywood to fulfill their dreams of becoming actresses in "Undiscovered."

"It is for teens who haven't had their dreams of becoming models and rockers crushed out of them yet." — Kyle Smith, New York Post

'Brothers' disappoint audiences in a 'Grimm' tale



Photo courtesy <http://www.yahoo.com>
Matt Damon, as Wilhelm Grimm, and Lena Headey, as Angelika, star in "Brothers Grimm," a tale of two brothers duping people into believing their town is full of enchanted creatures that only they can remove.

By NICK COTTA
The Oakland Post

Audiences are undecided whether "Brothers Grimm" is classified in the horror, fairy tale or comedy genre.

It bounces back and forth quickly amongst the genres.

Director Terry Gilliam ("Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," "Monty Python and the Holy Grail") can't help himself

from squeezing in moments of absurdity and humor in scenes that begin to frighten you, or even when it comes to more serious topics like foreign occupation or a reality-versus-fantasy debate.

The story tells of the famous fairy tale writing Brothers Grimm — Jacob (Heath Ledger) and Wilhelm (Matt Damon) — and their job as late 18th century con-artists in small towns.

They travel from village to village pretending to rid them of enchanted creatures.

"The Brothers Grimm sputters and coughs along like an unoiled machine, grinding gears and nerves in equal measure." — Manohla Dargis, New York Times

Their bluff is called and the pair find themselves in a series of adventures involving real enchanted creatures.

The \$80 million biopic, according to Rolling Stone movie critic

Peter Travers, is so loosely based on the 19th century German siblings who wrote "Hansel and Gretel," "Little Red Riding Hood" and other famously grim fairy tales, that there's hardly a word of truth in it.

All in all, the movie was decent.

Damon and Ledger's star power make it highly anticipated, but it probably didn't satisfy viewers who had high hopes for it.

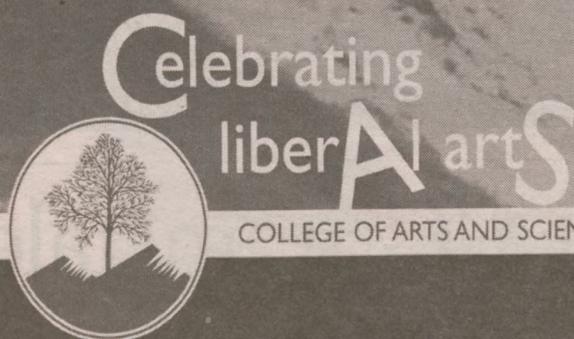
"Brothers Grimm" will make you laugh, though, can make the hairs on your neck stand up a little, and will keep you in suspense until you reach the uninteresting and typical conclusion.

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Renaissance popular in 21st Century

In it's 26th year, the Michigan Renaissance Festival attracts guests with its authentic costumes, skits and feasts

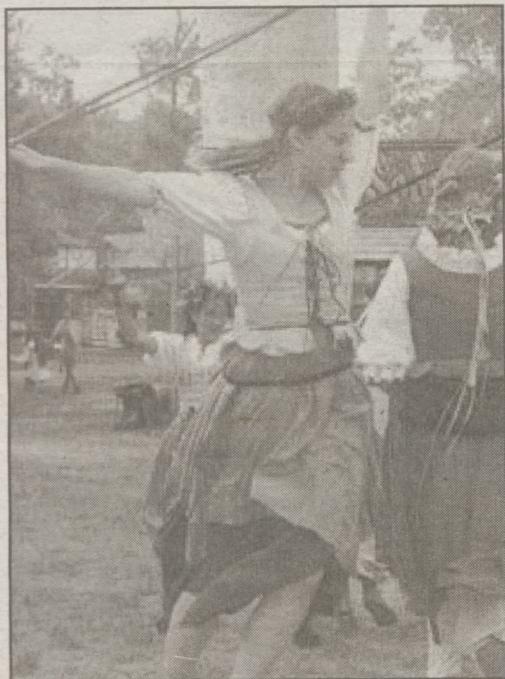


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Women dressed in Renaissance attire dance around the maypole.

By RACHAEL BIERMANN
The Oakland Post

For the past 26 years, children and adults from all over Michigan have had the chance to play make believe.

With summer wrapping up, the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly has returned, allowing Michiganders to once again pretend that they're part of the popular historical era, the Renaissance.

"I've always wanted to get a Renaissance outfit for the festival and imagine I was from that time," said Adriane Witkowski, a Macomb Community College student.

"But the costumes are \$550," she said.

Besides the attire, visitors can experience an atmosphere designed to make them feel as though they are living in the Renaissance.

A popular activity among attendees is to engage in a jousting tournament.

In a real life brawl, the full-armored jousters battle until one man is knocked off

his horse, leaving the other in victory.

The Feast of Fantasy provides festival-goers with a six course meal, an unlimited amount of drinks and two hours of entertainment.

Food such as pizza, sandwiches, soups and peasant pastries can also be bought at the stands throughout the festival.

New to the festival this year is "Amira, the MudFaerie," who transforms mud into sculptures of characters from the fantasy world.

Also new is the music of Cast in Bronze, best known for performing for the president, the late Pope John Paul II and tourists at Epcot Center in Walt Disney World.

Other activities at the festival include shopping at the market place, handwriting analysis, hair braiding, henna tattooing and portrait sketching.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival will continue on weekends and Labor Day until September 25.



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Top: The musketeers get into scrapes, fight unsavory pirates and try to save Queen Elizabeth, all in a day's work at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

Left: A child plays in the Children's Realm where activities are designed to entertain and educate kids of all ages.

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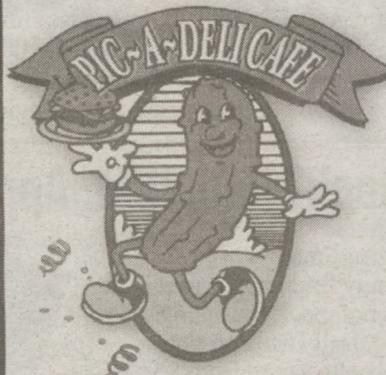
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Take a memo: admin pros make comeback

The role of the secretary has changed. First and foremost, hardly anyone uses the term "secretary" anymore.

Yesterday's shorthand-taking, intercom-answering typewriter jockeys have received a serious upgrade for the 21st century.

The staffing industry's market leader noted new characteristics of today's administrative professionals:

- They embrace technology. In the information age, top-level computer skills are a must. Administrative professionals who have mastered technology command top dollar.

- They get noticed. In the past, many administrative professionals were high school graduates with little hope of advancing beyond the receptionist desk. Now, many are college graduates with a solid career path.

- They are seen as partners. In today's work environment, many administrators have broadened their scope, supporting teams rather than individuals.

If interested in a career as like this, try signing up with a staffing firm.

— This article is courtesy of the North American Precis Syndicate.

Budgeting for back to school

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Assistant Money/Health Editor

Living in the dorms can be fun and exciting, but it may be challenging to stay within a college student's budget.

Many students find themselves asking, "how should I budget my money, and where can I get cheap daily essentials?" The answer involves a bit of planning and a lot of creativity.

Marie O'Malley of the Nellie Mae Foundation suggests that when students first enter the academic school year they plan out a budget for the semester. If students worked over the summer or have additional money from a student loan, O'Malley suggests that students take the lump-sum of money and ration out how much to spend each week to avoid overspending.

O'Malley said personal expenses such as entertainment and toiletries should be budgeted into spending money.

Meals

While living in a dorm, many students have a meal plan for the dining hall, but many also buy groceries and eat meals out.

O'Malley suggests that students explore all on-campus

options before spending money off-campus.

"Every time you eat out, you are paying for that meal twice if you have a meal plan," she said.

Get more variety by changing your meal plan to include more SpiritCash to use in the Pioneer Food Court—that way, cash is saved for snacks and one or two meals off-campus each week.

Big bucks may also be saved by stashing a few groceries in the fridge for the month. Buy things like pastas and sandwich ingredients, so you can keep cash in your pocket instead of opting for fast-food snacks.

Entertainment

O'Malley suggests that students look on-campus for athletic and entertainment needs. At OU, the athletic fee is part of tuition, so students can use the Rec Center at any time without paying extra fees for entry.

"Often, on-campus events are free. If they do sell tickets, they are often cheaper than going off campus," O'Malley said. OU events can be found by clicking on "calendar" on OU's Web site.

If off-campus entertainment is a must, remember to take your OU SpiritCard ID and look for student discounts. Saving a few dollars



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Getting an overage check? Budget it out to last you the whole semester. at the movies can add up.

Gasoline

The price of gas is still soaring. Shopping around for the cheapest prices may save a bundle. DetroitGasPrices.com allows metro Detroiters to search where the lowest gas prices are.

Once your tank is full, only use your car as a necessity, especially in the fall when the weather is still warm enough to walk. Those extra pennies of gas will come in handy in the winter when driving is a must.

Just in case

Students should also be aware that unexpected expenses may come up throughout the year.

Expenses such as textbooks, traveling home and personal health care may catch students off-guard with budgeting.

O'Malley suggests setting aside a small amount of money in case any unexpected expenses arise.

Be sure to check out <http://www.nelliemae.com> for more information on student loans and budgeting tips.

Looking for the perfect notebook? Dell, IBM, Apple have laptops for all your back-to-school needs

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Assistant Money Editor

Like many college students, you may be wrapping up your back-to-school shopping.

Also, like many students, laptops may be at the top of wishlists but at the bottom of your to-do lists.

With the over-abundance of laptop

brands and models, many students may find shopping for the perfect notebook confusing.

Dell Inspiron notebooks range from \$549 to \$2,599.

Dell includes free shipping, Microsoft Windows XP and notebooks that weigh as little as 6.33 pounds.

IBM's Thinkpad notebook, starting



at \$749, offer wireless networking, 24-hour technical support and a ComfortSlant Keyboard.

Apple offers iBooks for as little as \$999 and range up to

\$1,299. Apple also offers free shipping with purchase, as well as iWork '05 software and an Applecare Protection Plan.



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Students may be at risk for meningitis

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
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Students should think twice before sharing that can of pop, Oakland University health officials caution.

Sharing anything — beverages, cigarettes, utensils, lip gloss — increases students risk of contracting meningitis.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strengthened its stance on vaccinations for meningitis this summer, now recommending that all college freshmen living in dorms be vaccinated.

University officials and the Graham Health Center have informed all incoming freshmen of this recommendation.

"Anything that promotes the spread of respiratory secretions places young people at risk," said Dr. James Turner, chairman for the American College Health Association's Vaccine Preventable Diseases Committee.

"Living in crowded conditions, such as dormitories and

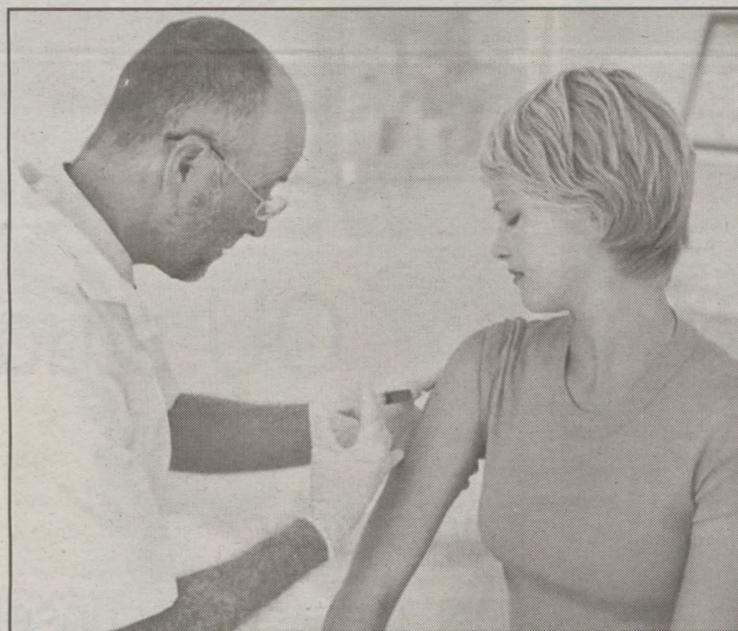


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Graham Health Center suggests that all OU students get vaccinated.

learning in crowded lecture halls places all students at an increased risk," she said.

Meningococcal disease, or meningitis, is an infection of the fluid in a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain, as defined by the CDC. Spread primarily

through coughing and sneezing, the disease is "particularly dangerous because it progresses rapidly and can kill within hours," according to CDC.

Five to 15 college students die each year from bacterial meningitis, and approximately 100 to 125 students become

infected, according to the ACHA. Those infected can end up with organ damage, hearing loss, brain damage, seizures or limb amputation.

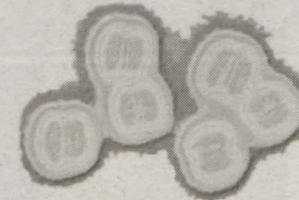
Symptoms of meningitis can sometimes be mistaken for other common illnesses.

"Patients with meningococcal disease often think they have the flu," Turner said. Primary symptoms include fever, muscle ache, severe headache, stiff or painful neck, vomiting and dizziness.

In order to safeguard students, the health center will be offering vaccinations year-round against bacterial meningitis.

"Freshmen aren't the only ones at risk," said Joanne Talarek, director of the health center. She encourages all students to get vaccinated.

This year, inoculators are using a new vaccine, Menactra, which lasts longer than the older Menomune, which lasts three to five years. For college students, one works just as well as the other, Talarek said.



Meningococcal bacteria

She adds that there have been no documented cases of bacterial meningitis at OU, but that one student was diagnosed with viral meningitis, for which there is no vaccine.

Preventing the contraction of the disease just takes a little bit of common sense, Talarek said.

"Wash your hands frequently, don't eat after anyone, get enough sleep and eat right to keep your immune system strong," she said.

The bacterial meningitis vaccine is available to students for \$105 at the health center for the month of September. After that, the cost will be \$120.

For more information, call the health center at (248) 370-2341.

Health Tip: Check with your doctor to make sure all of your immunizations are up to date, including hepatitis type A and B, tetanus, chicken pox and influenza.

Caffeine addicts, beware

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
Money/Health Editor

These days, caffeine is popping up in everything from soap to hot sauce to breath mints. And with all these new caffeine-infused products, caffeine consumption can really add up fast, leading to caffeinism — or caffeine addiction.

According to an ongoing Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine study on caffeine dependence, caffeine is the most behaviorally addictive drug and causes many people to get hooked.

Nutritionist Joanne Larsen said healthy daily caffeine intake is less than 200 milligrams — an eight ounce, small coffee contains 137 milligrams.



According to <http://www.caffeineawareness.org>, caffeine addiction can cause health problems such as:

WEIGHT GAIN Caffeine lowers blood sugar, which increases appetite. Students who have high caffeine intake may overeat even when their stomach is full which can cause weight gain.

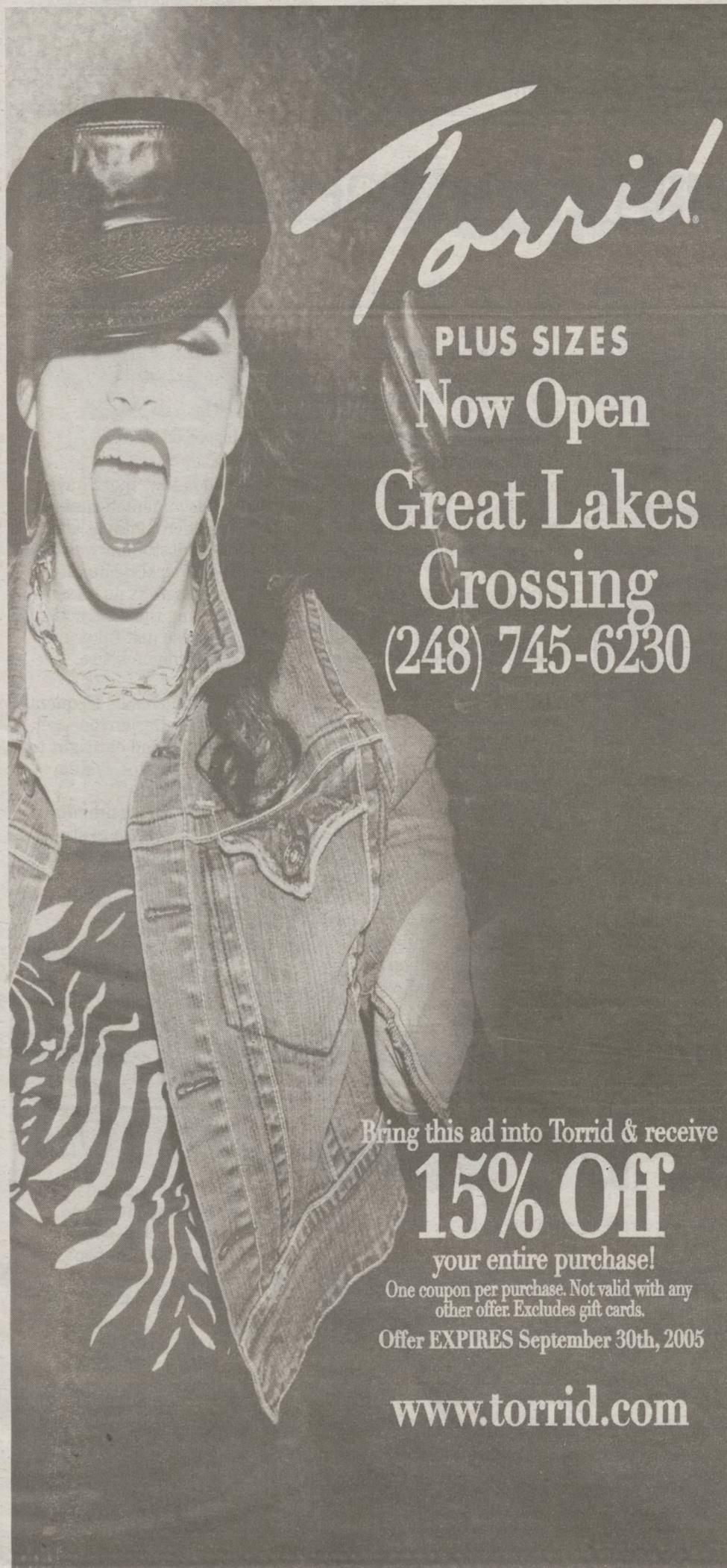
DEHYDRATION Caffeinated drinks stimulate the digestive system causing frequent urination and dehydration. If the body's water is not replaced, it can cause headaches, dizziness and fatigue.

SLEEPLESSNESS Getting a caffeine buzz disrupts normal sleep patterns, making it harder to fall asleep and get into a deep sleep. Lack of sleep can make you cranky and drowsy, which ultimately makes you crave more caffeine to feel awake.

Caffeine Quiz

- 1 Do you have trouble starting your day or focusing in class before having a coffee or pop?
- 2 Do you drink more than 32 ounces of caffeinated beverages every day?
- 3 Do you feel jittery or nervous, or are you unable to sleep after a caffeinated drink?

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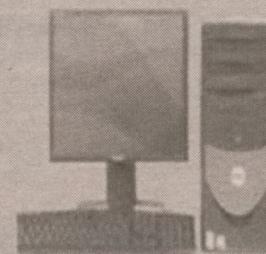
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THE SPORTS Slate



by Paul Kampe

It's that time of the year again ... the time when baseball only matters to the diehard fans, and it has slipped everyone else's mind. We're approaching that last month, or so, of the season, and honestly, how many more seasons will it be before the Detroit Tigers play into the fall?

This, much like every season, was supposed to be the one that put the Tigers back into the thick of things — one season away from the championship.

When this campaign began, the team clung to a .500 record, and that's the same tightrope they are currently walking. Nothing has changed. Or has it?

You can't deny that this lineup is far superior to the guys who lost 119 games in 2003. They're even getting production from people that they called up from the minor leagues, in the case of Curtis Granderson.

Carlos Pena has played well since coming back from the minor leagues, but we can't forget how poorly he played to get sent there. Jeremy Bonderman has pitched well this season, a few wins away from being a 20-game winner.

Pudge Rodriguez, the free agent that gave Detroit some roots to hold down other potential signees, has had his own personal issues to deal with this season.

The most notable was his mini-vacation during a suspension that led to what appeared to be a team rift.

Pudge is a superstar, but we have to face the fact that, offensively, he hasn't matched the production he was expected to when he shed some light on Tiger Nation almost two years ago. The Tigers have endured their fair share of injuries this season, one which seriously damaged the bullpen's credibility early on.

Troy Percival was supposed to be a great addition to a pen that had Ugeth Urbina as its closer; he would slide over and make room. Add to that Kyle Farnsworth's fastball picked up during the past offseason, and that's an impressive lineup.

Magglio Ordonez was going to be a powerful addition to the team, and then he goes down in the first couple of weeks with a hernia. When he returned, the Tigers were struggling to stay out of the bottom of the Central — the Royals do not count.

Percival also gets hurt right off the bat, he came back recently and was hurt again.

Urbina was causing internal conflict with the club, so he was sent packing.

And the nail in the coffin Farnsworth dealt at the trade deadline — a white flag in my opinion.

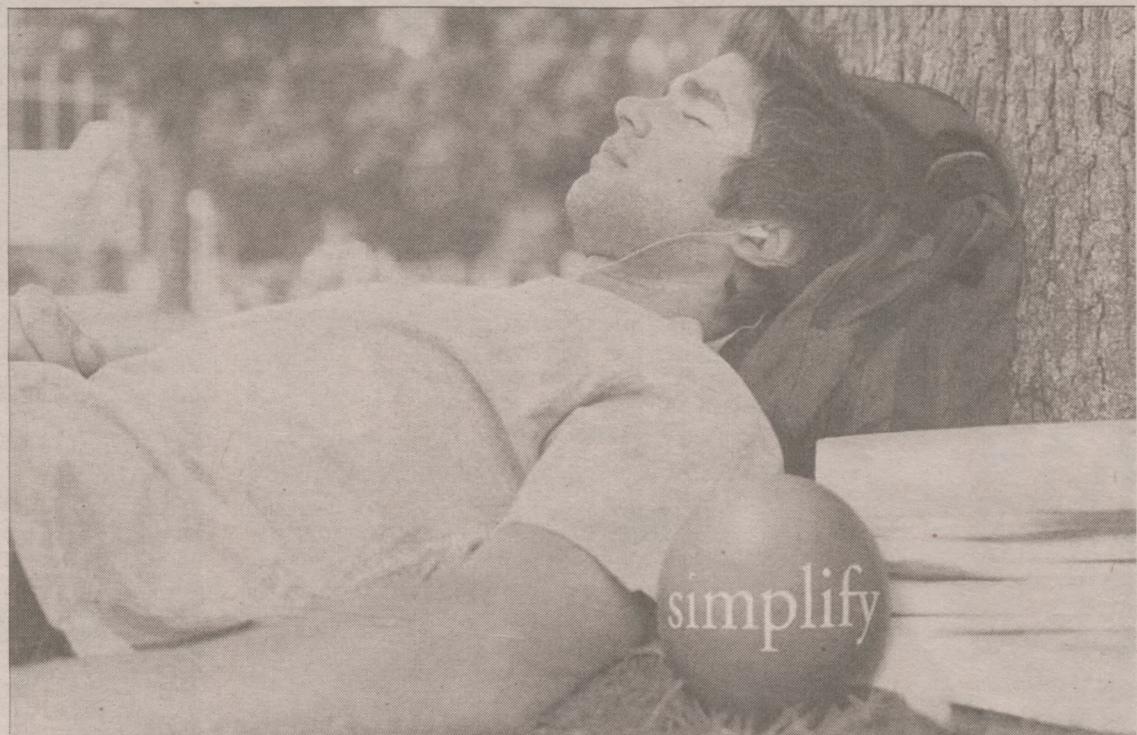
Roman Colon? What? Fernando Rodney is the new closer? That deal was definitely a back breaker for Alan Trammell and anyone who calls for his job after the season should cease and desist.

Despite all of this, the Tigers have been watchable this season — I did so from atop the right upper deck at a thumping they gave the Toronto Blue Jays.

It was fun, just like I remember baseball being when I was a kid — when Detroit was good! Don't worry, it won't be taken forever for the Tigers to win again. I know that it's been tough for the last 12 years, but they'll come around.

I picked this year as the time for them to get that wild card, but it's not in the ... well, cards, yet.

— Paul Kampe is a senior reporter at The Oakland Post.



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Former OU star Mike Helms inks deal

Mike Helms has signed a one-year deal to play with the Hunter Valley Pirates in the National Basketball League in Australia. The former Mid-Con Player of the Year will join fellow Mid-Con star Odell Bradley on the Pirates. Bradley started for the IUPUI Jaguars. Last season, Helms played overseas in Poland and for Michigan Mayhem of the Continental Basketball Association. Helms graduated from OU as the school's second all-time leading scorer with 2,314 points and was among the career leaders in three-point field goals and steals. During the 2002-03 season, he averaged 26.9 points per game on way to being named an All-American.

Women's basketball coach resigns

Eileen Hilliard resigned as OU's head women's basketball coach for personal reasons. "Oakland University's women's basketball team is right on target for success," Hilliard said. "We have an outstanding group of student-athletes who have been a joy to coach and who have the talent and work ethic to attain the lofty goals the university has set. I'll be following their progress and rooting for them every step of the way. They have been a great group to work with." OU has not interviewed anybody for the vacant position; there are no leading candidates.

Volleyball drops pair at Western Tourney

OU's women's volleyball team did not begin its season like it hoped. The Golden Grizzlies dropped a pair of matches to Mid-American Conference opponents at the Western Michigan Kick Off tournament. The Broncos defeated OU in its first match 3-0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-13). Central Michigan defeated OU 3-1 (30-18, 30-21, 31-33, 30-20) in OU's second match. Senior Heather Lippert led the Grizzlies with 18 kills and seven blocks in the two matches. Senior Becca Moller had 56 assists.

Athletic department adds track team

OU will sponsor a men's and women's outdoor track program this spring. The initial season will only be running events and hurdles, no field events. Individuals with recent track experience who are interested in walking on the team can attend an informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at 4 p.m. in the upper-level of the Athletics Center. There is some fall conditioning required. For further information or if you can't attend the meeting, please e-mail head coach Paul Rice at rice@oakland.edu.

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Junior Marianne Samdal works her way through Eastern Michigan defenders en route to her third goal in two games. The Grizzlies defeated the visiting Eagles 3-0. Samdal earned Offensive Player of the Week honors in the Mid-Con following her three goals performance over the last two games.

Samdal leads OU to 2-0 start

By JAKE SHARFMAN

The Oakland Post

The Oakland University women's soccer team was victorious in their second contest of the season, beating the Eastern Michigan Eagles 3-0 on Aug. 28.

The first goal for the Grizzlies came just 4:43 into the game when junior Marianne Samdal scored off of her own rebound to give OU an early 1-0 lead. It was Samdal's third goal of the young season.

The Grizzlies out shot the Eagles 14-3 in the first half, but held only a one-goal lead.

"It's a little frustrating when you have that many chances to score and only capitalize on one, but our main goal is to have more goals than the opponent after 90 minutes," head coach Nick O'Shea said.

The second goal of the afternoon was a header in the 59th minute by senior Kristi Swaving.

It was Swaving's second goal in as many games. Freshmen Kristi Vandeberghe closed the scoring

with an open-net goal in the 78th minute.

The Grizzlies only allowed four shots on goal the entire game.

"Our defense did a good job to not let the ball get behind us to give them any easy chances," O'Shea said.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Howard recorded her first shutout of the season with four saves in net.

On Aug. 26, OU opened its season with a 4-1 victory over Bowling Green. The Grizzlies out shot Bowling Green 20-7.

Junior Marianne Samdal recorded two goals and had another called back for offsides. Senior Kristi Swaving and freshman Kristi Vandeberghe rounded out the scoring with a goal apiece.

Since 1999, the Grizzlies have gone 6-1 in season openers — the only loss coming in a double overtime game against Western Michigan University in 2004.

The Grizzlies are now 2-0 and look to continue their undefeated ways Sept. 2 as they play host to Western Michigan at 4 p.m.

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Men's soccer picked second

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Second place is where the Golden Grizzlies' men's soccer team finished last year in the Mid-Continent Conference, and that's also where a recent pre-season coaches' poll pegged them for this season.

"Polls are polls. Everybody guesses who's going to be good. We will certainly be in the running for the conference championship, and our goal is to win it," said head coach Gary Parsons.

The Grizzlies return seven starters from last season's squad that went 11-5-3. Parsons said the returning group will give the team a good nucleus.

Heading the returning group is standout and senior co-captain Chris Edwards. The forward led the team with 13 goals in the 2004 campaign.

The other co-captain is senior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese, who earned the Mid-Con Defensive Player of the Year award last season with a goals against average of 0.71 and a .863 save percentage.

"Our new players will play key roles this season to the success of our team," said assistant coach Eric Pogue.

Pogue said freshman midfielder Ben Gearhart (Rochester HS) is looking dangerous offensively, and there has been some solid play from another freshman midfielder, Ian Daniel (Troy-Athens).

Freshman midfielder and part-time defenseman Wes Allen is also showing great potential.

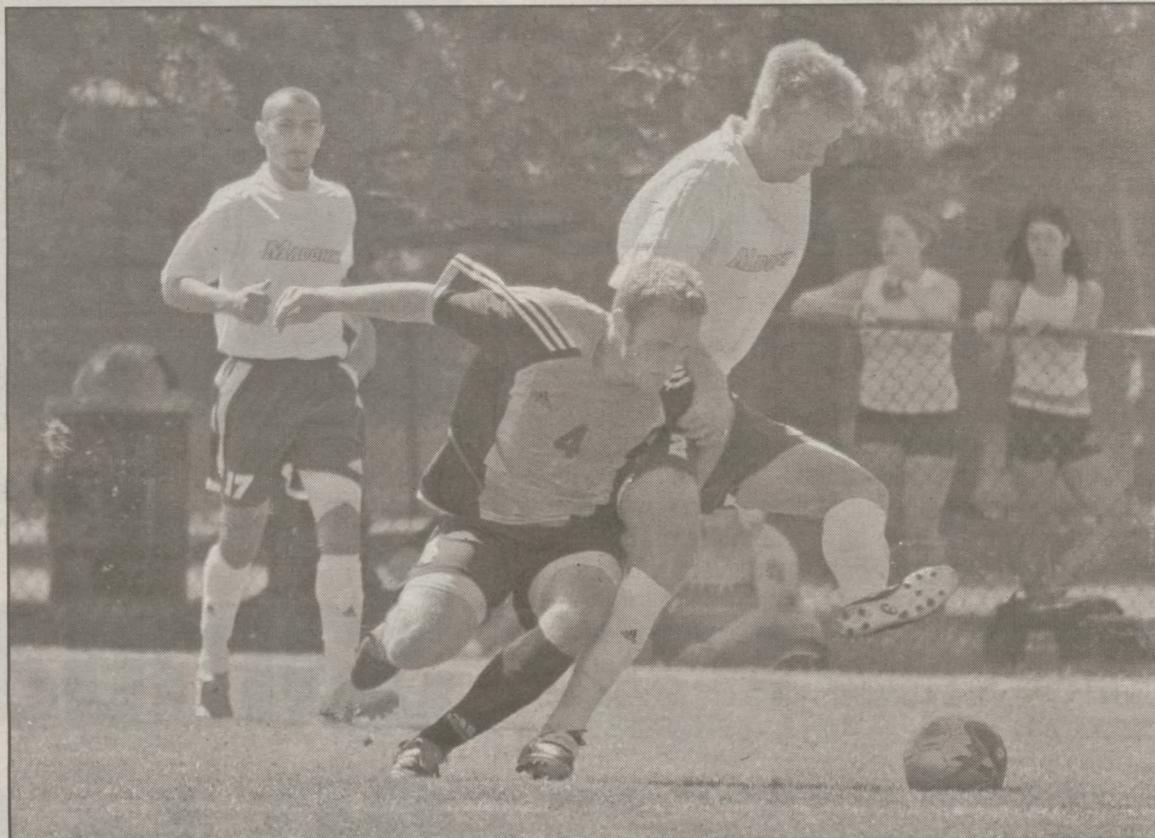
"The key to our team is going to be everybody contributing," Parsons said.

The Grizzlies open the 2005 season in Northridge, Calif. on Sept. 3-5, in the Matador Soccer Invitational, where they will face Cal State-Northridge and San Diego.

The following weekend, Sept. 9-11, the Grizzlies travel to Milwaukee, Wis. for the UW-M Coca-Cola Panther Invitational, where they face the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin.

This season's home opener comes against the University of Michigan on Sept. 16. Last season, OU tied the Wolverines 0-0.

"Our non-conference schedule is very, very strong, and you also have to do well in your conference," Parsons said.



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Senior co-captain Chris Edwards fights for the ball in an exhibition game against Madonna August 24. Chris Edwards leads a returning group that was picked to finish second in the conference in a preseason poll.

"There are no games on (the schedule) that we're not looking forward to," he said.

OU has eight teams on its schedule that reached the post season in 2004.

The Grizzlies open up Mid-Con action on Oct. 1 at Western Illinois.

OU has home games against conference rivals Valparaiso (Oct. 8), Oral

Roberts (Oct. 22) and IUPUI (Nov. 5).

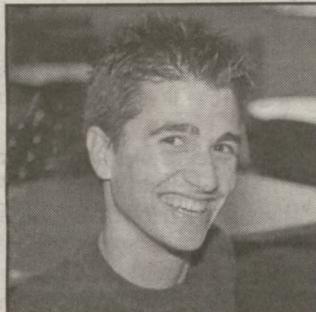
"Each game is a step toward our goals, and we try not to get too far ahead of ourselves, one game at a time," Pogue said.

Who's your 1st pick, sleeper and pick you'd make if you had any guts in your NFL fantasy draft?



Junior Mike Sheldon

"My first pick would be LaDanian Tomlinson, the sleeper would be Braylon (Edwards), and the gut pick has to be Ben Roethlisberger. I'm not taking (Peyton) Manning; I hate Tennessee."



Freshman Giuseppe Lacaria

"At the top is (Peyton) Manning, my sleeper is going to be Willis McGahee, and the Gut pick would be Charles Rogers."



Junior Jen Fox and Sohpomore Kristin Gura

"LaDanian Tomlinson with the top pick, Joey Harrington is the sleeper, and the gut should be Bret Favre."