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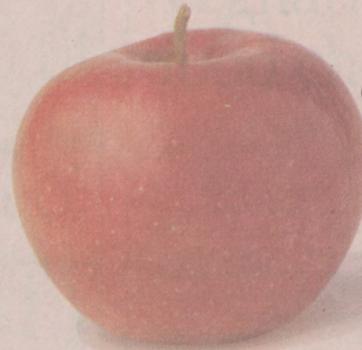


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Students wage war on war



By STEPHANIE SCHNEIDER
The Oakland Post

The war in Iraq isn't about democracy; it's about resources, said Chris Bright, a Macomb Community College student.

Bright, a representative of The World Can't Wait, an organization raising awareness of the Bush administration's policies, was one of dozens of students, faculty, staff and community members gathered to protest the war Friday.

"It's blood for oil. It has to be resisted," he said. "One hundred thousand Iraqi civilians are dead, half of them women and children."

The protest, organized by the New

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Right: Senior Adela Levis (right) and sophomore Laren Weiss make signs prior to the protest.
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Left: Abby Gallagher, Daniel Lane and Alex Gonzales, Rochester Hills community members, listen to a speaker during the first anti-war rally held at OU.
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Student dismissed from OUSC duties

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY
Managing Editor

Members of Oakland University Student Congress voted to remove Derek Giordano from his legislator position on Monday, citing two counts of misconduct as the basis of their decision.

During last week's meeting, Giordano was accused of misrepresenting OUSC prior to his confirmation as a legislator, as well as not meeting application requirements.

Giordano also faced allegations of having "sexually harassed" four other members of OUSC in past weeks while working in the OUSC office. That matter has been turned over to the Dean of Students,

according to the OUSC Disciplinary Committee.

Karen Lloyd, assistant Dean of Students, said she could not comment on the matter at this time.

Porter said the committee's findings concluded that Giordano misrepresented himself as part of OUSC prior to his confirmation.

In last week's meeting, Legislator Allison Cummings-Stuckman said Giordano may have made phone calls from the OUSC office, representing himself as a member of OUSC.

"Everyone on the committee agreed that he was guilty on that charge," said Kristina Butler,

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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. addresses a crowd of nearly 600 on environmental issues.

RFK Jr. ignites passion at OU

By MARY MCKAY
The Oakland Post

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. says he believes Americans are not meeting an obligation to their children to give them clean air, clean water and a life full of dignity and enrichment.

Living in a world where the landscapes are paved over, and people are out of touch with the seasons and tides is not what he wants for his children.

Approximately 600 individuals who stood in line in the Oakland Center to see Kennedy deliver his speech, "Our Environmental

Destiny," agreed with him as they engaged in several standing ovations throughout the night.

Kennedy, an environmental activist and lawyer, introduced his latest book, "Crimes Against Nature."

"The book is not so much about the environment as it is about the corrosive impact of excessive corporate power on American democracy," Kennedy said.

"It's a critique of the Bush administration, but it's not a partisan book," he said, adding that if

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Francis named head coach of women's basketball

By DAVE PEMBERTON
Assistant Sports Editor

A familiar face will be back on the sidelines of the O'Rena when the women's basketball team takes the court this season.

After a three-year layoff, Beckie Francis is back as the head women's basketball coach.

Francis resigned as coach three years ago because of health reasons.

But now she says she feels healthy and ready to take on the challenges a head coach will face.

"I have been doing a lot of soul searching," Francis said. "Talking to my doctors over the last few weeks, they have been confirming this is the right thing for me."

Francis said she was initially skeptical about taking the job, but once she was cleared by her doctors to coach and was offered the job, she took little time to think about it.

In fact, she didn't know the terms of her contract when she was announced as the new head coach at the press conference.

"I don't care, I just want to get back

in," Francis said. "The thing I'm looking forward to the most is spending time with the players. I just want to get in there and see who they are."

Francis signed a four-year deal and plans on coaching the team as long as she physically can.

"I love Oakland. I think it's the best job in the country," Francis said.

"There is an old fashioned saying,

'If you stay at a place more than seven years, you're stuck there.' Because you get so attached and you don't want to leave."

Greg Kampe, head men's basketball coach and interim athletic director, said the pool of possible coaches wasn't as good as it would have been if

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Center opens for students

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

The long awaited and delayed opening of Oakland University's Gender and Sexuality Center has finally come after nearly a year of lobbying, planning and organizing.

Originally planned during OU's Anti-Hate week, the GSC opened Tuesday during this year's Week of Champions at OU.

Students gathered in the lower level of the Oakland Center as part of "Carnaval OU," which also included vendors, entertainers and carnival food.

OU was one of several universities in Michigan that did not have a place dedicated to the issues relating to gender and sexuality.

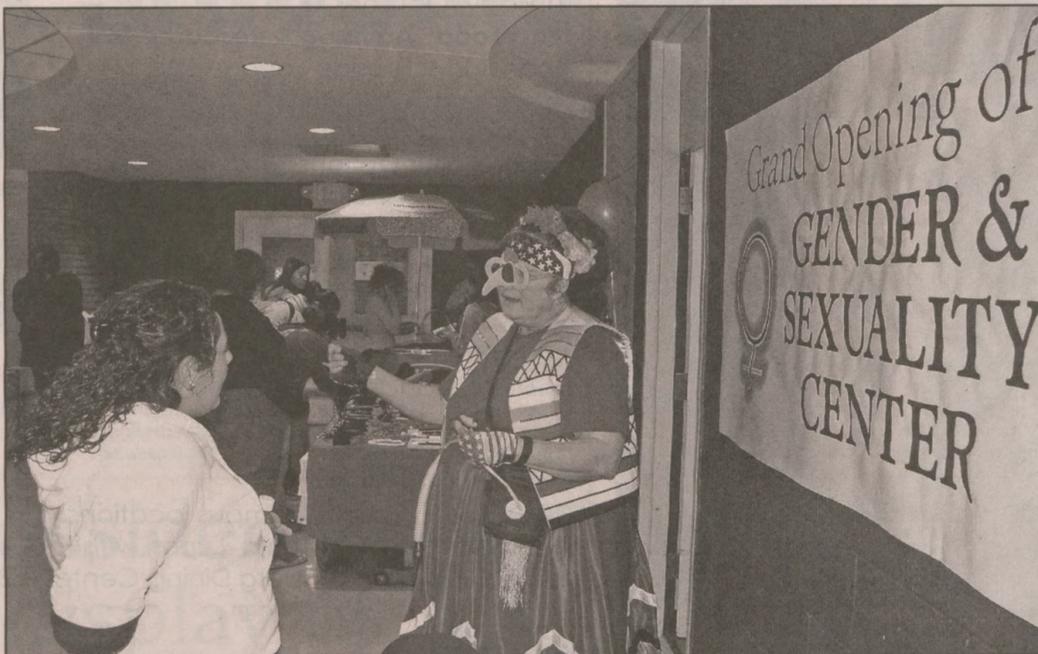
Some students saw this and began petitioning last winter for the center to become a reality.

"(This) shows that overall, if students have a vision for something on campus, it can happen," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and leadership development.

Student determination and letters "really convinced the administration that we really need this," said Heather Brewer, manager of the GSC. "It shows that there was a student-led initiative. Students wanted this, and I think that's why we have it."

Before the center opened, the organizations that deal with gender and sexuality issues were not united.

Brewer said the center would strive to bring these organizations, such as the



Students gather to celebrate the opening of the GSC with vendors, entertainers and free food.

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Women's Issues Forum, S.A.F.E. on Campus and the Gay/Straight Alliance, together in a campus-wide community.

With nearly two-thirds of the student population female and the LGBTQ community "increasing and more open than ever, (the center) meets the needs of two great things on campus," she said.

The GSC will provide resources for students, referrals to other student and metro Detroit organizations, and programming of events on campus, Jean Ann Miller said.

The GSC is currently

having a book drive for their resource center. Once enough books are gathered, students needing information on sexuality or gender issues can come to the center for information.

An online database of resources will be added in the coming months, Brewer said.

Students with issues that are out of the reach of the GSC will be referred to a student organization that can help them. If no organization on campus meets the needs of the student, the GSC will refer students to organizations in the metro Detroit area.

The GSC is focusing on co-sponsoring events on campus this semester, since the center is running off the budget for the CSA.

"As they get established, we will see the (monetary) needs," Jean Ann Miller said. "If we have lots of traffic, hopefully it will show the university at the next level to budget for the center."

Two student interns and volunteers are currently needed at the center, Brewer said, to "try to keep the doors open as much as possible."

Senior Aimee Coldren is concerned the center may have some problems initial-

ly getting off the ground.

"I'm a little apprehensive about coverage (by employees and volunteers), but it will take a little time to make students aware of it," she said.

Other students are worried the OU community may have forgotten about it.

"There was such a big battle for it," said Joshua Miller, president of the Gay/Straight Alliance, "but I think it's going off people's radar screen. I think once they realize it's here, more people will come by."

However, they all agree the center is an important addition to OU.

OUSC wants healthy and vegetarian food choices

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Oakland University Student Congress President Michael McGuinness called OU's on-campus food problems "long standing issues," and said OUSC would look into different aspects of solving them at Monday's meeting.

OUSC received a complaint declaring a lack of availability of combo meals during extended hours at the new Vandenberg Hall cafeteria, said Kristina Butler, OUSC Research and Review Committee chair.

Butler said she spoke with Eleanor Reynolds, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and was informed that students do not have an all-you-can-eat option during extended hours.

The new cafeteria offers the same options as the former Vandenberg Hall Yacht Club convenience store, which closed this year, she said.

Butler also addressed the possible increase of prices at the Subway in OU's Pioneer Food Court, and said she will compare them to area Subways since they should all be the same.

Saman Waquad, legislative and multi-cultural affairs director, voiced her concerns about the lack of healthy food options available in the evening hours.

Dinner should not end at 7 p.m. because many students do not eat before that time, she said.

"They're not concerned about the students' health when all they offer is fried food at night," Waquad said.

Student Services Director Katie Miller agreed that the cafeteria should offer healthier choices.

"Pizza and fried food are available during late hours now," she said. "The old store had healthy meals."

Members also pointed out the lack of vegetarian options.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the center for student activities, suggested that OUSC do a brief survey of student organizations and the catering issues they have faced with Chartwells as a way to look further into price, service and other on-campus food issues.

Gallery member Mike Mersol, who is also chairperson of the Student Advocacy Board, voiced his concerns about the food issues, and said he is taking a "grass-roots approach" to fixing the problems.

He appealed to OUSC to work with him on addressing the problems associated with Chartwells Dining Services.

The following also occurred at Monday's meeting:

■ In a unanimous vote, sophomore Peter Vitale, a political science and accounting student, was confirmed as a new legislator. Vitale listed his major goals as "seeking student opinions about different issues."

■ OUSC members discussed this week's WOCO (Week of Champions Oakland University) events and will be handing out free T-shirts at Midnite Madnezz Friday night.

■ The new mission statement for the Student Program Board, presented by Student Program Board Chair Madalyn Miller, was passed. The statement provides a universal definition for the board and reads: "The Student Program Board strives to enhance student life by providing high quality programs, activities, and events for the Oakland University community."

■ Next week's topic of discussion will be future WOCO activities.

Undecided can seek help at Advising Week

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Oakland University students generally take a minimum of one-third of their classes within the College of Arts and Sciences.

This fall, 4,500 students are enrolled in one of the 15 departments in the college.

As the last in a series outlining the schools on campus, Nichole Dillard, academic advisor, spoke with The Oakland Post about what the largest college of OU, the CAS, has to offer.

What majors are offered?

There are more than 60 degree programs in the college, ranging from anthropology to pre-law and Slavic studies to the newest program, studio art.

The largest majors are psychology, communication arts, biology and English, ranging from approximately 300 to 600 students enrolled.

Enrollment in the college is on the rise. Since the fall of 1995, numbers have grown by more than 1,100 students.

How is the job market for graduates?

The market for graduates is specific to different majors, Dillard said.

"We encourage students to connect with the Center for Student Activities and also connect with the department of their major," she said.

Students with a degree from the college can find jobs in a variety of related fields. Most degrees are very broad-based.

Dillard added that students can earn a secondary education certificate in most majors in the CAS.

This will afford more opportunities for graduates.

Are there any special programs or clubs students can join?

There are clubs and organizations for nearly every program, Dillard said.

Students can find out about organizations, internships, scholarships and independent studies by working with the college advising office and the advisor in their department.

What are the GPA requirements for the college?

Once again, the requirement depends on the major.

At minimum, students in CAS need to earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in the base requirements.

Is there anything else going on in the college?

This year, the college has adopted the theme of "Environmental Explorations."

Events, speakers, classes and books coordinating with the theme will be held throughout the school year.

Along with the five schools on campus, the CAS will be participating in Advising Week.

After attending an advisors' conference, OU advisors decided to have a week of events aimed at "bringing advisors to the students, where the students are," Dillard said.

Most events will be held in the Oakland Center.

The Fireside Lounge in the OC will be filled with advisors on Tuesday.

Students will be able to win gift certificates to fast food restaurants, coffee shops and other local eateries.

Advising fast passes will also be a prize. These allow students to get an appointment with an advisor during the peak time before winter semester.

Students are encouraged to attend all the events throughout the week. Students that go will be entered into the grand prize drawing.

One lucky student will win a priority pass to registration, allowing him or her to sign up for classes before everyone else.

The advisors hope to get together next semester for another series of events.

At minimum, Dillard said, this will be an annual event. "But we would like to do it every fall and winter."

For more information on Advising Week, call the Office of New Student Programs at (248) 370-2100. For information on CAS, call (248) 370-2140 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

OU athlete arraigned on drug charges

Junior Calvin Wooten was arraigned Monday and charged with operating a vehicle with the presence of drugs, according to Rochester Hills' 52nd District Court.

The basketball player, who pleaded not guilty, is scheduled for a pretrial Nov. 21.

The incident occurred in April of this year, when Wooten was stopped by Auburn Hills police.

It has fallen under the disciplinary code for

athletes who have engaged in misconduct, said Greg Kampe, men's basketball head coach and interim athletics director.

The department is waiting for the outcome of the process, he said.

Wooten is off suspension and will be able to start practice Friday, Kampe said.

"We care about our athletes and we're here to educate them and help them," he said.

Auburn Hills police officials did not return calls from The Oakland Post.

Wooten could not be reached for comment.

— Oakland Post staff reporters

Student evaluations coming

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Students in lower-level classes will soon find out how well they're doing academically.

Mid-semester evaluations will be posted on the SAIL Web system starting Friday, Oct. 14.

In classes below the 300 level, instructors are required to tell students if they are receiving an unsatisfactory grade.

The evaluations are intended "to give students an early alert if they are in danger of earning a poor or unsatisfactory grade," said Charles Clark, Jr., director of the Academic Skills Center.

There is no standard for determining an unsatisfactory grade. Instead, it depends on

the course and what the minimum grade must be to maintain academic progress.

Students who receive an unsatisfactory grade are asked to speak with their instructor to find out how to improve.

If extra help is needed, the Academic Skills Center offers tutoring for most classes.

This valuable skill is for students to monitor their academic success, Clark said. "This is an opportunity for the students performing at the (unsatisfactory) level to do something about it while there is still time in the semester."

Students, like freshmen Janae Jones, seem to agree with Clark, and think the evaluations will be helpful.

"You don't want people to think they're doing good when they're not," Jones said.

Junior David Core agrees with the evaluations, but thinks all classes should be evaluated.

"It's good to let you know, to have communication with the instructor," Core said.

With 50 or 60 students in some classes, it can be hard for students to assess their progress, he said.

The Academic Skills Center is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at 103 North Foundation Hall.

Students can also receive help in 121 West Vandenberg Hall Saturday through Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Vandenberg location will soon be moving to the old convenience store location on the first floor.

POLICEFILES

■ A digital camera valued at \$250 was stolen from a room in Vamer Hall. The owner left the camera unattended for about 40 minutes and discovered it missing upon his return.

■ Police found five male students intoxicated in the Hamlin Hall lounge area. All were given Breathalyzer tests after

they admitted to drinking. They were issued MIPs.

■ A female student was waiting for her class to start and left her purse on a bench on the third floor of South Foundation Hall. She realized her purse was missing after she left class. She learned that police had recovered the purse. When the woman checked her purse, she said \$280 in cash was missing from the original

amount she was carrying. Twenty-two dollars was still left where she usually kept her money.

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Wednesday, October 19
Explore Your Options—Advising Day!
 Noon-1 PM & 1-2 PM; Gold Rooms, OC

Thursday, October 20
Academic Trivia Game Show
 Noon-1 PM; Fireside Lounge, OC
Academia Mania
 8-10 PM; Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH

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Call for Proposals
African-American Celebration 2006

Festivities for African-American Celebration 2006 will begin Monday, January 16, 2006 with the annual celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and formally end with the Annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet. This year our theme will be “The African American Journey—Liberation Through Organization.” Our goal is to provide quality, inspirational, and educational programs and activities that support this theme. The participation of the entire university (students, faculty and staff) is important in gaining a better understanding of the struggles, frustrations, and triumphs African Americans have and continue to encounter. Collaborations are encouraged and potential programs and/or activities may include:

- Guest Speakers
- African American Arts and Crafts
- Debate
- Poetry
- African American Museum
- African Drum and Dance
- Panel Discussions
- Celebration of Freedom

These are just a few of many wonderful ideas that we hope will entice you to think about the contribution you, your class, department or unit will make to enhance the understanding of “The African American Journey—Liberation Through Organization.” In submitting your proposal, please bear in mind the following criteria:

- Complete the Program Proposal Form
- Include a typed, one-page, double-spaced narrative describing the proposed program
- In the narrative, please explain how the proposed program relates to the theme
- Include Program Budget information (from Program Proposal Form) in the narrative
- Program should occur within designated celebration period

Please stop by 134 North Foundation Hall, or call the CMI at (248) 370-4404 to obtain a proposal form. Proposals must be submitted to the Center for Multicultural Initiatives by Friday, October 28, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Send or deliver completed proposals to: African-American Celebration 2006
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- Norma (Oct 12 & 14)
- Late Night Catechism (Oct 18)
- Peter Pan (Oct 18 & 23)
- The Kirov Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty (Oct 21)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers (Nov 2)
- DSO Pops: The Best of the Tonys (Nov 3)
- Menopause: The Musical (Nov 6)
- The Flying Karamarov Brothers (Nov 6)
- La Boheme (Nov 9 & 11)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (Nov 10)
- Cats (Nov 13)
- Golda’s Balcony (Nov 20)
- Savion Glover (Nov 20)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular With the “Rockettes” (Dec 1, 5, 22)
- Joffrey Ballet: “The Nutcracker” (Dec 2)
- DSO: Ode to Joy (Dec 15)
- Broadway’s Spirit of Christmas (Dec 4)
- Russian National Ballet Company: Swan Lake (Jan 8)

2005 OU Fall Blood Drive
Monday - Wednesday
October 24-26
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Gold Rooms, OC
 Call the CSA Office by October 20 to make an appointment!
 Some walk-ins accepted

“The Flicks” Cinema Fall Schedule
 Showtime: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall
 Cost: \$4/person

- Oct 18 The Motorcycle Diaries
- Oct 25 Red
- Oct 31 The Fearless Vampire Killers
- Nov 8 The Battle of Algiers
- Nov 21 Beyond Silence
- Nov 28 The Barbarian Invasions

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TODAY! Wednesday, October 12
OU Bingo for OU Prizes
 Noon - 1 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC

Root Beer Floats over Root Beer Lake
 9:30 p.m., Outdoors, Between Vandenberg & The Lake

Thursday, October 13
OU Myths, Legends & True Stories
 Noon - 1 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC

Golden Key’s Trivia Championship
 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., Rooms 126-127, OC

WOCO Talent Show featuring Actress/Comedienne Kim Coles
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Show Your OU Pride! Go Black! Go Gold!
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 For OU faculty and staff - Celebrate OU!!
 Noon - 1 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC

“Dinner of Champions” for OU’s Guest Students from Hurricane Katrina
 5 - 7 p.m., Gold Rooms, OC

Friday Night Live: Comedienne Helen Keaney
 7 p.m., Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH

Concert by Latin Grammy Award Winning Musician, Jorge Moreno
 8:15 p.m., Banquet Rooms, OC

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 Music, basketball, midnight snack (pizza & pop), “old school” costume contest, and a \$500 Gas Card Giveaway.
 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m., three-court gym, Rec Center

Most students say 'no' to bill

Proposal to ban cell phone usage while driving ranks low among OU students

By BRIAN DROMAN
The Oakland Post

"Hang up and drive" is a common phrase these days, but 65 percent of 100 Oakland University students surveyed by The Oakland Post say no to a proposed bill that would ban cell phone usage while driving.

Rep. David Lay, R-Commerce Township, recently proposed the bill banning cell phone usage to those with graduated licenses or temporary permits.

"I think we should be able to speak on our cell phones, no matter what. Accidents will happen," sophomore Jewel Cruse said.

"New drivers are learning a whole lot in a small amount of time," said Mark Gordon, OU's Police Lieutenant. "Its not just young drivers, but all new drivers that have their hands full," he said.

A study by Ford Motor Co. found that teenagers are not as capable as adults in safely dividing their attention between using a phone and driving.

"With time you get better at it," Gordon said.

If Law's bill becomes a state law, it would only affect students under the age of 21.

However, lawmakers may next discuss the possibility of preventing all Michigan drivers from using cell phones while driving.

"Would it be a benefit for all drivers? I'm not sure that it would," Gordon said.

A poll of 100 students shows that most would turn down such a bill if

they could vote on the issue.

Freshman Lauren Hienz said she doesn't think other people should be able to speak on their cell phones while driving.

"But I should be able to," she said. Freshman Kris Lizzy supports the bill. "I think it's a really good idea," she said.

"I was hit by someone that was talking on their cell phone while driving," she said.

A 2002 Harvard study estimated that drivers using cell phones may

cause about 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries a year nationwide.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that distractions are a factor in up to 80 percent of all traffic accidents reported to the police.

Distractions include cell phones, applying make-up, reading and turning around to yell at children.

Most car accidents that occur on OU's campus are not related to talking on cell phones, but are due to speeding, Gordon said.

State considers public display of commandments

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State lawmakers and the Granholm administration are starting to consider how and if the Ten Commandments can be shown at the Capitol or on its grounds.

The Michigan Capitol Committee met Tuesday — 3 1/2 months after the U.S. Supreme Court laid out the conditions under which Ten Commandments exhibits may be displayed. The state House has approved a resolution encouraging the committee to create a public display of the commandments in the Capitol.

The high court said exhibits will be upheld if their main purpose is to honor the nation's legal — rather than religious — traditions, and if they don't promote one religious sect over another.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is open to displaying the commandments if it can be done in a constitutionally acceptable manner, spokeswoman Liz Boyd said Monday.

The committee is made up of 12 members: four senators, four representatives and four members of the Granholm administration. Three members of each quadrant

must agree on how to proceed. After a measure passes the committee, it takes effect unless the governor, House speaker or Senate majority leader vetoes it within two weeks.

Sen. Mark Schauer, a Battle Creek Democrat who sits on the Capitol Committee, said the panel should move forward with caution.

"I want to be very careful," he said. "These are murky waters from a judicial standpoint."

Additional meetings are expected so more people can testify on the issue.

Rep. Tom Casperson, a Escanaba Republican, introduced a House-passed bill that would allow the Ten Commandments to be shown on public land if displayed with other religious materials and historical documents that have influenced the formation of the state or U.S. government, such as the Declaration of Independence.

Casperson said the founding fathers' religious faith played a role in the United States' origins.

"A lot of what they talked about was their faith. They didn't shy away from it," he said.



Carolee Mikulcik looks over a Ten Commandments monument outside the Michigan Capitol in Lansing, Mich. The 5,300-pound display that once stood in the Alabama judicial building was on a national tour. On Tuesday, state lawmakers and Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration met to consider displaying the Ten Commandments at the Capitol or on its grounds.

What do you think? Should the Ten Commandments be displayed on the Capitol or on its grounds? E-mail editor@oakpostonline.com.

Oakland County downtowns in the works

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Oakland University is one of those colleges that doesn't have its own town.

But students are just a hop away from Rochester's downtown, one of 30 traditional downtowns in Oakland County.

And students who live in Highland Township or Keego Harbor will soon see a change; these two cities were recently selected by Main Street Oakland County to join its program.

The program, launched in 2000, is dedicated to preserving the county's traditional downtowns.

"We're serious about rebuilding downtown Keego Harbor," said John Baczynski, the city's community development director.

The city is looking for higher-end businesses to add to the six blocks of downtown area centered by the intersection of Cass Lake Road and Orchard Lake Road.

Those business interests include restaurants, antique boutiques and gift shops, Baczynski said.

"The potential benefit to the city is huge. As we work toward economic development, there is a decrease in property taxes which brings development to the city," said Carolyn Lehr, Keego Harbor's city manager.

The city is also working on having a new city hall built.

In Highland Township, located on the western side of Oakland County, leaders are looking to harness the use of state land that comprises 25 percent of the area to create downtown traffic.

Township Supervisor Patricia M. Pilchowski said she wants bikers, hikers and equestrian communities to take advantage of the land.

The township doesn't have any specific plans for development yet, but Jill Bahm, township director of the Downtown Development Authority, said she expects coffee shops and small retail to enter the nine blocks of downtown space.

"We're really seeing a community center for Highland," she said. Both Bahm and Pilchowski said resident support has been positive.

Rochester is one of the areas that have been a part of the program.

"It's been a great resource not only in the county, but the program has been an excellent networking tool outside the area," said Kristi Trevarrow, executive director of the Rochester Downtown Development Authority.

"There has been more community involvement, too," she said.

Lake Orion, Oxford, Ortonville, Pontiac, Holly, Farmington, Ferndale, Royal Oak and Walled Lake are also part of the program.

Student Affairs

Depression Screening Day

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Oakland Room, OC
Explore Your Options-Advising Day
Wednesday, October 19, 12-2 p.m.
Gold Room, OC

Friday Night Live

Fall 2005
presents Helen Keaney
Friday, October 14, 2005, 7 p.m.,
Vandenberg Dining Center
Free refreshments
and admission.

Career Services

October 20- Entrepreneurship Forum,
noon-1 p.m., Gold Rooms B&C, OC
October 26-CAST Networking Reception,
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Banquet Room B, OC
October 27-Professional/Graduate
School Fair, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,
Fireside Lounge, OC
Drop in during open advising hours for career advice Monday-Friday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m.
Scheduled appointments are always welcome!
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www.oakland.edu/careerservices.

"Fast Food" Advising Week

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- Academia Mania, Thursday, October 20, 8-10 p.m., Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH
- Golf Cart Advising, Friday, October 21, 9 a.m.-noon, various campus locations
- Academic "After" Mania, Lunch with the A-Team, Friday, October 21, noon-1 p.m., Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH

Campus Recreation

Thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered for Rec Fest 2005. We'll see you next year!

Intramural Sports: Register your IM Team for Fall!

Deadlines are: Kickball Tournament--October 12
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament--October 19
4 Player Volleyball--October 21

Aquatic Center: Swim for Malaria--December 10th.
Call Dan for more info at 248-370-4533.

Scuba Lessons: Become scuba certified for the best price in Oakland County! Your class will be over in just one weekend. Sign up now for the Nov. 12 and 13 weekend session. For more information call Mike Rossi at 248-370-4534.

New Membership Opportunities this year: The Rec Center now offers half-semester memberships at the beginning of the semester (as well as the end of the semester.) Call 248-370-4732 for additional information. Take advantage of this opportunity to check out the Rec Center without paying full price!

Fitness/Wellness: Group Exercise Classes--The fitness class schedule is posted on the campus Recreation web page. Group exercise classes have begun and are FREE to Rec Center members. They are drop-in classes, so come and go as your schedule allows! The second session of specialty classes begins October 31 and that week is also free to students and Rec members who would like to preview classes. Registration for the second session begins October 17.

Fitness Assessment: Come let the experts assess your health. We'll help you to set goals and regiment your diet and exercise routines. It only takes 45 minutes. Students are FREE and Rec members are \$25.

A morning breeze

Students, faculty and staff can enjoy the last glimpses of spring weather as fall weather starts to kick in. Vandenberg Hall can be seen in this photo across Beer Lake.
Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post



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the president was a Democrat, he would have engaged in the same critique. Protecting the environment is crucial in terms of political stability, Kennedy said, adding that the Pentagon recently issued a report stating that global warming posed a greater threat to global stability than war or terrorism.

Referring to more than 400 rollbacks of environmental laws under the current administration, Kennedy said the Clinton administration had been prosecuting the worst polluting offenders of coal burning plants.

However, the coal industry donated over \$100 million to the Bush White House, he said, adding that Bush had ordered the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency to drop the lawsuits started under the Clinton administration.

"This is the worst environmental president that we have had in history, and there is no dispute about that," Kennedy said, condemning the president for installing into key offices of oversight polluters from the industries they oversee.

"It is the polluters, the worst of the worst of these industries, that are now running these agencies that are supposed to be protecting us from pollution," he said.

Kennedy finds the press is partly to blame for the lack of information circulating among the public.

"We have an indolent and negligent press in this country that has absolutely let down American democracy," he said.

With the abolishment of the Fairness Doctrine, Kennedy finds that news organizations have no obligation to benefit the public interest, but seek only to benefit their shareholders.

The Fairness Doctrine, a policy enforced by the Federal Communications Commission, required all broadcast licensees to present controversial issues to the public in a manner that was both fair and balanced.

It was repealed in 1987, under former President Ronald Reagan's presidency. Kennedy cited research that showed core

values of all Americans to be the same, regardless of party affiliation.

The only difference was the quality of information they were consuming, he said, citing a survey that revealed that 62 percent of Americans receive their news from a source that is controlled by the right wing.

"This is what I've said for many years, that 80 percent of Republicans are just Democrats that don't know what's going on," he said, garnering laughter from the crowd.

Kennedy said protecting the environment is essential for humans to fully develop into the individuals "their Creator intended them to be."

The importance of nature is central to many faiths, he said, giving examples of several religious figures and the importance of nature in their lives, including Buddha, Jesus, Moses and Muhammad.

In closing, Kennedy ended with a proverb: "We did not inherit this planet from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."

He was met with a standing ovation.

During a question and answer session following the lecture, Kennedy was asked if Americans would have the

chance of voting for a Kennedy.

"I have six kids, all of them still young. I'm going to wait, but I may run for something," Kennedy said.

"He was phenomenal," freshman Korry Bates said following the lecture.

"It's been a rough couple of years. It's nice to get fired up, and I hope it carries on past today," said senior Matt Bell.

Freshman Sarah Henson agreed.

"It makes me want to go to Washington and get right in their face about it and ask them how they could have done so much damage and not even care about what it does to future generations," she said.

A reception and book signing followed the lecture.

"We did not inherit this planet from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR.
Environmental Activist



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An interpreter signs for the deaf community while guest speaker Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. raises awareness on environmental issues. Kennedy said the government has failed in protecting the environment.

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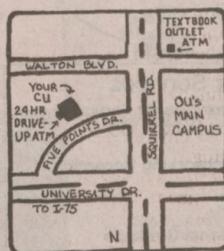
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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. greets a student after signing her copy of "Crimes Against Nature."

UP AND COMING

Thursday, Oct. 13

In conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences' "Environmental Exploration" theme, The Animals and Society forum along with SPIN, an environmental student organization, is hosting "Animal Factory Farming: Where is your food coming from?" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Sunday, Oct. 16

A hunger banquet on World Food Day will be hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences in conjunction with "Environmental Exploration." The banquet will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center.

Interested in writing environmental news? Contact Environment Editor Kelly Reynolds at (248) 370-4267.

OU home to streams, meadows

By MINEHAHA FORMAN
The Oakland Post

Get your hiking boots on — it's time to explore one of the best-kept secrets on campus. Oakland University has two nationally recognized biological preserves that include trails, meadows, streams, forests and wetlands.

"You can go out there and never realize that you're in the middle of a populated metropolitan area," said George John Gamboa, OU biology professor.

The preserves serve as an escape for students and the general public alike.

Employees of the Chrysler Technology Center visit the preserve to enjoy a quiet lunch, and some students can be seen on the trails from time to time.

"Not a lot of people know about (the nature preserve)," Gamboa said, "Not even professors."

OU's biological preserves are mainly utilized by the biology department, but some suggest that they may be used for a wide array of academic studies.

"It would be a great resource for all different majors if it was

advertised more," said senior Charlie Wondolowski.

The preserves are both on the south side of campus.

The western trail runs as far back as the OU golf course and crosses over Galloway Creek, a small stream bridged on the trail which is a place to spot deer among other wildlife.

The land in the western preserve is considered the most biologically diverse part of the campus with the numerous species of plants, living environments and wild animals.

The eastern trail runs past small ponds and wetlands and up to the eastern end of the golf course.

The eastern preserve contains ponds and wetlands that attract amphibians and water fowl. Blue Heron have been spotted as well as mink, fox and coyote.

The two preserves cover up to 110 acres of untouched land with streams, wetlands and deciduous forests.

According to the OU biology department's Web site, the nature preserves have been featured in over 40 publica-



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Above: OU's Eastern preserve. Right: The entrance to the Western Preserve.

tions in international, scientific journals since 1980.

Research conducted by graduate students using the rings in coring trees determined some of the property to be untouched for over 180 years.

The area supports mammals, birds, and fish among others.

The preserves have been used for educational purposes for years, but they also are open to the public.



Supreme Court to hear wetland regulation case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, venturing into legal territory that it historically has avoided, said Tuesday it will consider restricting the government's authority to regulate wetlands.

Jumping into a subject that is crucial for both environmentalists, property owners and developers, the justices will take up claims that federal regulators have gone too far by restricting property development that

is miles away from any waterway.

The cases give the court an opportunity to put limits on federal government authority. A key player may be new Chief Justice John Roberts. The appeals were the first the court agreed to hear under Roberts.

Environmentalists have been worried about how Roberts will vote in such cases. As an appeals court judge, he suggested in 2003 that federal power is limited. He had urged the

appeals court to reconsider its decision restricting a San Diego area construction project because it encroached on the habitat of the rare arroyo southwestern toad.

In the first major oral argument he heard, Roberts chided a lawyer for Oregon who was there to try to protect that state's physician-assisted suicide law from being made secondary to the federal Controlled Substances Act.

In the Supreme Court cases involving wetlands, Bush administration lawyer Paul Clement, the solicitor general, said the government has long-standing power to protect waterways, even if that means limits on pollution on nearby land.

In one of three cases that will be argued at the court next year, a Michigan man, John A. Rapanos, was convicted of violating the Clean Water Act for filling his wetlands with sand

to make the land ready for development.

In a second case, justices will decide if the Army Corps of Engineers had the authority to restrict the development of a condominium in MacComb County. The government contends the work could pollute Lake St. Clair, which connects Lake Huron and Lake Erie.

Justices also agreed to hear a third case involving the same law.

Separating oil from sand brings big money to Canada

FORT McMURRAY, Canada (AP) — The smell of oil hangs in the air over the Muskeg River Mine, a vast open pit the size of several dozen city blocks.

Fed by enormous hydraulic shovels, huge dump trucks carry black, sticky sand that will eventually be turned into crude oil.

"That smell? That's hydrocarbons," said Chris Jones, chief operating officer of the Albian Sands Energy Inc. "It smells like money."

Lots of money.

Canada has become an energy powerhouse by separating petroleum from sand.

Oil sands — also called tar sands — are found in an area almost half the size of Colorado spread across central Alberta, 240 miles northeast of Edmonton.

The deposits account for roughly half of Canada's crude oil output, or about 1 million barrels of oil a day.

Canada estimates the sands will yield as much as 175 billion barrels of oil, making it second only to Saudi Arabia in crude oil reserves and enough to satisfy U.S. demand for at least a generation.

A group of congressional staffers recently toured Alberta, eager to learn whether the unusual oil industry here can somehow serve as a model for oil shale production in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

"If they can do it, we in Utah can do it," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"Unconventional fuels like tar sands and oil shale are the real thing."

Unconventional oil — petroleum in any form other than the familiar fluid — has sat on the sidelines of the oil industry for decades. The major source of unconventional oil in the U.S. is shale, but all sources are getting a new look.

"Unconventional was a key word for 'uneconomic' in the past," said Tom Ahlbrandt, world energy project chief for the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver. "They are clearly not uneconomic any more."

Altogether, oil from oil sand costs somewhere between \$15 and \$20 a barrel to produce — on average, at least a few dollars more than pumping liquid oil.

But with oil prices above \$60 a barrel and technological breakthroughs making it easier to harvest oil from sand, business is booming. Jones said the only thing keeping companies from expanding even faster is a shortage of skilled labor and the right equipment.

The growth is not without concern and even provincial officials concede nothing on the scale of the oil sands has ever been done before.

Because the industry is so new, environmental impacts are still being assessed.

Dan Woynillowicz, a policy analyst for the Pembina Institute, a Canadian environmental think tank, said Canadians were surprised at how fast the oil sands industry took off. They don't really know the long-term effects, Woynillowicz said.

"So many of the (environmental) issues are in the future," he said.

Separating oil from sand takes a lot of water and a lot of energy. There is talk of building a nuclear power plant to supply more energy to the Fort McMurray area or a natural gas pipeline from the Canadian arctic.

Conservationists are dead set against that plan.

"Essentially we're taking one fossil fuel for another fossil fuel, and all we're getting in the northwest is climate change," said Lewis Rifkind, energy coordinator for the Yukon Conservation Society.



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Fishermen Orion Briney, left, and Jeremy Fisher use trammel nets to haul in black Asian bighead carp from the Illinois River near Peoria, Ill. Great Lakes lawmakers are pushing legislation that would ban the importation of Asian carp because of concern the exotic species could make its way into the Great lakes, wreaking havoc with the ecosystem. Southern lawmakers oppose the legislation, arguing fish farms in their region depend on the Asian carp.

Congress debates issue of imported carp bringing danger to Great Lakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A North-South fish fight is erupting in Congress over legislation to ban imports of Asian carp, a critter that southern fish farmers depend on to control parasites, but which Great Lakes officials fear will wreak havoc on the lakes' ecosystems.

Fish farmers in states like Arkansas and Mississippi imported the voracious Asian carp fish from China to help them control parasites by eating snails.

Some carp have escaped the farms and made their way north along the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and could soon be knocking on the Great Lakes' doors. An electric barrier south of Chicago, which gives the fish a non-lethal jolt, is designed to prevent them from entering Lake Michigan. Asian carp, which often leap out of the water, can grow to more than 100 pounds.

Three years ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed banning the importation of black carp, a species of Asian carp that southern fish farmers use, but the agency has not yet acted on its proposal.

"The time for talking and reviewing and studying is over," said Rep. Mark Green, a Wisconsin Republican who sponsored legislation to ban importation and interstate transfer of Asian carp. "I don't want us to wait until it's too late."

Sen. Mike DeWine, an Ohio Republican, has sponsored companion legislation.

Shawn Finley, a Fish and Wildlife legislative specialist, said the agency has to take into account the aquaculture industry in finalizing the rule.

"We are taking our time," she said. "We feel we need to look at the environmental and economic impacts."

Hugh Warren, executive director of the Catfish Farmers of America, said there is no other way to control the parasite problems than using black carp.

"We've investigated other kinds of fish, but we haven't found a successful substitute," said Warren, a catfish farmer from Greenwood, Miss. "If there were, we would use it."

Jay Rendall, invasive species program coordinator at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, said that the Asian carp species are eaters of mollusks, plankton and vegetation.

"If you put them altogether, they're consuming most of the food chain," he said. "If we get them in large numbers, they would reduce the plankton that other fish need."

The Great Lakes region, the world's largest surface freshwater system, is already battling other exotic species, such as zebra mussels.

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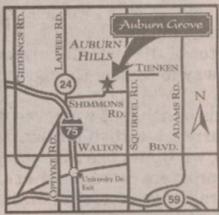
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Affirmative action is in high demand



By MIA C. EVANS
OU Student Congress Legislator

Recently, Oakland University Student Congress revisited issues regarding affirmative action.

Courtney Youngblood, an involved student at OU, visited OUSC on Monday, September 19, 2005 at our Legislative Body Meeting to bring to our attention that affirmative action will be challenged in Michigan on the 2006 Ballot.

Ward Connerly is the man behind it all. Through Connerly's efforts Michigan civil rights will be drastically amended, eliminating affirmative action programs.

Where do you stand on affirmative action? Better yet, are you aware of its purpose?

Affirmative action programs are set up to increase opportunities for women and minorities in education and employment.

The controversy is whether or not you believe that minorities (including women) are in need of 'increased opportunities.'

In the wake of recent events, America has made it very clear that race matters. One example of racial discrimination, in the eyes of many Americans is the delayed response by the national government to the victims in the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

These victims that were largely minority and in economic despair, American citizens, were even at times referred to as 'refugees' by the media.

Katrina may have highlighted the issues of race and poverty that plague America, but it did not give birth to them.

Another incriminating moment on a racist

America were the comments of former Education Secretary William Bennett on his radio program.

In addressing the crime rate in America, he said, "But I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose. You could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down."

Although everyone may not share these views, it is likely extreme to assume that Bennett alone has this type of ideology.

As equally insulting as Bennett's comments was President Bush's simplified response to the comments as "not appropriate."

What is wrong with America? If attributing crime to one race is simply "not appropriate," than it is ridiculous to disregard the iniquities on minorities in America.

It is reckless and disrespectful to take affirmative action away from under represented people who are perpetually discriminated against.

As long as we have individuals, such as Bennett, in America who not only have racist views, but also feel empowered enough to actually vocalize them to the public, there is no way we can do away with affirmative action.

It is Student Congress' responsibility to provide the students with the information.

Therefore, students will be informed and will be provided representation for both supporters and those in opposition to affirmative action.

However, it is imperative that those opposed to affirmative action understand what they are against.

They are against the resolving of a racist and violent history so intense that it still pollutes the present and is destined to be what limits the future for many Americans.

VOICE FROM THE STATE

Another boost for local life sciences

In a coup for Western Michigan University — and for the Kalamazoo area — two university life-science labs are joining the state's Core Technology Alliance.

Western Michigan's Biological Imaging Center and its Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center have become part of the Core Technology Alliance, which was formed six years ago to help foster the biotechnology sector in Michigan.

Western joins the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Valley Community College in the Core Technology Alliance.

With two institutions of higher learning now members of the alliance, this area is even better positioned to develop a thriving biotechnology industry here.

The Imaging Center makes available its electron microscope to researchers who want to see molecules and cell components. The Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center helps researchers and scientists commercialize their work.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College, which joined the Core Technology Alliance earlier this year, has its Michigan High Throughput Screening Center, which helps drug researchers screen tens of thousands of chemical compounds for how they may interact with a "target" that a researcher may want to influence.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College has

spent about \$2.2 million to build and equip the lab, and Pfizer Inc. donated \$600,000 in equipment. The lab, designed to assist start-up companies, universities and even big pharmaceutical companies, will start its first contract work within a few weeks.

It's not hard to see how all of this benefits the Kalamazoo area's fledgling life-sciences sector.

More than two years ago, when it became clear that Pfizer, which had purchased Pharmacia Corp., would shed some local research and development jobs, a number of people in the business community, as well as at Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, pulled out all the stops to retain laid-off scientists and help them start up life-science businesses of their own.

Western received a \$10 million grant from the state for the Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center. Kalamazoo Valley Community College developed the High Throughput Screening Center. Southwest Michigan First, a private local economic development organization, created the Innovation Center at Western Michigan University. Southwest Michigan First also began scrounging for venture capital to invest in young life-science companies.

It has been a slow, but determined process. It's still not guaranteed, but each small step brings us a bit closer to the possibility of a booming life-science sector in southwestern Michigan in the future.

— KALAMAZOO GAZETTE, Sept. 29.



"Hockey Is Back"

By Larry Wright



"Junk Food In Schools"

By Brian Fairrington

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Post and OUSC engage in shameful behavior

Imagine you want to be a legislator for OUSC. Imagine you get the signatures, you attend the meetings, and you help out during Anti-Hate week.

At long last you are scheduled to be voted in. The day of your inauguration comes, and you are thrilled and excited, but then something goes wrong, horribly wrong ...

For Derek Giordano, his journey towards becoming a legislator took a vicious turn when OUSC decided to embrace gossip and hearsay over procedure and truth.

What should have been a simple matter of procedure turned into a public witch-hunt when members of congress decided to accuse Giordano of sexual harassment. Such an accusation is a serious issue, but one that is private and outside the jurisdiction of Congress.

OUSC should have had the maturity and the wisdom to refer the matter directly to the Dean of Students Office. Instead though, they did Derek a grave injustice and branded him a sexual harasser.

Shame! Shame on all of you!! Shame on the members of Congress who took this gossip and made it a public matter, instead of making the proper referral. Shame on the so-called leaders of Congress who knew about the gossip and did nothing to prevent the spread of it, but instead encouraged it.

And lastly, shame on The Oakland Post for making this a front-page story. I'm really disturbed that our paper considers slandering a student to be front-page news ...

I hope there is a lot of outrage over this issue because despite Giordano's innocence or guilt this issue shows that nobody is immune to gossip. Gossip is both cowardly and evil.

When you hear something negative about a person you should either do something positive about it or let it die with you. I realize this is a hard thing to do and something we all struggle with, but it is something we should all strive for.

I'm sorry Derek. I'm sorry you had the organization (whose primary purpose is to protect your rights) take yours away. I'm sorry you then had the newspaper (whose purpose is to report the truth) defame and libel you.

I'm so sorry Derek ... If anything can be learned from this travesty it is how much new people like you are needed.

Congress needs guidance, and I hope through this outrage many others will step up to prevent further injustices from happening. Apologies and a need for change is definitely in order.

Bryan Austin
Post-baccalaureate
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Environment finally gets noticed

I would like to congratulate The Oakland Post on its' wonderful coverage of environmental issues and activities in the October 5th issue and, hopefully, many more issues to come.

It is difficult for students to take the time to learn about the details of the many, many issues out there, while also attending classes and working full- or part-time jobs.

Thus, as a member of the planning committee for the College of Arts and Sciences' "Environmental Explorations" theme this year, I am very gratified that The Oakland Post sees the theme as an opportunity to broaden both student and staff/faculty awareness of the environment around us.

It is my hope that the coming events and classroom studies will initiate discussions across a broad cross section of disciplines that will alert our academic community to the many issues we and our children will face.

More importantly, I believe that this increasing awareness will lead us to understand the need for more involvement by all of us in mediating positive change throughout their our adult lives, not just during the theme year. I'm not sure it has ever been more important than it is now.

Keep up the good work on your environmental reporting.

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OU is a gateway for many research opportunities

By VIRINDER MOUDGIL

Oakland University has historically provided research opportunities to all students. From freshmen to graduating seniors, to student scholars giving finishing touches to their master's dissertations and doctoral theses, research at OU has been a hallmark of the student experience.

Among many distinctive characteristics of an OU experience are student presentations of their research findings or creative endeavors at local, state, national and even international professional conferences.

I was in awe when, years ago, standing next to an OU undergraduate at an international research conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia, I heard a discussant ask a student: "Are you a post-doctoral scholar or a graduate student?" To the amazement of the inquirer, the student responded that she was just a junior at OU.

This experience is neither unique nor infrequent. Many OU alumni fondly recall research experience at OU prepared them to succeed as professionals and executives in the big league.

Our faculty and students are often complimented for their commitment to, and accomplishments in, student research.

Several hundred publications have resulted from student research involvement at OU, many in the top-ranked professional journals.

Students have also produced outstanding documentaries or video recordings to showcase their work. In the natural and social sciences, humanities, performing arts and our professional schools, by virtue of their research and creative works, our undergraduates have gained recognition and admission to graduate studies here and elsewhere and found employment at prestigious organizations.

When students enter the real world with a degree from OU, their research involvement and hands-on experience acquired here or in the area schools, hospitals, cultural and financial organizations places them at the top of the list. It makes them contenders.

So, why not seek a faculty mentor, an advisor, and get involved to seize an opportunity? There is plenty of support available.

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While graduate research in focused programs in the College of Arts and Sciences and the professional schools has earned distinction, undergraduate research and creative works at OU have been recognized nation-wide.

OU was the only public university in Michigan recognized by an undergraduate research/education grant from the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute in 1996-97.

In 2001, OU hit another first and was noted along with only 14 other institutions nationally for an interdisciplinary AAAS/Merck Undergraduate Science Research Program award. The program has been renewed for 2005-2007.

Given these areas of strength, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Ann Arbor awarded OU another \$50,000 grant to support undergraduate research in biomedical sciences. This past summer the National Science Foundation (NSF) supported a pilot project to establish an Undergraduate Research Center at OU supporting nearly 23 students in various research programs.

For the past four years, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering has involved eight to 10 students per year for their 10-week summer program, Undergraduate Computer Research, funded by the NSF.

The School of Business Administration has an acclaimed program, ATiB (Applied Technology in Business), which enrolls students in corporation-sponsored programs, allowing them to work with and assist their future employers. Students learn to solve problems and investigate on-site challenges in corporations and the automotive industry.

Undergraduates in the elementary education in the School of Education and Human Services study mathematical knowledge and pedagogy. Many of our students have made presentations showcasing their creative talents at many highly visible venues.

Clearly, at OU there are internship possibilities for nearly all disciplines.

I encourage students to evaluate their schedules and instructional responsibilities and give research and creative efforts a chance to enhance their OU experience. In doing so, students will create a niche and a better future for themselves in our competitive, global market place.

Virinder Moudgil is the vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost at Oakland University.

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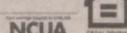
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DeVos: Michigan's challenges are solvable

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

The state of Michigan faces a considerable challenge, but the problems are solvable, said Dick DeVos during a candidate interview with The Oakland Press editorial board on Tuesday. DeVos, the Republican candidate for Michigan's gubernatorial election in 2006, spoke on several issues regarding the condition of the state's economy. "I'm not arrogant enough to suggest

that I have the perfect solution to the problem," DeVos said. He said he doesn't believe that there is one single "silver bullet" as a solution to the state's problems. However, he finds Gov. Jennifer Granholm to have failed in her duties. "The governor has not shown consistency," DeVos said in regard to Granholm's dealings with funding for state universities. "The first thing that the governor can do to help our schools and univer-

sities is to give them a predictable environment" with regard to state funding, he said. DeVos criticized the state government's decisions on making funding inconsistent. "How do you operate an organization with that," DeVos questioned. In Oakland University's case, a rise in tuition has been the result of cuts in state funding. OU has dealt with tuition increases totaling 32 percent in the past four years.

OU Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery told The Oakland Post that this year represents the state's fifth consecutive cut in educational funding. "Can you spend more money on education? Yes, I think you can," DeVos said. He pointed out that the ratio of dollars spent used to be two dollars from the state for every dollar from a student; now, 20 years later, the trend has been reversed.

"There's opportunities within the existing funding," he said. DeVos has a history in dealing with education in the state. He is the chair of the Education Freedom Fund, and he proposed a voucher proposal regarding per pupil funding during the 2000 election. "I believe we still have opportunities though charters and other creative means to look at the opportunity for transformational change within our educational system," he said.

Delphi says to exit bankruptcy it must divest from its U.S. plants

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge on Tuesday approved the use of \$950 million in financing for auto supplier Delphi Corp., which is expected to consolidate or divest a significant portion of its U.S. plants during its stay in bankruptcy court. The debtor-in-possession loan, assembled by a large consortium of lenders led by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc., will help the company operate during its bankruptcy, which is expected to end in early 2007. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Robert Drain also signaled at Tuesday evening's hearing that he would extend an order allowing Delphi to continue paying employees' salaries and benefits. A temporary order to do so was granted Saturday, when the auto supplier filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from creditors. That order was due to expire Tuesday. "It makes sense to extend" the order, Drain said. Earlier, an attorney for Troy, Mich.-based Delphi said the company filed for bankruptcy

"to deal with our legacy liabilities in the U.S." He added that much of Delphi's profit is generated abroad and that "we don't make money on what we produce here in the U.S." Attorneys for the company also defended the recent extension of a severance package for executives, saying the company had sought "non-compete" agreements from them to protect its business interests. Delphi beefed up the severance agreements for 21 of its top executives on Friday, the

day before it filed for bankruptcy. Under the new agreement, executives will be eligible for 18 months of pay and at least a portion of their bonus if Delphi lays them off or they leave voluntarily. Previously severance packages were capped at 12 months. In exchange, the executives signed agreements promising not to work for competitors for the 18-month period. Separately on Tuesday, the federal agency that insures pension plans said the auto supplier's pension plan is

underfunded by \$10.8 billion. The amount takes into account any assets the company already has in the plan, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. spokesman Jeffrey Speicher said. Delphi could shift some of its pension obligations to the PBGC as part of its restructuring. But Speicher said the PBGC would insure no more than \$4.1 billion, or less than half the total necessary to meet Delphi's obligations to retirees. General Motors Corp., which

spun off Delphi in 1999, also could be liable for some of Delphi's retirement benefits. GM said this week it may have to assume up to \$11 billion in retirement benefits for union-covered employees who transferred from GM to Delphi. Delphi is the largest U.S. auto supplier. It has 50,600 U.S. employees, including 34,750 hourly workers and 15,850 salaried workers. The New York Stock Exchange suspended trading of Delphi shares Tuesday.

FRANCIS Cont. from A1

the job had opened in the traditional opening period, but the department is confident in naming Francis the coach because she is a proven commodity. "Very rarely does a university know what they are getting in an employee," Kampe said. "For us, when we went through this process we were able to land someone who has a proven track record. "We already know what she can do here at Oakland University because we have banners hanging in our arena because of her," he said. "That really hurt. The opportunity to coach players that I looked in the eye and said, 'I'm going to be your coach,' but I had to resign for health reasons," she said. "Well, I can't wait. I know how good they are," she said.

She also attended the women's basketball games, which she said helped make her think about coaching again. "I'm a coach. Every time I would walk in the arena I would tear up during the national anthem," Francis said. "I have been coaching from my couch for three years," she said. Francis will also get an opportunity to coach some players she recruited three years ago but never had a chance to coach. The players include 2005 All Mid-Con First Team players Jayme Wilson and Anne Hafeli. "It was very difficult to not coach a team that you recruited. Especially since the past few teams were loaded," Francis said. "That really hurt. The opportunity to coach players that I looked in the eye and said, 'I'm going to be your coach,' but I had to resign for health reasons," she said. "Well, I can't wait. I know how good they are," she said.

OUSC Cont. from A1

Research and Review Committee chair and Disciplinary Committee member. Porter confirmed this allegation in the investigation, saying there was more than one witness. The Disciplinary Committee also concluded that Giordano probably failed to attend three OUSC meetings as required to become a legislator. "There was no, or little, evidence to prove that he showed up at three meetings," Porter said. "We have evidence, but it is not 100 percent solid," he said.

"There is definitely a suspicion that he does not meet the requirements," Butler said at Monday's meeting. In the Oct. 3 meeting, Butler amended the agenda to accommodate the voting of Giordano as a legislator, saying he had met all requirements. This week, Butler formed a sign-up sheet for students interested in becoming legislators, said Samantha Hardenburgh, OUSC advisor and coordinator of student leadership for the Center for Student Activities. Giordano, who said last week that he had met all requirements to become a legislator, was not present at Monday's meeting and could not be reached for comment.

He said he had attended four OUSC meetings in total, including a meeting from last year, which counts under the guidelines of the McGuinness administration. "He does have the ability to resubmit all documentation to become a legislator," Porter said. After Porter presented the findings of the Disciplinary Committee, Legislator Joshua Miller motioned to remove Giordano from the legislative body. Legislator George Nahas seconded the motion, which resulted in a vote to remove Giordano from OUSC. Fifteen legislators voted for Giordano's removal and three abstained.



Standing tall

Oakland University students gathered Tuesday to celebrate the grand openings of both the Gender and Sexuality Center and the Student Resource Center. The Carnival OU Extravaganza took place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. near both new offices in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Students enjoyed free food, music, bracelet making, balloon artists, jewelry and artwork by OU students.

— Compiled by Alicia Sossi,
Senior Reporter

Left: Rick Carver, a professional entertainer and 1993 OU graduate, takes on new heights as a concierge on stilts encouraging passing students to enjoy the festivities in the CSA's Carnival.
Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post



Above: Students dig in to an array of treats, including caramel apples, nachos, corn dogs and ice cream at the CSA's Carnival.
Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post

Below: Vendors hock their wares at the CSA's Carnival.



WAR Cont. from A1

Campus Greens, was held in the green space between South Foundation Hall and Oakland Center from 2 to 7 p.m.

"I'm an avid believer that Bush is an extremely deceptive person," said Jeremy Gallagher, a protest organizer and future OU student. "War in this way was completely unnecessary. It was a systematic fabrication of lies, a systematic corruption of the truth, that led us this far — not a mistake."

Olaf Lidums, professor of social justice and urban ministry at Ecumenical Theological Seminar in Detroit, agreed. "We have been deceived," he said.

Lidums said he finds today's news media to be one-sided, representing the interests of those in power.

"We have been misinformed. Eighty percent of Americans believe that Saddam Hussein bombed the World Trade Center," he said. "What we need is a revival of the Fairness Doctrine."

The Fairness Doctrine, a policy enforced by the Federal Communications Commission, required all broadcast licensees to present controversial issues in a manner that was both fair and balanced.

It was repealed in 1987, under former President Ronald Reagan's presidency.

Lidums criticized the repeal, saying that if the American public is not informed, "we do not have democracy."

Protesters held signs saying, "Where has democracy gone?" "War is terrorism" and one sign declared that President Bush is the "terrorist."

Protesters also engaged in debate over whether or not

American troops should be brought home from Iraq. "We want our troops to be safe," said Lidums, who favors recalling them. "We want them removed as quickly as possible with a viable plan."

Junior Dan Maurer, who is against the war, disagrees.

"The issue is not whether or not we should have gone to war — the issue is pulling out now," he said.

"The only way to stabilize Iraq is to stay there. To leave now would, in all likelihood, send Iraq into further chaos," he said.

Freshman Jimmy Arapostathis, who supports the war, agreed. "If we pull out now, it will end in a terrorist state that will threaten the security of America," he said.

"War gave us independence," he said. "War ended facism. War ended slavery. War ended Nazism. I'm pro-war."

Linda Schweitzer, assistant professor of chemistry, disagreed, saying that the United States can be viewed by others as "the equal terrorist of the world."

"We tear down mountains to get coal. We destroy tropical forests to get timber. Our infrastructure is based on fossil fuels, and then we have the nerve to go to war over oil," she said.

Schweitzer said she finds the United States to be "jeopardizing the ability of other nations to survive" by using up natural resources.

"We're not even a democracy anymore," she said. "We're an oligarchy of corporations. So, how much better are we than those nations we feel we have the right to destroy?"

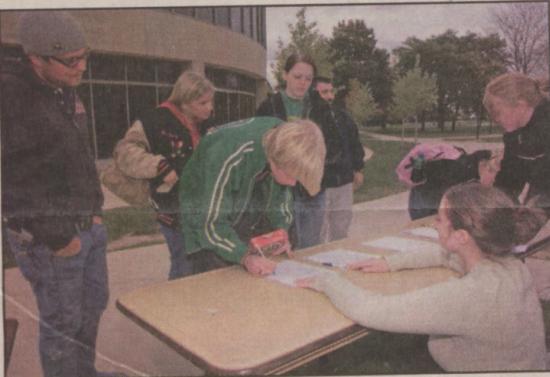
"Protest has to exist. We have to reveal the lies. I should be willing to give up everything for this," Bright said.

"Most people do care, but they're in a state of paralysis. They need inspiration," he said.

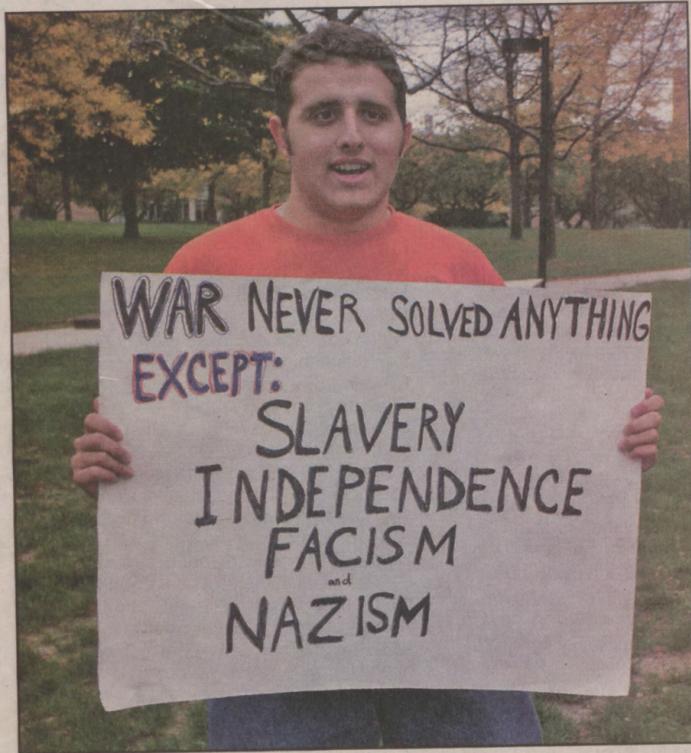


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Top: A member of the Disparity Clause, a band composed of OU students, sings "Redemption Song" by Bob Marley.



Left: Junior Matt Bingham (second from left) signs a petition to end the war in Iraq, as seniors Josh Janicki (left) and Brittany Kennedy (second from right) watch on after signing.



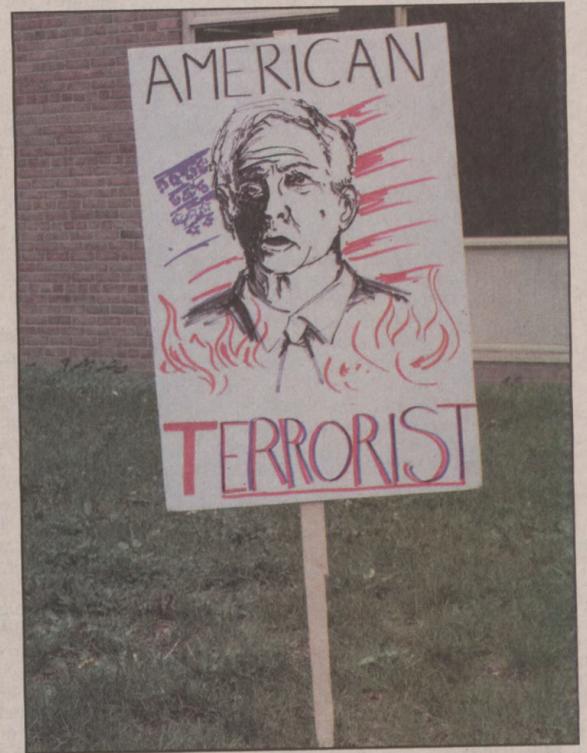
Campus Greens is a grassroots activist organization. It is dedicated to advancing the causes of non-violence, social justice and equality, and ecological wisdom and sustainability.

What are your views on the war in Iraq? What do you think about the anti-war protest? E-mail editor @oakpostonline.com with your opinions.

Left: Freshman Jimmy Arapostathis shows his support for the war.

Right: A sign declares President George W. Bush to be an "American terrorist."

Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post



What do you know about the war in Iraq?

Circle the most correct answer. Completed forms should be placed inside the box located outside The Oakland Post in the basement of the Oakland Center room 61 no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

1. Approximately how many U.S. military casualties have there been since 2003?
 - A) 200
 - B) 2,000
 - C) 4,000
 - D) 10,000

3. What is the cost of stationing U.S. troops in Iraq per month?
 - A) \$4 billion
 - B) \$20 billion
 - C) \$20 million
 - D) \$2.6 million

2. Independent analysts estimate the Iraqi death toll to be between...
 - A) 5,000 - 10,000
 - B) 25,000 - 35,000
 - C) 50,000 - 100,000
 - D) 100,000 - 300,000

4. How many U.S. POWs have been rescued?
 - A) None
 - B) All 8 POWs
 - C) 6 out of 8 POWs
 - D) 2 out of 4 POWs

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Limit one submission per student, per paper, per week. Drawing at 5:00 p.m. Mondays. Winner is posted in next week's paper.

Weather delays earthquake rescue efforts

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Heavy rain and hail forced the cancellation of some relief flights to earthquake-stricken regions Tuesday, and survivors scuffled over the badly needed food. Officials estimated that the death toll would surpass 35,000.

Emergency workers in the northern town of Balakot pulled a teenage boy from the rubble, 78 hours after Saturday's quake. "He's alive!" rescuers shouted as

people gave the food and water to the boy and kissed him on the head.

A French search team on Monday rescued at least five children buried in a collapsed school in the northern town of Balakot, said Eric Supara, an official at the French Embassy in Islamabad.

Earlier in the day, U.S. military helicopters, diverted from neighboring Afghanistan, helped ferry wounded from the wrecked city of Muzaffarabad, the capital of

Pakistani-ruled Kashmir.

The worst-hit region was Kashmir, a divided Himalayan territory of about 10 million people claimed by both India and Pakistan.

Bad weather compounded the misery in the region, with heavy rain and hail forcing some helicopters loaded with food and medicine to cancel or delay their flights.

The official toll remained at around 20,000 people, but a senior army official close to the rescue

operations said government officials were estimating that between 35,000 and 40,000 died. The official asked not to be identified because he wasn't authorized to disclose the estimate to journalists.

The U.N. World Food Program said the first deliveries of food for 240,000 people will reach victims late Tuesday.

U.N. officials also warned of a possible measles epidemic and the spread of waterborne diseases such

as cholera and diarrhea, as the water and sanitation system is heavily damaged.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described the earthquake in Kashmir as a national calamity, saying the government will spare no expense to help the survivors.

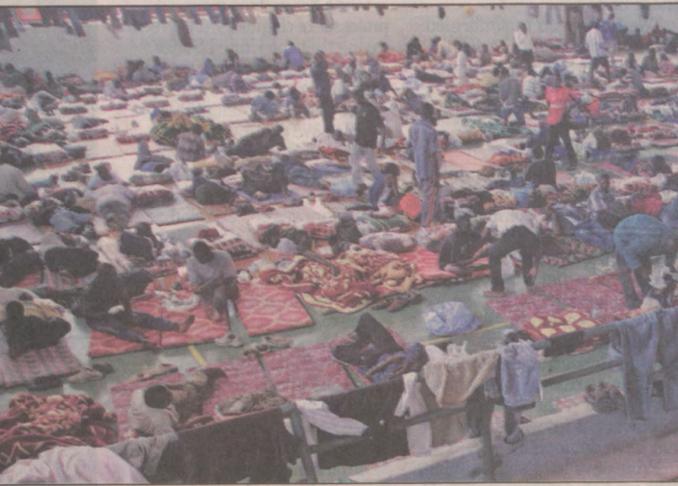
Singh said India's death toll had reached 1,300, with another 4,500 injured and 32,000 houses were damaged.



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Kashmiri refugees from Chella Bandi Camp return after getting supplies and medical help in the northern Pakistani town of Muzaffarabad, Tuesday. The Pakistani government's official death toll remained at slightly over 20,000 people.

In Romania, where the country's first suspected bird flu cases were reported Friday, 40,000 birds were slaughtered and thousands of people given a vaccine.

About six hundred illegal immigrants from Mali, gathered in a gymnasium in Oujda, Morocco, Tuesday, waiting to be sent back to their country. Morocco, the center of an immigration crisis of Africans seeking to get to Europe, is deporting would-be immigrants by plane.

NATION

New Orleans colleges focusing on reopening, recruiting new students

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — The New Orleans colleges that were closed at least temporarily by Hurricane Katrina face monumental short-term obstacles simply to reopen their campuses, and next year's freshman class won't arrive for nearly a year. Nonetheless, recruiting is an urgent priority. New students are the lifeblood of any college, and for schools such as Loyola, Dillard and Xavier — and even for wealthier Tulane — the future depends on filling classroom seats and collecting tuition. For the admissions officers working out of scattered hotels and offices, this may be their most challenging and important recruiting season ever. Admissions officers first had to get their own lives in order after the storm, while at work, important records and plans were destroyed. The colleges acknowledge that enthusiasm from new prospects has been muted so far. But they also insist students who had already expressed interest haven't crossed the New Orleans schools off their lists.

Denver's huge winter blast results in people killed, highways closed

DENVER (AP) — An early blast of winter-waloped Colorado's mountains with almost 20 inches of snow, killing three people, making driving conditions treacherous and canceling dozens of flights. The storm forced motorists to seek shelter as whipping snow on Monday reduced visibility and knocked out power to as many as 80,000 homes. To ski resorts eager to open, the snow was a boon. Crews were out in force across the Front Range and the eastern plains placing de-icer on the roads to keep freezing temperatures from turning water on roads into ice. More than 60 people took refuge in Red Cross shelters in Strasburg, Byers and Bennett, including 21-year-old Robert Wade, who was stuck in the snow for four hours after driving off the road in whiteout conditions while towing a 17-foot U-Haul trailer. "The snow got ridiculous," he said. "The U-Haul is pretty hard to handle. I'm used to driving a Toyota Camry. We thought we were in Siberia." Interstate 70, the main east-west route across the state, reopened to traffic early Tuesday, said Mark Aultman, of the Colorado Department of Transportation. The entire highway had been closed for 80 miles between Denver and Limon, where truck stop parking lots were overflowing.

An unidentified man and a woman died after a van carrying 11 people crashed into a guardrail about 20 miles northeast of Denver along Interstate 76. The road was icy and slushy at the time and the accident is believed to be weather-related, Colorado State Patrol Trooper Eric Wynn said. The third death was Ginny McKibben, a 73-year-old former reporter for The Denver Post, who was struck by a falling tree limb while she swept snow outside her home. Dozens of schools in eastern Colorado and the Denver Metro area were closed Tuesday because of the storm. Monday, hundreds of flights were delayed at Denver International Airport as planes lined up to de-ice before takeoff.

Bush says locals to rebuild Gulf Coast

COVINGTON, La. (AP) — President Bush pledged Tuesday that the federal government will not seek to dictate terms for rebuilding the hurricane-devastated Gulf Coast but will instead allow state and local officials to make the key decisions. He rejoiced in what he said is a spirit of revival there. "I think we've seen the spirits change," Bush said in an interview with NBC's "Today" show. "Local people are beginning to realize there's hope." In the interview, both he and his wife, Laura, defended his choice of Harriet Miers for the Supreme Court. Bush reiterated that he was confident she would be confirmed by the Senate.

Striking NWA mechanics to meet with Northwest Airlines Corp.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Northwest Airlines Corp. and its striking mechanics said Tuesday that they will meet, although neither side described the talks as negotiations. Northwest mechanics, cleaners and custodians have been on strike since Aug. 20, although Northwest has kept flying without them. The last round of talks broke off Sept. 12. Northwest filed for bankruptcy protection two days later. A hot line for the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association said the union negotiating committee and the airline agreed to meet "for the purpose of reviewing where the parties stand on the open issues related to the current strike, and to determine whether the open issues can be resolved." "The parties have agreed to meet Thursday to review the status of bargaining and what options remain, if any, for resolution of the ongoing strike," Northwest spokesman Kurt Ebenhoch said.

WORLD

Liberians wait to cast their votes in first election since end of Civil War

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Liberians stood in long lines under a broiling sun to vote Tuesday as this West African nation held its first presidential elections since the end of a civil war in 2003. At one station, people started lining up at 2 a.m., six hours before polls opened. Twenty-two candidates are vying for the top job in Liberia, in tatters after 14 years of nearly continuous civil war that ended with a peace deal in August 2003. A transitional government has arranged the vote and 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers are keeping the calm. Candidates are promising to keep the peace, while rebuilding government-run water and electricity plants and creating jobs. "We want to be free, with no more war. The new president must take care of us," said Sarah Kanga, a 43-year old market trader and mother of nine. "We'll work for ourselves, but if the country is free, then the money will come."

Insurgents kill 40 in Iraq attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents killed more than 40 people and wounded dozens in a series of attacks Tuesday, including a suicide car bomb that ripped apart a crowded market in a town near the Syrian border, police said. U.S. and Iraqi officials have repeatedly warned that the insurgents would step up their attacks to undermine Saturday's referendum, a crucial step in Iraq's democratic transition. A suicide car bomb exploded at about 11 a.m. in a crowded open market in the northwestern town of Tal Afar, said Brig. Najim Abdullah, Tal Afar's police chief.

Russian spacecraft returns to Kazakhstan after 7-day trip

ARKALYK, Kazakhstan (AP) — U.S. millionaire scientist Gregory Olsen and a two-man, Russian-American crew returned from the international space station to Earth early Tuesday in a swift, bone-jarring descent. The touchdown of the Russian Soyuz space capsule on the cold, wind-swept steppes of northern Kazakhstan, where Russia's manned-space facilities are based, ended the third trip by a private citizen to the orbiting laboratory. The descent from the station orbiting approximately 250 miles above the Earth took about 3 1/2 hours.

Priests urged to be better preachers

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A top American bishop called Tuesday for priests to be better preachers, lamenting that many Catholics resort to watching other Christian services on television or attending different churches to get the "inspiring preaching" they crave. Archbishop Wilton Gregory, the former head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told a meeting of the world's bishops that Catholics increasingly expect better homilies from priests at Sunday Mass. "Ritual precision alone will not bring back those who do not attend Sunday Mass," he said. Several bishops attending the Oct. 2-23 Synod of Bishops have expressed concern about the quality of homilies, with many saying the sermons need to be better focused on the theology of the Catholic faith. Gregory told his colleagues that some U.S. Catholics go to Mass but then go home and watch other Christian church services on TV or listen to them on the radio "simply because they're still hungry for inspiring preaching." "Still others go so far as to attend religious services at these churches after they've attended Sunday Mass," he said.

Margaret Thatcher celebrates 80th birthday with Queen, Prime Minister

LONDON (AP) — Margaret Thatcher is holding an 80th birthday bash with a guest list that includes one of her successors at No. 10 Downing St — current Prime Minister Tony Blair and Queen Elizabeth II, — Thatcher's office said Tuesday. Britain's first female prime minister has grown frail after suffering a series of small strokes in recent years, and she increasingly avoids the limelight. But she'll be marking her 80th on Thursday with about 680 guests at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel near Hyde Park, her assistant Gilly Penrose said. "She is in very good health at the moment," Penrose said. John Major — who succeeded Thatcher when she was ousted by her party in 1990 — is expected to attend, and the queen will be there with her husband, Prince Philip, Penrose said. Many members of Thatcher's Cabinets will be present along with two current candidates for the Conservative Party leadership.

Explosive charges bring down the steel superstructure of the Town Creek span of the Silas Pearman bridge Tuesday in Charleston, S.C. The three-lane Pearman bridge, built in 1966, and the parallel 76-year-old, two-lane Grace Memorial Bridge were closed in July when the new \$632 million Ravenel Bridge opened linking Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

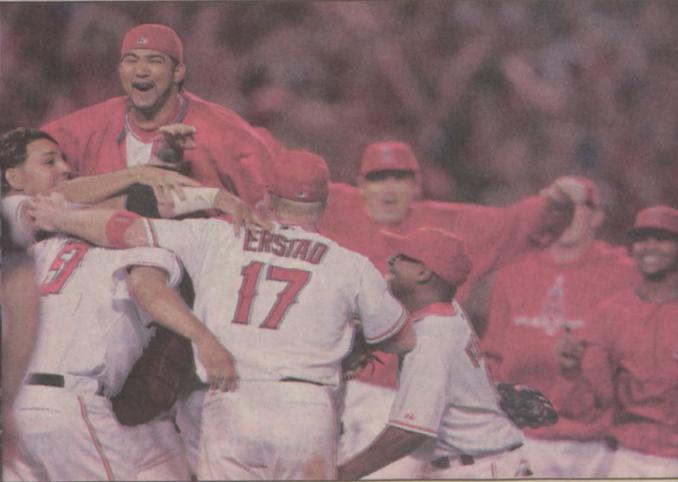
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President Bush talks to students in the courtyard of Delisle Elementary School in Pass Christian, Miss., as it reopened Tuesday.

The Associated Press

Los Angeles Angels' Jose Molina jumps in the arms of his teammates after their victory over the New York Yankees in Game 5 of their American League Division Series in Anaheim, Calif., Monday. The Angels won the game 5-3 to clinch the series and will play the Chicago White Sox in Game 1 of the ALCS on Tuesday.

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Hitchcock haunts campus



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Three of Alfred Hitchcock's movies will be played during "Hitchcock at the Hall": "Psycho," "Birds" and "Rear Window."

By SARA KANDEL
The Oakland Post

A gothic-style mansion can be seen from the beginning of a long driveway that is dark even during the day, from the shade of the woodland around it.

The entrance is guarded by an iron

gate, beyond it the interior is faintly lit.

The greeting room is adorned with paintings and sculptures in relief. The most notable for this season is a small child standing on the heads of three, winged gargoyles, holding a candle.

The combination of dim lighting, a gigantic fireplace and old sculpture is

the perfect setting for a late night viewing of a horror classic.

Meadow Brook Hall will be hosting "Hitchcock at the Hall" this October.

Some of Hitchcock's most suspenseful films will be shown in the original viewing room of the Dodge-Wilson family. The viewing room is the only two-story room in the home, and is adorned with hard wood floors, a large fireplace and stained glass windows, complimenting both the Halloween season and the films.

"I don't find it spooky, but I have heard people say that it can be. The minute the sun goes down in any house, the atmosphere changes," said Irene Connors, who has been working at Meadow Brook Hall since 1979.

"Psycho," "Birds" and "Rear Window" will be playing on different dates throughout the month, she said.

During each film, a three-course themed meal will be served.

"Psycho" will be showing on Thursday, Oct. 13 and Friday, Oct. 14. The dinner theme is Italian; the first course an antipasta salad, the second a personal pizza and the third a cannoli.

"Birds" is playing on Friday, Oct. 21, and the theme is Mexican.

The appetizer is nacho chips and cheese. The dinner is a chicken burrito, rice and refried beans, and the dessert is fried ice cream.

"Rear Window" will be playing on Wednesday Oct. 26 and Thursday Oct. 27. The theme for this film is Chinese. And the three-course dinner will consist of egg rolls, sweet and sour chicken, and sherbert with a fortune cookie.

Seating starts at 7p.m., and the film will begin at 7:30 pm.

The cost is \$30, which includes the three-course dinner, coffee, water and, of course, a classic film.

There will be a cash bar available. Dinner will be served family-style with assigned seating.

The appetizer will be served before the film starts, the dinner during a 15 minute intermission and desert after the film has ended.

The event usually sells out, said Shannon O'Brinski, coordinator of the event. Early reservations are recommended, she said.

To make reservations, call (248) 364-6263.

What do you think
of Hitchcock's films?
E-mail life@oakpostonline.com.

Halloween gets an old-fashioned twist

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
The Oakland Post

The sky is dark as the horse-drawn carriage rolls by on the cobblestone street. The driver turns to look at you ... but he has no head. He then hands you a bag of candy. No, this isn't a strange horror movie. It's Hallowe'en at Greenfield Village. The dates are Oct. 13-16, 20-23 and 28-29.

But this year the festivities will be different.

"Last year, it was a member's only program," said Wendy Metros, director of Public Relations. "This year, it is open to the public."

The Village will be lit by 800 hand-carved jack-o-lanterns as thick fog, spooky sounds and special effects surround visitors.

There will be 11 sweets and treats stations to get goodies from — courtesy of goblins.

While enjoying the festivities, be sure to check out the Hallowe'en Shop in Liberty Craftworks for sou-

venirs and collectibles.

Pricing for adult and children members is \$10, and \$12 for non member adults and children. Children two years and under enter for free. Every visitor will receive a free treat bag.

What are your plans for Halloween?
E-mail life@oakpostonline.com.

Attention students, faculty and staff! Are you getting married, expecting a baby or celebrating an anniversary in the near future? If so, please e-mail your information to editor@oakpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268. Announcements are coming soon to the Life section.

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B section for Sports

Leaves and apples,

An Oakland University guide to apple orchards and

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They produce and sell
peaches, pumpkins,
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Holly (248) 634-8981
1479 Ranch Road
Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fresh apples, pumpkins, hay
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Rochester Hills
(248) 651-8300
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Open daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
They make cider daily, serve
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apples, apple jelly
and fudge. Pony rides
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South Lyon
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61019 Silver Lake
Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Have fresh doughnuts,
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Romeo (586) 752-3123
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Open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Pick apples, pumpkins, nectarines,
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Ypsilanti (734) 482-7744

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Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Cider, fudge, roasted
almonds, arts and crafts,
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Romeo (810) 752-2989

63260 Van Dyke

Open daily 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Pick apples, pumpkins and
peaches, sit in a train car or
the picnic area, and eat fresh
cider and doughnuts.

Macomb

BLAKE'S CIDER MILL AND ORCHARD

Armada (810) 784-5443

17985 Armada Center

Open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Pick apples, pumpkins,
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Hay rides through a haunted
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pies, as well at a free petting
farm, pumpkins, apples,
doughnuts and cider.

Learn apartment basics before signing a lease

By BRIAN DORMAN
The Oakland Post

Maybe the thought of dorm food makes them sick, or maybe their parents still haven't lifted the midnight curfew they've had since high school, but many students are packing up and making the move to their own apartment.

The idea of having your own place might sound great, but there may be a few things that you may need to consider before signing a lease.

The process of renting an apartment can be daunting without learning some of the elements associated with signing a lease agreement.

So, before you pick up a pen and sign on the dotted line, here are a few things you may want to consider.

Understanding your lease

A lease is essentially a legal document that outlines the terms of your residence in an apartment. It details the responsibilities you have to the landlord and the landlord's responsibilities to you.

"You are obligated when you sign a lease. It is a legal agreement," said Sue Russel, assis-

tant manager of Lake Village Apartments in Auburn Hills.

"It is so important to ask questions. I can't stress enough that students understand how the lease works.

"I'd rather sit with someone for 45 minutes and know they understand (the lease)," Russel said.

Make sure to ask as many questions as possible to ensure you understand what you're signing. You may also request a sample lease to review at home.

Credit checks

In order to get an apartment, it is essential for students to have good credit.

Consider checking your credit rating before you apply to get an apartment, otherwise you may need a co-signer, such as a parent or family member. With a co-signer, both of you are legally responsible for payments, fees and penalties if the rent is not paid on time.

Affording the rent

When deciding how much you can afford per month, you can't just look at the base rent. Students should also

plan for paying utilities, phone and cable bills.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average apartment renter spends 33 percent of their annual income on housing. It may be a good idea to plan on spending at least this much per year on rent, utilities and other bills.

For example, if you make \$7,000 a year you can probably only afford \$190 a month in rent and utilities.

Renters' insurance

Many apartment complexes require that you have renters' insurance. Renters' insurance covers your property inside of the apartment in case of burglary, fire or flood.

Most insurance policies are not expensive, but it may be wise to shop around for the best price. Also, ask if your apartment complex offers their own insurance.

Four-legged friends

Many apartment complexes restrict allowing pets in the apartment. If you plan on having a dog or cat living with you, don't try to hide it from the landlord. Violating your



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Internet apartment searches are common among college students.

lease could land you and your animal without a home.

If the apartment complex does allow animals, they may have size regulations or a limited number of pets allowed per apartment. There may also be a monthly fee involved in keeping a pet.

Early lease termination

Renters who wish to move out before their lease is over

may incur heavy fees from their apartment complex.

Many apartment leases require you to pay the remaining rent for the term of the lease, while others may charge a fee of a couple thousand dollars to move out of the apartment early.

— Money/Health Editor
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Money Matters: Students learn financial responsibility

(NAPS) — Financial responsibility is an often overlooked priority for college students. As they begin their adult lives, however, learning to handle their finances is just as important as what is learned in the classroom.

With the financial pressures of school and social life, many students experience the challenge of dealing with a past-due bill of unpaid debt at one time or another. When debts like credit card and cell phone bills pile up, they seem overwhelming but there are a few important steps all students can take to deal with debt responsibly.

"When called about an unpaid bill,

the most important thing for a young person to do is communicate, not panic," said Gary Rippenot, CEO of ACA International, the Association for Credit Collection Professionals. "If you are having financial challenges, talk with the collector and work out a payment plan that you can manage."

Working with a collection agency is an important step in resolving debts and avoiding financial issues. If you are contacted by a collector, here some tips on handling the situation.

Don't avoid the collector. If you have questions about your bill or

believe you do not owe the debt, let the collector know immediately in writing. Once an initial contact by a third-party collector has been made, you have 30 days to dispute the debt; otherwise it will be deemed valid.

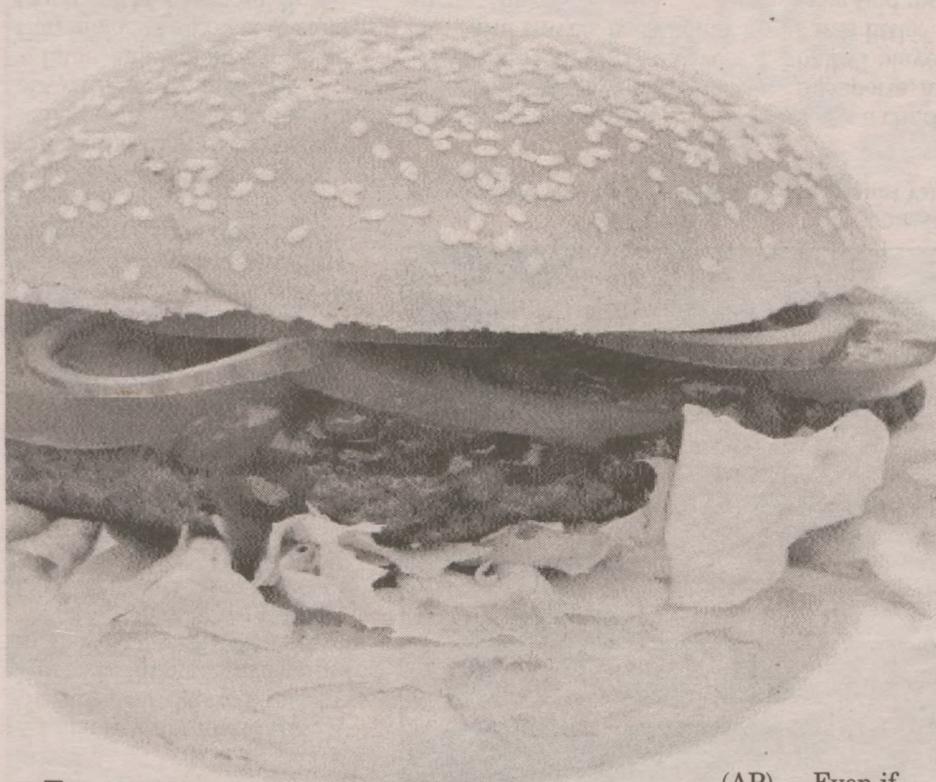
If you do owe the bill, let the collector know when payment can be expected. If you are unable to pay it in full, explain why and ask the collector to work with you on a plan that works for both of you.

Ask the collector about options and programs. Although collecting past-due accounts is the collector's business, collection professionals are

also experienced and able to work with you in finding solutions to debt issues. If you are having financial difficulties, ask about an extended payment plan or other payment options.

Pay on time. By paying on time, you can avoid incurring late fees and other penalties that credit grantors add to your debt. Establishing a payment plan that works for you will help you avoid these fees. If you agree to pay a certain amount, don't miss payments or pay late. If you fail to follow a payment plan, a creditor may be less willing to extend flexible payment options in the future.

American waistlines continue to expand



Just when we thought we couldn't get any fatter, a new study that followed Americans for three decades suggests that over the long run, 9 out of ten men and 7 out of ten women will become overweight.

(AP) — Even if you are one of the lucky few who made it to middle age without getting fat, don't congratulate yourself — keep watching that waistline.

Half of the men and women in the study who had made it well into adulthood without a weight problem ultimately became overweight. A third of those women and a quarter of the men became obese.

"You cannot become complacent, because you are at risk of becoming overweight," said Ramachandran Vasan, an associate professor of medicine at Boston University and the study's lead author.

He and other researchers studied data gathered from 4,000 white adults over 30 years. Participants were between the ages of 30 and 59 at the start, and were examined every four years. By the end of the study, more than 1 in 3 had become obese.

The study defined obesity as a body mass index, which is a commonly used height and weight comparison,

of more than 30.

The findings, published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, show obesity may be a greater problem than indicated by studies that look at a cross-section of the population at one point in time. Those so-called "snapshots" of obesity have found about 6 in ten are overweight and about 1 in 3 are obese, Vasan said.

The findings also re-emphasize that people must continually watch their weight, Vasan said.

The research subjects were the children of participants in the long-running and often-cited Framingham Heart Study, which has been following the health of generations of Massachusetts residents.

Dr. Elizabeth G. Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, which supported the study, said the findings show "we could have an even more serious degree of overweight and obesity over the next few decades."

Susan Bartlett, an assistant professor of medicine and an obesity researcher at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, said the study was one of the first to look at the risk of becoming overweight.

"The results are pretty sobering, really," said Bartlett, who was not involved in the research.

While the health risks of being obese are much more severe than being overweight, those who are overweight are much more likely to go on to become obese, Bartlett said.

The study shows Americans live in an "environment in which it's hard not to become overweight or obese. Unless people actively work against that, that's what's most likely to happen to them."

Obesity raises the risk of heart disease, some cancers, diabetes and arthritis, and being overweight raises blood pressure and cholesterol, which in turn can raise the risk of heart disease.

The number of deaths linked to obe-

sity has been heavily debated. Earlier this year, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said obesity caused only about 25,814 deaths annually in the United States — far fewer than the 365,000 deaths the agency had earlier reported.

Other scientists have disagreed with the revised conclusion, while organizations representing the food and restaurant industry think weight-related ills have been overstated.

As for the Framingham study, Mark Vander Weg, a Mayo Clinic psychologist who researches obesity but was not involved in the study, said it is one of a few to track a group of individuals over an extended period.

"What's particularly concerning is that these results actually may underestimate the risk of becoming overweight or obese among the general population" because minorities, who are at increased risk for obesity, were not included in the study, Vander Weg said.

Recent trends also suggest that people currently coming into middle age may be even more likely to become overweight or obese than those who were studied, Vander Weg said.

While more studies that include more diverse populations are needed, he said, the results "add to a growing body of evidence that makes it increasingly apparent that more effective prevention and treatment strategies are urgently needed."

What trends do you see in your own eating habits? What physical exercise do you incorporate into your daily routine? Send responses to editor@oakpostonline.com.

Health Tip: One blueberry muffin from Dunkin Donuts has 470 calories. Why not have two scrambled eggs, one slice of toast and three strips of bacon for the same number of calories?

Lane takes coaching skills to another court

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

As one of the senior leaders on Oakland University's women's volleyball team, Whitney Lane has been an adviser and a motivator to the rookies on the team.

"At times you do drills where everyone's so tired you can't do anything anymore, you've just got to push everybody else," Lane said.

With the Grizzlies, Lane steers the leadership course by being a role model for her teammates with whom she has shared many wins and losses.

Lane will not forget the Grizzlies' hard fought loss to Western Illinois in five games to kick off the Mid-Con season.

"I still feel like we should have won, we're going to (beat them) the next time we play them," Lane said.

On the other end of the spectrum, Lane said she will also remember how her younger teammates celebrated a victory earlier this season after defeating Chicago State University.

The Grizzlies' team goal this season is to get the Mid-Con championship, a step they have not yet taken.

Lane said that she enjoys the competition in the volleyball season, as well as hanging out with her teammates.

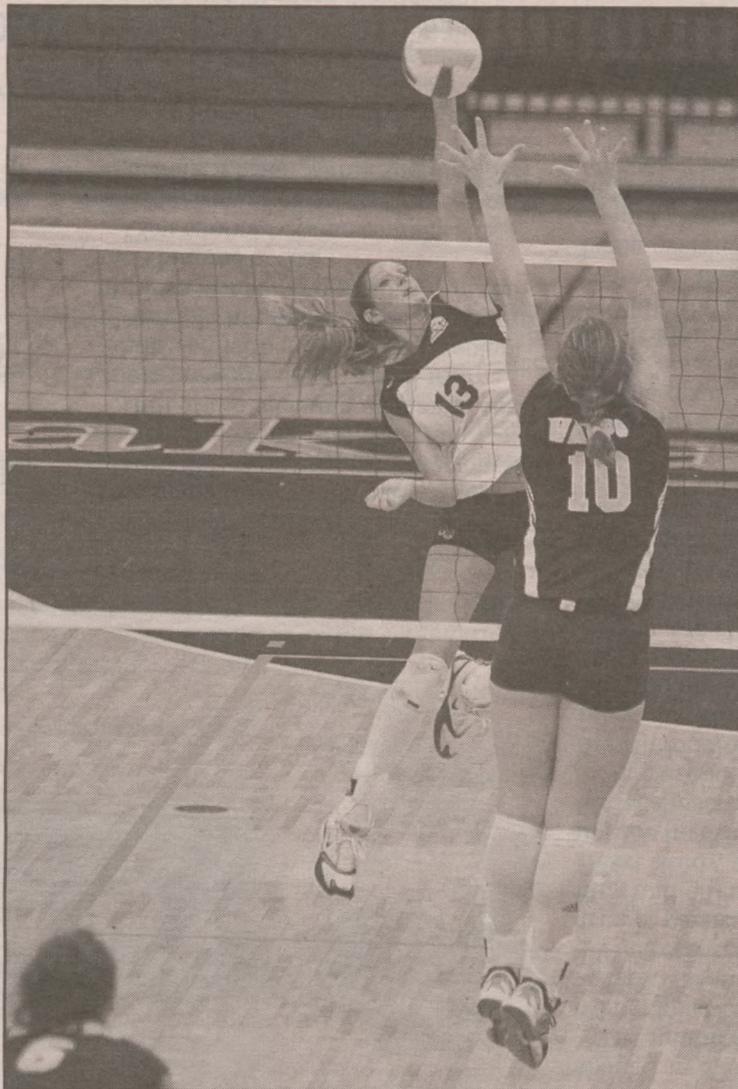
Lane, an elementary education major, is anxious to start teaching the basic building block lessons to children.

"You have to teach them everything, they mold to you," Lane said.

"I think that's a big impact on their lives at that age," she said, adding that it would be very gratifying to help make a difference with a student.

During the off-season of volleyball, the team holds fund-raising car washes around the area.

They also compete in a "Queen of the Beach" outdoor



Dante Ciullo / The Oakland Post
Whitney Lane goes up for a spike on Friday against Valparaiso.

volleyball tournament in Independence Township.

A Kentwood, Mich. native, Lane still travels back home during the off-season.

She likes to visit her friends — some volleyball players — she said.

Whitney plays in a summer recreation league at home, and she likes to travel with her parents.

Lane is the first person in her family to play volleyball and she plans on passing that along to her family one day.

Whitney plans to lead kids on the court in the future, too, because she also has coaching aspirations.

As a child, Lane loved playing sports, and not just volleyball. "I played all sports when I was little," she said. "No one even told me about volleyball."

Lane took up volleyball in seventh grade, and while playing in high school at East Kentwood, she decided to dedicate her time to volleyball.

OU plays Western Illinois on Oct. 22, in a home re-match.

The Grizzlies' next matches are Friday at Centenary and Sunday at Oral Roberts.

They return home to play the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

Crusaders blank the Grizzlies to earn win

Valparaiso's Nate Hyde deflected a shot off an OU defender to propel the Crusaders to a 1-0 victory and hand OU its first Mid-Con loss of the season. The Golden Grizzlies (4-6, 1-1 Mid-Con) outshot Valpo 20-3, but could not find the back of the net in the one goal loss. Senior Chris Edwards led OU with six shots, including four on goal. The Crusaders' (4-6, 2-1) Jeff Oleck made nine saves to earn the shutout. The Grizzlies will try to bounce back when they face Cincinnati at 7 p.m. today and then head to Centenary for a 4 p.m. match on Saturday.



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post
Doron Drai goes for a ball against Valparaiso.

Tennis team ends fall with a victory

OU defeated Niagara 5-2 at Stoney Creek High School to end the fall portion of their season. The Grizzlies are now 4-1 record, which is their best record since becoming a Division 1 program. Junior Angie Trecola won at No. 5 singles and finishes the fall with a 5-0 singles record. OU won all the doubles flights and took the No. 1-3 singles flights as well. Teuta Lulgjuraj won at No. 1 singles, Amanda Scheer won at No. 2 singles and Michelle Maxfield won at No. 3 singles. The Grizzlies will return to the court in the spring when the travel to IPFRW on February 18.

Swim team takes third at Notre Dame

Chris Tansel took three first place finishes to help the men's swimming and diving team take third place at the Notre Dame relays. Tansel was a member of the winning 400-yard medley, 200-yard medley and the 400-yard fly relay teams. The men's team next meet is the OU Quadrangular Meet on Saturday, Oct. 29. The Golden Grizzlies will take on Wayne State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Cincinnati. The women's team took fourth place thanks to five top three finishes at the Notre Dame relays. Sophia Gustafsson, Amanda Burwell, Carolyn Routh and Alex Tereszczenko broke the meet record in the 800-free relay with a time of 7:51.26, but finished in second place in the event. The women's team will hit the pool again at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21 for a meet against Toledo and Illinois.

OU falls to Westerwinds in Mid-Con opener

The Grizzlies could not overcome a 3-0 deficit and fell 3-2 to Western Illinois in their conference opener. Senior Kristi Swaving scored two goals for OU (4-6-1, 0-1 Mid-Con) in the second half, but the three goal lead proved to be too much. Swaving has eight goals in 11 games this season. Kristi Evans and Marianne Samdal each had assists and Jessica Howard made four saves for the Grizzlies in the losing effort. OU will host a pair of Mid-Con matches this week. The Grizzlies take on Southern Utah at 4 p.m. on Thursday and then host IUPUI at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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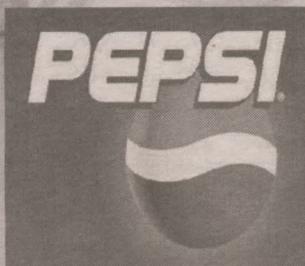
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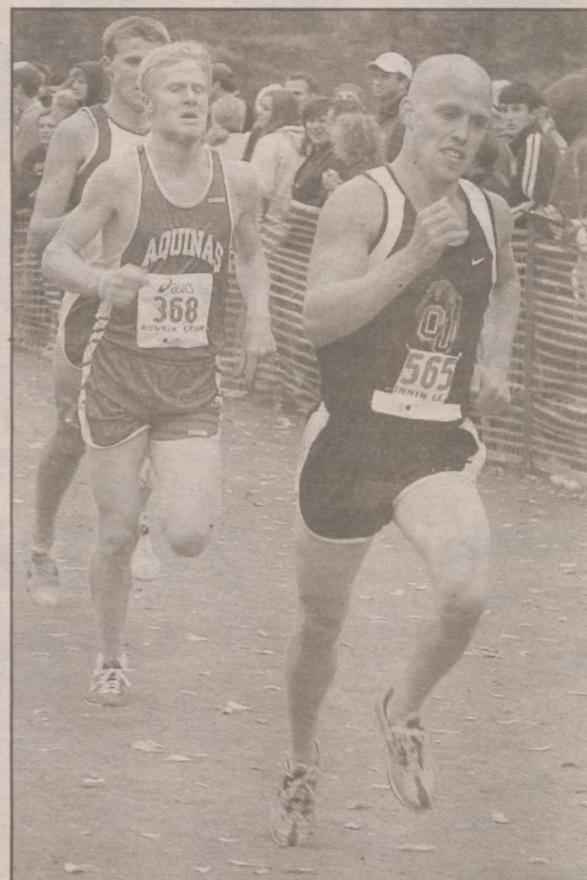
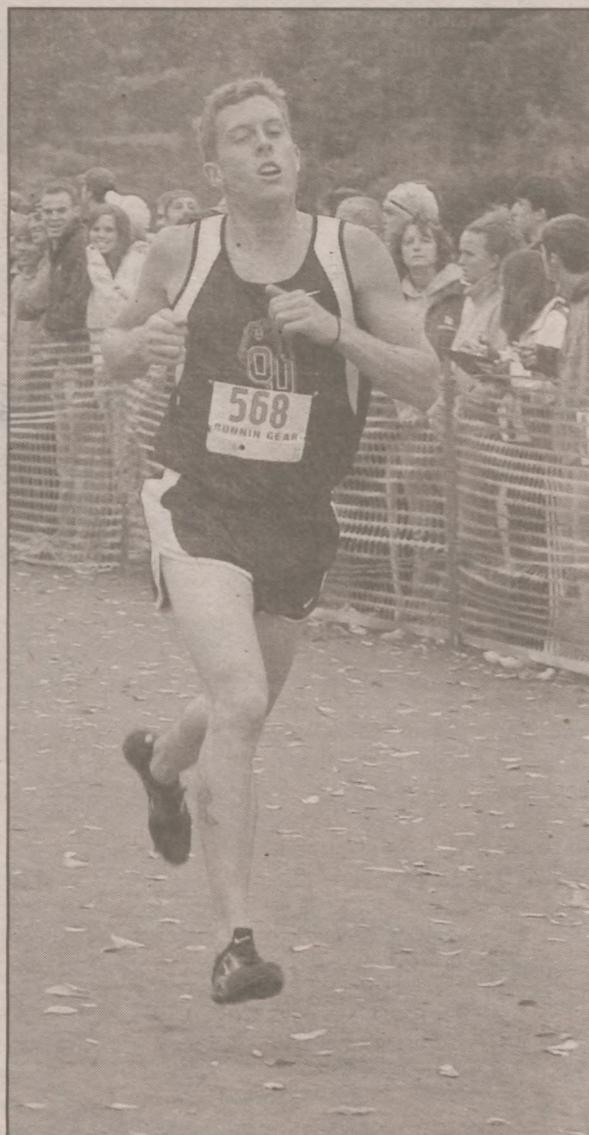
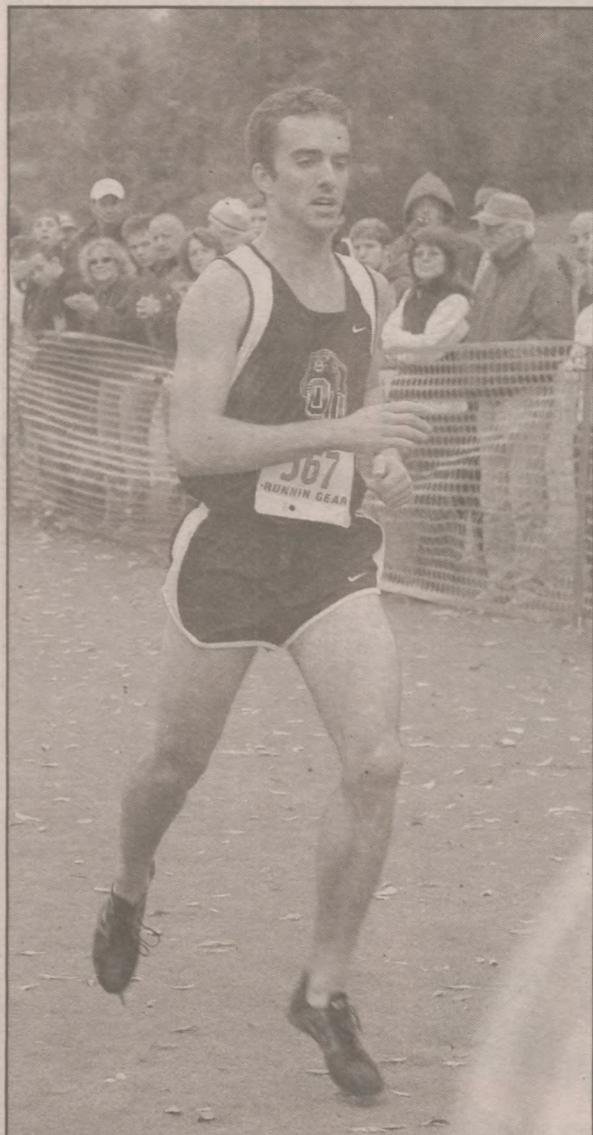
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OU bests rest of Division I



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The men's cross country team finished first among Division I. Opponents at the Michigan Intercollegiate meet Saturday. Senior Adam Frezza (far left) finished first among Division I athletes in the 4K event. Senior Paul Kulisek (left) finished 13th overall and second among OU runners. Senior John Cook (top) finished 25th overall and third among OU runners to round out the three senior leaders. Calvin won the event and Grand Valley State's Nate Peck took first overall.

Trading season is open in Fantasy Football



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As week six in the NFL approaches, there are those fortunate enough to be 5-0 and the poor saps who are 0-5.

Then there is a whole pack of people in the 2-3 and 3-2 camp.

Like many of you, I reside in this gray area. My season is not over, but I haven't exactly planned on how to spend my winnings.

The answer, at least for me, resides in making a few trades, and I advise others to do the same. If you have a weakness at one position and depth at another, then try to upgrade.

If you are weak at receiver, then go for a guy like Andre Johnson.

Odds are you won't have to get much for a guy with a huge upside if he can

pull it together. Maybe he won't, but if he does, you have all next season to harass the poor guy who gave him up for nothing.

Another problem facing fantasy owners is the dreaded injury bug. If you were unfortunate enough to draft Javon Walker or Deuce McAllister, then I send my condolences, but don't throw in the towel.

There are always a few waiver wire guys who turn out to be studs once a big name guy goes down.

The injury bug is also important to those not directly affected. If a guy in your league just lost McAllister, then try to take advantage of him at his weak moment.

He is likely to make a rash move in an attempt to salvage his season. It's important you be the guy to reap the benefits and not someone else. Give the guy a call and try to work out a deal.

Remember, in Fantasy Football there are no friendships, and nobody gets any of the pot for helping out a friend.