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LET'S DANCE

Hafeli named tourney MVP; leads OU to historic Mid-Con run

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

TULSA, Okla. — For the second consecutive year, Oakland University is sending one of its basketball teams to the NCAA tournament.

The women's basketball team beat No. 1 seed Western Illinois, 65-56, in the championship game of the Mid-Continent Conference tournament Tuesday at John Q. Hammons Arena.

OU becomes the first team in either the men's or women's bracket to beat the top three seeds en route to winning the Mid-Con tournament championship. They are also the first No. 6 seed to ever win the title.

"This is surreal," OU head coach Beckie Francis said. "I can't believe in my first year back with the team I was given such a gift. The team was amazing all three days."

Senior Anne Hafeli was named the tournament's MVP. She led OU with 25 points on 7-for-11 shooting and went 8-for-8 from the free-throw line. She finished the tournament with a three-day total of 61 points and 12 three-pointers, while shooting 13-for-14 at the free-throw line.

"We turned things around after the end of the season and just started having fun," Hafeli said. "It's really exciting to be where we are and I'm just happy for the team."

OU (15-15) led all but three minutes of the game and held the Westwinds (23-6) to just 1-for-17 from the three-point line.

The Westwinds' Mid-Con Player of the Year Zane Teilane had a monster game with 28 points and 22 rebounds, but OU didn't allow any other players to get into double figures.

Junior Nicole Piggott finished the game with 14 points and nine rebounds for OU and was also named to the all-tournament team.

"This has always been a goal of mine and it's the goal of any college basketball player," Piggott said of the birth of the NCAA tournament. "I can't wait for it to start."

Though OU beat the top three seeds in the 17th rated conference in the RPI, Francis expects them to be a 16 seed due to their overall record of 15-15.

"We're going to be playing one of the elite programs in the country," she said. "We did it back in 2002 when we played Vanderbilt. We just have to worry about what we do and not be concerned with whoever we play."

Seeding will be announced March 13 on ESPN and the tournament begins March 18.

None of the current OU players have been to the NCAA tournament, but it's starting to become routine for Francis. She led OU to an automatic birth in 2002, but had to resign after season's end because of health concerns.

Now back with the team after a three-year lay-off, Francis has accomplished the feat in consecutive coaching years.

"I'm a different person than I was then," Francis said. "I'm enjoying this run more than I did in 2002 because I'm putting less pressure on myself. When you put the game in perspective, you learn to enjoy it more."

"I just so happy for these seniors," she said. "They were just tired of getting close and seeing it



Oakland University's Lakeshia White (22) gets a rebound against Western Illinois' Zane Teilane (43) and Dee Dee Murphy during the Mid-Continent Conference basketball tournament championship game in Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday. The Associated Press

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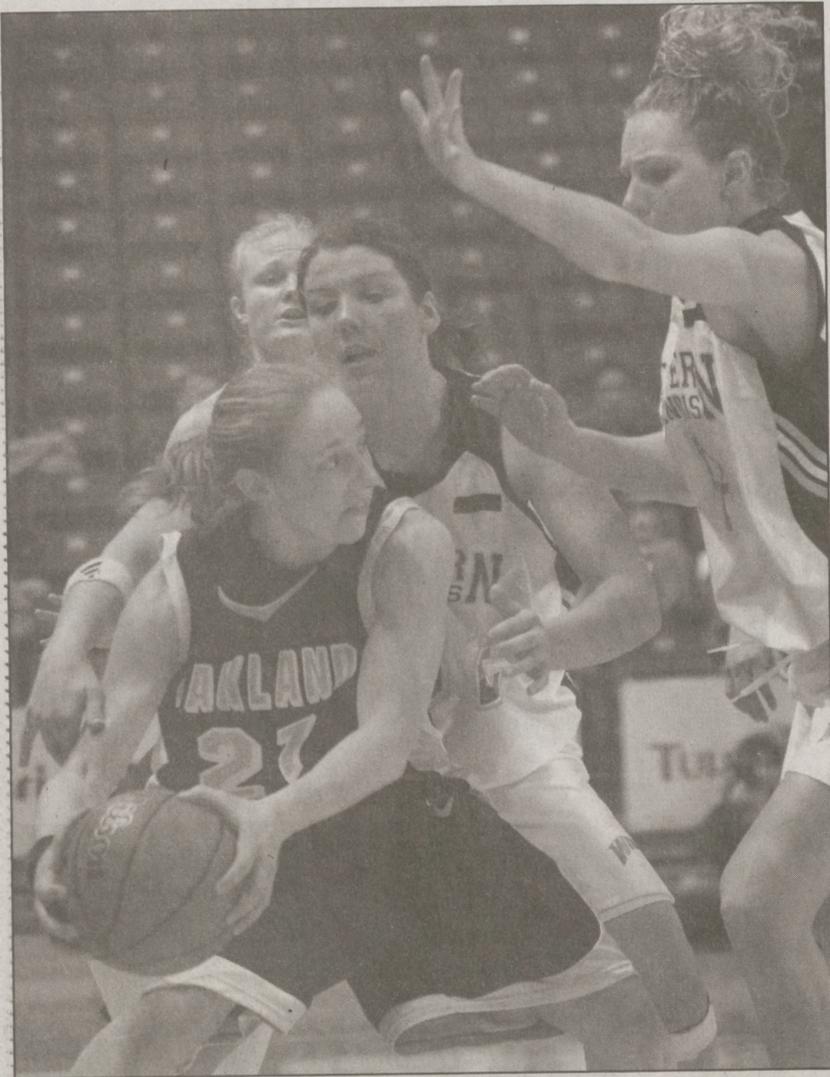
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Oakland University's guard Jayme Wilson tries pass around Western Illinois' Sarah Miller, center, and Amanda Walker, right, during the Mid-Continent Conference women's basketball tournament championship game in Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday.

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slip away. They played with so much energy over these three days that they wouldn't allow it to slip away this time."

Defense carries Grizzlies into title game

TULSA, Okla. — The Oakland University women's basketball team was the only No. 6 seed to ever reach the Mid-Continent Conference tournament championship game when they did it in 2001. Monday, they did it for the second time.

OU used a suffocating defense in the second half to beat No. 2 seed Indiana/Purdue-Indianapolis, 66-54, to advance to the league championship game against No. 1 seed Western Illinois.

Senior Anne Hafeli led OU with 19 points, going 6-for-14 from the three-point line.

"We're in a real good position right now and we're playing with a lot of confidence," Hafeli said. "We've got one more game to go and that's what we're focused on."

OU went on an 18-3 run to end the game and went 4-for-6 at the free-throw line down the stretch to get the win.

OU trailed 51-48 with 7:04 left in the game before a layup by junior Nicole Piggott started the game-ending run. OU (14-15, 8-8 Mid-Con) took the lead and extended it to 58-51 behind two 3-pointers from Hafeli.

IUPUI pulled to within four on a basket and free throw from freshman Jermisha Cann, but OU senior Jayme Wilson quickly answered with a 15-foot jump shot and freshman April Kidd picked up a loose ball and converted the layup to push the lead back to eight.

"It was a team effort on defense that helped us get the win," Wilson said. "We let each other know that have each other's backs on defense."

Jermisha Cann led IUPUI (17-11, 11-5) with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Kia Hayes also had 15 points. Junior Nicole Piggott finished with 16 points and Wilson had 15 for OU.

OU moves on to face a Western Illinois team that went 13-3 in the Mid-Con during the regular season.

The two teams split their two regular season meetings, with each team winning on their home court.

"We have had as much success this year against them as anyone," head coach Beckie Francis said. "We going to make them worry about us and just play our game."

Piggott leads women to upset of defending tournament champions in their home city

TULSA, Okla. — All game, Junior Nicole Piggott gave everything she had on the defensive side of the ball for Oakland University women's basketball team in the first round of the Mid-Continent Conference tournament.

For all the defensive effort, it was two huge 3-pointers from Piggott that lifted OU to a 50-37 win over defending champion Oral Roberts on Sunday at John Q. Hammons Arena.

With the score tied at 31-31, Piggott made two 3-pointers — her first points of the night — to give OU a 37-31 lead. OU never relinquished the margin, going 10-for-10 from the free-throw line in the last 1:12.

"We talked all week about being tough on defense and finishing," head coach Beckie Francis said. "We challenged the girls to step and take some charges because we thought we didn't do enough of that against them in the regular season."

Senior Anne Hafeli led OU with 17 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Hafeli was also 4-for-4 from the free-throw line down the stretch.

OU (13-15, 8-8 Mid-Con) let an eight point lead shrink to just one as Oral Roberts (16-12, 10-6) ended the first half on a 7-0 run. The Golden Eagles then opened the second half with a 10- run to take a 28-18 lead at 15:52. Elisha Turek scored eight points for Oral Roberts over that span.

Senior Jayme Wilson finally stopped the Oral Roberts run with a 15-foot jump shot. Hafeli made a 3-pointer and freshman April Kidd scored on a layup to help even the game before Piggott's two 3-pointers.

"This is a game of runs," Wilson said. "We just had to withstand theirs and make a run of our own. You've got to expect that they're going to come back on you."

Piggott was 0-for-6 from the field before giving OU the six-point lead.

"That was the difference," Oral Roberts head coach Jerry Finkbeiner said. "(Piggott) really played well against our post players and then stepped out and helped her team offensively."

Oral Roberts had reached the championship game of the tournament the last three years and the 37 points is the lowest total ever for the Golden Eagles in tournament play.

Turek led Oral Roberts with 17 points and 14 rebounds, despite constant double-teams.

Wilson finished with 12 points and Piggott added 10 for OU.

Republican senatorial candidates address OU

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

The Republican Party rally cry was heard loud and clear on Feb. 23 during Meet the Candidates Night in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

The event was hosted by the Oakland University College Republicans and featured Michigan's three Republican U.S. Senatorial candidates, along with a slew of other local Republican political office-seekers.

The audience of about 225 was made up of OU students, faculty and staff members, as well as various campaign supporters.

Mike Bouchard, Jerry Zandstra and Keith Butler — who are all contesting Democratic incumbent Debbie Stabenow for a position in the U.S. Senate — each gave short speeches and participated in a question and answer session during the hour and a half open forum.

The candidates touched on a number of national issues including reviving the economy, securing borders and providing homeland security.

All three senatorial hopefuls agreed that one of the largest problems presently facing Michigan residents is the lack of available jobs.

"For the first time in many years, we're seeing people leave the state in droves to find a job," said Bouchard, the current Oakland County sheriff. "Three states have lost jobs for two consecutive years. Two were hit by hurricanes — the one remaining is Michigan."

Zandstra, who for the past five years has been the director of a conservative think tank on economics, public policy and ethics, criticized the current senatorial leadership and Michigan's single business tax.

"It's complete insanity," he said. "Why would I come to Michigan if I'm going to pay taxes when I lose money, when I can go to 49 other states where if I lose money in my business I don't have to pay taxes."

"Politicians do not create jobs — not a single job — unless they are adding to their staff," he said. "Politicians do one of two things: they either create a business friendly environment or they create a business hostile environment."

Butler, the founding pastor of Word of Faith International Christian Center Church, spoke about defending the traditional family model, which he said is between one man and one woman only.

He also touched on other moral and religious issues that he said were not being properly addressed in Washington.

"The American people believe — either 65 percent, all the way up to 90 percent — they believe we ought to be able to have prayer in schools, they believe that we should be able to continue to display the ten commandments, they believe you ought to be able to put a nativity scene in front of your house or in front of your city hall by almost 90 percent," said the former Detroit City Council member.

Butler's daughter is a recent graduate of OU.

"The night was quite a success," said Justin Zatkoff, one of the event's primary organizers and political director for the College Republicans.

"I wish more Oakland University students would have come, but I'm glad that we had so many people come out to support these candidates," he said.

The state primary election will take place Aug. 8, and the general election will happen Nov. 7.

OU Student Congress approves roll-call vote

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Oakland University Student Congress voted Monday 6-3 to pass a bill that amends the bylaws to require a roll-call vote on all pieces of legislation.

The bill passed in its original form, despite an attempt Monday by Legislators Danielle Fallis and Dan Kubicek to add an amendment to the bill that would require alphabetical seating in all legislative body meetings.

The second amendment failed to pass.

"I saw no point in it whatsoever," said Legislator Joshua Miller, referring to alphabetical seating. "I didn't see how this would help us in the meetings at all."

This issue has been discussed several times at OUSC meetings since the semester began.

Those in favor believe that an alphabetical seating arrangement would help unite the often-divisive congressional body.

The bill prompted a heated

discussion after being introduced Feb. 20.

Advocates for the amendment said that recording the votes of all legislative members into the official meeting minutes with the roll-call vote was necessary for reasons of accountability.

A few legislators said this was a dangerous change to the voting process, and suggested that some members of Student Congress might possibly use the voting history of others as a tool for political maneuvering.

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1. How former Grizzlies will be at dinner April 27?
- a. Three
 - b. 10
 - c. 12
 - d. 14

2. What percentage of Americans are considered to be the aggressive "Type A" personalities?
- a. 25 percent
 - b. 30 percent
 - c. 40 percent
 - d. 50 percent

3. What Michigan county is joining Oakland and Washtenaw by getting wireless internet?
- a. Lapeer
 - b. Macomb
 - c. Marquette
 - d. Wayne

4. What dog sled race kicked off Sunday starting the 34th annual race?
- a. Tobaggen Race
 - b. Sled Dog Race
 - c. Doggie Woggie Race
 - d. The Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race

5. Where did 20 OU students go for their spring break to help Habitat for Humanity?
- a. Louisiana
 - b. Florida
 - c. Texas
 - d. California

6. The Men's basketball team won three mid-con games this week to put them into the NCAA tournament.
- a. True
 - b. False

Last week's winner: Dave Marries

UP AND COMING...

Come listen to student body presidential candidates regarding financial aid issues, student life, housing, campus safety and more next Tuesday at noon.
—OUCS Presidential Debate, OC Fireside Lounge

Young to inspire Oakland youths

Former U.S. ambassador will celebrate with students at Keeper of the Dream awards

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Former U.S. ambassador and civil rights activist Andrew Young will be on campus tonight to help recognize four Oakland University students for their contributions to interracial understanding.

Young will be the keynote speaker at the 14th Annual Keeper of the Dream Awards Banquet. Young was born in New Orleans and graduated from Howard University in 1951.

Although he originally planned on following his father's career as a dentist, a religious calling compelled him to enter Hartford Theological Seminary in 1955.

While serving as the pastor of a church in Marion, Ala., Young became interested in Mohandas Ghandi's concept of using nonviolent resistance to promote social change. He became a friend and aid to Martin Luther King, Jr. during this time. In 1964, Young was named executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and helped draft the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1968, he was by King's side when he was assassinated in Memphis.

Former President Jimmy Carter appointed Young as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in 1976.

He was forced to resign in 1979 after controversy emerged after a meeting between Young and a member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Carter awarded Young the Presidential Medal



Young
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of Freedom in 1981.

Young also served two terms as the mayor of Atlanta between 1981-1989.

Past keynote speakers have included Martin Luther King III, Edsel Ford, former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Coretta Scott King — who passed away in January.

Four winners will be presented with a \$5,000 scholarship prize during the event, following a dinner at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavillion.

This year's winners are Kirbionne Fletcher, Nerissa Brown, Margaret DeGrandis and Michael Lerchenfeldt.

"Those students have shown strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes," said Omar Brown-El, assistant director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives.

"This scholarship relieves some of the stress and tension of having to pay for academics so that winners could focus more on the classroom and getting involved on campus as opposed to having to work," he said.

The banquet is produced through the collaborative effort of many campus organizations, although CMI does most of the leg-work, Brown-El said.

The Office of Minority Affairs, now the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, created the scholarship as a way to recognize the legacy King, Jr. in relationship to current OU students, according to Brown-El.

"It is one of the most recognized scholarships at Oakland University because of the nature of the presentation," Brown-El said.

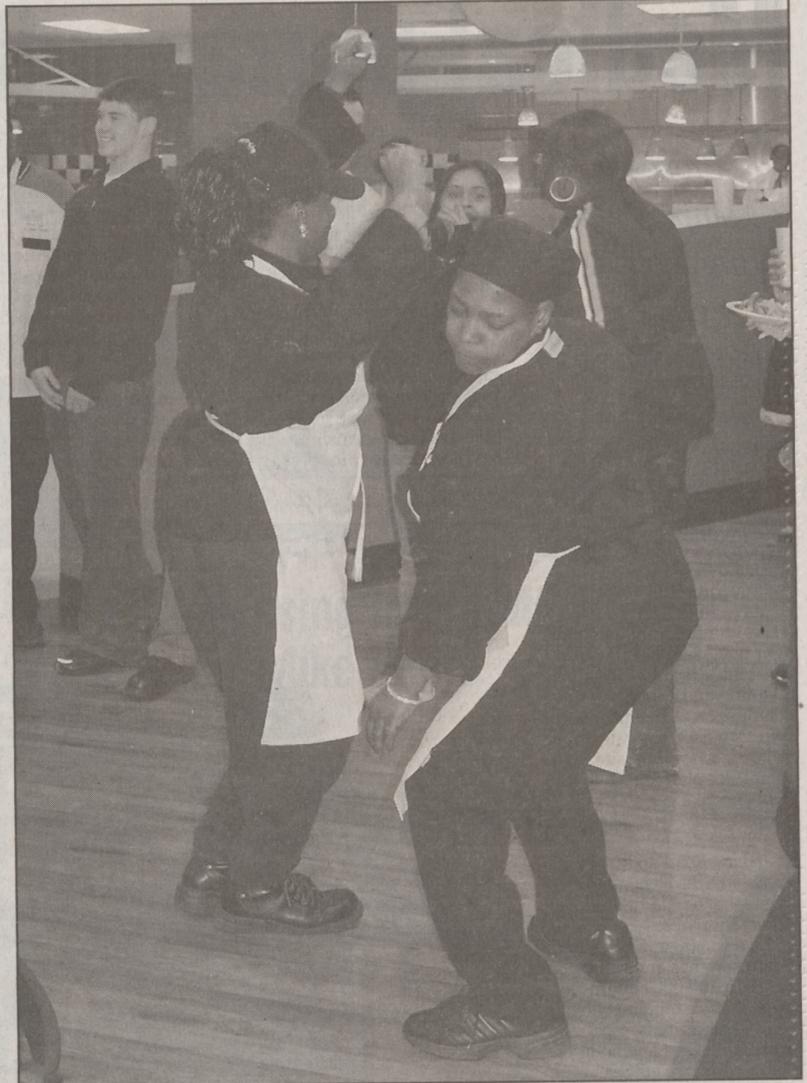
In addition to Young, this year's banquet will also feature FOX 2 News anchor Huel Perkins as the master of ceremonies.

In order to qualify as a candidate for the scholarship, students must hold at least a 3.0 GPA and be involved in the campus and larger communities to promote cultural understanding.

In October, students submitted letters of recommendation and personal statements that explained why they would like to be an award winner.

Qualifying applicants then had to go through an interview process with a selection committee made up of students, faculty and administrative officials.

The banquet will be taking place tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavillion.



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

The breakfast boogie...

For students that live on campus, one of the most anticipated events of the year is the annual Midnight Breakfast.

The event, hosted by Chartwells, took place in the Vandenberg Cafeteria on Wed., Feb. 22 from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Students from the resident halls flocked to the cafeteria in hopes of getting first dibs on the late-night breakfast food, served to them

by the dean of students and other staff members of the Office for Student Affairs and Housing staff.

Other highlights of the event include a DJ spinning tunes, impressive prizes to be won and some impressive moves on the dance floor from the lunch ladies and others.

—Dan Wilkinson
Photographer

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Assess fitness for a better living

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Whether it was marked on the calendar or discovered by accident, dozens of people attended the Rec Center's version of the National Recreation Sports and Fitness Day.

People of all ages came to test their football, basketball and hockey skills, assess their fitness level and compete in a

variety of obstacle courses.

Free and open to Rec Center members, the event brought in everyone from alumni, staff, current students and even potential future-grizzlies.

Fatma Mili, professor of computer science, brought her 12-year-old son to participate.

"It was fun," her son, Khalid Mahidi, said. His favorite part "was the one when you had to eat a doughnut and there was

a race after."

Mili heard about the event and planned on attending while other participants found out about the day when they came to work out.

Alumnus Kelly Zachos, who worked at the Rec Center for four years while she was an undergraduate, came with a friend to work out but ended up taking part in some of the challenges and competitions.

"I definitely support anything that is fitness or sports-oriented," she said.

During the events, visitors could also get information about intramural sports, the aquatic center and programs offered at the center. They could also get their blood pressure checked.

"The information is always

available, it's just centrally located," said Mila Padgett, assistant director for programs.

This was the third year that Oakland University participated in the national day.

"The biggest thing we're trying to do is incorporate and let (students) know that sports take a large part in fitness," said Daniel Robinson, program assistant for intramural sports.

Attendees were also able to see what the Rec Center offers.

"It's an alternative for students," said Marc McCulley, graduate assistant for fitness and wellness.

"We try to showcase what we do. We're not only here for students to work out, we want to provide an additional outlet to hang out and work off stress."

To increase participation,

"this year we've upped a lot of prizes," McCulley said.

Every attendee received a t-shirt and snacks, while prizes such as beach towels, Spirit Cash, basketballs, a massage session and a personal training session were raffled off.

Former Detroit Lion offensive lineman Lomas Brown also attended the event to talk about fitness and sign autographs.

Those who missed the event are not out of luck. Students can get a fitness assessment at the Rec Center for \$15.

Two appointments are necessary for the assessment. The first appointment appraises overall health, based on a questionnaire. A 40-minute fitness test is also included, which covers cardiovascular

endurance, flexibility, body composition and muscular strength.

A personalized exercise program and personal fitness session is covered at the second appointment.

Students can also use any of the equipment and join any class in the center. Employees can help those who need to be shown how to use the equipment.

The Rec Center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and also 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association designated Feb. 22 as National Recreation Sports and Fitness Day in 1999 to honor the anniversary of its founding date.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Don't sweat the stress - manage it

By ERIN MALLARD
Contributing Reporter

The idea of stress management may sound like an oxymoron in the context of college life. With studying, jobs and relationships to balance, most college students have accepted stress as a fact of life.

Although Aniesha Mitchell, who led Tuesday's Stress Management workshop, looked cool as a cucumber during the hour-long presentation, she admitted that stress is part of her life.

"Stress is inevitable," said Mitchell, who is also retention coordinator for the Academic Skills Center. "As long as you are alive, you are going to have stress."

The workshop, presented by New Student Programs, was designed to help students identify and manage their stress. Stress was defined as "a nonspecific result of any demand on a person."

Most of the workshop audience was freshman enrolled in a COM 101 course or affiliated with the Probationary Outreach Program; however, the workshop was open to everyone.

Kendra Brown saw the workshop advertised on a flyer and thought it

would be helpful. "I've been kind of stressed out lately about class," Brown said.

Mitchell asked the audience for examples of good and bad stress. Graduation was given as an example of good stress, and anxiety about exams as an example of bad stress.

The workshop identified several stressors, which are things that cause stress, for students to be aware of. These included change, people, procrastination and decision-making.

Mitchell pointed out that unregulated negative stress can produce results that students can use to identify their stressors.

"There is a direct correlation between mind and body," Mitchell said.

Examples include mental indicators such as depression, low self esteem and anxiety disorders, as well as physical indicators such as fatigue, insomnia, and weight loss or gain. Excessive unregulated stress can lead to hypertension and heart disease.

Audience members were given a Stress Inventory and Assessment to help them identify their level of stress. The inventory asked the participants to rate how frequently they engaged in

particular behaviors, such as how often they tried to do as much as possible in the least amount of time. Low scores indicated that the participant's life lacked stimulation, high scores indicated possible illness, and scores in between indicated balance and ability to deal with stress.

Stress is a serious issue in the United States, even beyond college. Mitchell explained that people are often categorized as Type A or Type B according to their stress level.

People who are Type A are very aggressive, competitive, tense and easily angered. "Type A individuals put a lot of wear on their bodies, and they are more prone to serious illnesses such as heart disease, high cholesterol and blood pressure," Mitchell said.

Type B people are very relaxed, unhurried and slow to anger. Research has shown that Type B people live longer.

Fifty percent of Americans are considered to be Type A.

After the stress assessment, Mitchell provided several tips for managing stress, such as learning to plan,

POLICEFILES

■ OUPD was dispatched to Hamlin Hall because two female students were receiving obscenity-laced demonic prank phone calls on both their cell phones and also on their phone in their dorm room. OUPD recommended that the women change their phone numbers.

■ A male student told OUPD that he changed in the men's locker-room of the Recreation Center and left his clothing and wallet unlocked in his locker. When he returned from working out one hour later, the wallet containing \$4 was missing and nothing else was taken from the locker.

■ A female student said her purse containing her wallet, credit cards, driver's license, Grizzly ID and cash were taken from Hannah Hall. The woman said she left the room in Hannah for a few minutes, and when she returned, the purse was missing. She said she doesn't know who could have taken it.

■ A female reported that a suspicious man in his early twenties walked through the women's shower of the Rec Center.

■ OUPD encountered a 32-year old man in the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot on Opdyke Rd. in Pontiac at about 5 a.m. The officer noticed two flat front tires on the man's Dodge Durango. The man said he was returning from a friend's party where he had consumed "several beers." The man suspected that he had hit a curb. The man said he had been in the lot for about an hour and he was waiting for his girlfriend. Upon request, the man exited the vehicle and nearly fell beneath the driver's side door. OUPD said the man's eyes were watery and red, there was a strong odor of intoxicants, the man's speech was slurred and he had difficulty answering questions. The man tested 0.16 in a preliminary breath test. The tires were actually missing from the driver's side of the vehicle, and the rims had been driven on until they were smashed and the car was resting on its frame. Pontiac police responded to the scene and OUPD assisted in the arrest.

Medical plaza mulled over

Proposed complex may bring thousands of jobs

By JENNIFER BROCK
Contributing Reporter

A \$600-million health care facility in Clarkston which is in the early planning stages by the Independence Township Planning Commission and McLaren Health Care Corporation could possibly create 3,000 to 4,000 new jobs and several retail developments in Michigan.

"It's at a preliminary stage right now," said Eric Pendley, assistant director of Building, Planning and Zoning Commission of Independence Twp. "We need to get together and do a conceptual site plan, a final site plan and go to the township board."

The nearly 80-acre site located at the southeast corner of Sashabaw Road and I-75 will possibly be developed in three stages that would take a projected five years.

The first stage would start in late summer and would include a 100,000-square-foot medical office building which would hold primary care physician offices and additional specialty care offices.

Subsequent phases would hold administrative office space and some retail space, including the possibility of a drug store, pharmacy and medical supply stores.

The final stage would include a 300-bed acute care hospital and a broad range of services including outpatient clinical services such as a free standing imaging center, cancer center and heart center.

"The hospital would be great for job growth," said Theresa Targal, 25, a resident of Independence Township. "The area is congested with traffic,

but it would be beneficial to have a hospital nearby."

Sheila Duffey, a resident of nearby Lake Orion, said, "I travel to Clarkston weekly to visit my sister, and having a hospital there would be closer to take my two small children there."

"We're working with the Planning Commission to make sure that we're developing a long term plan that fits into the vision of growth for Independence Township," said Kevin Tompkins, vice presi-

dent of marketing for the McLaren Health Care Corp. "This is about the health care needs of the Clarkston area."

The Clarkston Medical Group, headed by Dr. James O'Neal, who has served Clarkston's medical needs for 40 years, is planning a partnership with the McLaren health care village proposal.

McLaren Health Care Corp. has six regional hospitals in the Flint, Bay City, Lapeer and Lansing area.

"The Clarkston area is a bright spot in the Michigan economy," Tompkins said. "It's a growth area, will continue to be a growth area, and there's an opportunity there to serve many people."

Tompkins added that they are in the very early stages of the process and need approval from the Independence Twp. Planning Commission, which could take several months because of many surveys that need to be conducted.

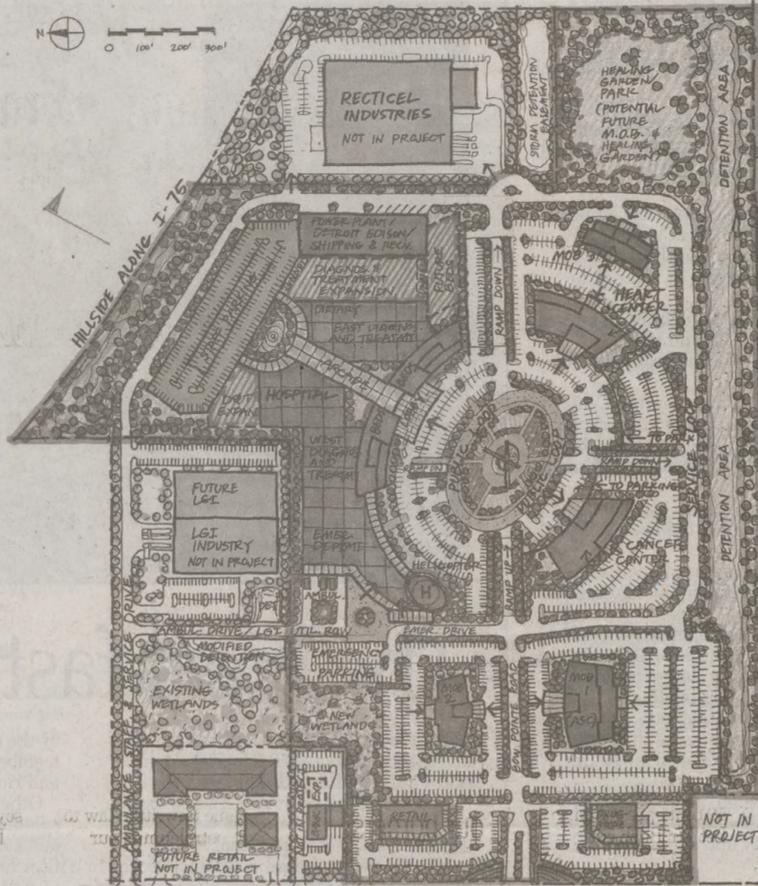


Illustration courtesy of McLaren Health Care Corporation
A proposed nearly 80-acre medical complex in Independence Township could have a 100,000 square-foot medical office, built in late-summer. McLaren Health Care Co. owns six regional hospitals in the state.

MONEY CRUNCH ...

"I will go over it with a fine-tooth comb, and anything we can constructively use, it will be done."

—Pontiac Mayor Clarence Phillips, regarding an investigative report into the city's finances which found several substantial accounting problems.

SHOPPING

Retailer to bring home décor to Canton area

By KRISTEN JANNEY
Contributing Reporter

Michigan residents will soon be able to decorate their homes with a smaller price tag.

IKEA, who claims to be the world's most acclaimed home furnishing retailer in offering inexpensive products, will be opening its first store in Michigan this summer.

The 311,000-square-foot building is currently under construction in Canton at the intersection of Ford and Haggerty roads and is expected to attract thousands of people to the city.

"With the store's structure now formed and blue paneling going up, we definitely are on track to a grand opening next summer," said

Joseph Roth, IKEA public affairs director.

According to Roth, the facility will stretch over 21 acres and will provide an assorted amount of exclusively designed merchandise, offering something for everyone.

Model rooms will be on display throughout the store to suggest decoration ideas.

The store looks to accommodate parents while shopping; the store will house a children's play area and a 250-seat restaurant.

Residents in the metro Detroit area may be willing to travel to Canton to find deals at the Swedish retailer because it's a bit closer than before.

"I am very excited about IKEA coming to Michigan," said Andrea Paine, a resident of Novi. "I've been to the one in Chicago and fell in love with the store," she said.

Working Mother Magazine attributed IKEA in its annual list of 100 Best Companies. IKEA was praised for offering

a variety of home décor at a reasonable price, and was also commended as one of the top companies to work for.

IKEA's opening may help people discover the city of Canton.

"I will definitely shop there. I'll just make a whole day of it," said Erica Johns, who lives in Clarkston.

She plans on moving in to her own apartment late in the summer and said she would be decorating it with all IKEA products.

Matt Linde, from Livonia, said, "I think the opening of IKEA will bring a lot more business to Canton in general. People will initially go to see the store, and at the same time learn other aspects Canton has to offer," he said.

Connie Bargerstock, general manager of the Fairfield Inn located across the street from the IKEA site, said she gets daily inquiries about the future store.

"People are excited and we're hoping it brings lots of business our way," she said.

IKEA's corporate culture stresses maintaining an environmentally responsible atmosphere.

They are able to keep their costs low by using fewer raw materials. Many of their products are constructed from wood, which is a renewable resource.

According to Anders Dahlvis, the president of IKEA, "social and environmental work is good for business."

He said he believes thriving on environmental issues not only benefits the Earth, but also reflects on people's values.

Opening day will not be announced until the spring, and store hours have yet to be determined.

For more information about the retailer, visit, <http://www.ikea.com>.

"I will definitely shop there. I'll just make a whole day of it."

Erica Johns,
Clarkston resident

CONNECTIVITY

Macomb County shredding wires

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

In less than four months, the downtown area of Mount Clemens will provide a service found nowhere else in Macomb County — free wireless Internet service.

The area is scheduled to cut the strings by the end of June.

The next step after downtown would include dense urban areas in the county, such as Warren and the rest of Mount Clemens, said Arthur Mullen, executive director of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority.

The final phase of the project, expected to be completed by the end of 2007, would be

the entire county.

Currently, the DDA and Macomb County are working on selecting a provider for the service.

Mullen said he has received eight proposals from wireless providers to become the supplier of service.

The original deadline for proposals was pushed back due to high interest.

"We had a pre-bid meeting in October, and at the pre-bid we had 20-plus representatives, and they asked us to push it back so they could partner and also still make the deadline for Washtenaw County," Mullen said.

The DDA is licensing the use

of city-owned objects such as light poles and trees to assist in providing access in the area.

This is important for the DDA because "we're becoming the entertainment and dining capitol of Macomb County," Mullen said. "We're hoping to bring about a way to market Mount Clemens to the region."

"It is an economic development initiative," said Phil Frame, director of public affairs for Macomb County.

"It's something that we can say that we have here in Macomb County. It's a selling point for the county to have that," he said.

The project will not cost taxpayers or businesses any

money.

"What we asked for in the bid for initial phase one was for companies to come forward to offer free wireless service," Frame said. "They can offer upgrades for a fee."

Prices for faster services have not yet been determined.

"People are excited. It's a concept that someone might come into their business and stay longer or come earlier," Mullen said. "We're looking forward to bringing the service to town."

Macomb is not the only local county offering free wireless services. Oakland and Washtenaw are planning similar service.

Sections of Troy, Birmingham, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, Oak Park and Wixom will offer services similar to what is planned in Mount Clemens through the wireless Oakland project.

Those areas were chosen as pilot areas last year.

Like Macomb, Oakland County plans to be entirely wireless by the end of 2007, and Washtenaw County also has a similar timeline.

MichTel Communications, selected to provide the wireless Internet in Oakland County, recently announced the addition of partners to its project.

Oakland University's Student Affairs

144 Oakland Center

HOLI INDIAN CELEBRATION Friday, March 10, 2006, 4-6PM Gold Rooms A,B,C, Oakland Center

Come be a part of this exciting and colorful celebration of Indian HOLI filled with food sampling, cultural displays, crafts, a live Yoga performance by Anu Anand from India and a live Vidayanjali Dancers performance by the Hindu Temple Rhythms. Enjoy the extravagant and exhilarating celebration of Indian culture and tradition sponsored and organized by the International Students and Scholars Office, Virinder Moudgil and the Provost Office, Adrienne Bass and the Alumni Relations Office, Peter Bertocci and the Center for International Programs, Indian Students Association and the South Asia/India Club.

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New Student Programs

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOPS
Testing Techniques, Monday, March 13, 5 PM, Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center

New Student Programs is searching for Peer Leaders to serve as co-facilitators of the COM 101 course in Fall 2006. Applicants must have junior or senior standing in Fall 2006 and have a cumulative GPA of 2.8. Applications are available in New Student Programs (121 North Foundation Hall) or online at www.oakland.edu/newstudents (Under "Leadership Opportunities") and are due on Friday, March 10, 2006 by 5 PM. For more information, contact New Student Programs at 370-4418 or nsp@oakland.edu.

STUDENT LIAISON TO THE OU BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2006-2008

Now accepting applications/nominations. The role of the student liaison is to serve as a source to the Board in decisions regarding student issues. Term of office is one or two academic years, beginning July 1. Must be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher), have earned 56 undergraduate credits (28 from OU) or 18 graduate credits (9 from OU). Must not hold any other elected campus office, have a record of service to the campus or community, and no record of disciplinary action. Applications available at Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center. Call 248-370-4200 for more information.

Deadline is March 31, 2006.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WINTER 2006 Presents COSTAKI ECONOMOPOULOS
March 10, 7PM, Vandenberg Dining Center

His humor has been described as smart, pointed, hip, sharp, insightful, socially relevant, and gut-laugh funny. A fellow comic once referred to Costaki as a "casually brilliant joke philosopher." His take on such heavy subjects as the war on terrorism, religion, and gun control will leave you thinking and laughing. And his light swag, playful squint, and wry smile tell you that perhaps there's more to this multi-layered joke than you first recognized. Also a talented writer, Costaki's jokes have appeared on *The Tonight Show* and *BET*, where he was staffed on two of their hit shows. He has written scripts for *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

Campus Recreation

Come Try the Rec Before Swimsuit Season!

The Rec is now offering semester memberships. This inexpensive trial gives you a chance to take advantage of our free programs, group exercise classes, personal training packages, indoor track, racquetball courts and more. Half semester memberships are on sale now and are good through April 30th.

For more information call 248-330-2663 or visit www.oakland.edu/campusrec.

Basketball 3 on 3 Tournament

The 2006 Golden Grizzly 3 on 3 Shootout will be held on Saturday, March 25 at noon (captain's meeting at 11AM).

There is no cost and there will be a FREE lunch and t-shirt. Play until you lose and watch the NCAA Tournament on the big screen in the Pioneer Room at the Rec Center. For more information email imsports@oakland.edu.

Specialty Classes: Free Preview Week

If you would like to try out a specialty group exercise class such as yoga or Tae Kwon Do, the Rec Center is offering a FREE preview week from March 6-March 12. Come see if the instructor, and workout is right for you and dedicate yourself to a weekly workout!

EDITORIAL

We can help out, too

As Oakland University students traveled around the country and the world to escape their studies for spring break, 20 individuals went south to build futures and homes for people they had never met.

A crowd of over 300 faculty, student and community members gathered on campus, on a blistery October day, to raise more than \$30,000 for cancer research merely by walking.

As the winter months brought frigid temperatures, a group of young crafters gathered to knit and crochet items that brought warmth to those in need.

It may not be easily recognizable, but opportunities to help others surround you.

Whether it is dropping your spare change into a collection jar, donating your time to a cause that you

always felt was worthy of such a precious commodity or simply lending an ear or a smile to some who needs it, opportunities abound us.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported that 28.8 percent of the American population volunteered last year, which was the same amount as the previous two years.

This probably means that the same people are volunteering year after year.

It's time to step up and put our fingerprint on the world.

It's time to stop saying that we are going to volunteer our time at that animal shelter or that we are going to clean out our closet and donate those old cloths, and actually do it.

It's time to motivate ourselves to find that cause that

we feel is important, and to figure out how we can best utilize our talents and energy to promote that noble reason.

There is more that can be done in the world that just what events we see organized in the Fire Side Lounge. Go out and find them.

Let's not wait for another catastrophe or disaster to happen before we feel the need to give of ourselves.

Check out next's week's issue for additional volunteering information.

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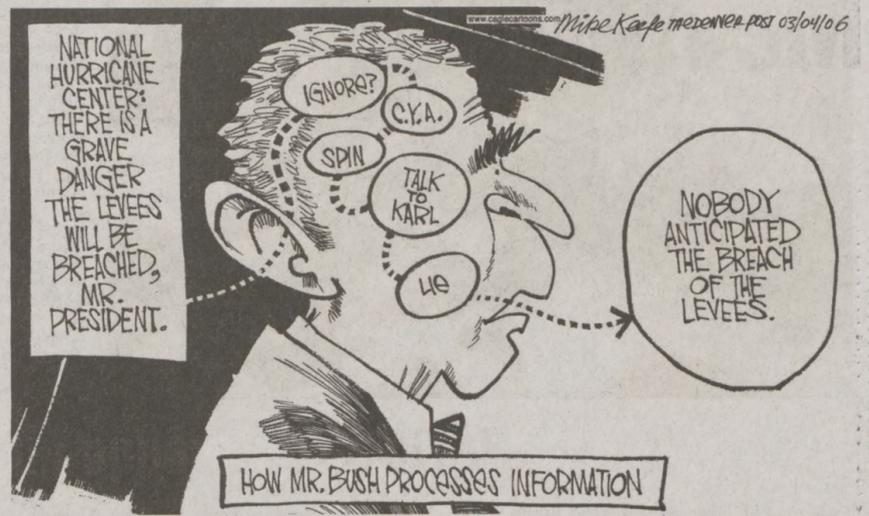
"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

— Etienne de Grellet, Missionary

HE SAID, SHE SAID ...

"In every community there is work to be done. In every nation there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it."

—Marianne Williamson, internationally acclaimed author and lecturer



"Processing Information" Mike Keefe

GUEST COLUMNS

U.S. dependence on foreign oil is reaching disastrous levels

By JIM LEIDEL
OU Energy Manager & Ph.D. Student

Since the U.S. population will soon reach the 300 million mark, this equates to 24 barrels of oil consumed, per person, each and every year in our great country. Yes, that includes you... twwwenty-four barrels.

What is a barrel of oil, you might ask? Well, you might be able to visualize the typical 55-gallon metal drum. A barrel of oil is a touch smaller, at 42 gallons. Try placing 24 of these in your garage for safe keeping for your year's supply, or perhaps in your parent's garage. Now try putting in 24 of these for each member of your family. Get the picture yet?

Of each barrel of oil, around two-thirds go toward the U.S. transportation sector. Yes, trains, planes and automobiles. The interesting part about this story is that over 60 percent, or 12 million barrels per day (mb/day), of this supply must be trucked, shipped or otherwise hauled into the good old U.S. of A. from other countries.

Our closest neighbors to the north and south are the top two suppliers, with Saudi Arabia and Venezuela and Nigeria coming in third, fourth and fifth, respectively. At the present price of \$60 per barrel, the volumes mentioned above equate to \$263 billion per year, paid to

other countries for our imported oil.

Does this all seem a bit mind boggling? Beyond your control or your ability to change? Huge problems with energy and the environment loom larger than life, paralyzing the average Joe (or Jane) into apathy and inactivity.

For now, let's just ignore the huge energy-induced issues we face with national security, climate change, pollution, acid rain, mercury laden fish, and let's look at this from another point of view. What would it take to effect a serious change in just one aspect of our oil importation that causes many of us some concern during these past few years? If we look at the OPEC countries (minus Venezuela) which consist of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Libya, Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates, they provide about one-third of our imports, or four mb/day. This is about 20 percent of the U.S. oil appetite.

Now let's look at how we burn this fuel. Our domestic transportation sector guzzles two-thirds of the total 20 mb/day, and let's assume that perhaps two-thirds of this sector consists of cars and trucks. This is close to nine mb/day used by cars and trucks.

Are you still with me? This means that to cut out the four mb/day of our imported OPEC supply through changes to the transportation sector, we have to reduce from nine to

five mb/day. Put another way, we need to reduce our fuel consumption by somewhere around 45 percent, using today's figures. How do we get there from here? I'm glad you asked.

First, let's all admit that economic forces run our country. The vast majority of our decisions are not based on the environmental impact of the anticipated act. So, the most influential item on the agenda should be economic disincentives to consume. Weather it is from taxes, terrorists or tornadoes, an increased fuel price will change behavior. The present fuel taxes are less than 50 cents per gallon. Let Mr. Bush cut income taxes and jack up the fuel tax in its place. We could offer tax credits for the super efficient and for the less financially fortunate among us (the 2005 Energy Bill does include tax credits for hybrids & diesels). Smaller cars, fewer miles driven and more attention to fuel economy could easily produce a 15 percent reduction in fuel consumption through changed behavior, both in the auto showroom and on the road.

Next, let's not forget the wealth of

engineering horsepower tucked under the hood of our motor city that could be unleashed on the technical challenge of increasing fuel efficiency. Hybrid vehicles, clean diesels and a host of fuel sipping concepts can be applied to conventional spark ignition engines. Variable valve timing, variable compression ration, idle reduction, continuously variable transmissions, stratified charge, not to mention homogeneous charge compression ignition could all be brought to bear to increase fuel automotive economy. Let's aim low here and just pencil in a measly 20 percent improvement from our techno gear-heads.

Lastly, we are not bound by some unwritten law to burn petroleum in our cars. Henry Ford designed his Model T to run on ethanol, or grain alcohol. Hundreds of thousands of American-made cars are on the road today that were designed as flex-fuel capable to run on a blend of anywhere from zero to 85 percent ethanol (E85). Check the inside of your gas-cap! You may already be a proud owner.

Gasahol, or 10-percent ethanol, works wonderfully in any gasoline engine, improving your octane while burning cleaner.

At the Paris world exposition in 1900, a diesel engine ran on peanut oil (or earth-nut oil). Biodiesel can be made from any vegetable oil whether its fresh U.S. grown soybean oil, or waste fryer oil from the Oakland Center. A simple process is used to convert the veggio oil into a clean burning, biodegradable diesel substitute that can be blended in any percentage with petro-diesel and used in any unmodified diesel engine. Personally, I make my own biodiesel from waste oil, and my VW Passat TDI just loves the stuff. In Michigan, several biodiesel plants are in various stages of planning or construction.

If we mandated a 10-percent ethanol or biodiesel blends in all U.S. motor fuels today, it would be challenging to produce from conventional corn and soybean markets.

Let's sum up our savings. A 15 percent savings from economic incentivized behavior modification, a technology induced savings of 20 percent and a 10 percent bio-fuel component will displace or otherwise avoid the desired 4 mb/day of OPEC petroleum. I do not believe that any of the above scenarios are overly optimistic nor impractical. All are easily within reach of a motivated and informed American population. Herein lays our problem.

Please visit <http://www.ouenergy.com> for more information.

Students should 'seize' student leadership opportunities during college years



Jim Gammicchia
Student Liaison

The call to leadership is one that many of us choose to answer, albeit in a variety of forms and fashions.

Getting involved in a leadership role is part of the university experience. Student organizations around campus flourish as a result of dedicat-

ed students with a variety of backgrounds that are eager to help others grow and develop.

Using past experiences (and failures, I, for one, can assure you) we as student leaders hope to have some effect on the campus community.

I have had a plethora of leadership experiences in my day, all of which have been monumental in some way to the building of my character and the formulation of me as a person.

As we leave our mark on society, so do experiences leave their mark on us. It is with this notion, coupled

with curiosity and a bit of courage, that I embarked on my most recent adventure in student leadership.

Over the past year I have been privileged to serve the student body of Oakland University in the capacity of Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

At first, I thought such a distinguished title was not for me.

What I could have passed up but instead embraced has been an incredibly influential part of my life, one that I will cherish and one that I encourage all of you to experience.

This position has afforded me the opportunity to experience the university administration in-depth.

It has given me insight to the workings of the budgetary, executive, and governmental aspects of higher education on the broad scale.

Most importantly, it has allowed me to represent the students of Oakland University, to voice their concerns and ideas and interests to the administration.

I encourage all of you to join me on this journey.

Pick up an application for the

Student Liaison position from the Student Affairs office or obtain one online at <http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/BOT/StudentLiaisonApplication.doc>.

Completed applications are due to the Student Affairs Office by March 31. Both one-year and two-year positions are available.

I assure you that you will not regret your decision, as service to the student body in this capacity has truly been rewarding.

The opportunity is there ... will you choose to seize it?

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LET'S COME TOGETHER ...

"Collaboration is our future. Whether we pull together scientists from opposite ends of our campus or opposite sides of the country, we must call upon our best people to develop solutions for our future."

—Sue Coleman, University of Michigan president, addresses National Press Club



Left: Jesse and Amy Carlsen of Fargo, N.D., check on conjoined twins Abby and Belle on Monday afternoon at the Mayo Eugenio Litta Children's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., following a procedure to prepare the girls for separation. Right: Relatives of victims of a night club fire react after a 15-member panel impeached Buenos Aires Mayor Anibal Ibarra on Tuesday, capping weeks of tense hearings over whether he should quit power amid charges city inspectors failed to avert a 2004 nightclub fire that claimed 194 lives. Associated Press photos



NATION

Ex-Enron CFO takes stand against former bosses
HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow testified Tuesday he ran partnerships designed to help the company mask as much as hundreds of millions of dollars in losses. Fastow, 44, took the witness stand against former bosses Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, whom federal prosecutors have accused of fraud, conspiracy and other charges in the spectacular collapse of Enron in 2001. In the most highly anticipated testimony yet in the trial, he told jurors about a partnership, known as LJM1, set up in 1999 to help Enron "solve a problem" — that it was facing future losses from its investment in a small startup firm. "We were doing this to inflate our earnings, and I don't think we wanted to show people what we were doing," Fastow said.

Clinton: "Anger" attack is in part gender-based
NEW YORK (AP) — Responding to Republican claims that she may be too angry to win national office, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton told an audience Monday to wear such criticism as "a badge of honor" and suggested that gender played a role in the attacks. Democrats, particularly Democratic woman, who run for public office are "going to draw some unfriendly fire," Clinton said at a breakfast fundraiser hosted by black and Hispanic women supporters. "People will be attacking you instead of your ideas, they may impugn your patriotism, they may even say you're angry." She cited, among other things, the federal budget deficit, lobbying scandals in Washington, and the government's slow response in the Hurricane Katrina disaster. It was the latest volley in a rhetorical back-and-forth between Clinton and leading GOP strategists that began last month, when Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman said Clinton "seems to have a lot of anger" and that American voters tend not to elect angry candidates.

Illegal immigrants comprise 5 percent of workforce
WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants in the United States has grown to as many as 12 million, and they now account for about one in every 20 workers, a new estimate says. Efforts to curb illegal immigration have not slowed the pace, said a report Tuesday by the Pew Hispanic Center. Instead, the report's author said, those efforts are having an unintended consequence: People who illegally enter the United States from Mexico are staying longer because it is harder to move back and forth across the border. "The security has done more to keep people from going back to Mexico than it has to keep them from coming in," said Jeffrey Passel, a senior research associate at the center. It is difficult to accurately measure the number of illegal immigrants in the United States, but most public agencies and private groups had settled on a figure of about 11 million.

New U.S. border ID plan worries tourism industry
NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — The U.S. plan to require people traveling between the United States and Canada to have passports or similar identification is already hurting cross-border tourism, and it's not even in effect yet, tourism officials say. Convention planners are hesitant to book events across the border a year or two in advance without knowing how the plan will be implemented or what new identification cards will cost, Randy Williams of the Tourism Industry Association of Canada told a panel of U.S. and Canadian government officials on Monday. Many Americans are staying away from Canada already, believing the requirement is in effect now, he said. Americans now must show a driver's license or birth certificate when re-entering the country at land borders. Beginning Jan. 1, 2008, they will need either a passport or other form of identification now being developed by the Department of Homeland Security and State Department.

WORLD

Airport partly evacuated after thieves rob plane
STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Masked gunmen crashed through an airport fence Tuesday, held up luggage handlers unloading crates of foreign currency from an airliner, and left behind a suspicious package that looked like a bomb, police said. Stunned passengers waiting to disembark the Scandinavian Airlines jet that had just arrived from London witnessed the brazen robbery at the Landvetter airport outside Goteborg, Sweden's second-largest city. At least five robbers, some armed with assault rifles, crashed through a gate at the airport and held up the luggage handlers as they were unloading the plane, police spokeswoman Maria Rosenberg said. No one was injured. It was not immediately known how much foreign currency the robbers stole, but Rosenberg called it "a big sum." The robbers left a suspicious package on the tarmac, prompting police to evacuate parts of the airport and call in bomb disposal experts, she said.

Blasts rock Indian holy city, killing at least four
LUCKNOW, India (AP) — At least two explosions rocked a railway station and Hindu temple in the Indian holy city of Varanasi on Tuesday, killing at least four people, police said. Authorities were trying to determine what caused the blasts, one of which occurred inside a train stopped at the city's railway station, said policeman Mohammed Hashmi. He did not know if there were any casualties. The other blast occurred at the Sankat Mochan temple, killing at least four people and wounding 12 others, said Madan Mohan Pande, a police inspector in Varanasi.

Iraq's Shiite PM Vows to Seek Re-Election
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's Shiite prime minister declared Tuesday he will not be blackmailed into

abandoning his bid for a second term, and the Kurdish president bowed to Shiite pressure to delay calling parliament into session until a deadlock is resolved over who should lead a unity government. A new video broadcast on Arab television, meanwhile, showed three of the four hostage Christian Peacemaker activists.

OPEC focuses on 'fear factor' shaking oil markets
VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC oil ministers, unwilling to cut production with prices lingering above \$60 a barrel, focused Tuesday on political instability, attacks and other forces giving the world's crude markets the jitters. Worries over Iran's nuclear ambitions, militant threats in Nigeria and attacks on Middle East facilities stoked concerns about supply disruptions as the 11-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries prepared to map out its pumping and pricing strategies for spring and summer. With consensus building against the idea of lowering production — and spiking prices even higher — OPEC planned to assess "the influence of new political issues on the oil market," Qatar's oil minister, Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah, said before Wednesday's meeting. Recent attacks by militants on Nigerian pipelines and oil facilities have reduced that country's production by 455,000 barrels a day. Nigeria normally exports 2.5 million barrels daily. "The tangible, physical disruption of Nigerian supply has propped up prices over the past few weeks," said Jason Schenker, an economist with U.S.-based Wachovia Corp. "That's a big deal. And then we just saw prices shoot up again over Iran." Edmund Daukoru, OPEC's president and Nigeria's oil minister, said Tuesday the African nation was "committed to providing adequate security for operators in the (Niger) Delta." He said Nigeria planned to pump an additional 600,000 barrels a day by June.

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Nomination forms are available in the CSA Office, 49 OC; CMI Office, 134 NFH; Dean of Students Office, 144 OC; Service Desk, Campus Recreation Center; and University Student Congress Office, 62 OC, for ...

COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AWARD

The Commuter Involvement Award recognizes those commuter students who have made significant contributions to improve the quality of campus life through their participation in campus activities and student organizations. There are up to twenty \$500 activity-based awards available for returning commuter students for the 2006-2007 academic year.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Volunteer Service Award recognizes individual students and student organizations that have been actively involved in community service activities on and off Oakland University's campus from May 1, 2005 until March 31, 2006. There are up to eight \$500 awards available to returning individual students and registered student organizations for the 2006-2007 academic year.

SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Sidney Fink Memorial Award is given to OU student employees who have demonstrated an on-going commitment to improve race relations on Oakland University's campus. There are up to four \$100-\$200 awards available to undergraduate and graduate students currently employed on OU's campus and returning for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Applications are due Friday, March 31, to the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center. Questions about the Commuter Involvement Award, Volunteer Service Award, and the Sidney Fink Memorial Award can be directed to Jean Ann Miller, Director of The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, 49 Oakland Center, call her at 248-370-4332, or email her at jam@oakland.edu.



WINNING MOMENT ...

"People used to ask June (Carter) how she was doing, and she would say 'I'm just trying to matter.' I know what she means."
—Reese Witherspoon, after winning her first Academy Award

The Associated Press

Invite yourself to 'Dinner with a Dozen Grizzlies'

By ALICIA SOSSI
Assistant Features Editor

How many times have you heard the saying, "It's not what you know, it's who you know?" It's true that networking is often the key to getting where you want to be, and next month, the Future Alumni Network at Oakland University is providing a way to do just that. Dinner with a Dozen Grizzlies is a low-keyed opportunity for OU students to network with alumni and faculty.

It's a program that has members of the OU alumni hosting dinner at their homes for students, faculty and staff. Students and faculty can sign up to attend a dinner and use it as a way to meet members of the OU community. "It's just a chance for people to get to know each other," said Jamie Simek, OU alumni coordinator. "It's a way to make OU a bit more personal and for students to expand their circle of acquaintances." According to Simek, programs like this take

place at many universities and started 30 years ago at UCLA. She hopes to see many interested alumni hosts so that dinners can take place every semester. The first dinner will take place Sunday, April 2 at the home of Holly and Garry Gilbert. Garry Gilbert is the executive of The Oakland Press, and Holly Gilbert is an instructor of journalism at OU and advisor of The Oakland Post. The next dinner is planned for Friday, April 7. Potential hosts, faculty, staff and students

who wish to be a part of this program can sign up online at the OU Alumni Association Web site. Students may also register for a dinner at the Center for Student Activities service window. They should register by Friday, March 17.

For more information about Dinner with a Dozen Grizzlies, contact Jamie Simek at (248) 364-6137 or email fans@oakland.edu.

Now Playing ...

On campus
Friday Night Live this week features the comedy of Costaki Economopoulos, whose jokes have appeared on "The Tonight Show" and BET. He's also written spec scripts for "Everybody Loves Raymond." He will perform Friday at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

Musica Mundi is happening Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. The concert features a five-member Latin/world jazz ensemble playing the compositions of music director Terry Herald. General admission is \$15 and \$8 for students. Call (248) 370-3013 for more information.

Downtown
The **Three Mo Tenors** are at the Fisher Theatre now through March 26. Watch as the talented tenors, Rodrick Dixon, Thomas Young and Victor Trent Cook perform music from a variety of genres with their classically trained voices. For ticket prices and information, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Mixin' it up ...

Weekend Movie Openings
"The Shaggy Dog," starring Tim Allen, tells the story of a man who changes into a sheepdog in order to learn life lessons. The Disney film also stars Danny Glover and Kristin Davis. Rated PG.

"The Hills Have Eyes" tells a frightening story of a family that becomes stranded in a government atomic zone while trying to take a road trip. Watch as the family then falls prey to a blood-thirsty mutant family. Rated R.

Celebrity Birthdays
March 8
Freddie Prinze Jr., 30; James Van Der Beek, 29
March 9
Charles Gibson, 63; Kerr Smith, 34; Chingy, 26; Brittany Snow, 20; Bow Wow, 19.
March 10
Chuck Norris, 66; Sharon Stone, 48; Daryle Singletary, 35; Carrie Underwood, 23.
March 11
Johnny Knoxville, 35; Benji and Joel Madden, 27; Thora Birch, 24.
March 12
Liza Minnelli, 60; James Taylor, 58.
March 13
Neil Sedaka, 67; William H. Macy, 56.
March 14
Quincy Jones, 73; Billy Crystal, 58; Chris Klein, 27; Taylor Hanson, 23.



The Associated Press

Does anyone care about Oscar?

By LYNN ELBER AND ALICIA SOSSI
The Associated Press/ Assistant Features Editor

Didn't watch the Oscars Sunday night? You're not alone. The Academy Awards were down 10 percent from last year's ceremony, based on preliminary Nielsen Media Research ratings from the nation's 55 biggest markets.

Full national ratings will most likely show this year's ceremony as the second least-watched Oscars telecast behind 2003, when "Chicago" won best picture. The ceremony, where "Crash" won a surprise best picture trophy, drew a 27.1 rating and a 40 share.

Each rating point is equivalent to 1.1 million homes, while the share indicates that 40 percent of the TVs in use last night were tuned to the awards.

Last year's metered markets had a 30.1 rating and 43 share, Nielsen said.

So why are less people tuning in to Hollywood's night of glamour?

Maybe it's because the winners aren't really a surprise anymore.

The formula to win an Oscar seems pretty clear these days: play a real person enmeshed in wrenching drama, win an Academy Award.

It worked last year for Jamie Foxx in "Ray" and this time around for Reese Witherspoon's portrayal of June Carter Cash in "Walk the Line" and Philip Seymour Hoffman as the glory-hungry writer in "Capote."

Oakland University students say they didn't watch the ceremony for a variety of reasons.

Scott Thomas, a junior majoring in human resources development, says he just felt like watching something else.

"I didn't watch it because some movie called 'The Core' was on. It wasn't good, but the bad movie ended up being more interesting than the Oscars," he said.

Junior Kristin Jehle, a wellness and health promotion major, says the red carpet preview was enough for her.

"I watched the pre-show thing, but I didn't want to stay up and watch the awards. I was too tired from being up late all weekend so I went to bed," she said.

Despite the lack of interest, there were some bright spots to the night, including the award for best song, which went to Three 6 Mafia for "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" from the movie "Hustle & Flow."

George Clooney also won best supporting actor for his role in "Syriana" and made Oscar history by becoming the first person nominated for acting in one movie and directing another ("Good Night, and Good Luck").

Still, the hype was just interesting enough to keep sophomore Dan Adams from changing the channel. "I did watch the Oscars, but mostly because I was too lazy to change the channel and there was nothing else on," said the anthropology major.

Whatever the reason, it seems Oscar was low on everyone's priority list last weekend.

The annual Academy Awards received poor ratings this year.



DAN WILKINSON
The Oakland Post

"There have been a million award shows on this year, so I'm a little burnt out award show-wise."

Jeff Caveney
Graduate student
Automotive engineering



DAN WILKINSON
The Oakland Post

"I'm not interested. I base my opinions on movies off of what I've seen and not what the Academy sees."

Dan Adams
Sophomore
Anthropology



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"I watched the pre-show thing, but I didn't want to stay up and watch the awards."

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICER TRAINING

Tuesday, March 14, 5-6:30 pm
Lake Michigan Room, OC

All NEW Presidents and Treasurers of New and Returning Student & Greek Orgs should plan to attend. Sign-up in advance in the CSA Office.

"The Flicks" @ OU

7:30 pm
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March 28: Glengarry
Glen Ross
April 4: Rashomon

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Women's History Month

March 8- April 12, 2006

March 8 - International Women's Day & Kickoff for OU's Women's History Month
"Transforming Armageddon, Making Peace a Reality: Women's Visions"
Noon-1 pm, Oakland Room, OC

March 11 - Women's Studies Film Festival
Theme: "Why Can't I Look Like That Model?"
Body Image and Women's Health
(there is a cost to attend)
9 am-5 pm, 156 North Foundation Hall

March 14 - "Queen Sista - Recognizing Black Sistas in Organizations"
7 pm, Pioneer Room, Rec Center

March 14 - An Evening with Eric Jerome Dickey, National Best-Selling Author
7 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

March 15 - Slam Poet Thea Monyee
8 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

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Beth Holland
Contributing Reporter

'Nothing could have prepared me for the devastation...'

Last week I skipped out on the sandy beaches and five-star hotels for a tool belt, a cot and a shower; which I shared with 17 other girls. Although, I did get to enjoy some 80-degree days.

I went on a Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge with 19 other OU students to Slidell, La. to help with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

Nothing could have prepared me for the devastation that I saw.

There was garbage everywhere and it wasn't just paper; it was people's furniture, cars, boats, dishes that had been washed from their homes by the flood waters.

We visited one city, Chalmette, where the flood levels reached to the gutters of the houses.

The subdivision we walked through was like a ghost town. It looked as if the storm had just hit instead of six months ago.

Imagine everything in your house, apartment or dorm being completely destroyed. Nothing is salvageable.

There were areas of land where hundreds of houses were once standing.

Driving on the highway I saw a boat on the side. And it wasn't because the trailer was broken; it was on its side about 20 to 30 miles away from any water and it was all because the flood waters had brought it to that spot.

It's so hard to describe what I saw.

The pictures I took are worth more than a thousand words, but it still doesn't capture the true devastation.

Working on the homes was tough work, but worth every second of it.

Because of the others and me, a lot of families are one step closer to coming home.

One thing that surprised me just as much as the devastation was the spirit of the people.

While building homes during spring break may not sound like a good time, I had a great time. We were able to enjoy some of the cultural festivities of New Orleans such as Mardi Gras.

I wish I could have stayed longer, but I know that my week down there made a difference.

I can't wait for next year's break when I can go on another collegiate challenge.



BETH HOLLAND/The Oakland Post

OU students traveled to Louisiana to help rebuild homes during their spring break as part of the OU chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Students experience Katrina's destruction firsthand during their spring break trip

Twenty OU students visit Louisiana to help rebuild houses destroyed by Katrina

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted 20 Oakland University students during spring break. But instead of relaxing on the beach, they spent five days doing hard labor. The 20 are members of the OU chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and they spent their vacation rebuilding an area of Louisiana devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The group

went as part of Habitat's Collegiate Challenge, a year-round program where students spend school breaks building homes for the less fortunate.

It was the first challenge the group participated in since becoming an official student organization.

They chose to work with the East St. Tammany Parish chapter in Slidell, La., 30 miles north of New Orleans.

Members sold birdhouses and paper bricks in the Oakland Center to raise money for the 1,000-mile trip.

The group stayed in a church during the week while working eight hours a day on houses.

"We did construction Monday through Friday, and they're working on five different houses

down there," said Lisa Gajeski, president of the OU Habitat chapter. "So we were able to jump around from site to site."

The students took away more than sore muscles and sweat.

"It was a life-changing experience being down there firsthand," Gajeski said. "It was just amazing to see the devastation."

Daily chores varied from hanging drywall, painting, roofing and other carpentry jobs.

The family who will receive the house when it is

completed worked alongside the volunteers.

Gajeski said the area is still very devastated despite the passage of more than six months.

"It won't even be the same," she said. "It's going to take five to ten years to get (everything) back" the way it was.

Part of what made the experience so moving was "the community, how they still have hope and they're very determined to get things together," Gajeski said.

"We did construction Monday through Friday, and they're working on five different houses down there."

Lisa Gajeski
President of OU Chapter
Habitat for Humanity

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learning to tolerate and forgive. The class finished with a 10-minute relaxation exercise called autogenics, or self-generation. Lights were turned off, and a series of mind and body relaxing techniques were read while the audience closed their eyes. "Whatever you experience, allow it to be," read one of the instructions.

According to the workshop, with practice, the exercise can help you achieve a relaxed state at any time of day.

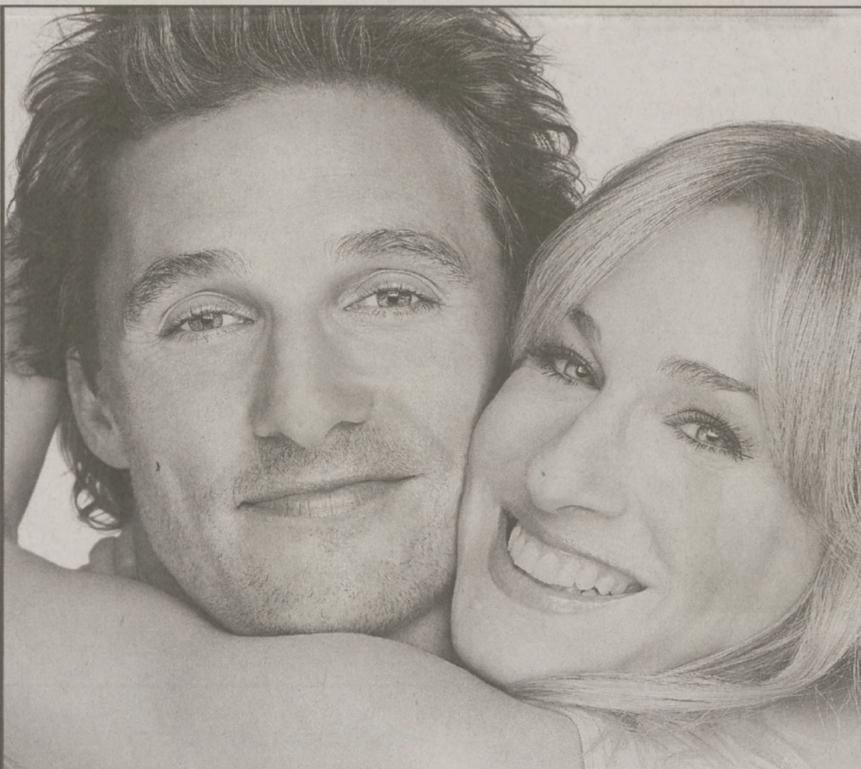
"It almost made me fall asleep," Brown said.

Brown found the workshop information useful. "I learned how to relax myself when I do get stressed out."

"I think it will be very easy to apply it."

Two more workshops will be offered in March to discuss time management and career exploration. For more information, contact the Academic Skills Center or New Student Programs.

If you think you may be suffering from serious unregulated negative stress you should contact Graham Health and Counseling Center. Stress counseling is available and the first six counseling sessions are free.



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AROUND DETROIT

Motown artists opening restaurant

The Associated Press

DETROIT — A dozen Motown recording artists, including members of the Four Tops, the Supremes and the Miracles, are part of a group of investors opening a restaurant in an area where music is playing a key role in redevelopment efforts.

La Musique is scheduled to open next month at the Hotel St. Regis in the city's New Center area, less than a mile from Hitsville USA, the home of the Motown Historical Museum.

Abd Ul-Fakir, a member of the Four Tops, told The Detroit News for a story published Monday that he is excited about investing in the city at a time when it appears to be on an upswing.

"I never lost faith (in Detroit)," said Abd Ul-Fakir, whose group recorded the hit single "Reach Out (I'll Be There)" at Hitsville USA 40 years ago.

"I know it's been through tough times, and I'm glad to see so many others are starting to

believe," he said.

La Musique arrives as the New Center area shows signs of a music-fueled revival.

The nonprofit New Center Council Inc. plans to revamp a small park for open air music shows. A restored club called Northern Lights Lounge opened last year and features local acts.

"Music makes a city great," said Bobby Rogers of the Miracles, whose hits include "I'm the One You Need."

"It's good to give back to our home," he said.

La Musique will serve French cuisine amid Motown-themed decor. Although patrons can expect to hear legendary artists croon a classic hit occasionally, the restaurant will not have a formal stage or a set schedule of performances.

"It will be more impromptu," said developer Herbert Strather, who masterminded the deal. "Whenever the artists are in town, they can just come in and play or just chat with the guests."



AL GRILLO/The Associated Press
Four-time Iditarod champion Doug Swingley, of Lincoln, Mont. drives his dog team down the starting chute of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Willow, Alaska, Sunday March 5, 2006. Mushers from around the world are heading to Nome during 34th running of the 1,049 mile race.

Sled dogs, mushers begin 34th Iditarod

Race honors relay that carried serum 674 miles to stop diphtheria outbreak

The Associated Press

WILLOW, Alaska — Dog teams whisked past hundreds of spectators on a frozen lake before climbing a small hill and disappearing into the woods at the official start of the Iditarod Sunday.

Competitors were allowed to select their starting positions for the first time this year rather than doing the

traditional blind draw.

Mushers left the starting chute every two minutes, sending up knee-high fountains of snow behind their sleds as they stepped hard on the brakes to slow their excited teams.

Mushers were looking forward to good conditions, meaning there would be enough snow for sled brakes to catch, but not enough to make trail breaking too difficult.

"We've got a load of snow out there," said Lance Mackey of Kasilof, a cancer survivor who has won the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race for the last two years.

Mackey, 35, is a three-time Iditarod finisher. He was diagnosed with cancer after the 2001 Iditarod.

He's now one of the few mushers running the Iditarod about two weeks after tackling the Yukon Quest through Alaska and Canada.

He said nine of the dogs who ran this year's Quest are on his Iditarod team. "We're warmed up and ready to go," Mackey said.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, in its 34th year, will take mushers and dog teams over two mountain ranges, across frozen seas and rivers, and through a treacherous gorge, where an avalanche in February killed an Iditarod volunteer grooming the trail.

The race commemorates a dogsled relay in 1925 that carried serum 674 miles from Nenana to Nome to stop a diphtheria outbreak.

HEALTHY DAYS

Health observances for month of March

Have you ever seen "this week is national XYZ week" in newscasts or in the paper?

Ever wonder who makes up these observances? Below is a list of national health observances for the month of March according to Healthfinder.gov. Also in the listings is the company, corporation, foundation or otherwise that has deemed the observances so. Check out the accompanying Web sites for more information about each observance and how you can help or get involved.

March 1 - 31
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation
<http://www.preventcancer.org/colorectal>

March 1 - 31
National Eye Donor Month
Eye Bank Association of America
<http://www.restore sight.org>

March 1 - 31
National Kidney Month
National Kidney Foundation
<http://www.kidney.org>

March 1 - 31
National Nutrition Month®
American Dietetic Association
<http://www.eatright.org>

March 1 - 31
Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month
Prevent Blindness America
<http://www.preventblindness.org>

March 1 - 31
Save Your Vision Month
American Optometric Association
<http://www.aoa.org>

March 1 - 31
National Brain Injury Awareness Month
Brain Injury Association of America
<http://www.biausa.org>

March 1 - 31
National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
<http://www.msfocus.org>

March 5 - 11
National Patient Safety Awareness Week
National Patient Safety Foundation
<http://www.npsf.org>

March 6 - 12
National Problem Gambling Awareness Week
National Council on Problem Gambling
<http://www.npgaw.org>

March 6 - 10
National School Breakfast Week
School Nutrition Association
<http://www.schoolnutrition.org>

March 13 - 19
Brain Awareness Week
Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives
<http://www.dana.org/brainweek>

March 13 - 17
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
<http://www.nationalmssociety.org>

March 19 - 25
National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week
National Inhalant Prevention Coalition
<http://www.inhalants.org>

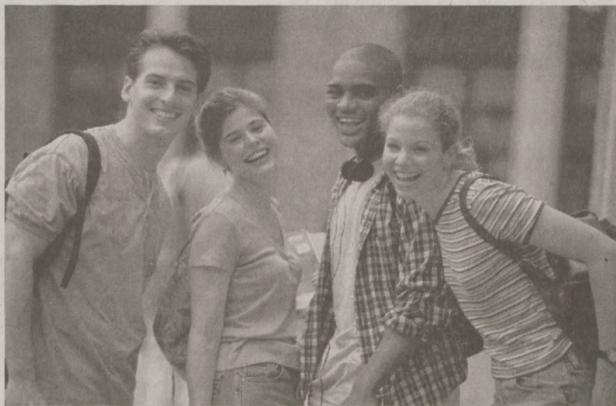
March 19 - 25
National Poison Prevention Week
Poison Prevention Week Council
<http://www.poisonprevention.org>

March 24
World Tuberculosis Day 2006
Pan American Health Organization
Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization
<http://www.who.int/gtb/index.htm>

March 27 - April 2
National Sleep Awareness Week
National Sleep Foundation
<http://www.sleepfoundation.org>

March 28
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American Diabetes Association
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MID-CONTINENT TOURNAMENT

Grizzlies defeated in opening round

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

TULSA, Okla. — Head coach Greg Kampe warned that this year's team was much different from the one he led last year.

Unfortunately for the seventh-seeded Oakland University men's basketball team, the outcome in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament was just as different.

OU fell to second-seeded Indiana/Purdue Indianapolis (IUPUI), 69-63, in the first round of the Mid-Con tournament Saturday night.

"It was pretty sloppy," Kampe said. "We had too many turnovers and we didn't make our free throws. When you're playing teams that win championships, you just can't do those things."

IUPUI shot 45 percent, made OU turn the ball over 16 times and held them to just 4-for-14 from the three-point line.

George Hill led IUPUI with 20 points and six rebounds. He was also 12 of 15 from the free-throw line.

OU trailed 24-20 at the beginning of the second half. It appeared they would pull closer, but junior Rick Billings was

fouled on an alley-oop attempt. He missed the shot and both free throws that followed.

"I think that was huge," Kampe said. "We didn't get any points out of it and then they went down and hit a three. We scored and

then they went down and hit another three. It was huge because we could never come all the way back after that."

OU missed numerous shots in the second half, including at the free-throw line, and IUPUI never let the Golden Grizzlies back in the game.

Billings led OU with 15 points. Junior Shawn Hopes and sophomore Brandon Cassise each had 14.

Juniors Calvin Wooten and Vova Severovas combined for 10 total points after averaging a combined 42 points against IUPUI in two regular season games.

"I thought we had a good opportunity to win the whole thing," Kampe said, referring to the tournament. "We were playing pretty well and I thought we had gotten past our free-throw problems."

IUPUI is now 6-0 in quarterfinal games in the Mid-Con tournament, easily the best first-round record of any team in the conference.

Though Kampe would like to still be playing, the team outlook for next year is bright. All five starters return and the transfers will get an entire year to practice and workout with the rest of the team.

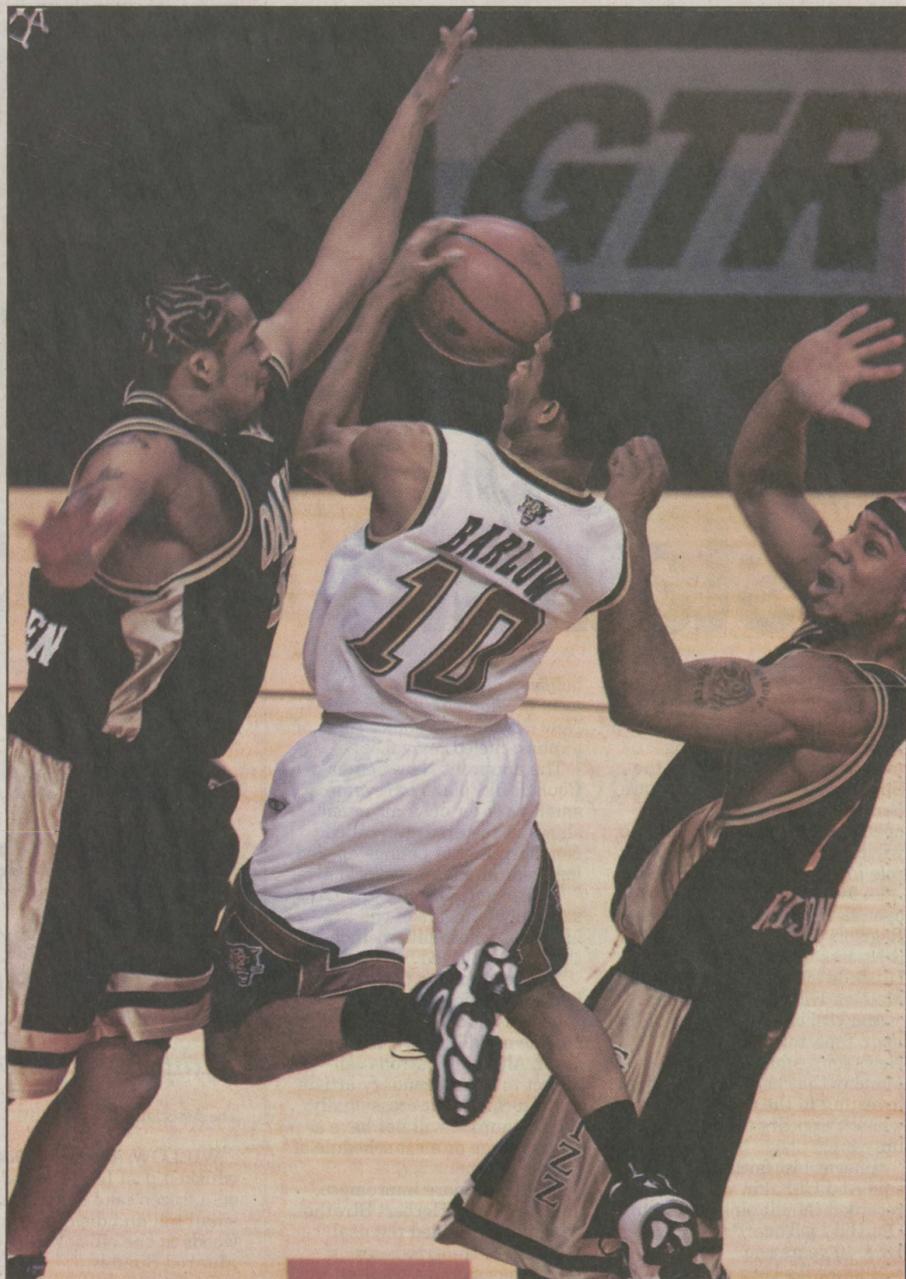
"I like the team," Kampe said. "They all come back next year. I think we got a

pretty good chance to do something. "Expectations were high this year and they should be high next year. By no means am I happy with this season, but we have a lot to work with towards next year," he said.

"It was pretty sloppy. We had too many turnovers and we didn't make our free throws. When you're playing teams that win championships, you just can't do those things."

GREG KAMPE

Basketball coach



IUPUI's David Barlow shoots between Oakland's Calvin Wooten, left, and Derick Nelson during a Mid-Continent Conference basketball tournament game in Tulsa, Okla., Saturday. IUPUI defeated Oakland 69-63.

The Associated Press

MARCH SPORTS SCHEDULES

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

Baseball

Picked fifth in the Mid-Con preseason poll, the Golden Grizzlies have gotten off to a rocky 0-6 start as of press time. On the bright side, in the first week of competition, the Mid-Con Baseball Player of the Week title was bestowed upon OU junior Andy Brinker.

Mar. 5	Sun.	Knoxville, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Mar. 10	Fri.	Dayton, Ohio	2 p.m.
Mar. 11	Sat.	Dayton, Ohio	1 p.m.
Mar. 12	Sun.	Dayton, Ohio	Noon
Mar. 18	Sat.	Cincinnati, Ohio	1 p.m.

Mar. 19	Sun.	Cincinnati, Ohio	1 p.m.
Mar. 22	Wed.	Bowling Green, Ohio	2 p.m.
Mar. 24	Fri.	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3:05 p.m.
Mar. 25	Sat.	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:05 p.m.
Mar. 26	Sun.	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:05 p.m.
Mar. 28	Tues.	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	3:00 pm

Softball

The Golden Grizzly softball team was picked to finish seventh a Mid-Con preseason poll, but so far things are looking far more positive.

OU was ranked second in the Mid-Con.

Senior Lauren Chomokos pitched a complete-game one-hit shutout at Elon and was picked Mid-Con Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 27.

Mar. 5	Sun.	Charleston, S.C.	TBA
Mar. 26	Sun.	Cleveland, Ohio	1 p.m.
Mar. 28	Tues.	Kalamazoo, Mich.	2 p.m.
Mar. 31	Fri.	Valparaiso, Ind.	3 p.m.

Men's Golf

In a preseason poll conducted by the Mid-Con conference coaches, the Men's Golf team was chosen to finish sixth in the Mid-Con, entering the spring portion of their schedule.

March 7-8	Tues.-Wed.	Fl. Pierce, Fla.
March 20-21	Mon.-Tues.	Indianapolis, Ind.
March 31-April	Fri.-Sat.	Richmond, Ky.

Women's Golf

With three All-Mid-Con golfers

returning to the roster, the Golden Grizzlies were selected to finish the season ranked second in the Mid-Con by a preseason poll. Senior Patricia Ellsworth is currently tied for the Mid-Con lead with a 77.0 stroke average heading into the spring season.

March 13-14	Mon.-Tues.	Jacksonville, Fla.
March 20-21	Mon.-Tues.	Indianapolis, Ind.
March 25-26	Sat.-Sun.	Perry Park, Ky.

Tennis

Entering the spring season, the Golden Grizzlies were selected to finish sixth in a Mid-Con preseason poll, which is where they currently sit.

Mar. 9	Thurs.	Las Vegas, Nev.	8 p.m.
Mar. 10	Fri.	Las Vegas, Nev.	11a.m.
Mar. 10	Fri.	Las Vegas, Nev.	5 p.m.
Mar. 11	Sat.	Las Vegas, Nev.	3 p.m.
Mar. 22	Wed.	Rochester, Mich.	Noon

Men's and Women's Track

In its first season at Oakland University, this year is all about progression. While the Golden Grizzlies have not been scored in competition yet, the team has had a strong showing thus far, posting some solid times.

Mar. 25 Sat. Defiance, Ohio
Note: All stats are current as of press time. Home games are in bold.

BASEBALL

March 1 vs. Eastern Kentucky

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Competty cf	3	2	2	1
Crepeau ss	3	1	0	0
Stafford ph	1	0	0	0
Winkler rf	3	1	0	1
Heath dh	5	1	1	2
Boleski p	0	0	0	0
Carkeek 3b	5	1	3	2
Tye 1b	5	1	2	0
Doig lf	4	1	1	1
Joffrion ph	1	0	0	0
Chalfour c	2	1	0	1
Brinker c	1	0	0	0
Zalenski 2b	4	0	0	0
Stinchcombe p	0	0	0	0
Hale p	0	0	0	0
Noel p	0	0	0	0
Wilson p	0	0	0	0
Thomas p	0	0	0	0
Dobberowsky p	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	9	8

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E - Competty(1); Winkler(1); Carkeek(1); Tye(1); Chalfour 2(2); Waters 3(3); Klein Dienst 2(2); DP - EKU 2; LOB - OU 9; EKU 9. 2B - Competty(1); Carkeek(1); Bolger, Br.(1); Oliver(1); HR - Yarbrough 3(3); HBP - Chalfour 2; Bolger, Br.; Wells; Ryan. SF - Winkler(1); Yarbrough(1); Flora(1); SB - Competty(1); Crepeau(1); Winkler(1); Heath(1); Carkeek 2(2); Tye(1); Chalfour(1); Waters 4(4); Bolger, Br.(1); Flora(1).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dan Stinchcombe	2.0	3	7	4	4	3
Kevin Hale	1.0	1	0	0	0	3
Brad Noel	2.1	3	3	3	2	4
Justin Wilson	0.0	2	2	2	0	0
David Thomas	0.0	2	4	0	1	0
Daniel Dobberowsky	1.0	4	3	0	0	1
Ryan Heath	1.1	2	2	1	1	3
Scott Boleski	0.1	0	0	0	0	1

March 3 vs. Tennessee

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Competty cf	4	0	0	0
Shepherd 2b	3	0	0	0
Zalenski 2b	0	0	0	0
Winkler 3b	4	0	0	0
Heath dh	3	0	0	0
Carkeek 1b	4	0	0	0
Tye 1b	0	0	0	0
Crepeau ss	2	0	1	0
Stafford ss	0	1	0	0
Doig rf	2	0	0	0
Wilson ph	2	0	1	0
Brinker c	2	0	1	0
Chalfour c	2	0	0	0
Jenison lf	2	0	1	0
Joffrion ph	1	0	0	0
Hines p	0	0	0	0
Hale p	0	0	0	0
Boleski p	0	0	0	0
Bernatowicz p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	0

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E - Crepeau(1); Brown(1); DP - OAK 2; LOB - OAK 8; Tennessee 10. 2B - Edmundson(1); Rivera(4); Van Kirk(1); HR - Arenz(2); Kemp(3); HBP - Heath; Edmundson; Arenz(2); Van Kirk; Castellanos. SF - Brown(1); Frazier(1); SB - Crepeau(2); Doig(4); Wilson(1); CS - Jenison(1).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hines L0-2	4.0	6	8	8	3	1
Hale	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
Boleski	2.0	7	3	3	1	0
Bernatowicz	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

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Tennessee 0 0 0 2 3 0 6 0 X - 11

E - Crepeau(2); Winkler(3); Delmonico(4); DP - OAK 1; LOB - OAK 5; Tennessee 4. 2B - Edmundson(2); Brown(1); Van Kirk(2). 3B - Jenison(1); HR - Kemp(4); SF - Delmonico(2); SB - Borbon 2(6); Frazier(3); CS - Wilson(1); Winkler(1); Carkeek(1); Frazier(1).

SOFTBALL

March 1 vs. Coll of Charleston Double Header

First Game					Second Game					
Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	
Lynch 3b	2	0	1	2	Schaller rf	2	0	0	0	
Shurkus 3b	1	0	0	0	Benza ph	1	0	0	0	
Schaller rf	2	0	0	0	Salo lf	2	0	2	0	
Benza rf	1	0	0	0	Guyton ph	0	1	0	0	
Hodgkinson 2b	1	0	0	0	Lynch 3b	2	1	0	1	
Schall 2b	1	0	0	0	Knorr cf	4	0	1	3	
Knorr c	2	0	0	0	Chomokos p/ph	3	0	1	0	
Zellner 1b	1	1	0	0	Frederick p	0	0	0	0	
Perrino dp	0	1	0	0	Marzano p	1	0	0	0	
Marzano pr	0	0	0	0	Perrino dp	2	0	0	0	
Colores ss	2	0	0	0	Zellner 1b	3	0	1	0	
Brubaker p	0	0	0	0	Schall pr	0	0	0	0	
Luczak p	1	0	0	0	Colores c	2	0	1	0	
Guyton lf	2	0	0	0	Nutter ph	1	0	0	0	
Nutter c	0	0	0	0	Shurkus pr	0	1	0	0	
Totals	16	2	1	2	Hodgkinson ss	1	0	0	0	
OAKLAND	0	2	0	0	0	Clark ph	0	1	0	0
Coll of Charleston	4	0	4	2	10	Owen 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	6	4						

E - Shurkus; Schall; Guyton. LOB - OU 4; COFC 6. 2B - Durand. HR - Francis. HBP - Golden. SH - Loudermilk. SB - Lynch.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brubaker	2.0	9	8	6	0	0
Luczak	2.0	3	2	0	1	0

Oakland

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chomokos	4.1	8	4	4	0	5
Frederick	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
Marzano	1.0	4	2	2	0	0

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Oakland Center, Room 127

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