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Pakistani Kashmiri protesters burn an effigy of Pope Benedict XVI for his remarks about Islam which hurt the sentiments of Muslims, Monday in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan's Kashmir. Protester continued to demand that Pope apologize fully for his remarks on Islam and violence. Placard at right reads "Long live Islam."

WORLD NEWS

Al-Qaida in Iraq warns pope that Islam will prevail

By SELCAN HACAOLU
Associated Press Writer

ANKARA, Turkey — Muslims in Turkey, Iraq and the Palestinian territories demanded Tuesday that Pope Benedict XVI make a clear apology for his remarks on Islam, but the Malaysian prime minister said he accepted the pontiff's statement of regret.

In the Vatican, the pope also issued a statement appealing for mutual respect for religious beliefs as he mourned an Italian nun slain in Somalia in an attack possibly linked to the uproar over his recent remarks.

While denouncing violence, the pope said he hopes the killing "becomes the seed of hope to construct authentic brotherhood among peoples in the mutual respect for the religious convictions of each other," according to a condolence telegram released by the Vatican.

Sister Leonella, 65, who taught and worked at a pediatric hospital in Mogadishu, was shot dead by gunmen as she left the Austrian-run S.O.S. hospital on Sunday. There was no claim of responsibility, but many speculated

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OUSC plagued by no-shows

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Contributing Reporter

The Oakland University Student Congress is a body of representatives elected by their peers to promote student interests. But low attendance at recent meetings has made some worry that not all legislators are pulling their weight.

According to Student Body President Madalyn Miller, there are currently 16 legislators, though two or three may be eliminated due to attendance problems in the near future.

"During my tenure on Congress during Fall and Winter semesters we've never had that big a concern getting quorum," said Miller, who has been a member of OUSC for about two years. "This is, in my opinion, the biggest attendance issue and membership issue we've had in the last couple of years."

For OUSC to vote at a meet-

ing, more than half the members must be in attendance. In an interview Tuesday, Miller said that the average attendance at this semester's meetings has been nine legislators, the minimum required for quorum.

The maximum permitted number of OUSC members is 25, including one representative from the Resident Hall Council and one from the Commuter Council.

Legislator Joshua Miller said that although he is not certain who the RH and Commuter Council representatives are, he knows they have not attended any meetings yet this semester.

"The only way we can get any sort of actual business done is if we have quorum ... and if no one's there, we're basically hamstringed; we can't do anything," Legislator Miller said.

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Great expectations

Strong cast, Scorsese makes for much anticipated film release

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

Jack Nicholson. Matt Damon. Leonardo DiCaprio. Mark Wahlberg. Alec Baldwin. Martin Sheen.

Sounds like an invite list to the Oscars — and chances are that at least a few of those names will appear on this year's Oscar guest list — but in the meantime you'll be able to see that notable a-list assembled in perhaps this year's most anticipated film release.

In Martin Scorsese's new crime drama "The Departed," DiCaprio and Damon play Massachusetts State Policemen who find themselves loyal to and fighting separately for opposite sides of the law in South Boston.

During a teleconference interview with The Post and other members of the college press, DiCaprio and Damon seemed far removed from their opposing movie characters, and spoke in greater length about the upcoming film.

The film portrays an attempt by police to wage an all-out war to bring down a fictional Irish crime ring, led by a man named Frank Costello (Nicholson).

"You're dealing with all of these characters who are not telling each other who they really are — in certain relevant deceptions," Damon said. "You have all these issues of who we — the characters in the film — are and who we're pretending to be."

DiCaprio plays a young rookie who gets an assignment to go undercover and infiltrate the mob run by Nicholson. Damon plays a cop in the elite Special

Investigations Unit, who is also working to bring down Nicholson.

The story gets complicated when it's revealed that Damon is also working as an informant for the mob, keeping Nicholson's crime boss informed of all police activity.

"As much as it is a gangster movie, 'The Departed' is unlike anything Marty (Scorsese) has ever done," DiCaprio said. "It deals with a very different set of circumstances — not just that it involves the Irish underworld, but also the fact that it deals with the police force and the corruption there, as well."

"Departed" marks the third collaboration between Scorsese and DiCaprio. The two first worked together in Scorsese's gritty middle 19th century gangster epic, "Gangs of New York." Most recently DiCaprio turned in an academy-award nominated performance as Howard Hughes, in the Scorsese-directed biopic "The Aviator."

Damon and DiCaprio both said that filming on location in Boston was a unique experience.

Damon, along with co-star Mark Wahlberg, grew up in the Boston area.

"Leo was at a distinct disadvantage from me and Mark," the star of the Jason Bourne series said. "He worked hard to get a general understanding of how things are in Boston, and the accent — which I think is the hardest accent to do."

The Boston accent is also the most often screwed up, Damon added. "There was just this whole mountain of work to do that Mark and I got to skip because we're from there. But Leo did a great job."

DiCaprio said that he enjoyed experiencing Boston's heritage.

"This was the first time I had ever spent any real time in the area. It really is like walking around a museum ... seeing the Americana that's behind every single building," the 31-year-old actor said.

DiCaprio said that he'd like to return someday — when he has more time to immerse himself in



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Matt Damon plays a Massachusetts State Policeman in the special investigations unit who is working to bring down the head of the Irish crime ring but is also revealed as an informant for the mob.



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Leonardo DiCaprio plays a rookie Massachusetts State Policeman assigned to go undercover to infiltrate the Irish crime ring headed up by Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson).

the culture. "You do these films, you know, and people always ask about the locations — what it was like to be there — and you have to explain to them that you're pretty much always working."

DiCaprio said that the short moments he had to himself in between shoots were "pretty memorable."

"I enjoyed the people there and had an incredible experience."

The two actors both remarked that they greatly enjoyed working with Nicholson, whom Damon said was behind a bit of mischief on the set.

"He knew that if there was going to be this teaming of these two huge icons — Marty and Jack — that people were going to be expecting this certain something extra from the performance," Damon told The Post. "And he (Nicholson) really brought everything. He unloaded the tool box on this one."

The film is currently scheduled for wide release on Oct. 6.

'The Departed'

Genre: Action/Adventure, Drama, Crime/Gangster and Remake
Release Date: Oct. 6, 2006 (wide)
MPAA Rating: R for strong brutal violence, pervasive language, strong sexual content and drug material.
Distributors: Warner Bros. Pictures Distribution
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin

Source: Yahoo Movies

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POPE

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the shooting was linked to Muslim anger toward Benedict.

In a speech last week, the pontiff cited a Medieval text that characterized some of the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman," particularly "his command to spread by the sword the faith."

Benedict said Sunday that he was "deeply sorry" that Muslims took offense, and stressed that the emperor's words did not reflect his own opinion.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Benedict's expression of regret was acceptable. Malaysia — which chairs the world's largest Muslim bloc, the Organization of the Islamic Conference — had demanded the pope offer a full apology and retract what he said.

"I think we can accept it and we hope there are no more statements that can anger the Muslims," Abdullah told Malaysian journalists late Monday in New York, where he is attending the U.N. General Assembly.

His comments came after he met with President Bush, who told the Malaysian leader he believed that Benedict was sincere in apologizing.

In Turkey, however, protesters said Benedict must make full amends before a planned November trip that would be his papacy's first visit to a Muslim nation.

"Either apologize, or do not come," read a banner carried by a group of demonstrators from a religious workers' union.

Iraq's parliament also rejected Benedict's explanation of his

remarks, saying it was insufficiently clear. The parliament "demands the pope take practical steps to restore respect to the Islamic world and its religion, and a clear-cut apology for what he said," lawmakers said in a statement read at a press conference.

The top Muslim clergyman in the Palestinian territories similarly demanded that Benedict offer a "clear apology."

The mufti of Jerusalem, Mohammed Hussein, urged Palestinians to halt attacks on churches in the territories, but held the pontiff responsible for the outpouring of anger.

"So far, we consider the apology of the Vatican Pope insufficient," Hussein told reporters. "We firmly ask the Vatican Pope to offer a personal, public and clear apology to the 1.5 billion Muslims in this world."

A previously unknown Islamic group calling itself "The Army of Guidance" pledged Tuesday to strike at Christian targets in the Gaza Strip in retaliation for the remarks.

"Every place relevant to Christians will be a target," said a statement from the group. "This will be until the accursed infidel, the Vatican, apologizes to Muslims."

Palestinian Interior Ministry spokesman Khaled Abu Hilal said security forces had been ordered to protect Christian sites after seven churches in the West Bank and Gaza in the last few days. However, he played down the threat.

"This is a new name and an unknown group," he said. "I think this is empty talk."

Damage was minor in the earlier attacks and no one was hurt, but it unsettled the small Christian minority, which accounts for about 2 percent of the 3.4 million Palestinians.

In Ankara, protesters

demanding Tuesday that the Justice Ministry arrest the pope upon his arrival in Turkey on charges of insulting Islam and causing hatred based on religious differences, local media reported.

Inur Cevik, editor-in-chief of The New Anatolian newspaper, said in a commentary that the pope must reach out to Muslims before visiting.

"How can the pope make amends and convince the masses with religious sensitivities in Turkey that he is not an enemy of Islam and that he wants to forge an atmosphere of coexistence?" Cevik wrote. "If he fails to do this, it will be very hard for the Turkish people to give him a warm welcome."

In Turkey, the pope's remarks strengthened the widespread view that he is hostile to the country's campaign for membership in the European Union.

Before becoming pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger questioned whether the EU should open its doors to Turkey, saying it might be incompatible with European culture.

Secular Turkey's government accused the pope after his latest remarks of trying to revive the spirit of the Crusades, and called on him to offer a sincere and personal apology.

Catholic bishops met in Istanbul on Monday and decided the pope's visit to Turkey in November should go ahead, said Monsignor Georges Marovitch, the Vatican Embassy spokesman in Turkey.

The pope was invited by President Ahmet Necdet Sezer, a staunchly secular leader.

Benedict is scheduled to visit Turkey from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, where a focus of his visit will be meeting with the Istanbul-based leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, Bartholomew I.

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President Miller said if a legislator is found to not be fulfilling his or her duties, a disciplinary committee holds a hearing to determine what sanctions to apply to the legislator. Those who miss three meetings without a valid excuse are typically removed from their position.

"We do have a couple members who have very valid reasons for not attending," said President Miller. "There are several members who ... go unaccounted for in the sense that I don't know why they aren't coming."

Adam Panchenko told The Post he has been a legislator for two and a half years and hasn't attended a meeting since summer.

"I don't want to be a member any longer because it's not the same Congress I was voted into," Panchenko said Tuesday.

He cited criticism he received at the last meeting he attended during which legislators voted on a resolution related to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Panchenko said he abstained because he felt that students were too evenly split on the issue under discussion for him to satisfy a majority of them.

"I felt I was representing the students properly by not voting,"

he said.

Panchenko said the meeting became a "madhouse" after some legislators left early, taking attendance below a quorum.

Students in the gallery as well as other legislators harshly criticized those who had abstained.

"I didn't feel that I should be ... called out in front of everyone when we didn't have a quorum," Panchenko said. "I didn't get a chance to explain myself."

After the incident, he said he was too angry to continue attending. He added that he plans to attend the next meeting.

"I believe that everyone who was elected really had intentions to fulfill their duties, and sometimes things come up and that is very unfortunate," said President Miller.

She added that concerned students may attend any OUSC meeting, or come to the OUSC office and speak with her or Vice President Mia Evans directly.

"If you're concerned with something that's going on in Congress, come and tell us," President Miller said.

"There are a lot of positive things that are going on in Congress right now," she said, citing the Voter Registration Drive, the International Day of Peace and other programs. She believes one reason for low membership this semester is that several recent legislators

have graduated.

"I think that we're kind of going through a rebirth process ... I think that in a lot of ways, it has the potential to be a very positive force for change."

She said that there have been several students attending meetings who have expressed interest in becoming members.

To become a legislator, a student must be in good academic standing, attend three meetings, work three hours in the OUSC office and collect 50 student signatures on a petition. They must then be confirmed by a quorum of legislators.

Terms end May 1 of every year; to continue serving, members must be voted in on a ballot along with the Executive Board.

Legislator Miller said he is "very concerned" about the lack of member participation. "I'm not trying to single people out just to be mean, but I believe this organization has work to do," he said. "I believe that it can do good work, but it needs people there who are committed and want to do it."

What can you do?

To be learn more about OUSC, to be considered for a legislator position, or to make your voice heard, go to an OUSC meeting. The meetings are held at 4 p.m. on Monday in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Three OU grads land jobs, new editor at The Post

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

The Oakland Post and the Journalism Program at Oakland University are shattering the commonly held theory that states it's nearly impossible for recent college grads to land a job at a large daily newspaper.

Three — count 'em — THREE spring '06 graduates and former Post employees have just taken full-time positions with the Oakland Press, Michigan's third largest daily newspaper.

Rozaya Eshmawi and Sheila Kosztowny, former editor-in-chief and managing editor, respectively, both just accepted positions as copy editors.

Rounding out the Grizzly presence in The Oakland Press newsroom is former Post sports editor Dustin Frucci, who was recently hired as a copy editor and designer for sports.

Kelly Reynolds has stepped in to replace Eshmawi, who returned to OU this fall to pursue a second degree.

Reynolds is no stranger to The Post — or The Press, where she just completed a news writing internship.

She returns to this paper after previously serving in various other capacities, most recently being managing editor during the winter '06 semester. Reynolds will serve as interim editor-in-chief pending approval by The Post's governing board.

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"I like it (Moodle), personally. I think that, for the way I have my class structured, it's much easier to understand than WebCT."
 — Professor of Women's Studies Sue Rumph, who has been using Moodle in her classes this semester.

Film festival returns

By STEPHANIE PARKINSON
 Contributing Reporter

After winning a Center for Student Activities award for Best Co-Sponsored event for the 2005-2006 academic year, the Grizzdance Film Festival returns for its second year.

This year's Grizzdance Film Festival will be held on Nov. 17th. The daytime screening will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Fireside Lounge, located on the main floor of the OC. During this time students will have the voting power to determine the Student Choice Award.

"This is a good event for student affairs," said Grizzdance Student Organization Treasurer Sean Buono.

The Participants Banquet will begin at 6 p.m. and is reserved for the participants and co-sponsors.

The awards ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and is open free to the public. \$2000 in large cash prizes will be awarded to the winning films.

The deadline this year for all films is October 30th at 11:59 pm. All films which follow the guidelines (clearly stated on the application) will be submitted to the judging panel. Applications can be downloaded from the Grizzdance Web site at www.oakland.edu/org/grizzdance.

The judging panel is comprised of six students and four faculty members.

When selecting the panel, GSO focused on having a wide selection of judges. GSO President Dana Crisman said, "They (the faculty judges) have not necessarily taught in film but have experience with film and we look for a male to female ratio."

GSO Vice President Tim Atwood said, "We try to make a panel of peers."

Last year, 20 entries were received. A few films did not meet the time restraint of 10 minutes, and therefore could not be judged. It is important to follow the guidelines so all films will have fair game in the competition.

The GSO is looking for diversity and encourages students from all majors to submit their work.

The GSO has doubled the maximum budget from last year. They are also working together with OU's Student Technology Center in order to give the students/participants more resources for this year's festival. The services offered include free use of the digital cameras, and training of the editing recorded video.

In April of 2005 The Honors College founded the idea of a film festival. After working with OU's Student Video Production throughout the summer and into the fall in

preparation of the first Grizzdance Film Festival, the pre-screening and awards ceremony stunned the faculty and students.

In March of 2006 The GSO was formed to increase the success of the event.

The GSO is comprised of students who are actively involved with the Grizzdance this year, and helped in making its success last year. The three members who formed the GSO are Tim Atwood from Student Video Production, and Sean Buono and Dana Crisman from The Honors College.

"It would be nice if it (The Grizzdance) evolved into a film program like U of M and Wayne and not just a concentration" said Atwood when asked what the GSO hopes to gain from this annual event.

For all students interested in the Grizzdance, informational sessions began on Sept. 6 in the Student Technology Center, located in the basement of the OC.

The GSO meets every Thursday at noon to discuss planning for the screening, banquet, and awards ceremony.

Contact the GSO at grizzdance@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Completed entries should be submitted to the Honors College in 112 Vandenberg Hall.

OC PIZZAERIA OPENS



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post
 Associates of Famous Famiglia Pizzeria toss pizza dough and play an accordion to ring in the grand opening of the pizzeria in the Pioneer Food Court in the Oakland Center Tuesday.

OU gets 'Moodled'

By ERIN MALLARD
 Features Editor

Students of Oakland University, prepare to be Moodled!

Although they may not know it, students this semester are guinea pigs for a new technological tool that will eventually replace WebCT, the program that students and teachers have been using for the past four years to post syllabi and hold online discussions.

Moodle was created in 1999 by Martin Dougiamas, former webmaster for Curtin University of Technology, "out of frustration with the existing commercial software at the time," according to Dougiamas' personal profile on the Moodle Web site.

According to the Web site, Moodle is used in classrooms in more than 160 countries.

Moodle is equipped with all of the same features as WebCT, and more.

Online quizzes, discussion boards, chat and the ability to upload files, which are all features that Moodle has, are the four most important things for any online management system, said to Catheryn Cheal, the assistant vice president of e-Learning and Instructional Support.

Features previously unavailable with WebCT include RSS feeds, blogs, online polls, and "wikis".

The term "wiki" may be familiar to you if you've ever used Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia that anyone in the world can edit, so long as they have an account (www.wikipedia.org). The "wiki" tool in Moodle works in a similar fashion.

As Cheal explained "wikis" are "nline web pages where lots of people can go in an edit each other's work, and you can get a list of who's edited what."

"The wiki in Moodle is really interesting," she added, "because it means

(professors) can set up wikis for (their) class and students can work together on larger projects."

Moodle and WebCT will both be available until Spring 2007, giving students and faculty time to become familiar with the new system. If students can't find their classes on WebCT, they should check Moodle.

"Both the faculty and students just need to be patient. We're all learning this at the same time," advised Professor of Women's Studies Sue Rumph, who has been using Moodle in her classes this semester.

"I like it, personally," said Rumph. "I think that, for the way I have my class structured, it's much easier to understand than WebCT. However, I understand the resistance ... to (learning) a new package. But I think once they use this they'll find that it's really much easier, that it gives you a lot more options that WebCT did not give you."

Cheal estimated that she's trained about 70 to 100 professors to be "Moodlers," although they may still be using WebCT while they practice.

Students in Rhetoric 160 classes can expect to be introduced to Moodle this year. The Academic Skills Center is also using it for all of the math classes that they coordinate with.

According to Cheal, the academic advisors are also interested in setting up a way for students to be able to access advising online. Moodle, an acronym for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, is also fantastically fun to say.

It's also an actual word, the origins of which are apparently difficult to trace. The "Open Social Forum" page on Moodle's Web site suggests several definitions, including "a word from the 1930's that is a combination of the verbs 'muzzle' and 'doodle'."

According to Moodle's "About" page, Moodle is a "verb that describes the process of lazily meandering through something, doing things as it occurs to you to do them, an enjoyable tinkering that often leads to insight and creativity. As such it applies both to the way Moodle was developed, and to the way a student or teacher might approach studying or teaching an online

course." It adds that, "anyone who uses Moodle is a Moodler."

Although Moodle clearly has many benefits when compared to WebCT, the decision to switch to Moodle was prompted by changes in the global marketplace.

Last October, WebCT was bought out by its largest U.S. competitor, Blackboard. Blackboard now owns about 80 percent of the market share for learning management systems.

According to Cheal, this means that the price of WebCT may go up, while quality goes down.

Cheal said that she's been worried about the development of Blackboard and WebCT regardless.

"Neither of them have developed the functionality in any significant way in the past five years. They have developed the underbody of it, administrative types of things, but they haven't developed the teaching tools, and this was becoming a bigger concern as internet tools are changing," said Cheal.

When the Faculty Academic Computing Committee began investigating new products to replace WebCT, Moodle stood out as the one program that could do most of the things that WebCT could do, but was also provided freely as "open source" software.

The Moodle Web site (www.moodle.org) provides a definition of "open source," for all of you non-mouse potatoes: "Basically this means Moodle is copyrighted, but that you have additional freedoms. You are allowed to copy, use and modify Moodle provided that you agree to: provide the source to others; not modify or remove the original license and copyrights, and apply this same license to any derivative work."

A PHP (the "language" Moodle is written in) programmer was also hired to work with the university to develop Moodle.

"The reason you get so much functionality with Moodle is because you have educators hiring programmers in universities and things are developed right here in the university as faculty need them, whereas Blackboard and WebCT were large commercial companies quite removed from the educational scene," explained Cheal.

"So the basis of Moodle is really about teaching and education, rather than trying to sell a product."

"It gave me the opportunity to redesign my class to fit the tools that Moodle offered, which I think in the long run, even though it took some time, will benefit the students. The class flows much better," said Rumph.

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"Moodle was created in 1999 by Martin Dougiamas, former webmaster for Curtin University of Technology, "out of frustration with the existing commercial software at the time."

En garde! *One brave reporter tries Dagorhir*

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Contributing Reporter

The scene was one of desperation and rage as two armies struggled for control of a narrow "bridge" marked on the ground by parallel rows of spare equipment. I thrust my blade forward, grazing one of my opponents. Suddenly, with a ferocious cry, Kevin Alford, the photographer, brought his sword down on the back of my neck.

This was Dagorhir practice, where approximately 30 people, mostly Oakland University students, spent four hours engaging in simulated fantasy combat scenarios.

According to its official Web site, Dagorhir is a live-action role-playing game (LARP for short) founded in 1977. It now has chapters nationwide, many named after regions of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-Earth. OU's chapter is called Northern Eryndor.

Chapter President Danny Johnston, whose "Dag name" is Fairion, described the group in simple terms: "We are a full-contact foam combat game."

"Out of all the role-playing games that you're able to play, Dagorhir has the least amount of role-playing," said fighter Kathy McCarty (or "Linwe").

I didn't grasp the implications of her statement until I went to a practice session held between Beer Lake and the OC.

Before the "games" began, equipment had to be inspected for safety. I should have taken this as a warning sign.

Inspector Matt Snitgen ("Stonetread") had me hold a shield while he punched it several times to check the padding.

"I could not feel your hand," he said, meaning the shield had passed inspection.

Then, sophomore Chris Aaron, as Halfling recruit "Gordune," demonstrated proper weapon usage to newbies like me.

"This is a hit," he said, smacking one of the newbies in the arm with a sword. Then he lightly brushed the sword across the same newbie's arm. "That's not a hit. You need to make a

strike; you swing that weapon."

I missed that warning sign, too. Nevertheless, I soon learned the physical nature of Dagorhir attracts people with interests beyond mere role-playing. In four hours, I took three hits to the groin, two accidental strikes to the face and countless wounds to my pride. It was more intense, and more fun, than I ever thought fighting with foam weapons could be.

Fairion appreciates the bond shared between players. "It immediately buys you an innumerable amount of friends ... Even if they're rarely seen, they're close."

That support may come in handy

when the group deals with hecklers, or as Fairion puts it, "guys who still hang out with the same people they did in high school."

He said that many people mock Dagorhir as a game for people who can't play "real sports." His response? "Okay, Mr. Athletic Man, come out here and fight me. I'll beat you ten out of ten times."

"I'm having the time of my life doing this, so I don't really care what other people think about it," said Linwe. "I just hope they find for themselves that it's really awesome and they come join us."

To find out more about the local chapter of Dagorhir, visit <http://bobafettm.com/eryndor/>.

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EDITORIAL

Administration not to blame for new dance

During the Winter '05 semester, a pair of unfortunate events took place during student sponsored dances that forced the administration to place a temporary moratorium on all student dances and major events.

It took Oakland University administrators (who received input from student leaders) approximately a year to restructure the dance/major events policy — in the hopes that the new guidelines would diminish the risk for future problems.

The year-long ban obviously ruffled the feathers of students who wanted to get their dancing shoes back on. Many of those same students were less than thrilled with the stipulations contained within the new policy.

Among the changes: dance location restricted to the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center, a no-fundraising rule, one guest per student and no off-campus promotions for events.

The new guidelines obviously impose significant restrictions for those students wishing to stage a major event or dance, and many of those students have voiced disdain for the new policy.

We've even heard the term "fascist" used. This sounds a lot like the first grader who throws a temper tantrum after he's been disciplined for stealing everybody else's pudding snack.

Of course, it's not fair that a few bad apples can ruin the whole bunch — but following two violent incidents that resulted in injury and property damage, what choice did the administration have?

Don't students have a responsibility to conduct themselves like adults? Shouldn't we employ discretion when choosing who we invite onto our shared campus?

Before we jump to condemn policy set forth by the administration — policy that we in part brought on ourselves — perhaps we should first work hard at rebuilding our integrity.

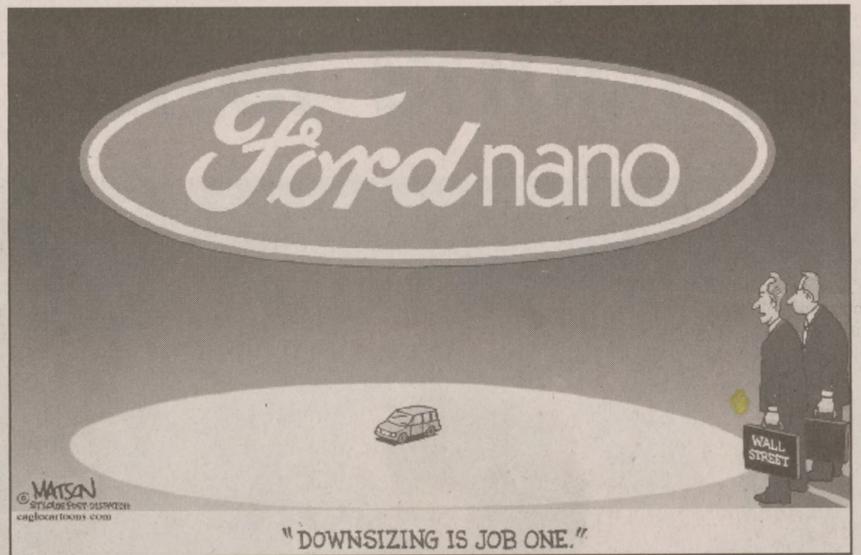
Until we prove that we're capable of handling ourselves like adults, who can blame the university for imposing rules and regulations that treat us like children?

— THE OAKLAND POST

QUOTE OF THE DAY ...

"Equal treatment of all citizens under the law is a core American value, the just presence of which is often taken for granted. Yet this basic right is being destroyed daily, ironically under the guise of "creating equality."

— Carrie Burdzinski, Guest Columnist



"Downsized Ford"

By RJ Matson

GUEST COLUMNS

Affirmative Action: The New Racism

By CARRIE BURDZINSKI
Guest Columnist

Equal treatment of all citizens under the law is a core American value, the just presence of which is often taken for granted. Yet this basic right is being destroyed daily, ironically under the guise of "creating equality."

The name of this destroyer is affirmative action, a policy widely employed by public institutions to preferentially admit and promote women and ethnic minorities. Its advocates declare that minorities are under-represented in academia and professional fields. As compensation for this alleged lack of diversity, they seek to implement quotas by awarding preferential treatment to minorities.

Affirmative action has been touted as an equal opportunity policy. Yet nothing could be less equal than giving special consideration to individuals based on their race or gender.

Affirmative action's primary disgrace is its underlying contention that race defines one's essence. It ignores man's unique identity as a volitional, autonomous being, by categorizing individuals as hapless hostages of their ethnic backgrounds. Rather than recognizing individual achievements, this collective mentality implies that individuals obtain worth only as appendages of a tribe. One's race or gender is thus granted the same status as one's qualifications in gaining positions rightfully based on merit. Far from promoting equality, affirmative action is explicitly racist;

it ignores individuals' credentials and segregates them into racial categories.

A particularly malicious argument attempts to capitalize on past injustice by claiming that affirmative action compensates for slavery. Yet historical racism can not be overcome by a policy that perpetuates classifications based on race.

The fundamental belief uniting racist policies, from slavery to "separate but equal" schools, is the idea that race is the defining factor of the individual. And this is precisely what affirmative action endorses: replacing individual qualifications with race in determining one's value and opportunities.

Historical discrimination and modern affirmative action are two sides of the same race-based coin. One pro-

hibited minorities from basic human rights; the other extends additional privileges to minorities (thus infringing upon the rights of other individuals). Both are racist, discriminatory, and unjust.

Proponents of affirmative action have also tried to market the practice by suggesting that diversity is a value in itself. But consider the absurdity (and danger!) of teaching a future neurosurgeon that "exposure" to various cultures is as important as mastering the structures of complex brain regions. Universities must teach methodology and information if students are to come away with knowledge and competence in their chosen fields of study.

As a woman in science, I have been told that I, too, benefit from affirma-

tive action. This suggestion is itself demeaning: it implies that a woman's skills and qualifications are not good enough, and that special assistance is required by nature of possessing two X chromosomes.

The outcome of affirmative action clearly is not equality or justice.

Michigan citizens have the rare opportunity to ensure that discrimination play no further role in public enrollment and hiring practices. The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative will outlaw any form of racial or gender discrimination in the public sector. A vote for the MCRI is a vote for equality and ultimately a vote for humanity, honoring people for their accomplishments and values rather than treating them as victims of their birth.

MCRI: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

By MARK MEDAUGH
Guest Columnist

Many people have probably heard of MCRI. The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative will be on the ballot this November, and is touted as an anti-discriminatory amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Now, not bringing into account how small the percentage of voters in the 18-24 age bracket is, it is time to talk about this initiative openly, and to really get down to what it's about, what will happen, and what the consequences may be.

The MCRI, if passed, would end all race, gender, ethnic, and national origin based preferences in acceptance to public schools and public places of employment.

It essentially ends affirmative action in all senses. To be honest, when I first read about this, it appealed to me as a white male. Affirmative action does nothing for

me, I think it's very discriminatory, and sets back the civil rights movement greatly. Then I started to read between the lines of this amendment.

To be fair, affirmative action is wrong, at least the way it stands now. Dr. King, Jr. wanted people to not be judged on the color of their skin, but on the content of their character, and that is not what affirmative action is doing. Affirmative action is a system currently that gives preference to minorities for the mere fact that they are minorities. Yet, if MCRI passes, the entire point of fairness and non-discrimination still does not exist. Will we become gender- and color-blind? Yes. But the discrimination will shift from being against people because of their race and gender, to being against people because of the area they live in.

Affluent people, regardless of race, will attend better public or private schools, and therefore, have a better chance of getting into colleges. Those

from urban areas with lower-ranked school systems will suffer.

Affirmative action was never meant to be race or gender based. It evolved into that over a period of time. But MCRI is a double-edged sword. One must consider what will happen if it does and does not pass. Here comes the critical thinking for the week: which is worse, voting this claimed solution to the affirmative action problem down, and forcing the government to come up with a new solution? Or voting it through, and washing our hands of the situation, regardless of consequences?

At the very least, go educate yourself, think about what is best for everyone, and consider all consequences.

If this hasn't thrown you for enough of a loop, I'm voting against this amendment, as a member of the group that it purportedly does the most for. Think about that as you register to vote, and go to the ballot box on Nov. 7th.

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QUOTE OF THE MOMENT ...

"When conservative military men like John McCain, John Warner, Lindsey Graham and Colin Powell stand up to the president, it shows how wrong and isolated the White House is."
 — Sen. Charles Schumer, D - N.Y., on a Republican revolt in the Senate over tough anti-terror legislation

Students return after shooting

MONTREAL (AP) — Students respectfully made a path through flowers forming a makeshift shrine and entered Dawson College for the first time Monday since a shooting that killed one student and injured 19 others.

Hundreds of students — to the applause of onlookers — walked through an entrance where some of the violence occurred last Wednesday.

One day before classes resumed, students were allowed to collect books and other items that were left behind in the panic that broke out when a lone gunman started firing indiscriminately.

Kimveer Gill, 25, wielding a rapid-fire rifle and two other weapons, went on a shooting rampage on the campus of 10,000 students, killing 18-year-old Anastasia De Souza before taking his own life when cornered by police.

Of the 19 injured, two

remain in critical condition and the rest are in stable condition, officials said.

Parvinder Sandhu, the gunman's mother, expressed sympathies for the families of the victims and asked for forgiveness in interviews given to Canadian newspapers this past weekend.

She said her son had been more solitary and sad recently and was treated for depression. She was aware her son owned guns, but said the weapons were acquired legally and were used for his sporting enjoyment at a local gun club.

While psychologists said the return to class would be difficult for some students, others said they got a lift from the solemn procession which the students organized as a show of unity.

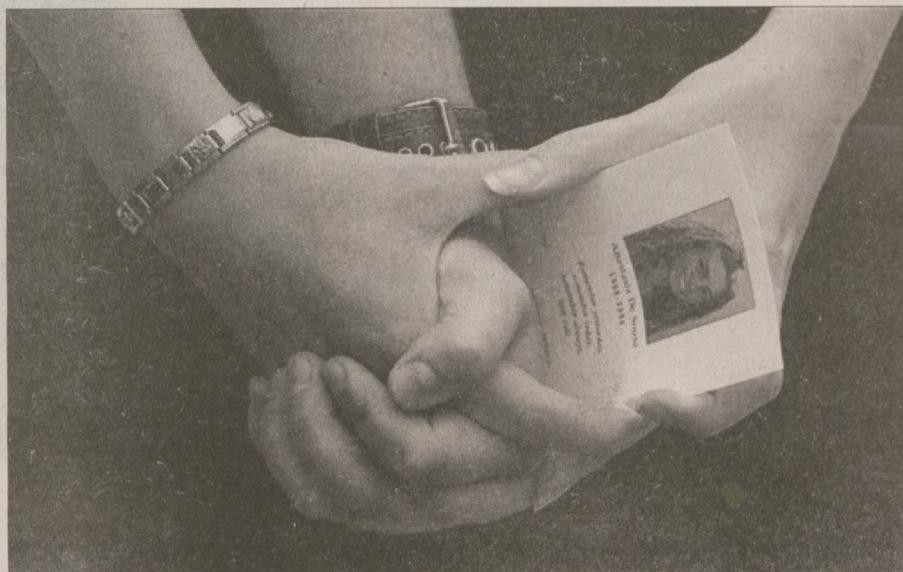
"It's pretty emotional just to look at the memorials and realize everything that so many people have lost," said Andrea Zwaagatra, 21. "It's pretty overwhelming but it's also uplifting to see

everyone coming together as a community."

Health professionals, including nurses, social workers and psychiatrists, were on hand Monday to help students come to terms with the tragedy.

While Monday was marked by efforts to heal the wounds left by the shooting, fears of a copycat attack were raised as police arrested and seized the computer of 15-year-old boy who allegedly praised Gill and threatened a similar attack on his Montreal school on the site vampirefreaks.com, the same site where Gill had posted disturbing thoughts and photos of him brandishing various weapons.

Policeman Jayson Gauthier said the boy, whose name was withheld by police because he's a minor, appeared in court Monday and would spend the night in custody awaiting his bail hearing while authorities sifted through his computer.

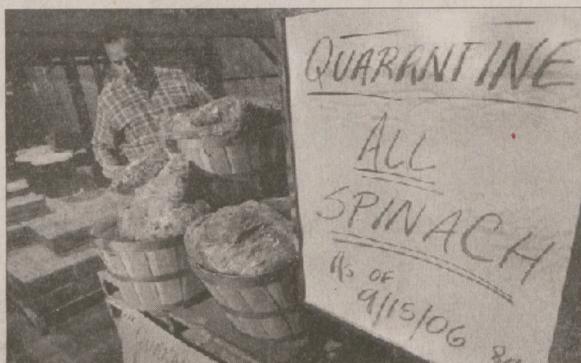


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 Two girls hold hands and a memorial card of Anastasia De Souza as they leave the funeral home in Laval, Quebec, Canada, Monday, Sept. 18, 2006. De Souza was killed when a lone gunman went on a shooting rampage at Montreal's Dawson College last week.

Search for E. coli source

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials await test results from California farms and packing plants that could allow them to pinpoint the source of an E. coli outbreak that's sickened spinach eaters across the country. Though state and federal officials have traced the outbreak to a California company's fresh spinach, they still don't know how bacteria contaminated the leafy greens.

Testing could reveal that source, though that isn't guaranteed. The FDA and the California Department of Health Services again are reviewing irrigation methods, harvest conditions and other practices at farms possibly involved.



ERIC ALBRECHT/Columbus Dispatch/AP Photo

Joseph Mercurio president and CEO of Mercurio Produce Distributors looks over bags of spinach at his wholesale company in Columbus, Ohio Friday. The produce has been quarantined in the warehouse.



SETH WENIG/The Associated Press

A protester climbs a lamp post during a protest march Tuesday in New York. The anti-war march, arranged by United for Peace and Justice, was scheduled to coincide with President Bush's speech during the United Nations general assembly.

Bush addresses U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Bush tried to quell anti-Americanism in the Middle East on Tuesday by assuring Muslims that he is not waging war against Islam, regardless of what "propaganda and conspiracy theories" they hear. Bush also pressed Iran to return at once to international talks on its nuclear program and threatened consequences if the Iranians do not. Addressing Iraqis specifically, Bush said, "We will not abandon you in your struggle to build a free nation."

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What is: Fantasy Football?

By PAUL GULLY
Senior Reporter

It was closing in on 1 a.m. and freshman Josh Veith was still glued to the TV. He was paralyzed in front of the screen, watching the final five minutes of a 27-0 blowout between the Chargers and Raiders, like a kid catching his first peek in Playboy.

But the thing was, Veith didn't care who won the game or what the final score was. "I could have cared less about the outcome of the game," said Veith, "I was just praying that [Raider's wide receiver] Randy Moss didn't get another catch, because I would have lost my first fantasy football game of the season."

The truth is, fantasy football is not just for football nuts anymore. According to ABC News, an estimated 13 to 15 million people are playing in the United States, and the number is growing each year.

Countless Web sites, magazines and TV and radio shows, are devoted to it. ESPN and Fox Sports Network, are just a few of the sites that offer leagues.

There are several variations of fantasy football, but all share the same basic premise. Leagues usually consist of eight to 12 participants, or league owners, who acquire NFL players and score points based on their player's actual performances during their games.

The two most common ways for owners to acquire their players is either through a fantasy football draft or auction.

"Draft day is the greatest day of the year," said

Veith, "It's almost better than Christmas."

League participants range from casual fans to football enthusiasts. For casual fans, most Web sites offer free leagues. For serious, more competitive fans, leagues are available where participants pay an entry fee and prizes can be won.

"I think fantasy football makes you a better football fan. You find yourself watching more games and following more players," sophomore and biology major Marc Elia said. "You also find yourself caring about games between teams that you usually never watch."

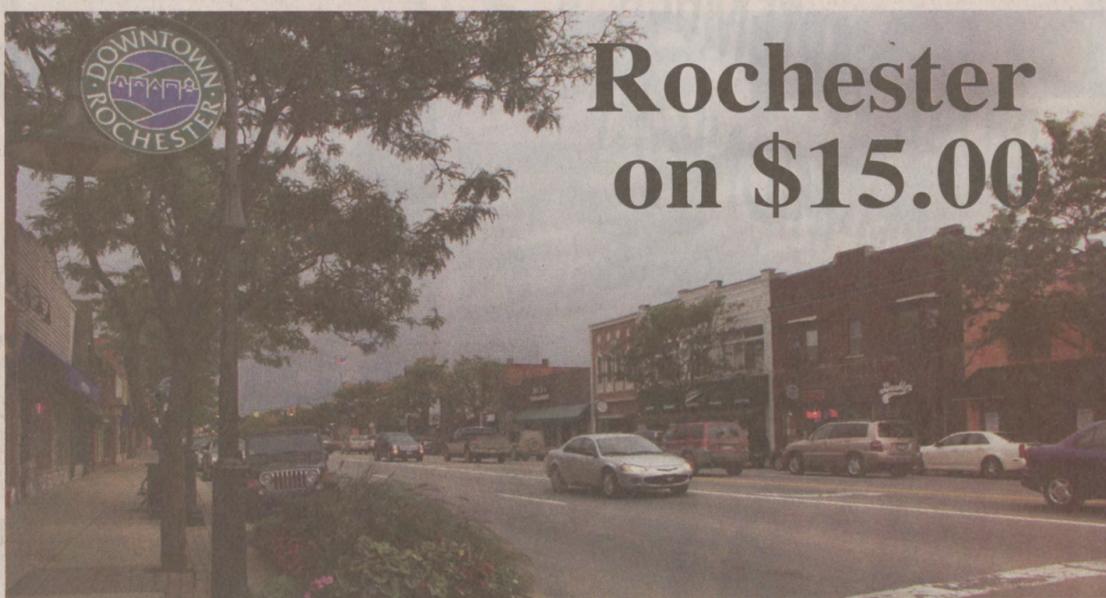
And it's not just guys who are playing anymore. According to a study done by Compete Inc. women make up around 30 percent of fantasy players

"I think a lot of girls think that fantasy football is just a 'guy' thing, but I gave it a chance when my boyfriend convinced me to play, and honestly, it's pretty fun," senior sociology major, Sara Horton said.

However, there are still those who refuse to give in and play. Freshman and political science major John Fleming contends that playing fantasy football makes people worse football fans.

"Even though I don't play, a lot of my friends who are all big Lions fans, do. I see them rooting against the Lions at times, because they need the opposing team's running back or receiver to do well for their fantasy teams," Fleming said. "It gets kind of ridiculous."

But that doesn't seem to bother Veith. "It's not like we have much to root for with our hometown team anyways," he said.



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Rochester on \$15.00

By CRYSTAL NELSON
The Mix Editor

Going to Rochester's Downtown Area can be a bit pricey, but it doesn't have to be. Since not everyone has a wad of cash stashed away somewhere, \$15 is affordable and a more realistic college student budget.

Parking can sometimes be a challenge, but if planning to visit the Farmers Market is on the agenda, the best place to park is around Third and Water Streets.

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Arriving at the Farmers Market at around 10:30 a.m. means you don't have to get up at the crack of dawn for fresh produce; there is still a variety and the produce isn't over-handled or picked through.

If you walk around the stands once before buying anything, you can gener-

ally find the produce you want at a price you have in mind

With plenty of shops to choose from on Main Street it's hard to decide where to start. It also depends on what you're shopping for and what you like. There are special interest shops, craft shops, gift shops and plenty of eateries.

Be sure to check out the cleared merchandise and promotions. They can be stellar deals and make great, unique gifts for friends and family.

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What the F?

The fashionable function of fabulous.

By MARIA VITALE
Senior Reporter

The F-word is all the buzz these days. No, not the offensive one, but the word fabulous has been heard all over by celebrities and everyday people alike. This word is used on talk shows, in daily conversation and in books.

On "The Tyra Banks Show" fabulous is used on a more than average basis. One episode of her show was titled "The Fabulous Life of Kimora Lee Simmons."

In this episode Tyra's fabulous former roommate and president of Baby Phat clothing line, Kimora Lee Simmons, revealed her

secrets to living a fabulous life.

Simmons also promoted her book titled "Fabulosity," in which she shares her personal secrets to fabulosity as well as her 16 laws of success.

Law # 10 in her book is "Dress like you might run into your worst enemy."

This law supports the notion that a large part of being fabulous is in one's personal appearance and style.

The Tyra Bank's show is not the only one to capitalize on fabulous. VH1 has a show called "The Fabulous Life" which according to their Web site, www.vh1.com, checks out the careers and businesses of the extremely rich and famous, and the incredible indulgence that come with it.

This show seems to define fabulous as a lifestyle. Whoever has the most money, can buy the most exciting and expensive possessions, and is therefore fabulous.

But can real people be fabulous? Or does the status and title belong to celebrities and those with the money to buy the trappings of a "fabulous" life?

Junior Adriane Schulte believes that "everyone can be fabulous if they so choose to be."

According to Schulte, "a fabulous person is one that is confident, has a great personality and most of all creative." Schulte believes that Sarah Jessica Parker's character Carrie in "Sex in the City" embodies the word fabulous.

Freshman Krista Geralt seconds that statement by saying that a fabulous person would "act like a celebrity or carry themselves with confidence and be focused on their physical appearance as well as keep in touch with their intellectual side." Furthermore, she believes that "their attitude, sense of style and personality could possibly make someone seem 'fabulous.'"

Freshman Laura Zoss believes that "if something is fabulous it just is just over the top, it is just larger than life, it oozes class and sophistication."

Fabulous, therefore seems to be a matter of opinion. When shopping for that perfect pair of shoes, who is to say that they are or are not fabulous? Does the title rely on the opinion of others, the cost of an item, or your own opinion?

That is for everyone to decide for themselves.

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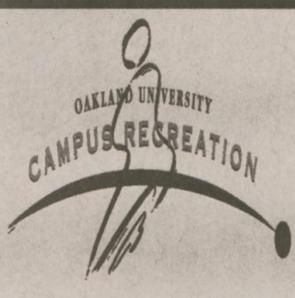
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Nursing students give Detroit residents a "hand-up"

By JENNIFER PETERS
 Contributing Reporter

Stethoscopes and Needles. Hammers and Nails. Two different sets of tools, utilized by the same people: Oakland University's Conner Creek accelerated nursing students.

On Sept. 13, 14 accelerated nursing students helped rebuild one of the 12 selected homes in the eastern Detroit area for Habitat for Humanity's Fall Blitz Build.

This five-day event, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Partners and Chase Bank, encouraged the community, especially students, of all ages and ethnicities to get involved.

"I just wanted to do it to build camaraderie within our group," said Kelly Rutyna, Oakland University Conner Creek nursing student.

Laurie Hanly, a Conner Creek nursing student, brought forth the idea of getting students involved. "None of this would have been possible if Dr. Magnan hadn't been willing to offer a 'make-up' lecture for those of us interested in participating," said Hanly.

Dr. Morris Magnan, assistant professor of nursing at OU, told Hanly that if she got five students to participate, he would volunteer to give a makeup lecture on his own time.

According to Habitat for Humanity, they "provide a 'hand-up,' not a 'hand-out' to families in need."

"It's great to be contributing to the growth of Detroit and it's revitalization," said Adam Kaplan, a Conner Creek nursing student. "It's empowering to help others."

Learning "construction skills" was also a great bonus for Kaplan.

Many students and helpers were enthusiastically working on projects like putting up new siding and replacing shingles on the roof.

Conner Creek nursing student Christine Renner, of Hazel Park, loved the idea of taking advantage of this opportunity.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," said Renner, "and then a bunch of us decided, 'Hey, Let's go build some houses!'"

Magnan said he felt that allowing students to participate in this event was a good decision.

"Since at least the time of [Florence] Nightingale, nurses have played an important role in promoting the health of individuals, communities and groups," said Magnan, "These 'out-of-classroom' experiences provide students with opportunities to make significant contributions in the community, and to see and work in an environment different from their own, thereby challenging them to think more broadly about the nature and scope of the health problems of our nation's people."

Eagerly watching the Blitz builders work, one set of future homeowners Dwayne Paul and his fiancée Cheaeana Parham, talked about their plans once the house was completed.

Paul described this home as a "stepping stone for future growth."

Parham thought this was a great opportunity for students and the community.

"It's a great opportunity and a wonderful experience to get involved," said Parham. "You meet new people and learn new things."

"Even if it's hard work, you feel accomplishment," added Paul.

Paul and Parham have two children, ages 1 and 7.

According to HabitatDetroit.org, their "current target area is the city of Detroit with a population of 951,000. The poverty rate is 21.7%, or 47,920 families below poverty level; 37.3% or 2,262 families have incomes under \$25,000. Over 81% of the homes are over 40 years old."

Since 1986, Habitat for Humanity Detroit has worked with the community to build basic, reasonably priced homes for underprivileged families.

Habitat for Humanity Fast Facts

Habitat for Humanity International is:

"A nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing ministry. Habitat welcomes all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or any other difference- to build simple, decent, affordable houses with those who lack adequate shelter."

How to get involved:

1. Go to www.habitat.org/cd/local.
2. Type in your zip code to find out what Habitat is doing in your community and how you can get involved.
3. Call (313) 521-6691.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
 Dwayne and Cheaeana Paul pause to pose in front of their future home, being built behind them with help from Oakland University Nursing students and Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity partners with communities worldwide to help provide decent, affordable housing for those without it.

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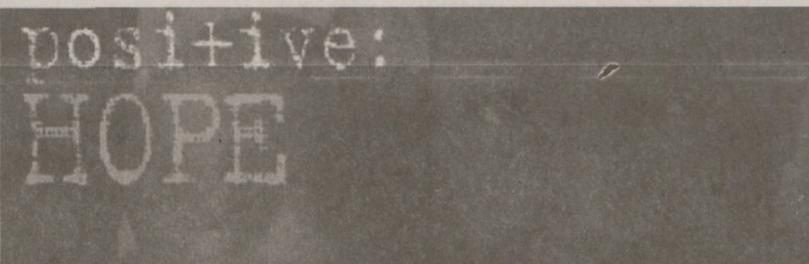
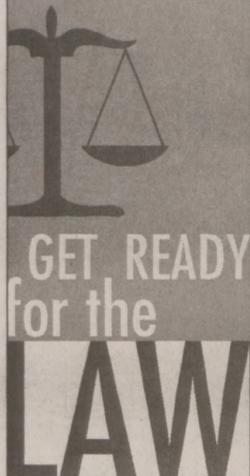
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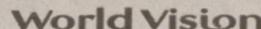
Tuesday, September 19 6 PM "Direct Effect" Performances, challenging message, music, food.
 (Co-sponsored by One Body, Lighthouse, GCOU and Alpha Omega)

Wednesday, September 20 5 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes kick-off meeting. Frank Tanana, Former Detroit Tigers Pitcher, speaking.

Thursday, September 21 NOON "Who's Your Partner?" Inspiring message, music, drama, free gas cards, prizes & food.

Thursday, September 21 7:30 PM "Deal or No Deal" Christian perspective on suffering/AIDS; entertainment, prizes, fun. Tickets to participate in Deal or No Deal game are \$3.00 and can be purchased at the tent during the week, upon arrival, or from an InterVarsity chapter member. All donations and ticket sales will go directly to World Vision. Prizes include XBOX 360, IPOD, Gas Cards, and more.

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OU SPORTS SHORTS ...
 ■Oakland University Athletics has appointed a new interim athletics director, Tracy Huth.
 ■OU Hockey kicks off on Friday, where the DII champions will take on University of Michigan-Dearborn. Tune into the WXOU broadcast at www.oaklandhockey.org.

Late goal not enough

By **ROB TATE**
 Contributing Reporter

The Oakland University women's soccer team put out a great effort on Sunday but came up just short against the Loyola Marymount Lions, losing 3-2. This was the first home game for Oakland since August 27th against Toledo.

With the loss, OU's record drops to 2-6 on the season.

The team looked relatively fresh, considering their heart-breaking loss to Western Michigan in overtime two days earlier.

This was not your usual soccer game, as there was a remarkable onslaught of shots taken during the game. The two teams combined for a total of 45 shots on the afternoon. Coming into the game, Oakland averaged only 8.3 shots per game while allowing 15.7 per game. Leading the way for OU with six shots was junior forward Kristi Tomczyk.

The game started off with an urgent pace as Loyola Marymount out shot OU 14-11 in the first half.

OU sophomore goalkeeper Kim Herbst made 11 saves, with a

couple brilliant dives on break-aways by Loyola Marymount.

"She's doing really well, she's getting better every game, she's taking charge of her defense. A lot of those shots were long range stuff that she got," said Head Coach Nick O'Shea. "She's working really hard, she's getting better everyday," he added.

Loyola Marymount proved that if you put the ball on net, great things will happen. Fourteen of Loyola's shots were on goal causing Herbst to have a busy day in front of her net.

Loyola Marymount led off the game by scoring the only goal in the first half, a long range blast that came off the foot of Katie Osborne in the 35th minute. Loyola Marymount then got off to a great start in the second half with a goal scored by Tiffany Harrison.

Staring at a 2-0 deficit, OU didn't back down as junior forward Kristi Tomczyk notched her third goal of season over the goalies head five minutes after Harrison's goal. Freshmen Susie Lee earned her first collegiate point with a great pass on the play.

Soon after, Loyola Marymount

scored the would-be game winning goal and her second of the game by Osborne. Oakland showed a lot of grit and kept the game close by scoring on a penalty shot by senior midfielder Jessica Boyle in the 87th minute, her second goal of the season.

Tomczyk led the team with six shots on the day.

"We played really good in the first half, I thought that we were the better team for the first 20 to 25 minutes, and when you don't get goals, you know we're just not hungrier in front of the goal," O'Shea said. "It makes it difficult when you're not playing well."

Things got a little more physical in the second half as each team drew a yellow card during the last 10 minutes of the game.

Up next for OU is a big non-conference game against Michigan Thursday. Michigan is 4-2-2 on the season. With contrasting styles of play, OU stands a good shot to defeat the Wolverines after playing a tough game against Loyola Marymount who lost to Michigan last Friday, 1-0.

Upcoming Games: Sept. 21 at Michigan; Sept. 24 vs. Dayton; Sept. 28 at Xavier.



BOB KNOSKA/
 The Oakland Post

Golden Grizzly defender Zico Henry (10) blazes by Centenary defenders last Saturday. In their 4-1 victory, all of OU's goals came in the first half of play. Centenary avoided the shutout with a second half goal.

OU wins over rival

By **LAURA FISHER**
 Contributing Reporter

The Oakland men's soccer team improved its record to 2-5 overall and 1-0 in the Mid-Continent Conference by defeating visiting Centenary 4-1 on Saturday.

Oakland had a strong start, as all four of the Grizzlies' goals were scored in the first half. Oakland Head Coach Gary Parsons felt his team executed a very good first half.

"Scoring four goals in the first half took a lot of pressure off us early on," he said. "We haven't scored too many goals this season, so it was an exciting start."

Goalkeeper Steve Clark started in net for the Grizzlies in the first half, facing just one shot, as the Oakland defense proved to be very strong. Just three minutes into the game, Adam Kliebert led off the scoring for Oakland by sending a ball into the top right corner of the Centenary goal box.

The following Oakland goal was knocked in by senior Jim Denk off a pass by junior Nick Nelson in the 11th minute of play. Just 79 seconds later, freshman

Stefan St. Louis gave Oakland a 3-0 lead by beating the Centenary goalkeeper from about 10 feet out. Nelson concluded the scoring for Oakland in the 37th minute of the game, sending a shot into the net just under the crossbar off an assist by sophomore Piotr Nowak.

In the second half, Oakland goalkeeper Josh Slaughter relieved Clark and stopped a total of six shots during the half.

The lone Centenary goal came just seven minutes into the second half and was scored by forward Sam Robinson off a free kick.

Parsons said although the team played well in the first half, they lost their tactics during the second half.

"We haven't been able to put a whole 90 minute game together yet," he said. "We can't just play 70 of the 90 minutes of play. We have to play the whole 90 minute game well."

Parsons said the Grizzlies still need a lot of work, but knows they have to take it one game at a time.

The Grizzlies will travel to Ann Arbor next Wednesday to take on the University of Michigan at 7 p.m.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Cross country takes top five
 OU's men's and women's cross country teams took fourth and third place finishes, respectively, at the Michigan State's Nike/Playmakers' Spartan Invitational on Friday. Junior Jason Young took the 17th spot out of 112 with a time of 26:30. Likewise, the women's team had four runners rounding out the top 20, with senior Dayna Ciine leading the charge, placing 13th out of 97.

Volleyball falls in tourney
 OU volleyball continued to experience some hard knocks as the Golden Grizzlies dropped all three matches in the Loyola, Ill. tournament over the weekend. In the first two matches

last Friday, junior Monica Frechen led OU with 12 kills. Against Jacksonville State, the Golden Grizzlies trailed by just two in the opening game, after a Frechen kill made the score 11-9. The Gamecocks started a huge run, together, and took 12 of the next 17 points to cruise to a victory. The Golden Grizzlies will enter Mid-Con play on Friday against Valparaiso.

Tomczyk earns top honors
 Junior Kristi Tomczyk was named the Mid-Continent Conference Offensive Player of the Week for women's soccer. Tomczyk currently leads OU in scoring with seven points and is tied for the squad's lead in goals scored with three.

She scored her first two goals against Western Michigan and one against Loyola Marymount. This is Tomczyk's first player of the week recognition as a Golden Grizzly.

Ken Daniels coming to OU
 Attention sports fans! Detroit Red Wings on air commentator Ken Daniels will be at Oakland University to speak to students next Tuesday in Varner Hall, room 112. The event is being put on by OUTV Visiting Professionals. The event will be filmed by OUTV and lunch will be provided.

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