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# Grizzdance honors OU film

By LIRIA IVEZAJ  
Contributing Reporter

"Take a script and make it into something that has value to the world."

That is what Joey Travolta, an actor, director, producer, writer and the brother of actor John Travolta, advised student filmmakers to do at the Oakland University Second Annual Grizzdance Awards ceremony, held Friday, Nov. 17 in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Hosted by the Grizzdance Student Organization, the award show ceremony followed a daytime screening in the Fireside Lounge, where students were able to vote for their favorite film. Following the screening was a banquet for the participants.

During the daytime screening, films were viewed in sectional theatres. The visitors filled up their plates and seats to watch the films entered, and from there, they were free to vote for their favorite film.

After viewing a couple of the contestants' films, sophomore Brittney Martin, a human resource development major, seemed to like the film, "Hurricane Katrina: Six Months Later," directed by Matthew Sewicki, the best.

"It seemed more like home for me because I knew people who lived there," Martin said. "You could tell the person who directed it had a more heartfelt, personal view."

The reason Martin liked the film was because documentaries were just as interesting to her, as the average mainstream films.

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## Bush pays unwelcome visit

ED WRAY/AP Photo  
Indonesian men hold a sign during a protest against the visit by U.S. President George W. Bush Monday, in Bogor, Indonesia. Police were probing unconfirmed reports that a suicide bomber was planning an attack during President Bush's visit to Indonesia, where thousands rallied against American foreign policy in the Mideast and the Iraq war.

## Lack of funding, recognition forcing players away from OU

By BRIAN BLEAU  
Contributing Reporter

Oakland University's Division 1 hockey team, which has won two national championship games in the past three years, is facing a losing battle when it comes to lack of recognition from the university, funding and consequently, keeping its players from transferring to other schools.

On the subject of the indifference of the OU administration toward the hockey program, Assistant Captain Will McMahon said that he would like to see the school recognize the amount of effort, time and money that players put into the team and the university.

"The team draws the attention of countless hockey recruits each year," said McMahon. "Guys that would normally attend community colleges are coming to Oakland for one reason, to play hockey." McMahon brings up a valid point. Between the two Grizzly hockey teams (Division 1 and Division 3), the rosters are made up of 48 student athletes — many of which came to OU specifically because of the hockey program.

Depending on class standing, full-time tuition at Oakland University hovers around \$6,000 per semester

for in-state students; of the 48 hockey players at OU, 47 are from Michigan — simple logic tells us that this body of students sends a significant amount of money, recognition and publicity in the direction of the university. It seems though, that this is strictly a one-way street.

After participating in rigorous tryout camps in July and September, OU players selected to represent their school on the ice are welcomed to the organization with a \$2,000 bill that they must pay in order to suit up in the old, recycled jerseys that are supplied to them; jerseys which, in many cases, don't even fit.

At Grand Valley State University, it costs around \$700 per player to skate for their team, but according to GVSU freshman forward Devon Banda the players have many opportunities to participate in fundraising activities and gain sponsorships to cut, and even eliminate, the fee. Likewise, at Michigan State, Spartan players pay \$1,200 to play at the club level, and receive discounted ice time as the school has an arena on campus.

OU's ACHA arch-nemesis Davenport University

### COMMENTARY

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## NYC rights group calls Saddam trial 'questionable'

NEW YORK (AP) — Human Rights Watch said Monday that former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was not given a fair trial, claiming in a report that attorneys and judges undermined the legitimacy of the process by staging repeated walkouts and failing to uphold standards of international law.

In a 97-page report, the group called the guilty verdict "questionable" and said the Iraqi High Tribunal was not equipped to handle such a complex case. The document was based on observation of the trial and interviews with court officials, lawyers and other key parties, the group said.

On Nov. 5, the court sentenced Saddam and two other senior members of his regime

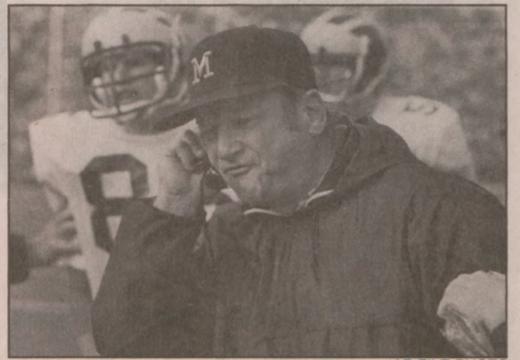
to death by hanging for ordering the execution of nearly 150 Shiite Muslims from the Iraqi city of Dujail following a 1982 attempt on Saddam's life.

The New York-based rights group said it found "serious procedural flaws," citing shortcomings in the timely disclosure of incriminating evidence. It also said that the defendants were not allowed to properly confront witnesses, and that the judges at times did not maintain an impartial demeanor.

"The court's conduct, as documented in

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## MICHIGAN REMEMBERS BO — A6



AP FILE PHOTO  
Michigan coach Bo Schembechler listens to his headset along the sideline during a college football game against Michigan State, in this Oct. 8, 1977 photo in East Lansing. Schembechler, the winningest coach in Michigan football history, died Friday after collapsing during the taping of a television show, according to three Detroit TV stations. He was 77.

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Guess who on-campus loves these foods for thanksgiving. —A2

## GRIZZDANCE

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"I'm more interested in real-life experiences, because I feel like I'm learning something," Martin said.

Although the idea for an OU film festival began in 2005, the GSO was officially initiated a year later in March by Sean Buono and Dana Chrisman, representatives of The Honors College Student Association, and Tim Atwood, representative for Student Video Productions and president of OU's Film Makers Guild.

With the dedication of GSO, and the assistance of other organizations, Grizzdance officially started a tradition, making it OU's second annual year, Friday night.

The Film Makers Guild, HCSA, Student Program Board, The Department of English, SVP, and other organizations sponsored this year's event.

Josh Corbin, a finance

major, took home five awards for his film "Yellow," winning first place in Best Director, Best Drama, Best Story and Best Editing.

According to Corbin, his piece was geared mainly towards the American people, with a focusing on the sensitive subject of terrorism.

"Yellow," which takes place 10 years from now — was originally inspired by an article Corbin once read in a magazine.

"It proposed this theory that if terrorists ever obtained concealable nuclear weapons, it would be possible that they would hire some desperate, down-on-his-luck deadbeat American to so-called "deliver" the bomb for some tempting amount of money," Corbin said. "So I took that possibility into consideration and started to think to myself, 'what would drive a person, an American, to go to such lengths as to partake in a terrorist attack that would claim the lives of thousands of Americans?'"

Starring in the film

are Dario Nalli, Brittany Macdonald, Robert Emmett Young, Vamsi Divi, Brad Voorhees and Ozgur Yumruk.

Third-place winner Blake O. Kleiner, an English major, also directed a drama, the film "Amber Alert."

"Amber Alert" is the story of a kidnapping from the perspective of those left behind to wait," Kleiner said. "Its ending shows that even the smallest, most common mistakes can end up affecting huge consequences."

Kleiner said film is not only a hobby, but a passion and something he could see himself doing down the road.

"It's the only thing in my life I've ever felt completely myself doing. When you start writing down the quirky works of your imagination when you're eight, odds are, you'll want to be a writer or a filmmaker," Kleiner said.

While many of the films fell into more traditional genres, there were also several non-traditional films.

In these nearly silent pieces,

the only storytelling was through subtitles and actions — no speaking, no narrator.

Two such films were "The Determiner" by journalism major, Yvonne Szymczak — who won Best Art Film award — and "Viewing the Politically Correct World" by political science major, Ryan Maggid.

According to Maggid, his film was more video art than film. "It would be best served being projected in a gallery, rather than a theater setting," Maggid said.

Maggid's film took place at an abandoned building in Detroit, next to the Michigan Central Station.

The building was covered with profane graffiti. After photographing the wall, Maggid realized that his vision could be more than just a black and white photograph.

"I thought the idea could be expanded upon. What the text said, and the fact that it was graffiti, was a powerful statement of hate and anger," Maggid said.

Maggid set up a video camera and taped himself painting over the graffiti with a dry rolling paintbrush. He did this for about three minutes into the film.

No matter how much you paint over the wall, it still remained the same, he said. "Hate still prevailed."

Travolta, added to the awards show and lit up the stage with his speech.

He stressed the importance of practical experience, college education and the advantage of personal inspirations as support.

Travolta also talked about the role of a filmmaker, and gave tips of success to aspiring filmmakers.

"As a producer, as a director, you should know all aspects (of filmmaking)," Travolta said. "Your crew becomes your family, and as a director, you have to lead that crew."

Travolta also talked about his inspirations as a filmmaker in the industry.

One of his inspirations he mentioned was director Martin

Scorsese.

"It's not because he's Italian like me," Travolta joked. "I like his body of work."

According to Travolta, his biggest inspiration, by far, was his father.

Today, he uses his father's life lessons and incorporates them into his work. "My father taught the most important lesson, and that's inclusion. He made everybody feel like family, and that's what I try to do on sets and productions."

The Award ceremony ended with an encore for the winners and participants, with photographs of the winners and Travolta, and of course, autographs.

But what summed up the evening perfectly was a quote by Corbin about his role in filmmaking.

"When it comes to making movies, I swear, it's the most important thing on my plate," he said. "I want to make people laugh, cry and all that jazz, but more importantly, I want to make people think."

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presents one of the most attractive playing opportunities for ACHA players, an opportunity that lured two members of last year's OU national championship team into transferring

there.

Davenport, a team expected to make a solid run for the ACHA Division II title this year, charges players nothing for ice time, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, meals on the road or transportation. Other necessities such as skate sharpening, tape, showering materials and equipment repairs are covered by the Panthers as well.

"The (Davenport) team is conducted much like an NCAA college team in a highly professional manner," said Panthers forward Jonah Rogowski, one of the players that transferred from OU after last season. "Unlike OU, hockey is treated equally with all other sports."

Rogowski also alluded to the fact that Davenport hockey is featured on the school's Web site, something that

has still not been accomplished by the Grizzlies, even after becoming OU's most successful team in recent years.

In light of the concerning lack of help from the university, OU student Lauren MacLeod has formed the OU Hockey Fan Club which holds fundraisers and other special events to help the team deal with soaring operating costs. To get involved, visit the

club's Web site at <http://hockeyfanclub.tripod.com/>. For up-to-date team info, schedules, results, and more, log on to the OU hockey Web site at [www.oaklandhockey.org](http://www.oaklandhockey.org).

Students are urged to get involved to help maintain the OU's status as a premier ACHA team and to help keep OU on the map as a prime destination for top hockey recruits.

## TRIAL

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this report, reflects a basic lack of understanding of fundamental fair trial principles, and how to uphold them in the conduct of a relatively complex trial," the report said. "The result is a trial that did not meet key fair trial standards. Under such circumstances, the soundness of the verdict is questionable."

The chief prosecutor, Jaafar al-Mousawi, defended the trial Monday, calling it "fair and transparent." The

verdict, he said, "was fair enough to a dictator who killed dozens of innocents."

"There were only simple administrative flaws that did not affect the verdict," he said.

The Iraqi court was created in 2003 after the U.S. invasion to prosecute cases of human rights violations in Iraq.

In the report, Human Rights Watch chastised defense lawyers for staging repeated walkouts, saying the tactic "created the strong impression that some counsel deliberately sought to delay or obstruct the course of the trial."

Chief defense counsel Khalil al-Dulaimi, who voiced support for the report's conclusions, defended attorneys' frequent boycotts of the proceedings.

"This was a political trial, not a legal one," he said by phone from Britain. "What can we do when the rights of the defense lawyers are breached in the courtroom, when they shut our mouths, when they threaten our lives?"

The report said defense lawyers were provided with inferior protection, with three being killed in the course of the trial. Witnesses, too, were left unprotected following their testimony, it said.

Defense attorneys were inadequately trained in international criminal law and their performance was "generally poor," the report said.

"No consistent and identifiable argument as to why the prosecution case was wrong or flawed was developed," it said.

Human Rights Watch, which is against the death penalty in general, also said the death sentence against Saddam is "an inherently cruel and inhumane punishment," and "in the wake of an unfair trial is indefensible."

An appeals court is expected to rule on the verdict and death sentence by mid-January. Saddam's defense team

must present an appeal to a higher, nine-judge panel by Dec. 5.

Last week, Saddam's lawyer complained that the court was ignoring his requests for documents to appeal the guilty verdict. There was no immediate comment from Iraqi court officials.

"The verdict against President Saddam Hussein is purely political and all the conditions of a fair trial \_ as stipulated under international law \_ have been gravely violated, including the right to appeal the verdict in a court of cassation," Saddam's chief lawyer Khalil al-Dulaimi said in a written statement.

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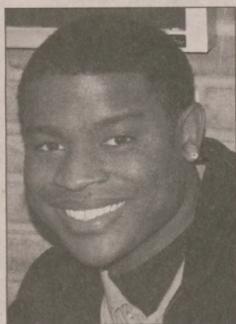
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#### STUFFING



Shelanna Scott  
Senior  
Communication

#### MASHED POTATOES



Jordan Twardy  
Junior  
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#### PUMPKIN PIE



Kristen Malmsten  
Senior  
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b. Finland  
c. Germany  
d. France
- What actor plays James Bond in "Casino Royale"?  
a. Colin Farrell  
b. Christopher Walken  
c. Pierce Brosnan  
d. Daniel Craig

- Annie Liebowitz has what kind of an exhibit at the Detroit Institute of art?  
a. painting  
b. sculpture  
c. photography  
d. drawing
- Who spoke at Grizzdance?  
a. Joey Travolta  
b. Chim Richdles  
c. Sarah Goutasi  
d. Joe Edwards

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## Panel discusses election

### Michigan voters send loud message

By ERIC ALLEN  
Contributing Reporter

Even with Michigan currently in a single state recession, a panel of political experts at Oakland University recently agreed that national events had a major influence on what happened in voting booths this November.

In hopes of wrapping up any lingering post-election questions, Oakland University's Political Science department sponsored a campaign roundup for the 2006 elections on Nov. 16.

The event, which was held in the Oakland Center's Gold Rooms, featured a panel discussion on the election that was moderated by the CAS Associate Dean Michelle Piskulich. The panel involved in the dialogue featured four Michigan political minds including journalist Mark Hornbeck, pollster Ed Sarpolus, Rich Robinson, the executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, and former state congressman Bill Ballenger.

"This was a negative message sent to the Bush Administration and the Republican congress," said Ballenger.

The entire panel was particularly surprised with the effect that the current presidential



Students listen in as a panel of political experts forecast what they think the future holds in light of the Democratic victories Nov. 7.

administration had on Michigan voters. "The voters didn't blame the governor for the economy going down the tubes," said Hornbeck. "Credit the Granholm campaign for a lot of that because they tied Devos to Bush and blamed everything but the poor Michigan State football season on George Bush."

In an EPIC-MRA statewide exit poll on election night, voters were asked if they liked or disliked Gov. Jennifer Granholm, President George W. Bush and Dick Devos. Granholm received the highest favorable rating at 58 percent while Dick Devos barely squeaked by the President with an approval rating only 3 percent higher.

"Typically you expect to win your own base vote, but 16 percent of Republicans voted for Governor Granholm. Thirty-three percent of right-to-life voters voted for Governor Granholm," Sarpolus said. "That really says it all in a couple of sentences."

In the race for Michigan senator, incumbent Debbie Stabenow defeated Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard with 57 percent of the vote.

Although Sarpolus stated that Stabenow was "beatable," he claimed that "there was never any intent to invest in Mike Bouchard's race to help him win" in Washington.

Ballenger felt differently.

"It really didn't make any difference who the Republicans nominated against Debbie Stabenow, they were going to get zapped big time," he said.

While the panel was unsure of what the 2006 mid-term elections meant for the 2008 presidential race, they seemed to all agree on who would be running for the office.

Among the list of possible Republican candidates — including former NY Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. — the panel suggested that Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney would be one of the front-runners for the Republican Party presidential bid.

#### EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

Gain some insight into the world of sports gambling before the bowl season and NFL playoffs arrive by attending two workshops being held the week following Thanksgiving. "Wanna Bet?" The Inside Information About Sports Gambling, and "Bracket Busted" Sports Gambling and College Athletics will both take place Nov. 27.

#### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Q: "How do you manage to cope with test anxiety during final exams?"



A: "During finals I lose out on a lot of sleep and freak out about everything and, I don't really know ... I guess I don't know how to manage stress well."

Debi Lee  
Freshman  
Undecided



A: "I deal with stress by vegging and just trying not to think about it — except for when I'm studying. No pressure."

Amanda Reichenbach  
Sophomore  
Health Sciences



A: "How I deal with stress during finals is I go to the bar and get drunk."

Jarrett Johnson  
Senior  
Political Science

## News In Brief

### Native American Celebration 2006

Visit the Oakland Center to commemorate Native American Heritage. Oakland University is holding a series of ongoing events such as the Native American Jewelry Sale, a historical display, along with lectures and movies dealing with Native American culture. "What is Spirituality?" lecture is Nov. 21 in the OC.

### Time to Register for Winter Classes

SAIL Web Registration is open to all students through Jan. 3, 2007. Get ready for the upcoming semester by registering for classes before it's too late. Students can search for classes to add or drop online at the SAIL Web site. Set up an appointment with an academic advisor if you need suggestions on which classes to take next.

### 150 years of "Leaves of Grass"

Walt Whitman is celebrated as the

OU English Department reads the poem "Leaves of Grass" from start to finish in the Fireside lounge on Nov. 20th.

### Go Take a Walk

Meadow Brook asks the public to join in the annual Holiday Walk. You can experience the Meadow Brook Mansion on the candlelit tour and enjoy festive musical performances. Admission to the Holiday Walk is \$20 for adults, \$12 for OU staff, faculty and alumni with ID, \$5 for OU students with ID.

### Give a nod to your favorite teacher

The Teaching and Learning Senate committee this year is about to start advertising for nominations for the Teaching in Excellence Awards again, said Jennifer Heisler, assistant professor of communication. "Last year we had a pretty good turn out, although we always wish we'd get more input from the students - their nominations and letters always get a lot of attention from the committee," she said. Let your voice be heard and give some feedback.

## Got a News Tip?

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## POLICEFILES

■ One student found out the hard way that Oakland students know their math. Upon returning to her truck last Tuesday, the student found that someone had written "=16" next to the chrome lettering "4x4" on her vehicle. Unfortunately, the answer to this math problem was written in black permanent ink as the student has not yet been able to remove the writing from her white truck. The suspect is still unknown.

■ When responding to a possible fight in the student apartments OUPD found themselves on a bit of a chase. While verifying identification of the students involved, one student who falsely identified himself ran out of the door and headed down the hallway. As one officer followed him he ordered the student to stop. Disregarding the command, the student then proceeded to run out of the apartments and head towards the 1000 and 2000 buildings. Officers searched inside the 1000 and 2000 apartment buildings and were unable to find him. The student was later identified as a soccer player on the Oakland University Men's Soccer Team and will be looked up via his on campus address.

■ OUPD pulled over a driver early Saturday morning for running a stop sign as well as crossing the double yellow-line median on west bound Meadowbrook at Ravine. The driver of the vehicle didn't have a license on him and he smelled of liquor, the officer reported. The driver claimed that a friend had spilled liquor on him but the driver had already dropped the friend off at their residence. The driver told the officer that he had been at the club and had one drink there. The driver blew a .035 percent and was also under 21 years of age. OU issued a citation for a Person under 21 which is a no tolerance law with Blood Alcohol Content between .02 and .07 percent and for not having his operating license on hand.

■ A student reported to OUPD that his car was broken into sometime during the morning on November 14. The student parked his car in lot P-26 at 9:30 a.m. and had left all his doors unlocked. The student then picked up his car at 11:30 a.m. and returned to his residence in Clinton Township where he parked the car in the street unlocked, from noon to 12:20 p.m. The student noticed that his black leather briefcase with a laptop inside was stolen out of the back-seat. The student is unsure if the laptop was stolen while on campus or while he was at home. He was advised to contact the computer manufacturer and his place of purchase to report the computer stolen.

## Meadowbrook Hall receives face lift

### New technology will modernize old mansion

By HEATHER HOLM  
Contributing Reporter

After almost two years of laboring, renovations to Meadowbrook Hall should be completed within the next month, said Associate Director Kim Zelinski.

"We're glad to see it wind down after two years," Zelinski said.

With work to renovate, restore and bring many of the buildings facilities up to modern standards, the building has finally caught up with more current technology.

Unlike other institutions that close down for work of this scale, Meadowbrook decided to remain open and fully functional to the public. Financed by the Matilda R. Wilson Fund,

the \$7 million project has been the "largest foundation gift in OU history to address some critical needs," Zelinski said.

Work has been done to numerous mechanical systems, such as replacing two boilers and upgrading their associated systems, improving cooling and ventilation, upgrading security and fire alarms, and installing a new back-up generator.

Architectural updates include restoring selected wood beams,

windows, doors and rose arbors, new walk-in coolers for catering, restrooms and "extensive repairs to the roof and gutters," said Zelinski. The roof repairs involved the creation of custom-made clay tiles to match the existing shingles.

Restoration work was completed by the Smith Group, the original architects of the home.

"We're really fortunate to have the same company come back to do the renovations," Zelinski said.

The company specializes in historic renovations, and through their history working with Meadowbrook they have helped to maintain MBH's main goal to "preserve the place and interpret it."

The 77-year-old mansion was completed in 1929 as the private residence for Oakland University's founder, Matilda Dodge Wilson and her husband Alfred Wilson. The Wilsons fashioned the home in the likes of old English manor homes of the 16th - 18th centuries. The mansion is 88,000 square feet and contains 110 rooms.

Meadowbrook was donated to Michigan State University Oakland, known today as Oakland University. The residence has since been turned into a museum, and is recognized as the fourth largest house museum in the United States.

For more information about Meadowbrook and year-round events, check out www.meadowbrookhall.org. Oakland students are free to tour the house during operating hours.



Photo courtesy of Meadowbrook Hall and Gardens. Matilda Wilson's study, as it currently appears on display in the museum.

# Understanding women's inequalities

*Students feel women's studies essential to advancing modern world*

By WENDY LYONS  
Contributing Reporter

How would you feel if your employer expected you to work every fourth year for free? Would you put up with that? Of course, you say you wouldn't, but maybe you already do.

According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics for 2005, nationwide, women are paid an average of 81 percent of what men make for the same job. In Michigan, it is even worse at 75.8 percent. In effect, Michigan women end up donating an entire year's labor about every fourth year. Why is that?

For over 30 years, women's studies courses have been examining inequities like this and working to restore women to their rightful place as man's equal. Though long neglected, the fascinating history — or as femi-

nists like to say, the herstory — of females and the valuable contributions they've made to society deserve to be heard.

What better way than for Oakland University to make Introduction to Women's Studies a required course for graduation.

As pre-med student Alexis Harbelis, 20, said, "The university would then be promoting the advancement of women, by graduating and letting loose into the world individuals who have studied these issues."

I admit it is strange for a conservative Christian, who chose to be a stay-at-home mom and homeschool two children from kindergarten through the 12th grade, to propose that a feminist course should be a requirement for graduation. But, this class is one of those rare courses that can really

impact individual lives and society for the better. And many of my fellow classmates in Professor Katherine Patterson-Hawes's WS 200 feel the same way.

"If we want a chance for equality, then not only should women learn about their history, but men should as well," said Tiana Bishop, 21. "This course is vital in educating future students on a subject and people that deserve the right to be heard. I truly believe that the world will be a different place if we view how women are impacted. It has opened my eyes and made me more aware of my own significance and the lack of respect towards women as a whole," said Kristin Dillard, 19, an elementary education major.

Karen Motzny, 53, an English major, said, "Before I took this class, I thought it should be optional. But now, I realize how important and essential it is to require it of everyone to graduate. I learned so many important things — it has been a serious eye-opener."

Contrary to popular belief, a feminist inclination is not a prerequisite to this course, nor is one expected to convert by the end of the semester. As Patterson-Hawes explains, "I don't see myself as a teacher; I'm a com-

municator. I give the information. We respect each other's beliefs and ideas."

Admittedly, this is a class that discusses very controversial topics, and, as one student said, it can be a bit overwhelming at times.

But, life is full of difficult choices. As students and adults, we need to learn to think critically. And if we automatically believe everything our professors say, we are truly missing the point of education. For sure, I don't agree with — and never will agree with — many fundamental feminist assumptions and beliefs. Nevertheless, this class opened my eyes to many things that I never noticed before. And that is always good, even if it is uncomfortable sometimes. Whatever side of the issue I fall on, I will never view women and their role in society in the same way.

Of the 27 women's studies students I surveyed, all but four were in favor of making it a mandatory class. Of these, three students felt it was definitely a beneficial class, but they believed it should remain optional. As journalism major Ryan D'John, 22, said, "Going into this

class, I didn't think anything about it. I had thought that everybody was equal and these problems still did not exist today. It really was a thought-provoking course." But he goes on to say, "People need to take this class on their own terms. You are never open and welcoming to accept something if you 'have' to do it." On the other hand, Suzanna Shkreli, 19, a political science/pre-law major who favors making it mandatory said, "I think that women's issues is a topic that directly affects everyone, and forcing people into a situation or class they would never dream of taking will cause them, force them rather, to

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try and understand the struggle against patriarchy both for men and women."

"Any information you get from

women's studies, whether you agree or disagree is going to broaden your perspective in that area," said Professor Patterson-Hawes. "Whatever you're going to do, you are going to be involved with half of the population, which is female. How better will you be prepared if you have information from both sides of the spectrum? It's important to be a more aware person."

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## Don't politicize U.S. hunger, remember what it truly means

Hunger: Defined as a lack of food, pretty much non-ambiguous. A hungry person is someone who doesn't have enough food to eat.

That's not the case though, according to the Agriculture Department. In a report last week, the department referred to hungry people as having "low food security," or, worse yet, "very low food security."

The report's message was positive, finding America home to 3 million less people with food insecurity.

It's the term that's irritating. Hungry is a word that shouldn't be watered down, shouldn't be politically corrected. It carries negative connotations because it is a negative condition.

According to the department, in a Washington Post article last week it was decided that "hunger" wasn't scientifically accurate.

Sorry, we were under the impression that hungry people didn't care about categorizing their affliction. Children whose parents have to decide between lunch money and gas aren't insecure, they are hungry. People who worry about where their Thanksgiving

and Christmas dinners are coming from aren't insecure, they are hungry.

Hunger's definition, prevalent Biblical times, is still understood today. From the very first months of our lives, we understand that we need to eat. Once people can grasp poverty and its many symptoms, hunger is understood to be foremost among them.

To call hunger by a different name is to disrespect the hungry. Don't treat one of the most powerful social evils, since the dawn of civilization, as a problem that can be categorized. Don't cheapen their condition by putting a nice "PC" name on it. Hunger needs to be exposed for the ugly beast that it is. It is a condemnation of a society that cannot feed the least fortunate, and shouldn't be sanitized.

Americans should feel bad about having a hungry population. It should be a constant goal of government to nourish that segment, to make sure every child has enough food to go to school, and that every adult has a full stomach to work on. The goal of the department of agriculture should be to correct our hunger problem, not rename it.

Some would feel much less inclined to donate food or money to a person who has "food security." Do they need a lock for their refrigerator? Is mom's tuna noodle casserole attacking the family at dinner?

Hunger though, is a different matter. Hunger says that a person can't count on three square meals a day, forget snacks. Hunger conjures images of youngsters whose parents dread winter break, not because they don't want to spend time with them, but because they have to find an extra meal for them every day of the week.

Please, Department of Agriculture, keep fighting hunger. Keep the number of people who have to scrounge for a meal dwindling; it's a fight that you'll find little opposition to. But, don't cheapen its meaning. Don't cast it with such classic PC terms as waste disposal technician, for garbage men, or administrative assistant, for secretary. Make Americans remember that hunger is the purple elephant in the room; it needs to be discussed and eradicated.

— The Oakland Post



"Corporate war"  
By Larry Wright  
The Detroit News

STAFF COLUMN

## This holiday, remember those who cannot be at home with their family

By KYLE MAGIN  
Special Projects Reporter

The holidays inspire charity, whether through force of faith or plain guilt, people give during the season of giving. From food drives to coats for kids, singing at nursing homes and finding a home for the needy.

There is a substantial group of people that don't fall in the above groups. They generally have the food and warm clothes they need, a somewhat steady income and sure job security. They are the family

of our nation's soldiers. Wives and husbands left behind to tend to families, mothers setting one less spot at the holiday table and brothers who have to spend the new year without their partner in crime.

The chic saying for those who are anti-war is that they are against the war, but they support the soldiers. If you've used this line, its okay, many of us have. Many of us also believe that saying the words, "I support our troops," is all that they need. Nevermind that words don't shovel drive-

ways, ease a young mother's grocery bill or comfort parents of those spending time under the red glare of rockets over Anbar.

When you commit yourself to support your troops, do something that matters. Regardless of your view of the war, more than not disagree with it, these men and women are driven by a love for their nation that deserves your honor.

Divorce yourself from the notion that these soldiers drive the machine of war. They are

your age and would like nothing better than to be home with loved ones, snowmobiling or going to movies. Instead, they are spending Christmas getting shelled, instead of getting presents.

The only thing they will give every day of Hanukkah is pounds of sweat to the unforgiving sun of Iraq. The best way to say thank you is to make the effort.

Show them that while you're driving to the mall, partying at new years or having turkey with your family, you appreci-

ate what they are doing.

So actually support them. Offer to help out, monetarily or not. As much as it would mean to some of the families that were left behind to have a dinner taken care of, or for a little free maintenance on the car, lawn or house, your thoughts will also be appreciated. Send a letter of thanks to a soldier, or to their family.

The sacrifice of those left behind is as deserving of your respect as those on the front line. Cut a tree for a family stretched too thin to take part

in the same traditions they are used to, ask at a local base what you can do to help.

As you're thinking of all those less fortunate over the season, remember those who can't have their entire family here. They might look okay on the outside, but life is hard for those they are close to, doubly so during the holidays.

You can say a small thank you to your country, your home, by donating a little of your time, money, or care to those who give so much all year round.

STAFF COLUMN

## Thanksgiving seems to be the forgotten holiday

By ROB TATE  
Senior Reporter

What is the deal with the speed bump between Halloween and Christmas called "Thanksgiving" that we Americans celebrate the fourth Thursday in November?

Oh yeah, Thanksgiving, that one day when the Lions always lose and it's almost for certain that your crazy uncle will pass out in front of the television from being over-served. Over-served Turkey that is.

To a college student, Thanksgiving is that magical holiday where you don't have to go to class for two days and you can party to your heart's content. Thanksgiving-eve is great for us that are of age because it is the biggest bar night of the year. There is nothing like waking-up nice and hung-over in front of family members that you only see once or twice

a year. When I was younger, Thanksgiving seemed like a much bigger deal than how it is treated now. We would learn about the Pilgrims and the Indians gathering over a feast in show of unity of what would later become our great country. I would get up early on Thanksgiving morning and watch the parade on T.V. As the floats and marching bands traveled down Woodward Avenue, any child who celebrated Christmas that was younger than 10 years old anticipated Santa Claus making his cameo appearance at the end. To me that was the un-official start of the holiday season.

This year, as I walked into the OU Rec Center the day after Halloween, on my way to my daily workout, I stopped to listen to the radio blasting over the loudspeaker in the hallway. Are you kidding

me? Detroit FM radio station 100.3 WNIC already had Bing Crosby's "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," in heavy rotation.

Are you serious? I haven't even raked the leaves yet and they have me thinking about Christmas already. Who put them up to this? Wal-Mart? Oakland Mall? Santa himself? Take it easy WNIC, I haven't even digested my Halloween candy yet.

Thanksgiving seems to be a forgotten holiday because it isn't a very profitable one unless your name starts with Farmer and ends with Jack. Driving around this area, houses already have decorations out and lit up, stores like Kohl's have decorations hanging from the ceiling and advertisements on the in-store radio promoting jobs at Kohl's for the holiday season.

To me, Thanksgiving is a great time of year to see family and

friends you don't get to see everyday and really think about what you are thankful for. It's also a good holiday because, being a struggling college student, you don't feel obligated to give or receive presents. I just think it's sad that just because a holiday doesn't have much of dollar value to it, it's just sort of ignored.

Even at Hallmark, the creator of numerous fake holidays, Thanksgiving isn't really an occasion you go out and buy a card for someone. In response, Hallmark doesn't have a very big selection. Sorry retail world, I'm sure that you will make up the few days of poor sales in November with huge profitable days like the day after Thanksgiving and following month. At the rate this world is heading to, I'm going to be pretty ticked off when I roll out of bed on Labor Day to the delightful "Jingle Bell Rock".

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## NATIONAL VOCABULARY CHAMPIONSHIP



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In this photo released by GSN, (Game Show Network), Cass Technical High School senior Elizabeth Van Horn, 18, of Detroit awaits her score during the final round of the Detroit citywide competition of GSN's National Vocabulary Championship held at Renaissance High School in Detroit on Monday.

# Hooters battling with City of Troy

By OWEN SEXTON  
Senior Reporter

An international restaurant chain known for its tacky atmosphere and waitresses in tiny orange shorts filed a \$1 million federal lawsuit against the city of Troy which is refusing to transfer a liquor license.

Hooters of America, Inc. filed the suit in U.S. District Court in Detroit. According to court documents, the company is claiming the city of Troy denied its constitutional right to free expression.

"Our office is preparing an aggressive defense to protect the Troy taxpayers against the million-dollar claim of Hooters," Troy City Attorney, Lori Grigg Bluhm said. "In the near future, we will be filing a motion asking the court to dismiss the case on a number of different grounds."

Bluhm told The Oakland Post one of the reasons in support of the requested dismissal is that several of the allegations and arguments were already unsuccessfully raised in the previous lawsuit filed by Hooters in the Michigan State Court. That case is currently on appeal at the Michigan Court of Appeals.

City Council voted 4-3 in June to reject the request by the restaurant to transfer

its liquor license. Bluhm also said that the city has the right to approve and deny liquor license transfers at its discretion.

Hooters has been operating in Troy for 10 years, but the owners want to transfer its liquor license to a new location along the Big Beaver corridor (at the intersection of Rochester and Big Beaver roads). The new location has already been completed but, will not open for business until a liquor license is granted.

Opponents said the business might not fit with the proposed development along Big Beaver Rd. and could be sending the wrong message about the city.

In July, plans were revealed to re-define the Big Beaver corridor. The plans include high-density housing, commercial development and more shopping. The city hopes to create a more pedestrian-friendly area.

Hooters has launched an aggressive

campaign of newspaper and radio ads. On Nov. 2, Hooters waitresses staged a protest outside the new location, waving signs with messages like "City Council Buy U A Beer?" and "Give a Hoot for My Job."

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-Lori Grigg Bluhm  
Troy City Attorney

Hooters officials held an open house after the protest urging those who attended to write City Council asking them to grant the transfer of the liquor license.

Mike McNeil, vice president of Hooters Marketing said, Hooters is willing to negotiate with the city on certain areas of concern that would produce a resolution. Some council members wanted the new location to have no signage, close earlier than other restaurants and change the waitresses uniforms to something less provocative.

Hooters of America, Inc. owns more than 435 Hooters restaurants in 46 states and 20 foreign countries. There are 10 Hooters in Michigan.

### LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

**Ohio State's 42-39 score also winner for Ohio lottery**  
CLEVELAND (AP) — Ohio State's 42-39 victory over Michigan also was lucky for players of the Ohio Lottery. Shortly after Saturday's game ended, the numbers 4-2-3-9 were drawn for the Pick 4 game. "You know it happens," lottery spokeswoman Marie Kilbane said Sunday. Lottery spokeswoman Mardele Cohen said 401 \$1 bets were made that picked 4-2-3-9 in order, and each bet won \$5,000. The odds of the numbers turning up in that combination were 10,000 to 1. She said 913 \$1 bets paid \$200 apiece. Those bets were placed on any combination of the numbers 4-2-3-9. The lottery paid a total of \$2.19 million in winnings. Players had wagered \$347,867.50. Cohen said the combination of 4-2-3-9 has been drawn 13 times since 2000, but not in the order that they were picked on Saturday. Kilbane said it's likely that most of the bets with the winning numbers were placed after the game ended, but she did not know how much money was wagered in that period. The football game finished at 7:13 p.m. and the drawing was at 7:45 p.m.

**Attorney general gives tips for holiday shoppers**  
LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Attorney General Mike Cox has some tips for consumers preparing for the holiday shopping season, which traditionally starts the day after Thanksgiving. Cox's office has issued a consumer alert that identifies eight ways to safely shop over the Internet, and how to avoid hassles when returning merchandise in stores. Cox says online shoppers should never give their Social Security number to an online merchant. They should buy only from secure Web sites, which can be determined by checking if there is an "s" after "http" in the Web

address on the site's order page. Consumers also should research Web sites before placing an order, minimize the amount of personal information they give for online purchases, use the same credit card for all online purchases, be wary of high shipping charges, and print and keep copies of receipts, according to Cox's office. Cox says online customers also should watch out for identity theft scams and not respond to fraudulent e-mails from purported businesses or governments. Legitimate businesses and government agencies will never ask people to provide personal information in response to an e-mail, Cox says. The attorney general also has suggestions to avoid an unhappy experience when returning gifts. Shoppers should find out the store's return policy before buying a product.

**MADD PUSHING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO ELIMINATE DRUNKEN DRIVING**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — New technology like alcohol-detecting devices in cars may hold the key to eliminating drunken driving, according to a campaign launched Monday by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The organization, along with the U.S. Department of Transportation, is pushing for such devices along with tougher enforcement measures around the country. "Using technology, tougher enforcement, stronger laws and mobilization, the goal of eliminating a primary public health threat that has plagued the United States is within our reach," said Glynn Birch, president of MADD, in a statement prepared for a news conference. The organization's plan includes working with state officials to require breath-test interlock devices in vehicles for all those who have been convicted of drunken driving — even first offenders. The device shuts down the car if alcohol is detected.

## Detroit man arraigned on murder, other charges in shooting spree

By SVEN GUSTAFSON  
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) - A 26-year-old Detroit man was arraigned Sunday on murder and other charges in an apparently random shooting spree that killed two people and wounded three others.

Contrelle Ardell Harbin faces two counts of first-degree premeditated murder, three counts of assault with intent to commit murder and one count each of being a felon in possession of a firearm and using a firearm to commit a felony. He also was charged as a three-time habitual offender.

The murder charges carry a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole. The assault with intent charges are punishable by up to life in prison.

Harbin was arraigned Sunday in 36th District Court.

Magistrate Sidney Barthwell Jr. ordered him held without bail until a Nov. 30 preliminary examination.

The shootings took place within a 10-minute span early Thursday in a three- to four-block area on Detroit's west side. Authorities have not determined a motive; none of the victims was robbed.

Prosecutors allege that Harbin fatally shot Ophelia Fry, 58, through the driver's-side window of her car as she sat in front of a day-care facility where she worked. Harbin then approached Elton Ash, 51, who also was in a vehicle, and shot him in the elbow before killing Arthur James Smith, 50, authorities said.

Also wounded were Dennis Anderson, 48, and James Brown, 50. All three of the wounded victims were treated at Henry Ford Hospital and released the same day.

# Michigan faithful pay respects to Schembechler

By DAVID EGGERT  
Associated Press Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - Hundreds of maize-and-blue-clad mourners filed past the casket of Bo Schembechler on Sunday to pay tribute to the no-nonsense coach who became the face of Michigan football.

The closed casket at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was festooned with floral arrangements.

Schembechler's likeness was presented in a painting and in a photo of him coaching in his signature navy blue "M" cap. A plaque on an easel listed his records during each of 21 seasons as the Wolverines' coach.

Schembechler died Friday at age 77 after collapsing at a suburban Detroit television studio. His death came the day before No. 1 Ohio State beat No. 2 Michigan 42-39 in one of college football's great rivalries.

Mourners included former play-

ers, current Michigan students and past rivals who said they filed past Schembechler's casket to thank him.

Aram Sarkisian, a trumpet player in the Michigan marching band, said he had met Schembechler after the former coach spoke to the band.

"Bo has always meant a lot to my family," said the junior from Northville, who wore his blue letter jacket to the viewing. "He's the kind

of person, you just hung on every single word he said."

Sarkisian said his parents, who both attended Michigan and whose father was in the marching band in the early 1970s, raised him on values like tradition and commitment that Schembechler brought to the university.

"I'm crushed. It's been a rough couple days. Bo was always around. Now he's not," Sarkisian said.

Schembechler died as Michigan's winningest coach. He was a seven-time Big Ten coach of the year, com-

pling a 194-48-5 record at Michigan from 1969-89 and a 234-65-8 lifetime record. He never had a losing season.

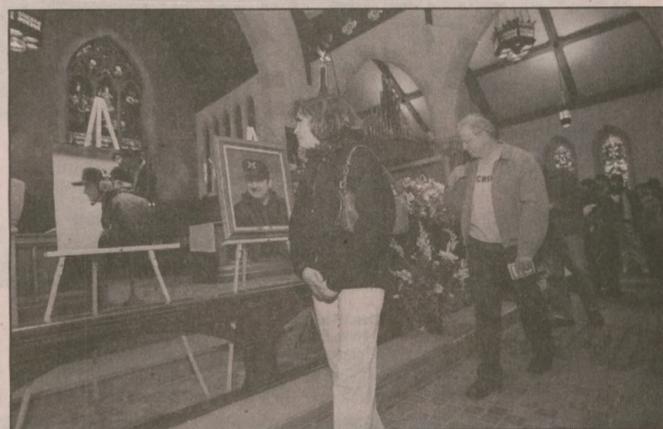
Thirteen of Schembechler's Michigan teams won or shared the Big Ten championship, and 15 finished in The Associated Press top 10. His 1985 team finished No. 2.

Mourners at the public viewing, however, did not mention Schembechler's wins and losses but instead talked about his off-the-field legacy.

"He was like a dad," said Julia Moore, 37, a 1991 Michigan alumna who worked in the football recruiting office as an undergraduate. "He wanted the best for you."

She said Schembechler was a "disciplinarian" but had paternal qualities. "He told you what to do, but it was loving and heartfelt," said Moore, of Southfield, a product manager for AT&T.

James Humphries, who played for Schembechler in the late 1970s, said he cherished the times he could speak with the coach one-on-one. Now a lawyer from Farmington Hills, Humphries brought his wife and children to the viewing, which lasted three hours.



VELVET S. MCNEIL/AP Photo/The Detroit News

Mourners pay respects in front of a photograph of former Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, during a public viewing at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Schembechler died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006.

He remembered seeing the coach in August when he took his son to Michigan's two-a-day practices.

"He always had a kind word, an encouraging word," said Humphries, who wore a maize-colored Big House cap. "He was true, true to his word. It

was an honor and privilege to play for him. He gave you that no-quit attitude, and you took that with you the rest of your life."

A memorial service honoring Schembechler at Michigan Stadium was scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday.





IF THEY ARE SIBLINGS, THEY STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED HOW TO PLAY NICE photo by Annie Leibovitz courtesy of the Detroit Institute of Arts

## A show worth 70,000 words

Annie Leibovitz just might leave you speechless  
By KELLY KOZLOWSKI

It's the part of the magazine that everybody flips to. It's on the billboard that you would hang in your room, if you had the chance. It's the reason you're willing to study something on your day off.

It's the work of photographer Annie Leibovitz, and Nancy Barr, the associate curator of the DIA, says it's the reason the museum has been buzzing for the last several weeks.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering "Annie Leibovitz: American Music," an exhibit featuring six galleries of photography by the 57-year-old pop-culture icon, now through Jan. 7, 2007.

If the name doesn't strike you, her photographs will. As the photographer for Rolling Stone magazine for 13 years, Leibovitz captured some of the most memorable images of celebrity that our generation has seen. You

may remember her portrait of a nude and pregnant Demi Moore on the cover of Vanity Fair. Perhaps you've driven by the billboard replica of the White Stripes' knife-throwing pose. Leibovitz captures life and beauty through the lens of her camera, no matter what the subject may be.

Covering musicians from Iggy Pop to Eminem and every genre in between, "American Music" promises to interest music-lovers of all ages. The photos are organized "roughly by regional styles of American music," Barr said. "We also decided, for our installation, to gather musicians who were from Detroit or had lived in Detroit at some point in their careers in the last gallery.

"Detroit has a great music history, and about 60 years of this history is represented in this gallery," Barr said.

The mix of color and black and

white photos portrays some musicians in candid settings, while others are precisely posed.

Seventy pieces from the exhibit are also found in Leibovitz's latest book, "A Photographer's Life."

A class of advanced photography students at Oakland University suggests seeing the exhibit up close and personal, though. "Just the physical presence of the work, you don't get from looking at it in a book," studio art major Adam Trunoske, 21, said. "It's always much more preferable to go see the art in person, if you have the opportunity, than to look at it in a book."

"The original print just has some magic," Jenni Sutton, 26-year-old art history major said.

After sitting down with Associate Professor of Art and Art History Claude Baillargeon and his advanced photography class to discuss the exhibit, it is clear that

everyone can enjoy Leibovitz's work. Trunoske, Sutton and their classmates analyzed photography themes like content, texture and color but also commented on the cultural relevance of musicians as subjects. One point that the class agreed on was Leibovitz's skill and talent.

And as Baillargeon said, "She's an absolute master technician."

The "American Music" exhibit runs through Jan. 7. The cost of the show is \$10 per person and includes an optional audio tour. For more information and hours of operation visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

## Well worth the wait

Even when the wait involves camping on concrete  
By KEVIN ALFORD



IF THE END DEFINES THE MEANS photo by Kevin Alford

Sony Computer Entertainment of America submitted their entry to the next gen (or seventh generation) of video gaming to the public on Nov. 11, 2006, as the PS3 was launched in the land of the rising sun. Six days later, the land of the rising apple pie got a taste — it is time to "play beyond."

The PlayStation 3 was first shown at the largest consumer video game show in North America, the Electronic Entertainment Expo in 2005. A year later, at the last ever E3, Sony unveiled the release form of the PS3, including the final design of the controller, system color and functionality. They also shocked fans and insiders alike with a \$600 price tag, and low production numbers.

Originally scheduled to tie the initial release of the Xbox 360 at 400,000 units, the PS3 shipments ended closer to 200,000, causing serious shortages and unusually hungry buyers. The Nintendo Wii was reported to have shipped close to 4,000,000 units worldwide, but did not escape the Christmas shopper rush.

Amazon.com said it "sold out of our initial supply of the Wii on Sunday morning, Nov. 19, in less than one minute."

Most Michigan Best Buy stores received 20 or more units. Smaller specialty game retailers like GameStop and EB Games were given less than 10 total units, the story is similar across the nation.

Given the small shipments, many GameStops and EBs were unable to fill their reservations. Other stores like Best Buy and Target didn't even take pre-orders. Many of these retailers found themselves with customers literally camping in front of their stores, waiting to get their hands on a system.

Doug Rock, owner and operator of systemskins.com, a company that makes vinyl graphics for video game systems, got in line Nov. 14 at 10 p.m. He and his girlfriend stayed in a tent outside Best Buy in Utica, eventually joined by more than 25 others.

They waited for more than 50 hours. "It sort of feels like a little bit of brotherly love," said Rock. "It's been fun, like a weekend up north."

Of all the seventh generation consoles, Sony's offering is showing to be the most advanced hardware. While all three run on the same IBM processors, Microsoft and Nintendo's units show significant lack of graphical power and disk storage space when compared to the PS3.

Sony's system is also the only system to utilize a format other than DVD for its games. The Blu-Ray DVDs used in the new PS3 can hold upwards of 50 gigabytes of information, compared to the 8.5 maximum of the normal DVDs used by Xbox 360 and Wii.

On release day, 16 games were available, 9 of which were previously released on another platform. Most of the media attention has been placed on the shoulders of the PS3 exclusive "Resistance: Fall of Man," a post-modern shooter pitting WWII era soldiers against an alien force.

"Resistance: Fall of Man is far and away the most impressive title on the console," said IGN.com's review, while giving the game a 9.1 of 10 average.

As an example of the PS3's capabilities, "Resistance" can support up to 40 players simultaneously online without any skips or slowdown. When compared to the recent standout "Gears of War" for the Xbox 360 at eight players, the PS3 handles five times as many per game.

Michael Auch, Store Manager of the GameStop in Sterling Heights, said his customer's reaction to the PS3 was "mixed. There's ranting and raving about how awesome it is, and screaming and yelling about how poor it is."

"People waited out for Xbox 360s for like 24 hours," said Auch on the intensity of PS3 fans, "not a couple days."

"Live in your world, play in ours," and "You are not ready," were the one time slogans of the Playstation one and two; now is the time to "Play Beyond."

## Will work for presents

There is still hope for cash strapped slackers  
By MARIA VITALE

As the holidays grow closer, students are searching for ways to make some extra cash to feed their holiday shopping sprees. While many students consider themselves "poor" on a daily basis, the holidays seem to be a glaring reminder of just how little money they really have.

Fortunately, there is a temporary solution to the "no money blues" this holiday season. Many stores in the surrounding area are in the market for seasonal help in order to survive the holiday rush.

### The following stores are looking for holiday help:

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## Holiday Helpings

How to avoid looking like you've been stuffed  
COMPILED BY BRITTANY O

	Serving Size	Calories	Calories from Fat	Fat	Saturated Fat	Sugar
Sara Lee frozen pumpkin pie	1/8 pie	260	90	10g	4g	20g
Reddi Whip	2 Tbs.	15	10	1g	.5 g	> 1g
Green Bean Casserole	2/3 cups	110	70	8g	2.5g	2g

See next week's issue to find out what you can do at the gym to work off your extra slice

## WHY WE LOOK FORWARD TO — AND KIND OF DREAD — THANKSGIVING

1. still having to sit at the kid's table
2. the weird uncle
3. bargaining with yourself that this is really, your last helping
4. the mystery dish that someone brought but no one fesses up to making
5. avoiding, at all costs, being assigned dish duty
6. the agitated cook
7. explaining, for the umpteenth time, what it is you're going to do with your degree

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## Share good food, good will

*Places to donate and volunteer are plentiful*

By ERIN MALLARD  
Features Editor

Ah, the holidays. Time for everyone to get together with friends and family, eat a ton of food, open gifts wrapped in shiny paper, and then lie around in a state of content lethargy watching sports. We can sleep soundly knowing that the entire world, like us, is dreaming sugar plum dreams, in warm beds with full bellies.

Right? Taking a second to flip the channel to the news during halftime, or a few minutes to walk a block from your home will probably provide a different perspective—a colder, hungrier, lonelier one. While the rest of us splurge on that perfect gift, some Michigan residents are just trying to

get by.

But the picture doesn't have to be so bleak. Groups on and around campus are providing opportunities for students to give gifts that will mean something long after the game is over and all the eggnog is gone: compassion, concern, and charity.

Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, a shelter, recovery, and rehabilitation center for homeless men, women, and children is one of several organizations in the area with "Adopt-A-Family" programs. Families or individuals can be "adopted" for the holidays. Participants can make financial contributions or request a "Wish List" with the items that residents have asked for. For more informa-

tion call (248) 334-2187 or visit [www.gracecentersof-hope.org](http://www.gracecentersof-hope.org)

United Way for Southeast Michigan has compiled a "Wish List" with the needs of more than 75 agencies in the area. Requests include everything from volunteers to USB flash drives to winter coats. For more information call 800-552-1183 or visit [www.uwsem.org/wishlist](http://www.uwsem.org/wishlist)

Turning Point in Mt. Clemens provides programs and services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness. They need volunteers Dec. 4-23 to receive, sort, and organize holiday donations that will be used

at the shelter throughout the year. Contact Michele Hay at (586) 463-4430 or visit <http://www.turningpointinc.com>

Oakland University's Pre-Med Society is helping Children's Hospital of Michigan collect toys for their annual "Snow Pile" event. The hospital collects unopened, unwrapped toys for patients who must stay in the hospital over the holidays.

They are especially in need of gift cards, toys, games, books, and stuffed animals. Gifts can be dropped off in at 371 Dodge Hall through Dec. 12. For more information contact Tess Solanskey, President of the Pre-Med Society at [tasolans@oakland.edu](mailto:tasolans@oakland.edu).

### QUOTE OF THE DAY ...

"With alligator, sometimes people won't try it, so you've gotta sneak it in there a different way."

— Patrick Gazzarato, Executive Chef of Meadowbrook Hall

*Pump up with pumpkin*

By NORA GOTHAMY  
Contributing Reporter

They are used for decoration at Halloween and in enticing pies at the holidays, alluring us with their bright orange tinge. Still, you may be surprised at the power of pumpkin.

The vibrant color of a pumpkin is due to its high content of lutein, alpha-carotene, and beta-carotene, an important antioxidant which the human body can convert to Vitamin A.

Vitamin A is vital to healthy vision, whose deficiency is the leading cause of preventative blindness and a major cause of infant deaths, according to [medlineplus.gov](http://medlineplus.gov).

Ongoing research also suggests that a diet high in beta-carotene can lower the

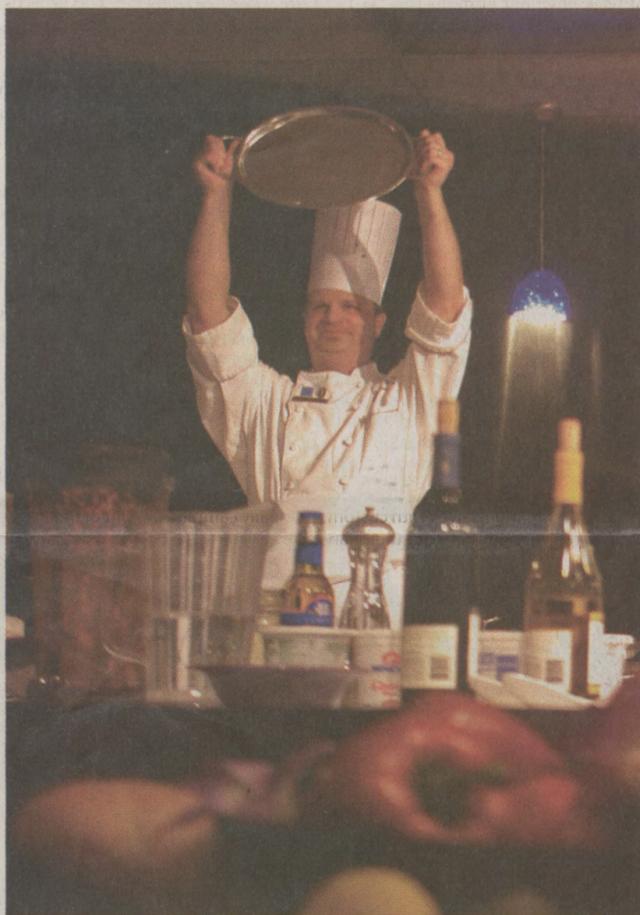
risk of developing specific cancers such as prostate cancer, protect against heart disease and certain degenerative aspects of aging, according to ABC News.

Pumpkins are also a low calorie treat. According to Whole Foods Market, one cup of boiled mashed pumpkin has only 50 calories, with no cholesterol, sodium, or fat.

Pumpkins are also a significant source of protein, calcium, iron, and vitamins A, B, C and E.

Although pumpkins have been around for at least 7500 years, according to ABC News, this ancient fruit's health benefits continue surfacing.

So if pumpkin pie is your holiday weakness, go ahead and have two pieces, guilt-free.



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

Chef Gerald Gatto raises his award over his head after being declared winner of the Third Annual Iron Chef Competition

## Campus chefs duel with dishes

### Chartwells holds Iron Chef Competition

By JESSE DUNSMORE  
Senior Reporter

The Vandenberg Dining Center hosted a competition of culinary creativity last Thursday.

The Third Annual Iron Chef Competition, organized by Chartwells dining service, pitted returning champion Chef Gerald Gatto of Chartwells against Chef Patrick Gazzarato, Executive Chef of Meadowbrook Hall.

Resident Dining Director Patrick Strzyinski explained the competition.

"Basically we supply the chefs everything—they are to bring nothing but cutlery to prepare the items," said Strzyinski. "Then at that point they present their three items to the judges, and based on the judges' scoring, that determines the winner."

He said the secret ingredients for this competition were alligator, pork loin and prawn.

"The chefs literally do not know what those ingredients are going to be... they come in here with really no preconceptions of what it is they're going to have to work with."

"I knew this was happening—I came to watch and eat dinner," said freshman nursing major Jordan Taylor. "I would have never thought they'd be using alligator. It's really good. It's hard to cook though."

The chefs were given one hour to prepare their dishes.

During this time, Strzyinski asked trivia questions, offering candy bars as prizes to the audience.

He said that in past years, the trivia has been culinary-based, but in order to increase participation, he used more "common knowledge" trivia.

Strzyinski said he understood not everyone would be interested in watching the chefs. "There may be lulls in the evening. So it's more to keep the crowd engaged as the competition goes on," he said.

For his first two dishes, Chef Gazzarato presented a sweet potato coconut soup and a pork tenderloin roulade with alligator meat.

"With alligator, sometimes people won't try it," said Gazzarato as the roulade was given to the judges. "So you've gotta sneak it in there a different way."

His third course was a coconut mousse with plantains, a tropical fruit resembling bananas.

Chef Gatto presented a Tuscan fennel and carrot salad with prawn, a dish with spice-roasted pork, and a phyllo roll served in yogurt with mangos.

Five judges rated each dish on a ten-point scale in the categories of taste, use of secret ingredients, creativity and presentation.

Lionel Maten, Director for University Housing, was invited by Chartwells to be a judge "It's been nice to notice the student turnout," he said.

When asked if he could cook, Maten laughed. "I'm from Louisiana. Definitely, I can cook!"

In the end, Gatto won with a total of 519 points over Gazzarato's 489.

Gatto's assistant, Peter "Pizza" King, said that they would be interested in other competitions. "We would like at some point in time maybe to go on the road and see if somebody would extend us a challenge," he said.

### HEALTH

## Tips for staying snot-free this winter

*A few precautions can prevent colds, flu*

By KEVIN ALFORD  
Contributing Reporter

As the temperature begins to dip and the leaves fall from the trees, every Oakland University student knows one enemy stands in their path to higher education: a cold.

The first step to defending against illness is to know what you're dealing with.

There are two major threats to your health that are more prevalent during the late fall: influenza and upper respiratory tract infections, the usual form of the common cold.

While the flu is a more severe type of illness, the cold is the most common of all human diseases, infecting adults at an average rate of 2-4 times per year, according to the National Institute of allergy and Infectious Diseases.

#### Cold symptoms include:

- Congestion and runny nose
- Sneezing and coughing
- Sore throat and headache

Flu usually has all those, plus:

- More severe cough, from the chest instead of the throat
- Moderate to high fever

The best way to beat the cold is to avoid it. "Hand washing and the hand sanitizers are so critical," said Drew Pinsky M.D., a clinical

professor at Keck School of Medicine at USC, a board-certified physician and host of Strictly Dr. Drew on the Discovery Health channel. "Bottom line is; if you touch somebody who just wiped their nose, you're going to get that virus."

#### Ways to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands as often as possible. Especially before eating, or if you're wiping your eyes and nose a lot.

- Get a flu shot. If you have health insurance, they're usually free.

- Eat properly. Consider taking vitamins to keep your immune system healthy.
- Rest well. A proper night of sleep is essential for staying healthy.

Even the best prevention won't always keep you from getting ill. Weed through the wives tales and stick to what works.

If you get sick:

- Drink lots and lots of fluids. Your momma was right; keep hydrated.

- Don't drink or smoke. They have many adverse effects on healing.

- Don't ask for antibiotics. You will eventually become immune to them.

"Your flu vaccine will cover you against the majority of that," said Dr. Drew. "So everyone should be getting the damn flu vaccine."

Unfortunately, once you've got it, you've got it. "Believe me, if there was something that we could use, we'd be using it and everybody would know about it," said Dr. Drew. "It would not be mystical and magical and out of the ancient orient."

Students, faculty, and staff can get flu vaccines by appointment at Graham Health



There are several ways to prevent contracting the flu virus this season.

Center. The cost is \$24, payable by cash or check. Graham Health center is not able to bill insurance companies directly, but HAP, Medicare Plan B and Care Choices offer reimbursements.

For more information, visit the Graham Health Center online at [www2.oakland.edu/GHC/](http://www2.oakland.edu/GHC/), or dial Ext. 2341. You can catch a marathon of "Strictly Dr. Drew" Nov. 24 from 3-7 p.m. on Discovery Health.

# Mouthing Off

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## O.J. book disappointing

By CINDI POZZI  
Contributing Columnist

I know I'm a senior in college, but there's just something about a silly t-shirt that still fills me with glee. One of my favorite shirts includes a picture of O.J. Simpson and says, "Drink apple juice, O.J. kills." Whoever came up with the idea for that t-shirt is brilliant.

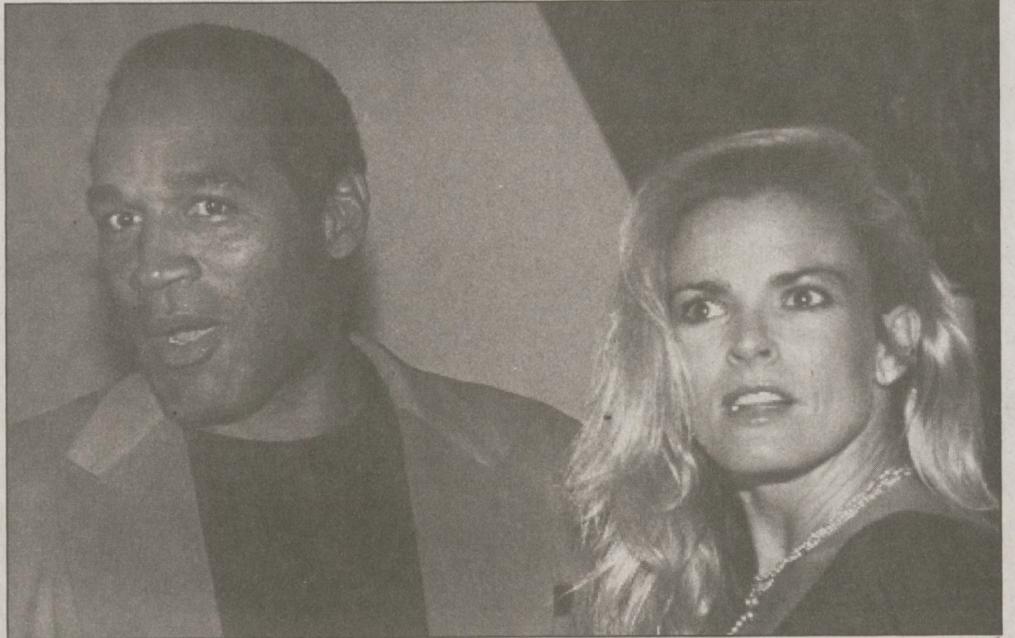
However, whoever is responsible for encouraging the alleged stab-happy O.J. Simpson to write his book "If I Did It," is an idiot. There are certain things the general public is better off not seeing, like meat being processed, or "The Tyra Banks Show." The O.J. interview should be placed in this category.

A few years ago rapper Eminem received a lot of negative publicity due to a couple songs that contained a scenario where he pretended to kill his ex-wife. The trick is Eminem was pretending; most people knew his

ex-wife was still alive and assumed he had anger issues. The songs were offensive, but at the same time tongue-in-cheek funny.

However, Simpson's situation is not the same by any means. O.J.'s ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were actual victims, and O.J. was an actual suspect in a murder trial. I know people were extremely fascinated with this case, but does anyone really want to know how he possibly got away with murder? Is anyone else worried some nitwit might try to follow his footsteps?

I'm not socially conservative by any means, in fact anyone that knows me is familiar with my morbid sense of humor, but this is outlandish. I guess even O.J. has the right to use his freedom of speech, but it's a shame that this is what he is doing with it. I find the two-hour interview on Fox the most depressing. The network has a terrible reputation as it is, but this is appalling.



PAUL HURSHMANN/AP File Photo  
O.J. Simpson and his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, celebrate the opening of the Harley-Davidson Cafe in this Oct. 19, 1993 file photo. O.J. Simpson created an uproar last Wednesday with plans for a TV interview and book titled "If I Did It". Fox, which plans to air an interview with Simpson Nov. 27 and 29, said Simpson describes how he would have committed the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman, "if he were the one responsible."

I hold the publisher of O.J.'s book and Fox responsible for the watered down YouTube versions of this little stunt we are all bound to see in the near future like, "If I Slept with Your

Grandfather," "If I Dropped Kicked Your Kitten Into a Dumpster" and "If I Had a Back Alley Abortion."

There is nothing silly about O.J.'s latest book deal, but perhaps this

is the extra motivation I needed to invest in that t-shirt.

**EDITORS NOTE:** This column was written before NewCorp, the entity that owns Fox, cancelled the book in light of all the negative feedback.

## Save yourself the trouble — stay far away from access-limiting button-flies

By PAUL GULLY  
Assistant News Editor

I'll admit it, I've made some pretty poor fashion purchases throughout my life. I dropped \$50 a hat during the Von Dutch craze that lasted all of 3 months; I wasted \$250 on an Isiah Thomas Mitchell & Ness throwback jersey several years ago; but no purchase has caused more confusion, anger, and embarrassment than button-fly jeans.

Being the owner of a few pair, I see no rationale behind them—they serve no practical purpose (unless you count the little extra bulge that

the buttons provide the crotch area).

For those of you who haven't experienced the button fly, it's nothing like buttoning a shirt where you can do it with your eyes closed. With the button fly, it's a struggle to get the button into its intended slot — which has led to many an uncomfortable situation.

One moment that sticks out in my mind took place last month, during game 3 of the Tigers opening playoff round. The entire stadium was packed, and the lines for the bathroom were incredible. Everyone in line was getting antsy, wanting to get back to the

game. So there I was, making my way comfortably to the front of the line, when I realize I was wearing button-fly jeans. Instantly I began to panic. The worst thoughts pass through my head — What if I can't unbutton? What if I can't re-button?

To make matters worse, the guy behind was pretty well liquored up, making it clear that he had to go badly.

So it was finally my time, I had reached the urinal. The pressure was now on — and I choked.

Things could not have gone worse. First of all, I had made the cardinal mistake of not pre-unbuttoning

before I reached the front of the line. So, there I was, struggling to free myself, hands slipping off buttons as I was trying to undo them; but somehow I managed. After taking care of my business, the button fly posed another obstacle — the re-button.

Now with a zipper fly, all it takes is one swift motion and you're on your way (which is what most guys expect when waiting in line in the bathroom). Well with the button fly, I could only imagine what the guy behind me was thinking as I struggled to button back up—it must have

been an awkward scene to say the least. And it's not like I could have looked down to see what I was buttoning, or else the guys next to me may have gotten the idea that I was trying to "take a peak."

So there I was, trying to make sure that I didn't skip a button, getting nervous because I could sense the guy behind me getting impatient—he started breathing loudly, and kept flailing his arms in the air. I even heard him turn to the guy next to him and say, "can you believe this? What the hell is this guy doing?"

That's when I lost it. I started

sweating and in a rush, I didn't even finish buttoning up; I spun around — with my top button still free, mind you — put my head down and headed for the exit, making sure not to make eye contact with anyone.

So my friends, something needs to be done. A man should be able to use public urinals without the fear of being embarrassed or humiliated at the expense of the button fly. Let me suggest doing what I did, write a letter to Mr. Abercrombie or Mr. Hollister, and demand that action be taken. Until then, be patient with button fly wearers, and just remember, it's not their fault.

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# Grizzlies give great effort, fall short

## Tomahawk Chopped against FSU

By ROB TATE  
Senior Reporter

The Oakland women's basketball team started off their longest road trip of the season with a pair of losses to Wisconsin-Green Bay last Wednesday, 90-68 and to Florida State on Sunday, 74-69.

The biggest surprise of the young season has been the play of freshman Hanna Reising. Reising led the team in scoring in both games with 25 points against Wisconsin-Green Bay and 23 points against the Florida State Seminoles.

Reising leads the team in scoring on the young season, with a 20.7 average and she is shooting 73% from three-point land, all while coming off the bench.

Overall, Oakland struggled from the field against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, shooting 41% and they were also out-rebounded 46-37. Senior Nicole Piggott added nine points and nine rebounds for the Golden Grizzlies.

Leading the way for Wisconsin-Milwaukee was Kayla Groh, who had 20 points and 12 boards.

The Golden Grizzlies played a more complete game against a tougher opponent in Florida State. Oakland had the Seminoles 36-30 at the half but let the lead slip away in the second half.

Along with Reising's 23 points, Piggott added 15 points and Sophomore Jessica Pike added 12 points and seven assists.

It took a superb game from Florida State's Alicia Gladden to bury the Golden Grizzlies. Gladden scored a game-high 27 points on a scorching 13 of 16 shooting. Gladden added seven rebounds on the game.

Another key to Oakland's loss to Florida

State were points in the paint. The Seminoles dominated the Golden Grizzlies, 48-20.

Offense has been the name of the game so far this season for Oakland. The Golden Grizzlies are averaging 81.3 points per game and shooting 50% from the field.

Hanna Reising has not only led Oakland in scoring two of the three games, but she is also second in the Mid-Con in scoring behind Elisha Turek of Oral Roberts, who is averaging 21.5 points per game. Reising, however, leads the Mid-Con in shooting percentage.

Oakland has had success with ball movement, averaging 22.7 assists per game. Jessica Pike is third in the Mid-Con, averaging five assists per game. Nicole Piggott isn't too far behind, averaging 3.33 assists per game.

Another nice surprise for Oakland has been the play of freshman Melissa Jeltema, who is averaging 7.3 points per game off the bench.

Oakland continues its road trip with away games at Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti tonight at 7 p.m. and then on Sunday the Golden Grizzlies travel to Central Michigan in Mt. Pleasant for a 2 p.m. tip-off.

The Golden Grizzlies are 5-6 all-time against the Eagles of Eastern Michigan. Eastern dominated Oakland back in January of last season, handing them a 73-48 loss.

OU has been more successful against the Central Michigan Chippewa's with a 10-4 record.

The final game of the road trip takes place November 29 at Bowling Green University. The Lady Golden Grizzlies return to the friendly confines of the O'Rena on December 2 against Rochester College.

Oakland is 2-1 overall on the season so far and looks to add more "W's" in the win column in the next few games.

## Men's team goes 1-2 in tourney

By ROB TATE  
Senior Reporter

Oakland's tough schedule kicked in as they took a trip to Pittsburgh, Pa. last weekend for the Colonial Athletic Association Basketball Classic tournament. Oakland went 1-2 on the long weekend, with a victory over Northeastern and losses to Massachusetts and number four ranked Pittsburgh.

OU and UMass kicked off the tournament on Friday with a 65-56 loss. The Minutemen of UMass were lights out from beyond the arc, shooting 75% from three point land in the first half.

Oakland struggled shooting 36% from the field and contributed 18 turnovers to UMass. Senior Shawn Hopes had 17 points on the night.

OU's lone victory came in the middle game of the tournament against Northeastern on Saturday by a score of 67-52. Both teams got off to a slow start with the first field goal coming in the third minute of action.

Hopes continued his great play on offense with 17 points on 7 of 12 shooting from the field. OU won the rebound battle with Northeastern, 40-25. Freshman Jonathon Jones added a career high 15 points.

The Golden Grizzlies had a more daunting match-up against fourth ranked Pittsburgh on Sunday afternoon. The game was practically a home game for the Panthers, with 9,442 in attendance.

The Golden Grizzlies managed to hang around the Panthers, who were upset by Bradley in the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

Oakland led Pittsburgh at the half by four points. Pittsburgh took the lead with 14:57 left

in the second half and never looked back.

Aaron Gray, one of the top players in the country, scored 23 for Pittsburgh to go along with 13 rebounds. Senior Vova Severovas scored a season high 17 points.

Although it was a solid effort from Oakland, the team struggled with their shooting touch. Oakland went 19 for 52 from the field. With such a tough schedule being played, Oakland will need to shoot a better percentage.

Another cause for concern for Oakland is turnovers. Through the first five games of the season, the Golden Grizzlies have coughed up the ball on average of 12.6 per game.

Sophomore Eric Kangas continued his ferocious pace from three point land, going 3 for 5 against Pittsburgh. Overall, Kangas has been lights out from beyond the arc, shooting 51% on the season and leads the team.

Kangas also leads the team in scoring, averaging 13.2 per game. Kangas is ranked 14th in the conference in scoring and eighth in three point percentage.

Through five games, Oakland is 3-2 on the season, but the schedule is only going to get tougher. Oakland heads back to Pittsburgh tonight to take on Duquesne University at 7 p.m.

Duquesne University is still trying to recover from a campus shooting that occurred back in September that injured five players on the basketball team.

Sam Ashaolu, cousin of NBA great Hakeem Olajuwon, is trying to make a comeback after being shot in the head during the incident. Duquesne is 2-0 as of press time.

OU will then travel to East Lansing on Saturday for an afternoon tilt at 2 p.m. against in-state rival Michigan State. The Spartans have a record is 4-1 as of press time.

# Hockey falls to rival Davenport once again

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Contributing Reporter

The third time is supposed to be a charm. That wasn't the case for the Golden Grizzlies, as they dropped a third consecutive game to Davenport University last Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Though hanging with the Panthers through the first two periods, backup netminder Andrew Hansen surrendered four goals in the final 20 minutes of play, as Davenport walked away with an 8-1 victory. Hansen replaced Jim Sardelli in net 10 minutes into the first period.

"Sardelli is not a bad goalie, he was just having a rough day,"

said Head Coach Sean Hogan.

Illness and injury continue to plague the Grizzlies, as they played without the top-scoring duo of Will McMahon and Brent Cooper. Together, they have combined for 25 goals and 47 points through the first 13 games of the season. McMahon is expected to return to the lineup this weekend, as he and Garrett Kondratek were out sick with the flu. Cooper will likely miss the next few weeks, due to an ankle injury.

"We're worn down and our big scorers are missing," said Hogan. "It's the same four guys getting goals. It would be nice to get more output from more guys."

TJ Schaeffler scored his first goal of the season and it was the only one Davenport would allow. Panthers goalie Chris

Joswiak has started in net all three games against his former team and has only given up five goals.

As the team was down to only 13 skaters, Hogan looked to the Division 3 team for help and called up forward Derek Baker. Baker brings with him a physical aspect, which the team has lacked so far this year.

Despite losing five games in a row and seven total this season, Hogan remains optimistic.

"Team morale is pretty low. We've never lost five games in a row, but we've also never been challenged five games in a row," said Hogan. "I don't think we're doing that bad. We're still ranked eleventh in the country, it just takes time. I'm not worried, we will come around."

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# "If you can dodge a class..."

"...you can dodge a ball!" says OU's chapter of Club Dodgeball

By VICKY LEFEBVRE  
 Contributing Reporter

"Are you nervous?" John Savage asked me before practice began. After watching some of his fellow players chuck balls as hard as they could into the walls of the enclosed basketball court I countered with the question "Do they throw that hard during the game?"

"Yeah — some of them do."  
 "Then, yeah, I'm a little nervous."  
 So began my experience at Friday's practice for Oakland University's Club Dodge Ball.

The rules of dodge ball are pretty simple. The game is played on a basketball court, with 15 players lined up on each side. Ten balls are lined up at mid court. When the whistle is blown or when someone says go, each team sends runners to retrieve balls for their respective teams, and then the mayhem begins.

The gym becomes a frenzy of flying red balls and squeaking sneakers, with people jumping and running like it were a war zone. And in a way, it is.

If you get hit with the ball, you are out and have to line up in the jail area, and cannot return to the game unless one of your teammates catches a ball. If a ball is caught, the person who threw it would be out. You can also hold a ball in front of you and use it to block balls coming your way.

Getting hit with the ball is guaranteed in this game. Of the handful of games I played during the two hour long practice, I got hit in the legs and in the side, and even took one to the face during warm up.

Head shots are completely legal and, according to player John Savage, can be pretty brutal.

"The first time I played, I got hit so hard my nose bled," he said. Despite the danger involved in the game, the club's president, Peter Halabu, a senior English major, says that since the club's beginning last fall, no players have sustained any serious injuries.

There's also a neutral zone in the middle of the court, so it's easier to grab balls at the beginning of the game and leaves less "dead space" while the game is in play. If you step out of that zone into the other team's area, however, you are out.

A typical game lasts 50 minutes, with two 25 minute halves, with the goal being to gain points in that allotted time by eliminating all of the players on the other team.

What often happens, and it happened to me a few times, is one person will be left standing against a larger group on the other team.

"Pick your target," Club Captain Adrian Parish, a senior MIS major, said to his remaining teammates. Funny, considering I was the only target left on the court.

"One, two, three!"  
 And then balls were flying at me, and all I could do was dodge them. In fact, that's all I really did throughout practice, on advice from Halabu, because, well, I throw like a girl.

That's not to say that girls are not invited to join Club Dodge Ball. In fact, I wasn't the only



Club Dodgeball Executives Lee Garrison, Captain Adrian Parish, Eric Zaleski, and Peter Halabu put their best game faces on and will challenge anybody to a round of dodgeball... anytime, anywhere.

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skirt in the room. Maria Mocerri played on the team last season, and spoke fondly of former female players.

"We would make fun of the guys together, and protect each other on the court," she said.

When they aren't whipping balls at each other, the members of Club Dodge ball get along, and share camaraderie like most sports teams do. They even asked me if I wanted to join, though I respectfully declined.

They spend the fall semester practicing, and engage in tournaments with other schools including Michigan State and Grand Valley State in the spring semester, with the season ending in mid-April.

Club Dodge Ball practices on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Oakland's Recreation Center. The club encourages those interested to stop by and play a few games.

## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

# Swim team's Swedish Fish

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Even though she is a long way from her home in Sweden, sophomore Sophia Gustafsson started off her second season on the Oakland women's swimming and diving team right. She received a Mid-Con Athlete of the Week recognition for her role in the Golden Grizzly Tri-Meet that took place in October.

"It's always fun after a meet to get recognized, especially if it's a home meet," she said of the Athlete of the Week title.

She won the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle and earned a second-place win in the 200-yard butterfly to help the Grizzlies beat Cincinnati and Wayne State.

Gustafsson said with the three big events, the day was really hard for her.

"Sometimes I do two good races and one is really weak, but the three races I did that day were good," she said.

Gustafsson, a business major, competes mostly in the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle events, but also competes in the 200-butterfly, 200-yard freestyle and the 400-yard individual medley.

So far this season, she holds the top times on the team in the 500-yard freestyle with 5:02.8, the 1,000-yard freestyle with 10:21.18, the 200-yard butterfly with 2:08.54, and the 200-yard freestyle with 1:55.62.

She had a strong freshman year in which she broke the Mid-Con record in the mile 1,650 free set event at the Mid-Con Championship and was named Newcomer of the Year.

Gustafsson started swimming when she was five, after her family moved to Singapore.

"It was hot there a lot of the time, so I swam," she explained. Gustafsson came to OU from Djursholm, Sweden where she

has been swimming in a club sport since she was seven years old. She explained that all high school and college level sports are club sports in Sweden, so before coming to OU she had never competed for a school team.

"A friend on my team who was older than me, was on her way to America to swim, so I always knew of the opportunity to come to America to swim," she said.

Her coach in Sweden helped her find out more about OU and gave her contact information for head coach, Pete Hovland.

"There was also a Danish girl on the team before I came here and I talked to her about coming to Oakland," Gustafsson said. "I asked her a lot of questions. Anything I didn't want to ask Pete, I'd ask her."

At first Gustafsson said she was skeptical about moving to the United States but it was easy to adjust.

"I was nervous before moving, but I liked it right away. Everyone was really nice," she said.

Gustafsson said she is pleased with her performance so far this season and says she has improved her butterfly stroke and is working to improve her turns.

She also has a few goals this season. "First I want to break five minutes and I want to get the NCAA B-cut," she said. "The NCAA only takes 50 people in every event and making the B-cut would be a step closer to going to the NCAA next year."

Besides swimming, Gustafsson likes to hang out with friends, watch movies and travel to warm places.

"Out of season, I also like to run," she said.

Even though she says she does not think she will continue competitive swimming after OU, swimming will always be important to her.

"Being in the water makes me feel good and I've always liked that feeling," she said.

Gustafsson will have plenty of opportunity to show what she's made of when she heads back to Oakland for a home meet on Dec. 1 against Hope College at the OU Recreation Center Pool at 1 p.m.



Oakland University Sports Information  
 Sophomore Sophia Gustafsson has already nabbed the Mid-Con Athlete of the Week honors this year.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL FOR NOV. 25

# Tale of the Tape



Oakland University

**Team Record**  
 3-2 Overall

**Scoring Leader**  
 Erik Kangas (13.2 ppg)

**Rebounding Leader**  
 Pat McCloskey (6.4 rpg)

### Game Notes

Oakland trails 0-5 in all time play versus the Spartans... Erik Kangas leads the Grizzlies with a 51% from beyond the three-point arc... The Golden Grizzlies sport a 12.2 assists per game average, though it also has been liable for 12.6 turnovers a game... Oakland leads its opponents by over .200 percentage points from the free throw line this year... This is Greg Kampe's 23rd season as head coach of the Golden Grizzly basketball program.

# VS



Michigan State University

**Team Record**  
 4-1 Overall

**Scoring Leader**  
 Drew Neitzel (15.4 ppg)

**Rebounding Leader**  
 Goran Suton (6.4 rpg)

### Game Notes

The Spartans came up short in the final game of the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament and fell to Maryland with a final score of 62-60... Raymar Morgan leads Michigan State with 3.6 fouls per game... This is Tom Izzo's 12th season at the helm of the Spartans... Neitzel maintains an .895 free throw percentage this season... 6'11" Idong Ibok has 8 blocks for State... MSU has outscored its opponents by 68 points thus far... Neitzel recently received the title of Big Ten Co-Player of the Week.

All stats are accurate as of Nov. 19.

# OU adds recruits to athletic ranks

## Volleyball

The volleyball team has signed Emily Hoffiz to play for the Golden Grizzlies next season. Hoffiz is a three-time all-league selection from Andover High School. In her junior year, she earned all-area, all-region and all-state honors.

## Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team has inked three recruits to participate in the 2007-2008 season. Peter Bunn from Lansing Christian High School was selected as an all-state, all-district and all-league in both his sophomore and junior years. In 2006-2007, Will Hudson was ranked 12th in Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook as one of the state's Fab 50 Seniors. Last season, Jonathan Tassin was an honorable mention in both the Class A all-state selection

and the Detroit Free Press's all-metro pick.

## Softball

Chelsea Wengren, Kelsey Krych, Dana and Danielle Peters and Marissa Everitt have all committed to playing for Oakland's softball team for the 2008 season. Wengren is a three-time all-conference and all-district selection from Brandon High School. She also garnered all-region and honorable mention all-state honors her sophomore year, as well as received all-world recognition at the USSSA Nationals in 2004. Krych is currently playing for Goodrich High School, while twins Dayna and Danielle Peters have both received all-academic honors from Romeo High School. Everitt was named All-Northern Lakes League Player of the Year as a pitcher for Rossford High School in Ohio.

## Women's Basketball

Five seniors have signed National Letters of Intent to compete as a part of the women's basketball team next season. Carrie Snickers of Hudsonville Unity Christian and Brittany Carnago of St. Clair High School are both candidates for Michigan's Miss Basketball this season. Carnago's teammate Stacey Farrell was named Macomb Area Conference MVP this season, while Howell High School senior Anna Patrino was named Kensington Valley Conference MVP this season. Forward Kirstie Molone will graduate in June from Brighton High School.

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