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Welcome Week @ Oakland University September 1-14, 2007

Friday, August 31- Sunday, September 2

Actors 'n' Techies: Found a Peanut

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students

8:00 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall

Saturday, September 1

Residence Halls Check-In for New Students

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI): Students First Welcome

1:00 p.m., Outdoors, under the tent

Residence Halls Council (RHC): BBQ for New Students

4:00-7:00 p.m., Hamlin Courtyard

Residence Halls Programming (RHP) Comedy Show: Michael Dean Ester

7:00-8:00 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center Bumpers Games Room, Oakland Center, and Chartwells:

FREE Gaming and Food at Bumpers!

8:00-10:30 p.m., Bumpers Games Room, Oakland Center

Sunday, September 2

Residence Halls Check-In for Returning Students

9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Residence Halls Check-In for University Student Apartments

Noon-8:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer: OU vs. Rutgers

1:00 p.m., Lower Fields

Residence Halls Annual "Luau"

7:30-9:30 p.m., Outdoors, Between Vandenberg Hall and The Lake

Monday, September 3 – Labor Day

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9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Tuesday-Friday, September 4-7

"Ask A Grizz" Information Tables

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday,

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Sunday, September 4-9

Kresge Library Help Sessions on OU Email Account & ILLiad (Interlibrary Loan)

Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00

a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday,

1:00-10:00 p.m., Kresge Library

Tuesday, September 4

Center for Student Activities (CSA)/Orientation & New Student Programs (ONSP): "Jump Start" for First Year Students

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Banquet Room B, Oakland Center

First Year Students: Making College Count

11:00 a.m.-Noon, Banquet Room A, Oakland Center

Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI): Scholars Meet and Greet

1:00-2:00 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

New Student Convocation & Involvement Fair

3:00-5:00 p.m., Recreation & Athletics Center

OU Classes Begin 5:00 p.m.

"The Walk" to Meadow Brook Hall

Pizza, Pop & Music sponsored by OU Greeks (Rain date: September 5)

9:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m., Meet at Hamlin Courtyard

Wednesday, September 5

First Full Day of Classes

7:30 a.m.

Association of Black Students (ABS) Open House

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 121 Vandenberg Hall

Welcome Reception for School of Education & Human Services (SEHS) First-Year Students

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Atrium, Pawley Hall

Men's Soccer: OU vs. University of Detroit-Mercy

4:00 p.m., Lower Fields

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Welcome Picnic

4:00-6:30 p.m., Between Oakland Center and The Lake

Association of Black Students (ABS)/Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI): Family Reunion BBQ

6:00-9:00 p.m., Hamlin Basketball Court (Rain site:

Campus Recreation Center)

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Thursday, September 6

Kresge Library: Kresge Cafe

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Kresge Library

"Beatnik Poet Cafe", 1:00 p.m., Student Lounge



Greek Carnival

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Outside, Between the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library (Rain site: Campus Recreation Center)

Student Affairs Ice Cream Social

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Outside, Between the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library (Rain site:

Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center); 5:00-6:30 p.m.,

Outside, Between North & South Foundation Halls

(Rain site: Fishbowl, South Foundation Hall)

Graham Health Center Open House

1:00-4:00 p.m., Graham Health Center

OU Counseling Center Open House

1:00-4:00 p.m., Graham Health Center

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Welcome

Week Large Group Meeting

7:00 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Residence Halls Council (RHC), Sigma Alpha

Epsilon Fraternity & WXOU: "Jammin' @ Hamlin"

Outdoor Concert

7:00-9:00 p.m., Hamlin Courtyard

Friday, September 7

OU 50th Anniversary Appreciation Dinner

5:00-7:30 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

Women's Volleyball: OU vs. LaSalle

7:00 p.m., O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center

Student Program Board (SPB) Presents Magician/

Mentalist: Craig Karges

7:00-8:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Student Program Board (SPB) & Student Activities

Funding Board (SAFB): "Cirque OU"

8:00 p.m.-Midnight, P11 Parking Lot

Sigma Pi Fraternity: 13th Annual Pig Roast

8:00 p.m.-Midnight, Upper Fields

10th Annual Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats

Downtown Pontiac

Friday August 31 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 1 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 2 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Monday, September 3 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Michigan Renaissance Festival

Holly, MI Take I-75 to Exit 106 (Grand Blanc). Head South on Dixie Highway

Friday, August 31 - Sunday, September 2

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available at the CSA Service Window, 49

Oakland Center

SPB Mainstage Concert:

Dashboard Confessional

Tickets on sale August 3 at the

CSA Service Window and Tick-

etmaster

Meadowbrook Music Festival

Show Starts at 8 p.m.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Technology: Making us less than the sum of our parts

The technological world of today is beyond the wildest dreams of our grandparents. It has graced us with individual power that results in miracles. We can grocery shop from home, be whatever age we wish and call long distance free on nights and weekends.

We don't even need maps anymore.

Everything is at our fingertips – music, information, and dating prospects.

We can have more friends than ever before in history. A lame kid in Michigan can even be friends with an American celebrity.

Why, then, has technology created the Apathetic Generation? Why is high-tech group so narcissistic? We can help more, know more, and speak more – but we do less. That is, less in the actual world. The world has become united by this technology, yet rather than unite, we become isolated.

Collectively, we have shied away from our actual plane of existence – the existence of interaction, communication and touch. Technology has become a fallback comfort zone.

Instead of talking to the person next to us, we would prefer to remove ourselves from our physical surroundings with a more secure environment a la cell phones or similar technologies. Two individuals standing in an elevator may be oblivious to each other's presence, while engrossed in cell phone calls.

With Bluetooth technology, it is hard to tell if someone is crazy or just calling home to his mother. We would even send digital words via text message rather than speak.

The Internet is susceptible to the same criticism. It represents the ultimate ideal of a collective conscience, yet we make it all about "My"Space. We think we have friends and recreation online. We don't. We

just have words, pixels, and bad grammar. Friendship goes beyond the electronic walls of a Facebook password.

We have put the "i" in iPhone, iPod, and iLife. With our miniature gadgets that take pictures, give directions and play music all at the same time, we have become our own individual Sharper Image stores. The chic contraptions that used to make James Bond sexy are in the hands of today's average Joe – even today's below average Joe. And these devices do not even make him sexy. Instead, he needs venues such as eHarmony to get anywhere.

Our perception of the world is even isolated by the technology. We have more access to world events than ever, however this overabundance is muted. We, as a whole, have no better connection with warfare, disaster or the downtrodden. Mainstream technology often exalts the famous, while doping the masses. For instance, warfare takes the backseat to matters like a celebrity's lack of underwear.

And even those with unreasonable beliefs find refuge in this wild west community with no moral watchdogs. Absurdity loves company, and isolates the deviants from society by uniting them with like deviants. This isolation removes the bigger picture. If one person in Arizona believes the world is flat and finds others online in Brazil and Thailand, there is now support for this idea. He is isolated from reality. An alternative – and false existence is alive instead.

So, do not let that which is meant to help handicap.

Talk to the person next to you, take out your earbuds and use technology to unite rather than alienate.



Rove's departure leaves vacancy in White House

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– The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States

Four on Four

four panelists share their take on four topics



Duncan Debruin
Junior, History Major



Ashley Dahms
Senior, OU Student
Assistant



Dave Kim
WXOU Radio
Operations Director



Paul Franklin
Coordinator of
Campus Programs

Do you think the new parking lot will satisfy parking complaints?

No. I don't think the location is very convenient.

I have friends that go to U-M, MSU and they're walking a half a mile to class sometimes. I think that it's ridiculous that people are complaining ... but I think it's fine they added more spaces.

I hope so. I don't mind walking, so I don't really care. But if it does, that's great.

Yes and no. I think that it provides more parking, but everybody wants to park as close as possible. So, unless you get here early, you're still going to have to park a relatively far distance away.

Has Michael Vick been treated unfairly by the media and public in light of his federal dogfighting charges?

I believe so. It's innocent until proven guilty in our democratic republic.

No, probably not. Any average American citizen wouldn't be scrutinized as much ... But I think that being punished for subjecting animals to that type of environment needs addressing.

No not all. You can't tell me he doesn't know what's happening on the property that he owns. He's not being mistreated. I'm glad they suspended his jersey sales.

I don't know. I don't care. Michael Vick is not of interest to me.

Are you pleased with the construction and landscaping that's been done on campus?

Not yet. It seems like it's taking forever. It seems like poor planning has produced poor results.

I think it was nice. It was needed. The campus is old.

Hopefully they'll eventually finish everything. I think in the long run, it'll probably be good for the school. I don't mind it ... but I don't go to school for the aesthetics.

I think it was necessary ... and I think a lot of it is an improvement. [But] some of it, I have no idea.

What is your take on White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove's resignation?

I have mixed feelings about it. If he felt it was his time to go, that's fine. It can only help this administration.

I know some of the political commentary has said that it was a symbol of the end of a lame-duck presidency. I really just don't care. I'm just waiting until the next election.

I don't think he quit out of the goodness of his heart. I think he was kind of forced out. He's done some pretty shady things. I'm not shedding any tears now that he's gone.

Six years too late.

Whadya Think?

Want to be a future panelist for "Four on Four"?
Do you have some great ideas for panel questions?
Get in on the action. For more information, or to
send us a column, email the Perspectives editor at
oakpostmanaging.com.

OU professor indicted

Assistant professor Darrin Hanna accused of violating trade embargo with Iraq

By PAUL GULLY
Managing Editor

Oakland University assistant professor of engineering Darrin Hanna, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that he violated a 1990 trade embargo with Iraq, conspiring to ship telecommunications equipment to the country.

The 10-count indictment includes one count of conspiracy, six counts of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, one count of money laundering and one count of forfeiture.

Hanna's 34-year-old sister, Dawn Hanna, has also been indicted and is facing the same charges as her brother, as well as one count of making false statements to a U.S. Customs agent.

At the time of the Hannas' alleged dealings, a federal embargo prohibiting all trade and business transactions between the U.S. and Iraq was in place. The embargo was lifted in May 2003 after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

The indictment alleges that the Hannas received approximately \$9.5 million, which was used to pay a supplier, a middle man and themselves, for

components for a mobile telecommunications network and GPS equipment.

"It is unfortunate that the Government has built a case upon their complete misunderstanding of the facts," said Hanna, in a statement he released to The Post. "I am looking forward to setting the record straight and completely vindicating myself in court."

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) teamed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division to investigate the case.

"Evading the U.S. trade embargo on a hostile regime like Saddam Hussein's is a serious crime with punishing consequences that cannot be ignored," said United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy, in a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

A decision has yet to be made in regard to Hanna's teaching status at the university.

"All employment decisions are subject to the collective bargaining agreement with the American Association of University Professors," said Michelle Moser, OU's assistant director of media relations.

OU's AAUP chapter could not be reached for comment.

A distinguished student, Hanna graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and Mathematics in 1999, received a Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering at OU in 2000 and a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering at OU in 2003.

Hanna and has been an instructor at OU in some capacity since 1996.

"We are saddened by the allegations. Darrin has been a professor at OU since the fall of 2003 and has been well regarded by both his colleagues and his students," said Pieter Frick, dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

"We await the outcome of the proceeding and hope the allegations prove to be false," Frick added.

Hanna is also the owner of the Rochester-based Technology Integration Group Services Inc., a technology, engineering and e-solutions company that provides technical services to its clients.

Hanna is active in performing arts, according to his OU Web site biography, performing nationally with the DSD Center for the Performing Arts Dance Company, and is a decorated men's figure and artistic roller skater.

According to reports, the Hannas were arraigned on July 25 and released on

bond after being ordered to relinquish their passports.

If convicted on the charges, each of the Hannas face a maximum of 20 years in prison.

International Emergency Economic Powers Act

Sec. 1702 (a) — Any authority granted to the President by section 1702 of this title may be exercised to deal with any unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in whole or substantial part outside the United States, to the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States, if the President declares a national emergency with respect to such threat.

On August 6, 1990 the U.N. Security Council adopted Resolution 661 which imposed stringent economic sanctions on Iraq, providing for a full trade embargo, excluding medical supplies, food and other items of humanitarian necessity,

**Check out our welcome back issue
on September 4 for news on the
Dashboard Confessional concert
coming soon to Oakland University**

OU bookstore now selling new exploitation-free T-shirt brand

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter/Photographer

Are the department store lines that co-opt surf-and-skate culture too plain or too ubiquitous for your tastes? Would you like to do more than just wear an outfit?

Barnes and Noble has partnered with the Dublin-based contemporary fashion clothing company Edun to make an alternative to the plain old outfit available at the campus bookstore with its sub-brand, edun LIVE.

The T-shirts arrived at OU's campus bookstore last week. They feature edun LIVE's signature design, which bears one of the company's signature slogans, "How do you Live?," set on an earthy background.

"So far, we've sold four," said Debbie Ogg, store manager. "I'm confident that when the fall semester starts, we'll sell more. Depending on how sales of the signature design t-shirt go, we'll begin to stock other designs."

Bono and Ali Hewson launched Edun with designer Rogan Gregory in 2005. The company aims to promote skilled labor and stimulate the economy of sub-Saharan Africa.

Edun is a for-profit business that works with progressive companies to sell its product. So far, edun Live has sold over 1.5 million T-shirts worldwide.

According to www.edun-live.com, Edun LIVE strives to inspire other companies around the world to adopt business models and policies that promote social and economic growth and stability in developing countries. The company works closely with factories and farmers that produce the cotton for their products. There is no corner cutting or exploitation involved.

"It's a great humanitarian effort," said Anne Frakey, Barnes and Noble Vice President. "There's no child labor involved even down to the thread."

According to a Barnes and Noble press release, edun LIVE, which started in 2006, creates sustainable employment for thousands of people in sub-Saharan Africa.

The manufacturing process involves a utilization of African-grown cotton, which is found in developing countries such as Lesotho, Tanzania and Uganda.

Edun LIVE T-shirts will be sold in hundreds of campus bookstores around the country.



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post
Jackie Carline and Lisa Kortz, bookstore associates, enjoy the softness of the 100 percent combed African cotton T-shirts that arrived at OU's bookstore last week.

"We are thrilled to have partnered with the edun LIVE management team in this joint effort of a socially positive business initiative," said Joel Friedman, vice president of general merchandising for Barnes and Noble College Booksellers.

Possible future designs will be fashionable blank T-shirts, which will either be sold as is or feature university iconography. The T-shirts are made from 100 percent African combed cotton grown organically when and where it is possible.

Student organizations wishing to have their own logos or messages printed on custom-made T-shirts can place their orders with the campus bookstore manager.

"I like the T-shirts. They're really comfortable and look nice," said campus bookstore associate Lisa Kortz. "I'm glad that OU can be a part of this new and growing movement."

For more information about edun LIVE, to view other designs or to order T-shirts, visit: www.edun-live.com.



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post
Lisa Kortz, a bookstore associate, models an edun LIVE T-shirt. The shirt retails for under \$20.

NEWSBRIEFS

Noble Prize winner & Holocaust survivor scheduled to visit OU

Elie Wiesel, winner of the 1986 Noble Peace Prize, will be visiting Oakland University Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. Wiesel is a survivor from the Auschwitz concentration camp and went on to be a successful author and journalist.

Wiesel has written several pieces about the Holocaust and over 40 books, including "A Beggar in Jerusalem" and "The Testament."

Tickets for the event will be available Aug. 27 at the Center for Student Activities ticket window. The event is free for students, faculty and staff and \$25 general admission for nonstudents.

New Student Convocation kicks off the school year

The new school year officially begins with the New Student Convocation scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The formal ceremony will take place at the Recreation and Athletic Center from 3-5:00 p.m. and will feature a presentation by Oakland University president, Gary Russi, as well as other Oakland representatives.

Classes will officially begin at the conclusion of the event.

Welcome Week wraps up with big concert

The Student Program Board presents Dashboard Confessional on Friday Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. The concert will take place at Meadow Brook Music Festival on campus.

Dashboard Confessional is best known for their recent hits, "Hands Down" and "Vindicated." Chris Carrabba, of Dashboard Confessional, will sing an acoustic set prior to the show.

Tickets are currently on sale at Ticketmaster, the Palace of Auburn Hills box office or at the CSA window in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Tickets cost \$10 for students, faculty and staff and \$20 for the general public. There is a service fee of \$6.25 for each ticket. Only pavilion seats will be sold for this event.

- By Rob Tate
Senior Reporter

Big plans in store for OU's future

What lies ahead in univeristy academics and athletics

By PAUL GULLY
Managing Editor

In the past 10 years, Oakland University has experienced some exciting growth and changes. From a steady increase in student enrollment, to the athletic program joining the ranks of Division I competition, OU has proven its ability to adapt and excel with every new challenge and opportunity, while continuing to meet the changing needs of its students.

One of the most recent, and impressive changes that will certainly affect OU's future, is the institution's partnership with Beaumont Hospital to build and implement a medical school on campus.

As the university continues to progress, the administration has been working to increase its academic offerings to best prepare students for the future career trends and opportunities.

With the goal of increasing OU's enrollment to 20,000 by 2010, President Gary Russi continues to plan for the expected growth of the university, and to monitor economic trends, to best prepare students for their lives after OU.

This fall, several new concentrations and programs will be offered to meet the demand for the changing job market.

"Because the need for social workers will grow 30 percent by the year 2010, we developed a bachelor's of social work program so when our students graduate they

will be fully prepared for Michigan state licensure," Russi said.

The administration is well aware that they face a challenge in continuing their growth in the midst of a difficult period in Michigan's economy, which was a major factor in the administration's decision to approve a 13.9 percent increase in student tuition, translating into a nearly \$1,000 per student increase for the upcoming year.

However, faculty remains optimistic about OU's future. Many see the tuition increase as a necessary move to ensure that the future of the university is not compromised, and do not think it will hinder the school's enrollment numbers.

"Even with the tuition increase, we're still an affordable university," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the center for student activities.

"Because we rely on state funding, the bleak budget picture, no doubt, touches us. But I believe we will continue to grow and flourish despite this," Russi said. "We've ... trimmed millions of dollars from our budget, and we're finding ways to apply lean process improvements."

However, as the university's growth does continue, Miller hopes that OU doesn't lose the intimacy that a small school offers its students.

"I really enjoy the small school atmosphere that we've prided ourselves on, and hopefully we don't lose that as we

continue to grow," Miller said.

On the athletic front, OU's Athletic Director Tracy Huth and Golden Grizzlies men's head basketball coach Greg Kampe both agree that the program has taken huge strides since it moved to Division I competition in 1998.

"I think we have proven we can compete with the other institutions in Michigan ... I think we've proven that in all of our sports," said Huth. "I think our goal over the next 5-10 years, ... is to not only be able to compete with those institutions, but to be able to beat them and compete at the highest level from a recruiting standpoint."

However, any expansion of Oakland's athletic programs, whether it be a football or lacrosse team, is contingent on their ability to improve and construct new facilities.

"I would tell you that the one true facility we have at the Division I level is our aquatics center ... Once you move outside of that program, we really have to question our ability to attract ... the top student athletes with our current facilities," Huth said.

Kampe is currently campaigning to raise \$50 million to be used for scholarship endowments, which would save the program millions of dollars, and updating the athletic department and constructing new facilities.

"Right now, we have fields and we need

to turn them into stadiums," Kampe said.

Having spent the last year designing and planning for the improvements, Kampe recently had a blueprint drawn up for his plans, which include a 2,500-seat baseball stadium, a 315-seat softball stadium, a 1,500-seat soccer stadium and other amenities accommodations.

"If we are able to get an expansion on our facilities ... where we are at the same level of some of these other schools within the state, we're going to be right up there," said Huth. "We'll be competing at the highest level as some of the schools in the state."

The added media exposure and success of OU's athletics has enabled programs to generate added revenue from advertising and sponsors that will be used toward the prospective facility updates.

Currently, Huth is close to finalizing a deal to have the men's basketball games broadcasted on radio.

"We've had a hard time getting that door open, and now we're there. Four or five years ago, no one would even talk to us about it. Now it's a real good possibility that it's going to happen," Huth said.

Whether it be on the athletic field, in student enrollment, or in academics, the general outlook for the university's future is one of excitement and optimism.

"In my opinion," said Huth, "OU is a sleeping giant and we're starting to come out and see that."

Check out the latest additions to OU's program offerings

Concentrations

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Bachelors

NOW AVAILABLE AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

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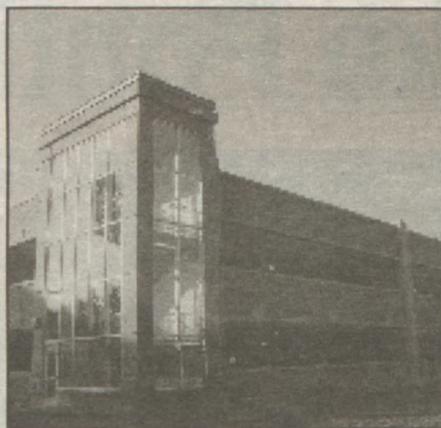
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- Master of Music in Vocal Performance
- Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy
- Master of Music in Piano Performance
- Master of Music in Conducting
- Master of Music in Instrumental Pedagogy
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Back to the Past

The last 10 years may shape the next 50

By **ROB TATE**
Senior Reporter

Oakland University has changed immensely since its formation 50 years ago. What the future has in store in the next 50 years has yet to be determined. But one thing's for sure: the last 10 years have brought much change to the OU campus. From sports achievements to new buildings to enrollment climbing every year to the announcement of a new medical school, who knows what the future holds for OU.



1997 – Oakland University joins the ranks of Division I athletics. The Pioneers join the Mid-Continent Conference. The \$43 million Science and Engineering building is dedicated.

2000 - R & S Golf Course opens for play.

2002 – Student apartments, a three story **parking deck**, and Pawley Hall are completed. Women's Basketball team wins first Mid-Con championship and heads to the NCAA

2004 – Oakland University partners with Macomb Community College.

2006 – The Grizzly Center opens to meet academic needs of student-athletes. The **Grizz Statue** outside of the Oakland Athletic Center is unveiled. **OU Writing Center** opens in Kresge Library. The American Bar Association granted Thomas M. Cooley Law School's request to establish a full three-year doctorate degree program at Oakland. OU Women's basketball reaches NCAA tournament for the second time in history.

1998 – Oakland University has a new mascot for the athletics program, the Golden Grizzly. The **Recreation and Athletic Center** opens.



2001 - Construction breaks for new **student apartments** and the new Education and Service Building (Later named Pawley Hall after donation by OU Board member Dennis Pawley and his wife, Nancy).

2003 – Oakland Center expansion completed. Cooley Law Library, Crittenton Hospital Multimedia Library and Fastening and Joining Research Institute all open up on campus.



2007 – Oakland University and Beaumont Hospital reach an agreement to create a new medical school on Oakland's campus set to open around 2010.



2005 - Several new services were introduced or enhanced on campus including the new Student Technology Center, Gender and Sexuality Center, Student Resource Center and Credit Union ONE full-service on-campus branch. Men's basketball team wins Mid-Con championship, advances to play-in game in NCAA Tournament, defeats Alabama A&M for first NCAA Tournament victory in school history.

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ARC aims to make Pontiac artsy

By CELESTE FILIATRAULT
Graphics Editor/Webmaster

ARC Pontiac, a collaborative of artists, students, professionals and visionaries, is revitalizing downtown Pontiac by hosting events geared toward the creative community.

"ARC offers every creative person incredible opportunities to meet other people with similar interests and different skill sets, to promote their own talents, to gain real world experience orchestrating and executing exciting interesting projects and events in Pontiac, to be a part of building something spectacularly unique and creating an environment and a lifestyle best suited to their own interests," said Membership Expansion Director Henry Frederick Wischusen III, a.k.a. Phreddy.

ARC has hosted a variety of events thus far. Their "30" show - an art gala with multiple art mediums - attracted 175 guests to view 60 pieces from 22 different artists. In collaboration with Mitchell's Fish Market, the "ARC Prom," an 80s-style dance party, brought 150 people into Pontiac on a Monday night raising \$500 for YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, which benefits children in the

Pontiac area.

Ongoing events include "Writer's Bloc," a workshop and reading session held bi-weekly in Pontiac's Blue Note Café and "Film Night," a discussion series showcasing selected works. Past screenings include "Breathless," "Aguirre: The Wrath of God" and "Cremaster5."

Everyone is welcome at ARC's weekly "InForum" meetings every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at 30 S. Saginaw St. in the heart of downtown Pontiac.

ARC's weekly e-newsletter, "light/d'arc," contains articles, meeting details and a calendar of upcoming events including "W.O.W," a gallery-style approach to fashion design and a city-wide Halloween party uniting nightlife, art and entertainment.

You can subscribe and send submissions with relevant info, articles, events, or ideas by e-mailing lightdarc@arcpontiac.com.

"Each person can make ARC better," said Wischusen. "Each effort makes it stronger, and every voice is audible."

More information can be found at www.myspace.com/arcpontiac or e-mailing Wischusen at phreddy@arcpontiac.com.



Photo courtesy of Arc Pontiac

ARC members show off their custom-designed socks available for sale at meetings.

More than cheap talk, ARC has a mission to:

Provide a network for artists and creative minds to explore and test their personal/professional goals.

Develop and host new and distinctive ideas, programs and events to attract people to Pontiac.

Establish downtown Pontiac as the creative and cultural urban center of Oakland County.

You'll be McLovin "Superbad"

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

The jovial, awkward and sometimes utterly repulsive adolescents of "Superbad" possess something unique and admirable: heart.

There are hints of it, but the nonstop antics of the trio of social misfits largely silences any premature outcroppings of venerable human decency. That will come much later, and it is well worth the wait.

Produced by the Judd Apatow and Shauna Robertson who brought us "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Superbad" will likely be successful for the reasons that viewers love or hate it.

Evan (Michael Cera) and Seth (Jonah Hill)-longtime friends and members of an

exclusive brotherhood of perverted teenage boys. They have one more opportunity for glory before they go off to different colleges. It's the last chance to satisfy a primal urge they previously lacked the social skills to accomplish, and it rests with their super geek friend and lackey, Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse).

From the initial conversation between Evan and Seth about which porn site yields the best bang for your buck to their discussion of the proper way to conceal an erection or whether or not it should have to be concealed at all, sex is the holy grail sought on their ignoble quest.

Obtaining the grail is not easy, and so Fogell and his fake I.D. must step in.

Seth, Evan and Fogell are invited to a house party by their high school crushes

and come to the obvious conclusion that the only way their crushes will lay with them is to get them falling-down drunk.

While Evan and Seth earn our pity through their desperation, Fogell gains self-respect and our admiration as McLovin, the vest-wearing 25-year-old.

The mystique of McLovin lies in his finesse when dealing with the spontaneous. The hilarity of "Superbad" escalates exponentially when McLovin takes a right hook from a robber and ultimately accepts a ride to the house party from two sympathetic cops.

Officer's Slater (Bill Hader) and Michaels (Seth Rogen) show McLovin that cops can have a good time, too. The three wrangle belligerent drunks, get drunk themselves, shoot holes in stop signs and

forge a bond in the fires of a cracked-out cover-up.

In the course of nothing going according to plan for Seth and Evan, the two are forced to reconcile pent-up feelings and learn self-respect. In turn, they even respect women—a little.

What makes this film so relatable is that the leads are played by actual teenage boys, and the script, itself, was a product of teenage boys.

Evan Goldberg and Seth Rogen initially wrote the script when they were thirteen and it has been nurtured and reworked ever since.

Movie-goers will either be highly entertained or considerably offended by what will, nevertheless, be one of the highest-grossing comedies of the summer.

Brussels eatery sprouts in Royal Oak

Bastone gives diners a Belgium blend of German and French cuisine

By SHANEIA CALDWELL
Contributing Reporter

When looking to venture off and take a culinary trip, be sure to stop on Main Street in Downtown Royal Oak to experience dining in Brussels. Bastone, a Belgium eatery, serves everything from hors d'oeuvres to a three-course meal.

Like many of Royal Oak's downtown restaurants, Bastone gives customers the choice of dining outdoors to enjoy the scenery.

The distinctive restaurant and brewery, open since 2004, offers patrons a combination of great food, serene atmosphere and attentive service. The interior décor is artsy with a European flare. The dim lighting and soft music allows for an intimate conversation with a partner.

The menu, influenced by Germany and France, is upscale with affordable prices. Since we dined during lunchtime, our menu was limited and all entrees were under \$12. After 4 p.m. the menu expands and entrees range from \$12-\$22.

The restaurant also offers a bar with a variety of wine and handcrafted beer. After-hours restaurant goes can head to the underground nightclub, Cinq, which Bastone houses.

The meal started with a green salad, including Belgian endive tossed with beets and walnuts, served with a raspberry vinaigrette. All salads come with a house vinaigrette.

Instead of an appetizer, I leapt to the tender but greasy Grilled Onglet, hanger steak with bleu cheese butter and aligote potatoes.

Other entrees ranged from a variety of tartes, thin-crust pizza, seafood waterzool with clams, cod, mussels and orcihiette pasta with cranberries, mountain goat cheese and sage cheese.

As a first-timer, my guest played it safe with a char grilled ground sirloin on poppy seed roll with lettuce and tomatoes and a side of pomme frites with horseradish. The French fries are fried twice and served European-style with mayonnaise of choice.

Although we were too stuffed for dessert, the most popular is the warm chocolate truffle cake with espresso ice cream.

Bastone has a suitable setting for a first date or can even be tailored to a family restaurant where kids eat free on Sundays. The food is served in a timely manner and the experience was worthwhile.



The Grilled Onglet hanger steak with bleu cheese butter and aligote potatoes is featured item at Bastone

Pumpkins' latest is anything but smashing

Corgan and Chamberlin finally unite for 'Zeitgeist' after seven years

By NICK DEGEL
Contributing Reporter

Remember those kids down the street who started a band in junior high? They were probably Smashing Pumpkins fans.

These days they're still hanging around the basement debating whether the band's return is a legitimate reunion. Only drummer Jimmy Chamberlin and mastermind Billy Corgan remain from the original outfit, but they were the only two ever in control of the writing process in the first place.

As of July 10, your neighbors also had a brand new record to scrutinize. When we last left the Chicago quartet, Corgan dressed like a cast member from "The Matrix," and "MACHINA/The Machines of God" was a promising answer to 1998's "Adore" — which was little more than an extension of his work on "The Lost Highway" soundtrack.

Aside from being the first new Smashing Pumpkins release in seven years, "Zeitgeist" also marks a return to

the band's hallmark sound that brought them fame in the early- to mid-1990s. De-tuned, power drill guitars to the beat of gunshot snares, their latest effort certainly sounds like a Pumpkins' record.

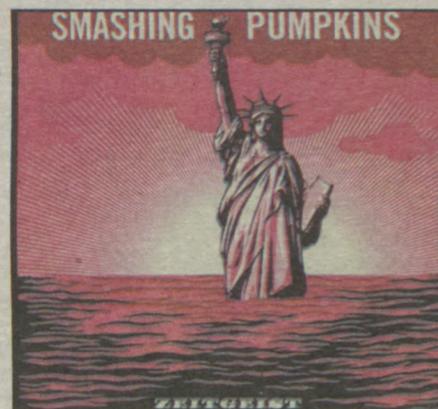
But upon listening to the album, it's hard not to feel like the writing and recording process was a rush job. Most of the songs lack imagination, void of the timeless riffs of "Siamese Dream" and the expansive landscapes of the band's watermark, "Melon Collie and the Infinite Sadness."

The vocals on "Doomsday Clock" sound so detached from the song that whether or not the demo version made the album by mistake is certainly debatable. The nine-and-a-half-minute-long "United States" fails to live up to its possibilities playing as seven-and-a-half minutes of album filler.

Here's a word to the wise: If you pick this one up, purchase the blue cover version. This one contains the song "Stellar," a wonderful break in the monotony with haunting guitars, ala the "Jesus and Mary Chain." Another high-

light is "Tarantula," a perfect radio rock song, which proves Billy still has a hit somewhere inside his complicated head.

Still, the question begs to be asked: Is this truly a Smashing Pumpkins album? Ultimately, the unifying factors are Corgan and Chamberlin, and if they wish to refer to it as such, who are we to argue?



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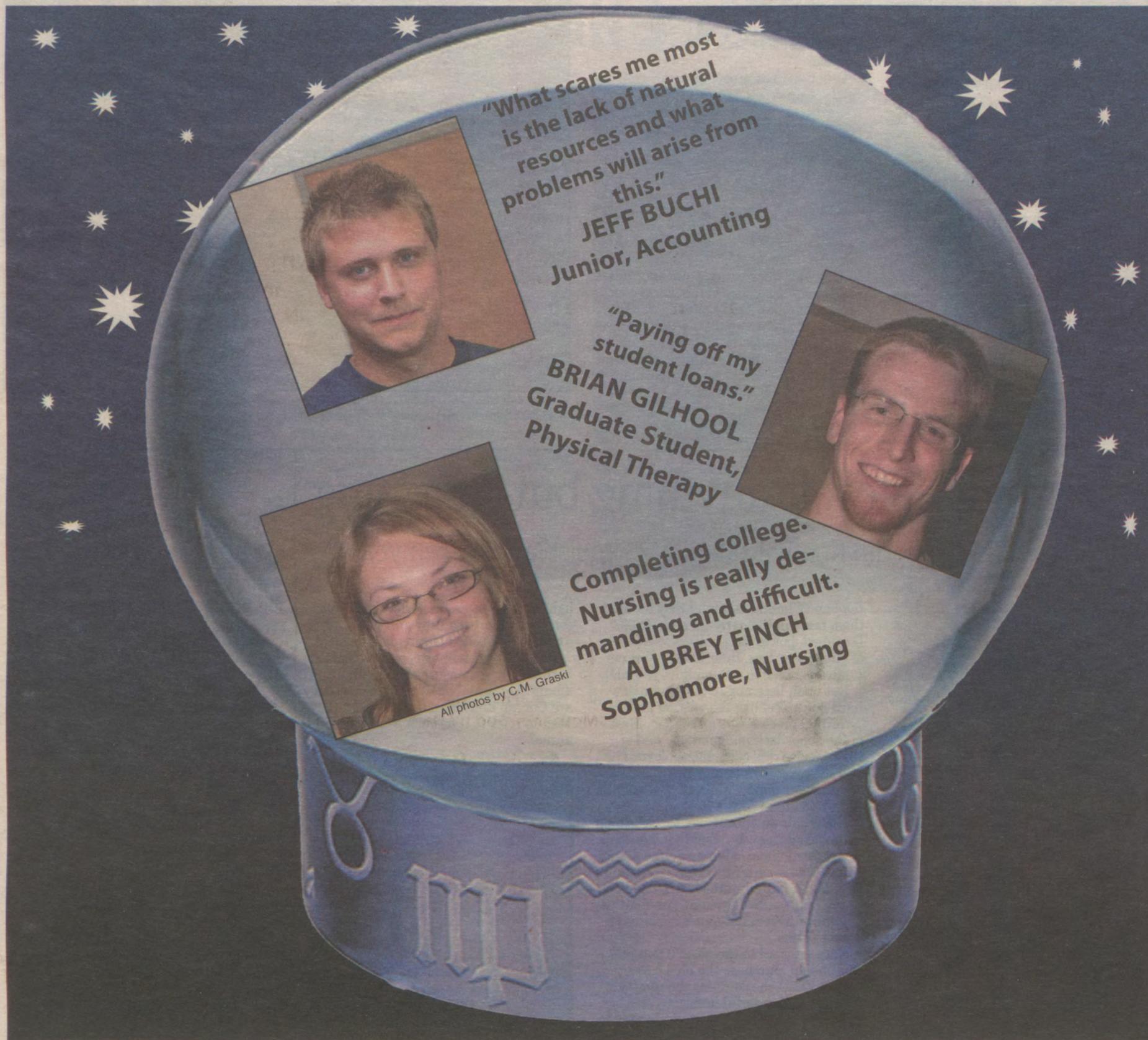
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What scares Oakland University students most about the future?



The end of the world as we know it

Doomsday scenarios even Captain Planet wouldn't be able to solve



"I think human civilization will destroy itself. We'll eventually go mad with greed."

TARA JOHNSON
Senior, Business Marketing



"The polar icecaps will melt and drown us all, but hopefully it won't happen in my lifetime."

GABRIEL GOGAS
Sophomore, Nursing



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"We'll asphyxiate on our own pollution within the next 50 years."

BONNIE JOHNSON
Senior, Communication

It'll still be around in 2012

OU students predict what trends will last the next five years



Classic rock and roll will still be around."

MIKE REYES
Senior, Communication

"Trend of movie remakes as opposed to original creations will still be around."

BRENDAN STEVENS
Senior, Journalism



"Beyoncé will still be around in five years."

BRITTANY EVANS
Sophomore, Nursing

BOOKS ABOUT THE FUTURE YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

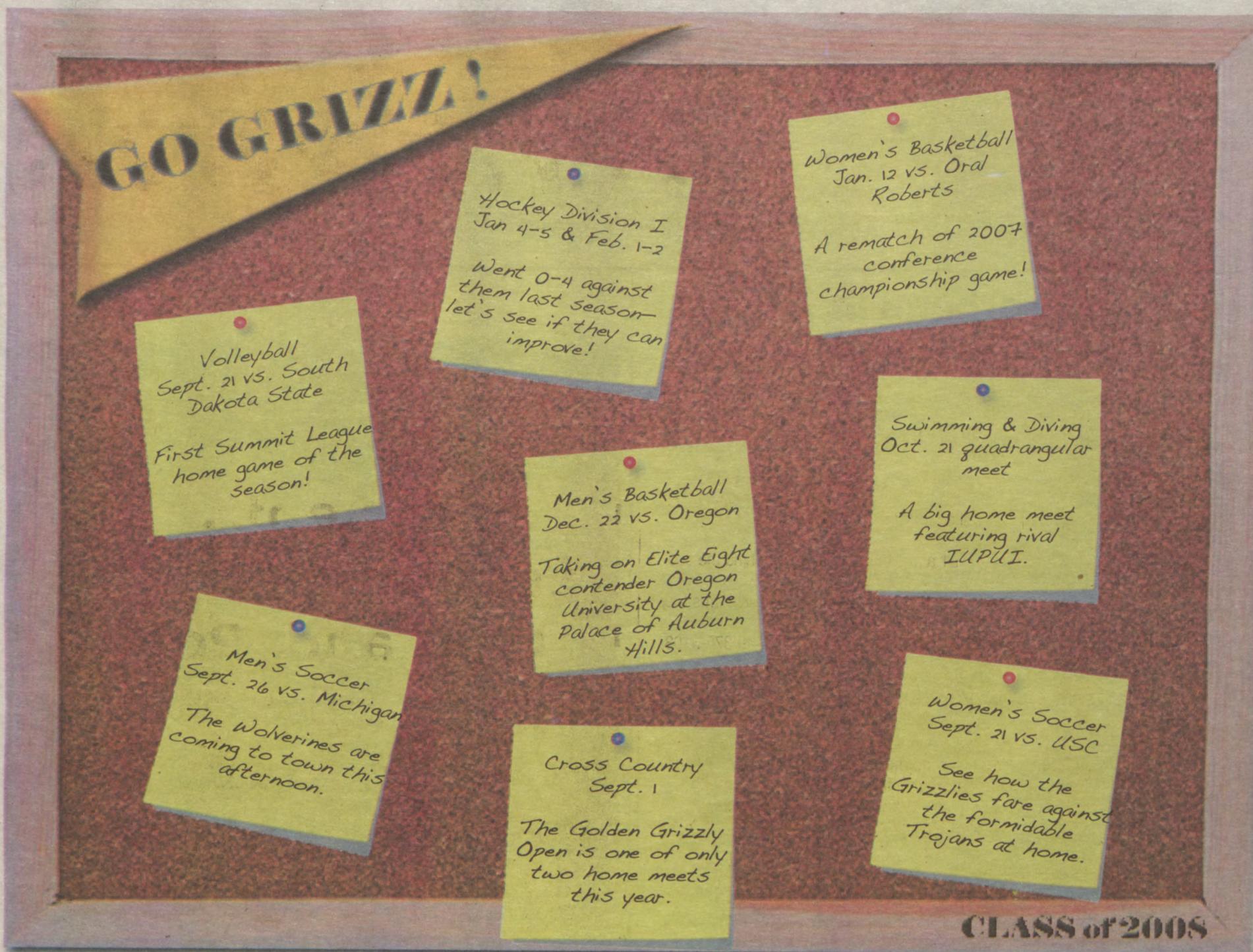
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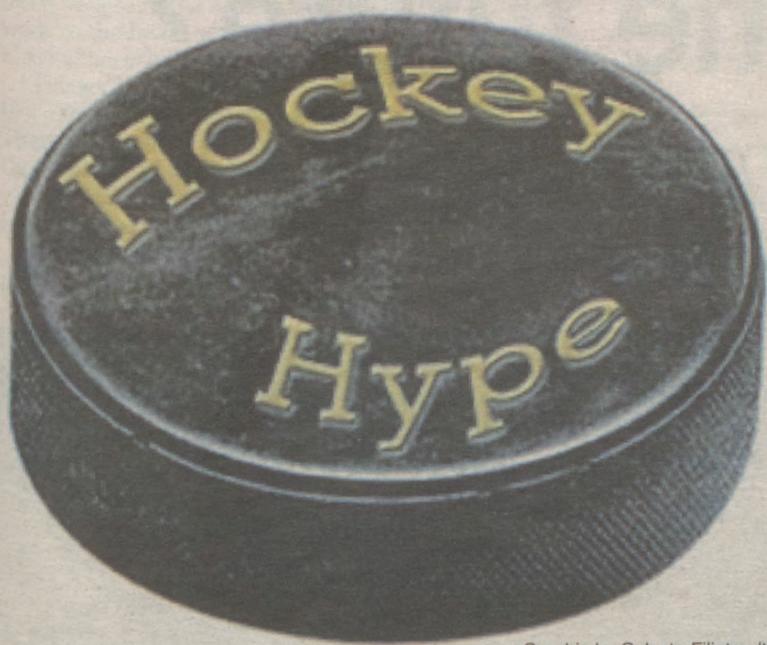
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Mark your calendars!

Jot down these key events on the Golden Grizzlies schedule





Graphic by Celeste Filiatrault

Hockey insiders weigh in on the top prospects for the 2007-08 season

	Brittany Ochtinsky Reporter The Oakland Post	Jake Workman Broadcaster WXOU	Corey Hagood Sports Director WXOU
Top pick selection	Todd Orlando Defense	Chris Wachmeister Forward	Jesse Worrell Forward
Why that player?	"At 6'6", Orlando brings an intimidation factor that the Grizzlies lacked last season. Those brave enough to cross his path will find themselves down on the ice in no time."	"The team didn't really have a big guy up front last year. Because of his size, he could be a big part of the power play by screening the goalie."	"He's fast, skates well and has great hands. He could be the perfect fit to play with (Brent) Cooper."
Head coach Sean Hogan says:	"His footwork is off, but he's extremely physical and players are afraid to go near him. He can also play forward, so if we put him in front of the net on the power play, he can screen any goalie."	"He's big, but he needs to get a little faster and could be stronger on the puck. He's physical but could be more physical for his size."	"He's not the prettiest guy, skating-wise, but he will put up the numbers because he's tough, gritty and not afraid to get hurt."

In case you missed it...

So you think you can play baseball or softball?

Both Oakland University softball and baseball teams have announced tryouts open to all students in September. Baseball tryouts will take place Sept. 6 at 4 p.m. at the OU baseball field located next to the OU Rec Center. All enrolled students are eligible to tryout. Students need to wear proper attire and bring their own equipment, fall schedule and student identification card. Any questions should be forwarded to Head Coach John Musachio who can be reached at (248) 370-4059 or by e-mail at musachio@oakland.edu.

Softball tryouts will take place Sept. 20-21 at the OU softball field behind the soccer field. You must be currently enrolled as a full-time student and have medical forms filled out, which can be obtained from athletic trainer Tom Ford. For further information, contact head coach Glenn MacDonald at (248) 370-3103.

Men's soccer team adds home game

OU athletics announced a change of venue for Oakland's scheduled game against the University of Detroit-Mercy. The game, originally scheduled to be a home game for the Titans, will now be played at the OU Soccer field Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. Oakland University tied Detroit-Mercy last season, 2-2. Oakland is 3-2-3 all-time versus Detroit-Mercy holding a 3-0-1 advantage in home games.

—By Rob Tate
Senior Reporter

Got fall?
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the Sept. 4
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Oakland Post
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fall sports.

The athlete of the future?

An analysis of how extreme athletic measures affect the human body

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

A young man steps into the men's bathroom. Rummaging through his gym bag, he pulls out a bottle of supplements recommended to him by a vitamin store employee. Popping a couple of the tablets in his mouth, he guzzles some water to help them go down smoother. When he finishes, he gathers his things and runs out the door to his junior varsity football practice.

Is this scenario extreme?

Probably.

Could scenarios like this be more commonplace in the future?

Perhaps.

As more and more athletes are reported to use extreme diets, rigorous workout regimens and "extra help" in the form of supplements and the ever-controversial steroids, it makes one wonder what the future of the athletic body will be.

Think about it. Young athletes of the present look up to big-time athletes as heroes. When word gets out that a superstar is using an extreme method to help gain success, a youngster could be impressionable enough to want to follow suit.

This could sound the alarm for what the "standard" athletic body could become. While the immediate results of these "miracle workers" sound appealing, the beating the body can take is frightening.

But Dr. Atkins told me to do it!

Ah, the fad diet: Atkins, South Beach, Smash, Zone, Cupcake—many of these diets have one thing in common: Each one cuts out certain foods which they claim will, in turn, give you energy and melt off the pounds.

The reality here is that the human body needs energy from a variety of foods to maintain a healthy body weight and functionality, according to a position

statement published by the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Dietetic Association and Dietitians of Canada.

The same report also cites that diets that place strict restrictions on carbohydrates and fat do not have the research to back up their claims. Carbohydrates are necessary to maintain blood-glucose levels during exercise and replace muscle glycogen.

Likewise, there is no performance benefit in consuming a diet with less than 15 percent of its energy from fat. Fat provides athletes with energy for the body to run on, fat-soluble vitamins and essential fatty acids.

Diets that strictly cut these two important components out of their diets face side effects such as exhaustion, menstrual irregularities and even risk for kidney stones and heart disease.

But the nice guy at the store told me to take it!

Sometimes, an athlete will feel that eating right and hitting the gym just isn't enough. They might feel that a trip to a vitamin store to pick up the latest pill advertised in their Men's Health magazine will do the trick.

Before you talk to that employee in the tight polo shirt, consider this scary thought: According to the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, supplement manufacturers are allowed to make claims regarding the affect of products on the function of the body as long as they do not claim to "diagnose, mitigate, treat, cure or prevent" a specific disease. Furthermore, as long as a label indicates the active ingredients in a list, then claims of enhanced performance, be they valid or not, can be made.

If somebody doesn't do their homework, who knows what sort of ingredients they are putting into their bodies?

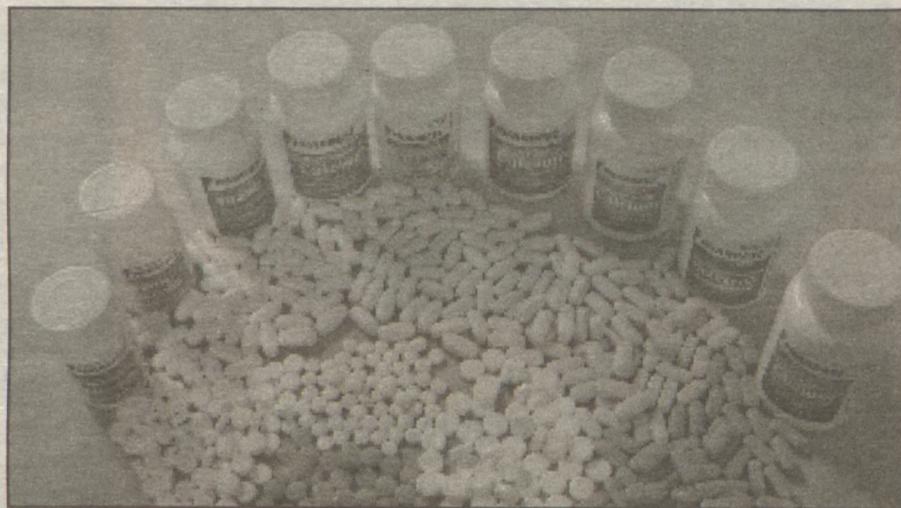
According to a report published by the American College of Sports Medicine, indiscriminate use of vitamin and mineral supplements can cause physiological disturbances, such as gastrointestinal problems. (This translates into bad gas—not exactly flattering.)

How could lifting weights possibly be bad for you?

One word: overtraining.

Overtraining is when a workout contains excessive volume and intensity of repetitions with little or no rest in between.

There is a laundry list of negative results from overtraining the body, including decreased athletic performance, chronic fatigue, menstrual disturbances, headaches, depression and weakening of the joints.



Supplements, though widely available, shouldn't be used without professional recommendation. Photo courtesy of www.pharbestusa.com

In addition, there is the risk of what is called "muscle dysmorphia," better known as "megarexia."

Just as anorexics are obsessed with the food they put into their bodies, megarexics are chronically preoccupied with the concept of increasing muscle mass and definition, according to a report published by Johnson and Wales University.

The worst side effect of trying to bulk up excessively is the effect it can have on an individual's muscle structure.

"Everybody's frame is different," said Dr. Wanda Reygaert, assistant professor of medical laboratory sciences at OU. "Muscles have what is called insertions and origins that are connected to the bone via tendons and ligaments. When you bulk up, to a certain extent, you can only do so to the strength of that bond to your bone."

"If you built up too much, you run the risk of ripping the muscle loose because some body types are not meant to be built that big. It's extremely painful and takes weeks and weeks to heal and they might even have to have the muscle surgically re-attached."

Ouch.

Is juicing up really all that bad?

Then there are anabolic steroids, the poster child of extreme athletic measures. While research is still being conducted on these supplements, they are nevertheless controversial and illegal in athletic competition.

While gaining muscle mass quickly may seem like an easy way to stay ahead in the short term, the side effects could be printed out on a scroll: shrunken testicles, acne, breast growth for men (shrinkage for women), deeper voices for women, male pattern baldness, stunted growth in younger users, disturbances in sex drive, problems with the reproductive system and liver cancer, just to name a few.

One of the most alarming side effect of steroids, though, is the effect they have on the heart.

"The one thing that has been shown is that steroids



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Working out should be beneficial, not painful. Make sure to rest in between sets.

thicken the wall of the left ventricle of the heart, plus thicken the walls of the blood vessels in the heart area, which leads to the heart not being able to pump blood efficiently," said Dr. Reygaert.

"The walls have to be flexible for the blood to be able to be pumped through. There has recently been a study where they looked at guys who have been off steroids for at least a year, or longer, to see if the heart effects were irreversible."

Reygaert confirmed that the heart problems were, indeed, irreversible and those studied were now at risk for premature death.

Okay, so you gave me lots of info. What about the future?

The media, like the friend in your group nobody likes, will never go away. As long as there are athletes in the making, there will be supplements, diets and

workout regimens marketed to enhance performance.

Athletes of the future need to be educated on all of their options, instead of relying on a fast-talking TV ad or a Google search.

Qualified health and nutrition professionals can guide an athlete in the right direction on nutrition and the role food plays in keeping the body fueled, maintaining a healthy weight, and recommending supplementary items, if necessary, and carefully monitoring their intake.

The athlete of the future needs to be an educated one, and as long as he or she is under that guidance and has a strong moral compass, the athletic body of the future will be a lot healthier than some of the big-timers we look up to.

Sources:

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Say What?

Breaking down the verbage in layman's terms

anabolic steroids: Steroids that promote tissue growth by creating protein in an attempt to enhance muscle growth. Testosterone (the male sex hormone) is the main steroid.

carbohydrates: The sugars and starches found in breads, cereals, fruits and vegetables, which, during digestion, are changed into a simple sugar called glucose. Glucose is stored in the liver until cells need it for energy.

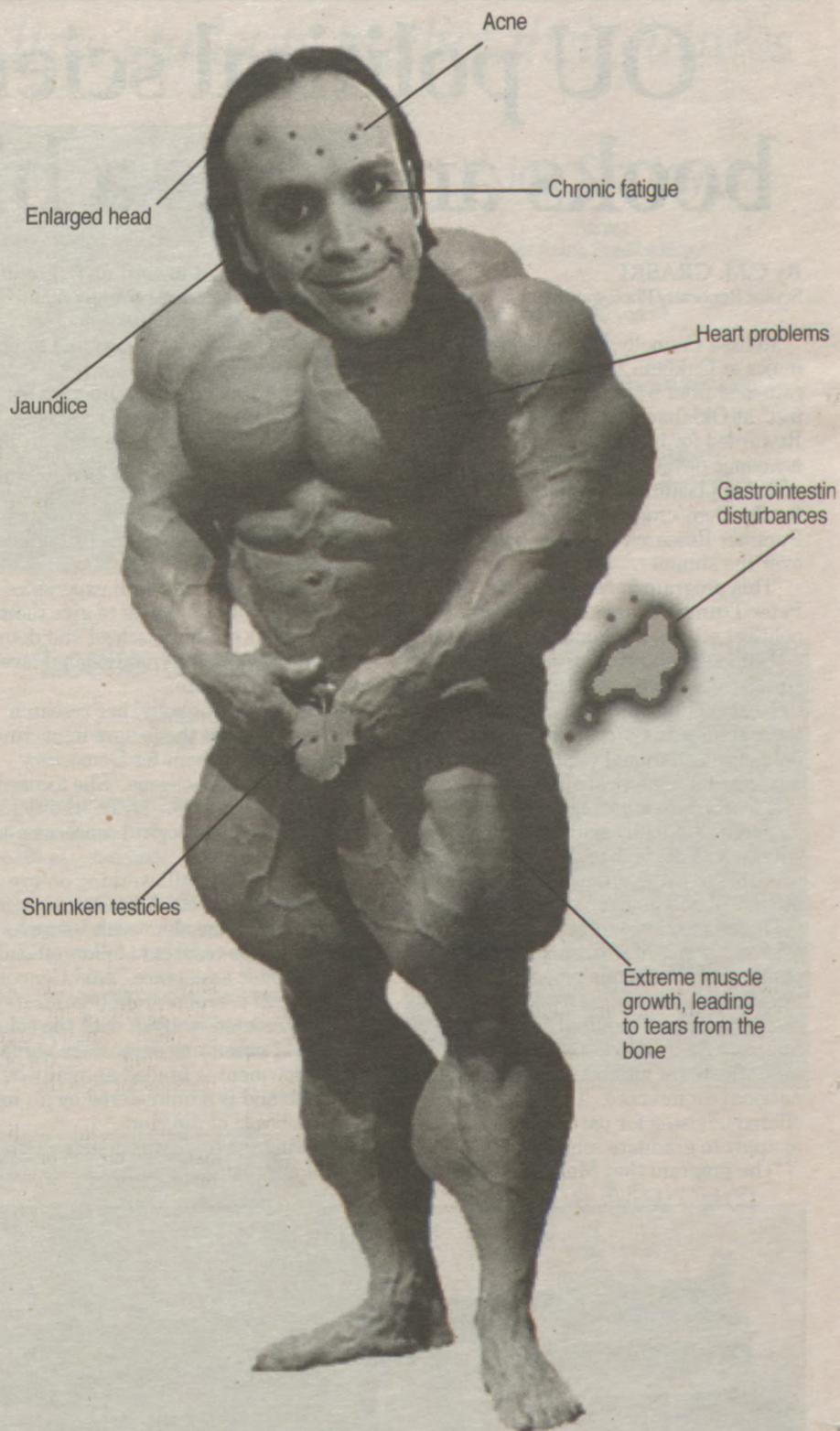
megarexia: Officially called "muscle dysmorphia," it is a disorder in which an individual becomes obsessed that they are not muscular enough.

dietary supplements: A product that is intended to supplement the diet. In the United States, they must be:

- intended for ingestion in pill, capsule, tablet, powder or liquid form
- not represented for use as a conventional food or as the sole item of a meal or diet
- labeled as a "dietary supplement"

Is THIS the body of the future athlete?

Below is a humorous graphic representation of some of the different side-effects extreme athletic measures can have on the body.



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OU political science student hits the books and gets a big break this summer

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter/Photographer

Melissa Connolly, political science major at Oakland University, recently returned from what she calls a "geek fest" at Oklahoma State University. Rewarded for her commitment to her academic development, Connolly was one of ten applicants in the nation chosen for the Democracy and World Politics Summer Research Program held at OSU over the summer.

"This program is very selective," said Peter Trumbore, associate professor of political science at Oakland University.

"Students who are interested in this summer research program really have to be at the top of their game in terms of their grades, in their preparation in the field of international relations, and their writing and analytical abilities."

"I learned an amazing amount about research," Connolly said. "What to do, what not to do, how to do it, et cetera, I was able to get a glimpse of what graduate school will be like."

The program was nine weeks long, and offered a series of workshops to participants, providing a one-on-one mentoring experience and making available the necessary resources required for students to complete their individual research projects, which are ultimately submitted to national conferences. The program also offered advising for participants wishing to apply to graduate school.

"The program that Melissa attended is

specifically geared toward undergraduates who are thinking strongly about continuing on to graduate school to study international relations and foreign policy," said Trumbore.

Connolly applied to the program at the suggestion of professor Trumbore. To qualify for consideration, she had to submit a writing sample, fill out an application, get a faculty member to write a letter of recommendation, and participate in a telephone interview regarding her academic goals and future plans.

"It's really an immersion experience for advanced undergraduates to give them a taste of what graduate school and doing original research at a professional level is like," said Trumbore.

According to Connolly, her research sought to identify the factors impacting National Endowment for Democracy grant allocation decisions. She focused on what motivates the NED, traditional state concerns, ideological concerns and private interests.

"Although I am still working on my final draft, my research seems to suggest that the NED considers such issues as a target state's respect to follow official U.S. economic assistance," said Connolly.

"The NED is a non-profit organization that was created in 1983, with the sole purpose of promoting democracy abroad. The endowment is funded annually by Congress and is administered by an independent board of directors."

Choosing the topic was a suggestion of special instructor of political science Alan



Photo courtesy of Melissa Connolly

Connolly (third from the right) enjoys a break from the books with some fellow students at Eskimo Joe's, a favorite local hangout in Stillwater, Okla.

Epstein. Connolly said Epstein's communism class, in addition to Trumbore's human rights and international relations classes, influenced her switch from English major to political science major.

"I'm interested in foreign policy and international relations, and the topic was a good recommendation. I wanted to research a topic that wasn't so mainstream," said Connolly.

She says that this experience has

finalized her decision to continue her education in political science in graduate school, and hopes to ultimately become a professor of political science. Her focus will be on international relations with a women's studies element.

For more information about the research program and application requirements, visit the OSU Web site at www.polsci.okstate.edu.



The Edmon Law Library at Oklahoma State University.

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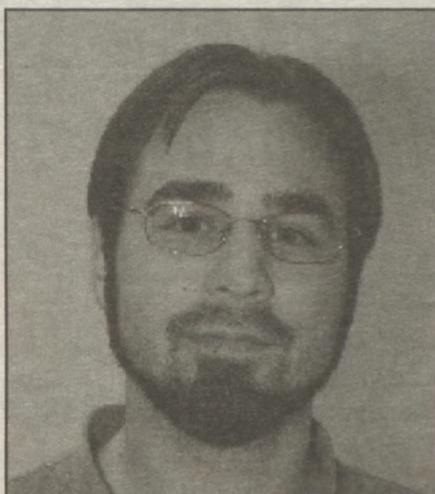
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Moving toward the future, what lies ahead?

Three students predict their futures



Joe Dooley

Senior East Asian Studies Major

Q: Where will you be in 10 years?

A: I have no idea.

Q: What do you hope to achieve in the future?

A: I'd like to have a career.

Q: How are you preparing for the future?

A: Learning a foreign language, studying abroad in Japan.

Leslie Deneau

Senior Psychology Major

Q: Where will you be in 10 years?

A: Hopefully out of school, working with criminals and adolescents.

Q: What do you hope to achieve in the future?

A: Beginning a research program that analyzes behavioral patterns in adolescents and criminals.

Q: How are you preparing for the future?

A: Lots of school, I was a mentor for Easter Seals and I did an internship with Oakland County's Children's Village in Japan.



Jessica Marcum

Freshman Biology Major

Q: Where will you be in 10 years?

A: Still in school, but I'll hopefully be a vet.

Q: What do you hope to achieve in the future?

A: I want to start a program to get strays off the streets and help people adopt them.

Q: How are you preparing for the future?

A: Right now I'm getting experience working with small animals at my job at Pet Suppliers Plus.



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Green cruise promotes alternative transportation

Participants jog, stroll, skate and cycle down Woodward in third annual Green Cruise

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

Geela, a Boston terrier, was all smiles sporting her homemade Green Cruise lei and green doggie skirt as she pranced down Woodward Avenue in celebration of the Sierra Club's third annual Green Cruise.

"The skirt is actually a moistened washcloth to keep her cool," said Helen Weber, co-chair of Peace Action of Michigan.

"We should be doing everything we can to ensure a safe future for people and the rest of the planet," Weber said.

Geela and Weber were not alone as over 500 other participants jogged, walked, cycled, skated or carried their kayaks to promote awareness of alternatives to fossil-fuel burning forms of transportation, healthy lifestyles and environmental sustainability.

Cruisers expressed their support for the cause uniquely. Some chose to decorate themselves; others opted to trick out their bicycles with foliage, banners and stickers.

Among those gracing the cruise were people dressed as Batman, Superman, Fred and Wilma Flinstone and Barney

Rubble.

"This is a nice complement to the Dream Cruise," said Kym Worth of Troy, who dressed as Wilma Flinstone. "I attend both."

The Green Cruise is exclusive to Michigan, and while the mood of the Green Cruise is congenial, the motivation of the Sierra Club for hosting it in Metro Detroit is a serious one.

"The American Heart and Lung Association rates Detroit fifth in the nation for year-round particle pollution. Particle pollution is produced from automobiles, coal-fired power plants and construction sites," said Melissa Demaschke Green Cruise coordinator and Sierra Club conservation organizer.

"The Sierra Club is always looking for solutions to environmental problems, and we have problem of air pollution in Metro Detroit," Demaschke said.

Enticing members of the community to become active about promoting environmental sustainability occurs at the grass-roots level for the Sierra Club.

"Events like the cruise are a fun way to get the community involved. We also promote use of public transportation with our 'Bus Me Out to the Ballgame' event," Demaschke said.

Several other events were held to complement the cruise itself. Earlier in the day, a 10-mile beginner and 20-mile advanced pre-cruise bike rides toured parts of Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Berkley and Oak Park.

A tricycle race was held after the cruise for children 5 years old and younger.

The Green Cruise ended at Planovan

Street in Ferndale, where cruisers delighted in free fruits and refreshments from Whole Foods Market, received free massages from Mario Massage of Royal Oak and joined in song rallying to "give green a chance."

"I do enjoy the free food, but that's not why I do this," said Jared Bogdanov, a philosophy student at Oakland University. "I'm concerned about my future and the future of my planet."

The 2007 Green Cruiser of the Year ceremony was also held. Linda Kaucke, of Ferndale, was crowned by last year's Green Cruiser of the Year, Becky Hammond, of Ferndale. The Green Cruiser of the Year is selected based on their outstanding commitment to protecting the environment and reducing their dependence on fossil fuels.

In addition to Kaucke, hundreds of cruisers took advantage of several information booths. Among them were Sierra Club, Clean Water Action and the local recycling authority. They offered education on reducing energy consumption, living a more environmentally friendly lifestyle, using alternative transportation and recycling.

"Our main goal is to get people to look at city planning, to accommodate the alternative forms of transportation," Demaschke said.

"We want to inspire people to push planners to make changes so that this lifestyle is possible. We're pushing for communities to have bike lanes so that roads are safer for cyclists."

Aside from the Green Cruise, the Sierra Club works with the Cool Cities program where volunteers work with local governments to reduce fossil-fuel emissions and energy use.

The local government was very accessible at the Green Cruise.

Strolling through the crowd on Planovan Street was Ferndale City Councilman Craig Covey, who has done



C.M. GRASKI/ The Oakland Post
Linda Kaucke of Ferndale was crowned Green Cruiser of the year.

extensive work for his city to promote environmental sustainability and successfully implemented a citywide residential recycling program.

"I've been involved in the environmental movement since the 1970s," Covey said. "As a councilman, I'm excited that the Sierra Club chose Ferndale as the site of this event."

Covey is currently running for mayor of Ferndale and hopes to continue working to make his city a healthier place to live.

With attendance doubling over last year and increased media attention, the Sierra Club hopes for a larger turnout next year.

"It shows that people actually care and understand the relevance of promoting alternative forms of transportation," said Leigh Fifelski, conservation organizer for the Sierra Club.

"Interest in the Green Cruise is growing because interest in environmentalism is growing."



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Geela, a Boston terrier, of Ferndale, shows off her green lei and doggie skirt at the Green Cruise with her owner, Helen Weber.

Local high school students get political

Youth Council gives students opportunity to participate in Rochester Hills government

By SHANEIA CALDWELL
Contributing Reporter

High school students in Rochester Hills are filling the shoes of local government officials and paving the way for their generation as members of the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council.

Members of the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council received recognition for their service and year-long participation on Aug. 8.

RHGYC members received a certificate and reviewed projects and events they've participated in during 2006-07.

The ceremony not only closed out the year but was the start of a journey for 15 new delegates. The members for the upcoming academic year were sworn into office receiving best regards from former representatives.

"They're really unbelievable kids," said Leanne Scott, an adult advisor.

The Youth Council was created in 2005 by the City Council. The organization

promotes youth involvement in the local government and allows adolescents to actively participate through shared ideas and experiences.

Students are making a difference in the community around them and learning how the city is run while organizing city events.

They are not only academically inclined and involved in extracurricular activities but are involved in government procedures.

RHGYC is comprised of 13 representatives, including two from each district and five members from either of the four districts.

"They have to live in Rochester but can attend any school," Scott said.

Currently, students in the council range from tenth-to-twelfth grade and attend Rochester Adams, Rochester, Avondale, Stoney Creek, International Academy and Marian high schools.

All youth council candidates are put through a selective process. In order to be eligible, they are required to submit an



Photo courtesy of Leanne Scott

The 2006-2007 members of the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council.

application along with an essay and two recommendation letters.

"Students are elected based on a variety of factors, such as district and commitment," Scott said. Members serve one-year terms from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 with the possibility of reappointment.

Delegates attend monthly meetings and work on specific projects. Recent projects include leaving buckets at their schools and jobs to collect school supplies for unfortunate students in the Pontiac area, creating signs for pathway mileage and holding a voter registration drive for students.

"They've really gotten involved in educating the community about the importance of voting for their elected officials,"

Scott said.

The youth ambassadors also have the opportunity to take a trip in March to the state capitol in Lansing and participate in the Michigan Municipal League's Legislative Conference. At the conference they develop new ideas for projects participate in debates and a mock council.

The last debate was on smoking policies, Scott said.

Although, students are not allowed to vote, one chosen member occupies a seat at City Council meetings.

"They are a great group of motivated and intelligent people," said Scott. "It provides them with awareness and importance of local government."

Wireless future for Oakland County

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

Would you like to receive free Internet service on your laptop or home computer? There is a way, and no, it's not a scam. If all goes as planned, all you have to do is sign up and log on from any point within Oakland County.

Oakland County successfully completed the initial build-out of Phase I of their Wireless Oakland Project recently. This means that parts of Troy, Birmingham, Oak Park, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, Pontiac and Wixom are on the map as free "hot spots."

"Right now, we're finishing infill in those areas to ensure complete coverage and quality of service. Infill involves making sure enough access points are up so that complete coverage of a service area is possible. This is what our focus will be for the remainder of the summer," said Scott Oppmann, manager of IT Application for Oakland County.

Later this fall, the Wireless Oakland Project will begin Phase II, which will expand coverage to areas beyond the 20 square miles currently receiving service.

The Wireless Oakland Team and MichTel announced July 16 that over 7,000 users have signed up for the free Internet service, which offers a 128 kbps maximum

download and upload speed. The organizations also reported that over three million free minutes of Internet have been consumed so far.

"Actually, those numbers will likely double or triple within the next few months. As of August 1, there are over 9,500 unique subscribers, seven million minutes have been consumed and over 100 users have upgraded to faster speeds," Oppmann said.

While the Wireless Oakland Project is being facilitated by Oakland County, maintenance of the network will be the responsibility of MichTel alone.

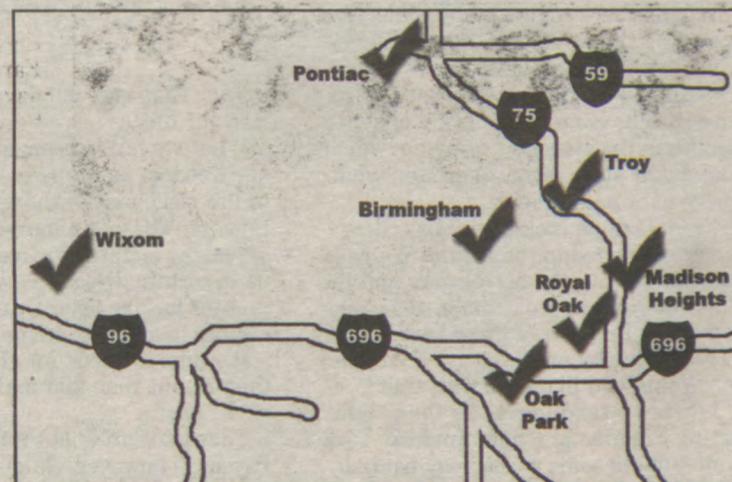
The goal of the project is for the network to be self-sustaining with regard to involvement of the county government after the project has been completed. To accomplish this, MichTel reported that they would require a 5-percent intake rate for business model to be successful.

"Of the 75,000 households within the Phase I areas, we've seen an intake rate of 15 percent. The business model is proving out, and the project stands to be successful in the future," Oppmann said.

All of Oakland County will be able to access

the network in mid to late 2008.

To see where current hot spots are in Oakland County and sign up for the service, visit www.oakgov.com/wireless.



Oakland County's hot spots include Wixom, Pontiac, Birmingham, Troy, Oak Park, Royal Oak and Madison Heights.

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I'm fortunetelling on you!

*Methods of escaping to the future
leave much to be desired*

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

I can see into the future.

As I write this line, I see you reading this "Mouthing Off" column.

You are either walking or sitting. Look up. I guarantee you will see the ceiling or the sky. Am I right?

Hey, watch out for that giant anvil! No, just kidding? Scared you, didn't I?

I can also foresee you rolling your eyes and thinking this opening could be much, much funnier.

As ridiculous as this prediction is, it now has more accuracy than most psychics. Although I admit, this figure is higher than the number of people who laughed at the opening bit.

In fact, according to the American Association of Professional Psychics, a good reading "combines accurate insight with practical advice; fosters hope and inspiration; encourages self-examination; highlights your gifts and abilities, and respects your free will and power to change."

Oddly enough, this mission statement leaves out an important ingredient: flushing your money down the toilet. Why do we give cash to someone to tell us what we will live for free?

We don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.

Why is there so much hullabaloo surrounding the wonder of "what will be?" The answer is simple: Humans have an obsession with the future. New age communities have created a cloud of smoke (that has the stench of rainy day women and dollar-store incense) around what is going to or will happen.

From fortune cookies to Miss Cleo, we are addicted to the future. We pass our fate over to the astrologers and the palm-literate, in an attempt to foresee tomorrow in a sort of drive-thru destiny. "Today's Lucky numbers are 5, 18, and 90. Would you like fries with that?"

I do not intend to rebuke the validity of any Big Mac prophets. Instead, I wish contemplate some psychology behind the future fanatics of today.

The reason some get such a thrill out of fortunes stems from the mediocrity

of everyday life. We become weary of our daily humdrum existence of 40-hour work weeks, family gatherings and "No turn on red" signs.

The thrill is gone, and we do not embellish the present. The secret salvation is through the future where there are limitless possibilities.

Herein is the chance of escape from the present. We get high off the future (there is nothing better than next month mixed with a shot of whisky).

Of course, this is because realism is never involved in pop prophesy. It is generally optimistic — you never hear "You have no lucky numbers. You'll lose your job. Your girlfriend is really a man. And I know what you did last summer."

For others, it's a bit different.

A life of chaotic pandemonium, with twists, turns and tormented tomorrows can find salvation from a snapshot of the coming moons. These possibilities provide spiritual guidance. What a perfect method to get on track. When life is really challenging, turn to the back of the Metro Times or the 1-800 number on the commercial between the Lifetime

"Lucky numbers are 5, 18 and 90. Would you like fries with that?"

movie. That sure is taking responsibility for your life.

What we fail to realize is the loss of our freedom as we hand over our fates to the place mat in the Chinese restaurant. These mechanisms, if taken seriously, dictate our lives and pressure us in certain directions. We forfeit our present for our future, and become like a sport team in its "rebuilding" year.

It's time to check into future rehab in the present time and make this a thing of the past.

The Association of Professional Psychics, however, claims that free will is not a casualty. Supposedly, psychics are tapping into the "most likely results of the current momentum of your life.



Art by Dustin Alexander

The palm reveals much about one's life, romantic future and glove size.

Momentum is one's spiritual velocity." and "you can . . . change the final outcome."

Is this the equivalent of the Surgeon General's warning on cigarette packs?

And momentum? Velocity? Is this some sort of physics psychic equation?

$F = v([\text{bs}]m)$, where F is the final future, v is your spiritual velocity, m is the amount of money paid and (bs) is the amount of BS.

gravity is still a force of nature. Do not plan any nongravitational activities. Also, there is an ethical decision to make in the future. Who doesn't have one? It would be real presumptuous for us to make any claims in this arena.

Palm Reading:

From the size and build of your hand, I can almost certainly say you will need large gloves.

Fortune Cookie:

Remember to leave a tip. Lucky numbers: 20 percent.

Miss Cleo:

Why are you calling me? I am in jail. Surely, you know I only get one phone call, right? And I haven't been on TV in years.

The Weather Channel:

The only thing we are certain about is that tomorrow there is 100% chance for annoying smooth jazz on the Weather Channel. Because you can't beat the combination of radar and Kenny G.

I understand that psychics, horoscopes and palm literature may be beneficial to some. These professions provide a mysticism that is helpful in society. Without venues such as these, society lacks a piece of the optimistic spirituality that combats lethargic misanthropy.

And even if it is B.S., it's BS at 99 cents a minute — all comparatively a reasonable rate. These days, with Ann Coulter's books priced around \$15, BS has become quite expensive. Who would have predicted that?

It is very scientific. Some call it Newton's forgotten law. Thank God he forgot it.

My irritation also involves the success of ambiguity. For instance, if your horoscope proclaims "You will have a day of happiness," subconsciously your state of mind changes, and you begin to feel happy before anything has occurred. You are happy, independent of the events, and will purposefully look for happiness more than you would on another day.

The following are realistic portrayals of the current future mania:

Horoscope:

Aries (and all other signs)

The rotation of the planets hints that

Apocalypse Boring

Everything goes wrong at the end of the world

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

I don't think I'm the only one who ever feels like we're living on the brink of civilization's epilogue. Many of us wonder what exactly is going to put the proverbial last nail into our collective coffin.

I actually think the idea of one thing killing us all in a single moment is kind of silly.

This is how I envision it: a day in the life of Randy, a man living in the monotonous time between the beginning and the end of the end.

Randy wakes up a few minutes early to the bittersweet sound of the dump truck driver ringing his bell and crying "Bring out your dead!"

Thankfully, Randy has no dead this morning. His family is inoculated against this month's strain of bubonic tuberculo-super-SARS. He makes a mental note to get a jump on next month's radioactive bird flu.

After a quick shower (quick because the stupid county is out of water again), he scarfs down a bowl of Soylent Green, PETP (People for the Ethical Treatment of People) be damned — and heads to the office.

Three hours later, Randy is able to make out the dim shape of his office building through the omnipresent sulfuric haze coating the freeway. He patiently waits for the 10,000 drivers ahead of him to millimeter (not inch) forward so he can exit and begin a productive day of accounting.

He arrives just in time to learn the Halfway-Through-the-Millennium Bug has hit his office's computers (though his office avoids being hit by the planes falling from the sky), and he's looking forward to a day off until his manager breaks out the abacus.

It's a very long day. He comes back

from lunch with a black eye and a small scrap of ham he's managed to smuggle out of the food brawl room/cafeteria. Ever since national food rationing started, he's been lining his pockets with Ziploc bags.

He finds a manila envelope on his desk with the unpronounceable name of his cubicle buddy on the label.

"Zdfuknotsh," he attempts, "I think this is for you."

"Oh," hisses his colleague, a new arrival from a worker-exchange program set up with the recently-encountered Super Friendly People of the planet

Happytron. "It must be my...employee training manual." The tusked, orange-clawed creature produces a book entitled "To Serve Man" and quickly stuffs it in his desk drawer, which he locks.

Randy's manager catches him on the way out. "I need you to work Saturday," he says. "Bill, Marlene and the new

"— a reminder that today is a zombie alert day," says the perky broadcaster. "So keep you doors shut, locked, reinforced and re-reinforced . . . Now we go to Chuck for the weather."

intern got raptured last night, and we're going to have to play catch-up."

"Just 83 years 'til retirement," thinks Randy.

The commute home is even slower due to meteor blockages at I-696 and Van Dyke. His car at a standstill, Randy idly watches the enormous red sun hanging limply over the horizon and wonders if people really had super-powers when the sun was yellow (geek joke—ten points if you get it). He flips on the radio.

"... a reminder that today is a zombie alert day," says the perky broadcaster. "So keep your doors shut, locked, rein-

is on tonight," he thinks.

He follows the detour around the meteors passing billboards for "Seven Plagues" locust and frog repellent, State Farm lava flow insurance ("Pompeii. Krakatoa. Kansas City. Don't let it happen to you."), and Six Flags: New California Island.

Pulling into his driveway, he notices the empty lot where his neighbor's house used to be. A tiny ball of crumpled aluminum siding and brick hovers a few feet over the bare yard.

"Stupid Joneses," he mutters. "We get the new Chrysler, they get the plasma

screen. We get the bigger plasma screen, they get a quantum singularity-and now it's eating my privacy fence!"

Dinner is a rush job because Diane has to pick up several head of cattle for Randy Jr.'s H.P. Lovecraft book club meeting tomorrow. They nuke a couple TV dinners by leaving them on the porch for five minutes and sit down to watch "American Idol."

The broadcast is interrupted during the opening credits for an urgent bulletin from the president. "My fellow Americans and Iraqis," President Trump begins. "We were all relieved to discover this morning that North Korea has simply been developing plutonium-powered EZ-Bake ovens for several decades, and are now prepared to re-enter the world market . . ."

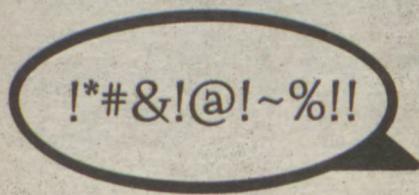
Randy goes to the kitchen for a bag of Soylent Lean baked chips catching only snippets of the next sentence ("...completely unprepared ... relaxed and festively colored salvo...incoming from Jamaica...") before Diane shuts off the TV and leaves to do her Cthulhu-food shopping.

Randy Jr. is entertaining himself upstairs with his new iConsumeElectricity. The dog has been too busy staring at the sky and growling for several hours now to play, so Randy decides to turn in early.

Carefully wrapping himself in his foil pajamas, he crawls under his super-thermal blanket and drifts off to sleep as the nightly August snowfall begins. And... End scene.



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7-19 | Heritage Oil and Gas finds a petroleum deposit in Uganda. HOG estimates the deposit contains several billion barrels of oil.

7-21 | Pratibha Patil wins the 13th presidential election in India to become their first female president.

7-24 | Five mountain climbers freeze to death in the Italian Alps.

7-28 | Two news helicopters collide while covering a car chase in Phoenix, Arizona, leaving at least four dead.

7-29 | Sixty-nine miners are trapped in a flooded coal mine in Henan province in central China. They are later rescued.

8-3 | The Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, declares a state of emergency in Santa Barbara County, California, with hundreds of people ordered to evacuate due to wildfire.

8-7 | Two men are arrested in Paris for stealing Pablo Picasso paintings from the apartment of his granddaughter. | Barry Bonds hits his 756th career home run, passing Hank Aaron as the all-time leader in Major League Baseball.

8-8 | Two fossils found in Kenya challenge existing views of human evolution by showing that Homo erectus and Homo habilis lived side by side in eastern Africa for half a million years.

8-14 | Toy-making giant Mattel Inc. issued recalls for about 9 million Chinese-made toys that contain magnets children can swallow or which could have contain paint.



AP Photo/Anupam Nath

A boy leaves his submerged house on a country boat through flood waters in Jhargaon, about 90 kilometers (56 miles) east of Gauhati, India, July 29, 2007.

Floods ravage England, South Asia

Widespread flooding around the world have taken the lives of thousands, displaced millions of others and caused billions of dollars in estimated damage.

In England, river levels stabilized across after months of terrenal rainfall, allowing residents of flood-ravaged areas to survey the damage and began the clean-up. However, hundreds of thousands of people remained without clean running water in the hardest-hit region.

The monsoon season in South Asia runs from June to September and is vital to the region's agriculture. But

the monsoons are always dangerous; last year, more than 1,000 people died, most by drowning, landslides or collapsing houses. Major threats to human life include starvation, waterborne diseases and skin infections due to the lack of food, clean water and any form of sanitation.

Days of unrelenting rains and rising water levels in major rivers have flooded many parts in northern and northwestern Bangladesh, leaving five million people displaced.

—Compiled from AP reports



A flood victim leads his family to safer areas on a banana raft 65 miles north of capital Dhaka, Bangladesh, July 31, 2007

AP Photo/Pavel Rahman



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

Rove ending controversial White House tenure

WASHINGTON (AP) - Karl Rove, the political mastermind behind President Bush's races for the White House and an adviser with unparalleled influence over the past 6 1/2 years, announced his resignation Monday, ending a partnership that lasted more than three decades.

It was a major loss for Bush as he heads into the twilight of his presidency, battered in the polls, facing a hostile Democratic Congress and waging an unpopular war. A half-dozen other senior

advisers have left in recent months, forcing the White House to rebuild its staff at the same time the president is running out of influence.

"I'll be on the road behind you here in a little bit," said Bush, as he announced the departure alongside Rove on the White House South Lawn. Bush nicknamed Rove "the architect" and "boy genius" for successfully plotting two national election strategies and helping strengthen Republican majorities in Congress in 2002 and 2004.

Critics derisively called him "Bush's brain." During Bush's presidency, he has been one of Washington's most powerful and controversial figures.

The president appeared glum as he joined Rove for the announcement. "Karl Rove is moving on down the road," Bush said. "We've been friends for a long time, and we're still going to be friends. I would call Karl Rove a dear friend."

Rove, his voice shaking with emotion, told Bush, "I'm grateful to have been a witness to history. It has been the joy and the honor of a lifetime."

New Minnesota bridge will come fast

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - State officials are moving swiftly to replace the collapsed Mississippi River bridge and already have picked a preliminary design for the new span, an official said Monday.

Highway officials typically would select several design choices, but not this time, state Department of Transportation spokeswoman Lucy Kender said.

"In this one, there's only one that has been developed," she said.

Kender would not give any details of the design. She said public comment on the proposed 10-lane bridge will begin this week.

The official death toll from the Aug. 1 collapse of the Interstate 35W span rose to nine with the recovery of another body Sunday.

Officials have set a goal of opening a replacement by the end of 2008.

Rescuers searching for missing miners look to farthest section of mine

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) - With the drilling of another hole, the search for six missing miners moved toward the back of a mine where officials hope the men sought refuge in search of an air pocket.

Crews already have drilled two holes and fitted a camera down one of them, but have yet to learn the coal miners' fate, eight days after the mine partly collapsed under the weight of a shifting mountain.

The camera's ghostly images revealed only one indication of the miners' presence: a tool bag for hammers, wrenches and chisels hanging from a post 3.4 miles from the entrance and more than 1,800 feet underground.

"It indicates we're very close to where the miners were working," said Bob Murray, chief of Murray Energy Corp., and co-owner and operator of the Crandall Canyon mine.