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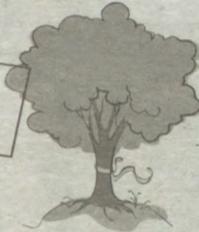


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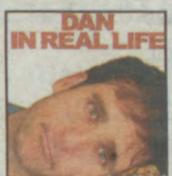
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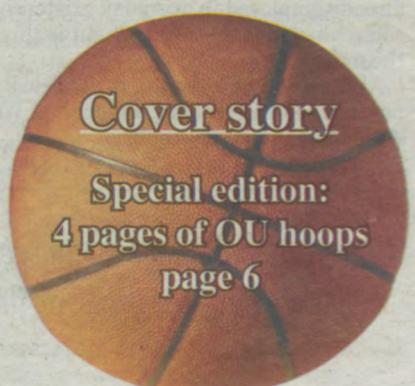
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Implement the theatrics of Halloween on a daily basis

Halloween casts a spell on us. It offers alternative realities to escape the routine. It reminds us of the one part of life we cannot avoid — the fact our lives are innately theatrical.

Shakespeare said the whole world is a stage.

In our daily dose of work, stress and habit, we forget the importance of theater.

On Halloween we experience the extreme. The intrigue of Halloween goes beyond masks, trick-or-treats and short skirts.

It is an exaggeration of what we carry with us, but many times fail to acknowledge.

What we sometimes forget is that we can carry these theatrics with us everyday of our lives, but fail to acknowledge this.

The thrill we get out of costumes and alter egos is merely a hyperbole.

The application of this theater is a powerful tool against the seriousness of life. Endorsing such a lifestyle improves one's state of mind.

We can learn from Halloween.

Formality and structure are essential, however must not overpower.

The biggest irony is, ultimately, when we immerse ourselves too much in scheduled living, we end up participating in theatrics.

This sort of living is often the harbinger of stress and anxiety.

Rather than dissociate with the playful and positive, these situations should be an incentive to move toward joy.

Halloween represents an escape from responsibility of who we really are. The theatrical provides an outlook that is fresh and fun. If we can understand the theatrics already employed in everyday existence, we can realize that the best way out is through theatrics.

Also, part of our identity is theatrical — we never act consistently in personality. We alter our persona in every scenario.

All of the time, we do this subconsciously and fall into certain characterizations.

We all have dynamic personalities, although some may be substantially different. No matter how different, in each persona, there is a snippet of our identity.

Part of our identity is also this eclectic nature of our personalities.

During Halloween, we escape the norms.

Another problem is the restrictions we place on such mentality. Open theatrics are not endorsed in everyday life — we have specific dates and times when this is acceptable, such as Halloween.

There is always a demand in society to "be yourself."

The theatrics of Halloween can help with the attainment of this goal.

This is not through Hedonism, but rather a balance of both.

As paradoxical as it sounds, theatrics represent more of who we are than one would anticipate. It opens a portal to the emotive and human side.

Beneath our already set positions in society comes the playfulness that we all have. The ability for your boss to don pirate gear, your professor to parade as a gladiator and you to be whatever you choose.

We all have this playful side, and it is great to find ways of expressing this part of one's personality.

And most importantly, it need not be restricted to days like Halloween.

Employ this philosophy moderately in everyday life, and experience the human side of theatrics.

Put on the costume everyday to remove yourself from the stresses of reality.

It is using theatrics positively to connect rather than disperse.

Happy Halloween.



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Do you think FEMA was out of line staging a fake press conference last week?

Yes. It was completely irresponsible for a national organization to not take our lives seriously. ... I think they should first concern themselves with helping the people of Southern California.

FEMA was definitely out of line. To stage a fake press conference is just ridiculous.

I've had issues with FEMA in the past. ... I think they're out of line with a lot of things.

Yes. I think it's always important for public officials to tell the truth. I think that in the future such agencies make certain that they are not deceiving the public.

OU basketball begins its season this week. What are your expectations for the season?

I think we'll do all right. I'm going to try and get to some of the games.

I will be at every home game but one working for WXOU. I am pretty excited for the upcoming season. ... I fully expect that people will be hearing about them season's end — in a positive way.

I'm a transfer student, and this is my first semester here, so I'm very excited about the different OU sports. I'm hoping to check things out.

I'm just starting here this year so I haven't had a chance to follow them much, but I plan to this year. I don't know how well they're going to do, but I'm going to cheer for them anyway.

Do you think that news channels such as MSNBC, Fox News and CNN, are irresponsible and biased in their news coverage?

Oh, most definitely. I think [they're all] Conservative. I think [some] put up a front of being liberal even though there is no such polarization of issues. I think they're all completely irresponsible.

They're pretty bad. ... Watching Fox, I know they're going to be pretty Republican and MSNBC is very liberal. And CNN is just as bad. You have to take it with a grain of salt and know where they're coming from.

Not really. I think they can get carried away, but they're just trying to get everyone to see everything the public has a right to know. I don't think they're skewing it that much.

Yes, I think they pay too much attention to trivial, unimportant stories and too little attention to the real issues and that should be important concerns.

The Detroit Tigers traded for All-Star shortstop Edgar Renteria, Monday, Oct. 29. What are your thoughts on the move?

I have no idea who that is.

Great trade. We have to win now. They have to get pitching, and then we'll be fine. It was a move they had to make.

I think it may be a good decision. Hopefully it will only get better after the trade.

I think he's an overrated player. He caved under the pressure when he played for Boston. I think the Tigers are going to regret trading away a pitching prospect for a mediocre shortstop.

Gaming Guild offers old-fashioned fun to today's gamers

By ADAM ROBERTS
Staff Intern

Nerds. Geeks. Social rejects. These are just a few of the labels casually to the Gaming Guild around campus.

Known as the Order of Leibowitz until the late 90s, it has remained an enigma with a stigma at Oakland University for decades.

You might think the organization is made up of guys who dress up as wizards and play make-believe in their parents' basements.

But you would be wrong.

A recent visit to one of the Guild's Friday game nights proved that the membership is a mix of well adjusted and friendly men and women — not a nerd convention, not a satanic cult, not any of the stereotypes that plague the organiza-

tion and gamers in general.

This could be the place to meet your new girlfriend. Women are a growing part of the gaming culture that was once a man's world.

Don't be intimidated if you don't take playing games very seriously.

Those who aren't hardcore gamers are made to feel at home. Lovers of traditional board games and video game novices are also included in the festivities.

You're welcome to bring your own video game system to hook up to one of the available TVs or to the rear projector for wall size video gaming.

For those of you who haven't touched a joystick since Pac-Man was a Pac-Boy, classic systems are welcome and sometimes made available for use. One woman at a recent event enjoyed a two-hour marathon of Super Mario Brothers for

the original Nintendo.

Gaming has the reputation of being antisocial, but nothing could be further from the truth. When the Gaming Guild gets together, it's all about meeting new people and sharing interests.

In an adjoining room to the video-game area, you are bound to see people playing board and role-playing games. Games like Dungeons and Dragons provide the catalyst for fun conversation and friendly competition. It's a kind of face-to-face social networking sorely missed in the era of Facebook and Myspace.

The organization occasionally holds tournaments for video or board games, as it did for the release of Halo 3. Prospective members are welcome to plan a tournament with the game of their choice.

Demos of new games are also some-

times made available from various manufacturers at the weekly Friday night meetings, which are open to all Oakland students, alumni and family members.

A yearly gaming convention held by the Guild, called StarCon, showcases the best of video, board and role-playing games. This next one is to be held in March.

A variety of board games are available free of charge for any Oakland student, courtesy of the Gaming Guild, at the Bumpers game room in the basement of the Oakland Center.

For the members of the Gaming Guild, and for prospective members, the negative stereotype of what it means to be a gamer still lingers.

In fact it's what keeps the organization from growing beyond its roots. And it's what keeps it in the shadows of mainstream campus culture.

The word on the street

OU's lady Grizzlies take the floor

By ROB TATE
Assistant Sports Editor

The youth movement is in place, and there is no turning back now. The pre-season predictions are in and Oakland University women's basketball has a measuring stick to live up to now with a No. 2 ranking in the preseason Summit League Poll.

This year's team is different than the past two. After two successful seasons since head coach Beckie Francis returned to the Oakland bench, this year's team will be missing something: seniors who have come up through the program.

2006's NCAA Tournament team featured senior leadership from Jayme Wilson, Anne Hafeli and Lakeshia White, 2007's regular season Mid-Con champion, Mid-Con tournament runner-up and WNIT team had a leading scorer in Nicole Piggott and the defensive prowess of Bonnie Baker, both of last year's senior leaders.

This year's squad will turn a new page for the program. It doesn't feature your traditional senior leadership that most teams depend on. The Golden Grizzlies (19-13 last season) aren't void of seniors entirely. There are three: Charlese Greer, Liz Sowers and Rachel Bryer.

All three have been in the program just one season. Greer transferred from Ladywood College and was very productive off the bench last season, averaging 5.9 points per game. Sowers, who transferred from Hesston College in Kansas, played in 29 games and Bryer, who transferred from St. Clair Community College played in 25 games last season.

The Youth Movement

Junior Jessica Pike will carry the load on offense and is primed to step up to the task.

"I don't feel that there's more pressure (to step up on offense. I just feel more motivated and more focused this year," Pike said last week at the team's first annual media day.

Pike was named to the Summit League All-Conference first team last week and is the returning leading scorer from last season when she averaged 13.3 points per game.

"We've talked about Pike having to be everything. We just had our goal talk with our team, and I asked our associate head coach, Eric Stephan, to go around and ask the girls. And when

he got to her, he said, 'Pike we're going to expect you to do everything,' Francis said.

This season's team will feature five freshmen, three sophomores, three juniors and three seniors.

Filling the blanks

A big topic for this team is filling the still vacated post position that is left void by Piggott, last year's leading scorer and rebounder.

Thus far, Francis has said that she has four starters, and through two weeks of practices, a few players are still auditioning for the role.

Pike will be joined by junior guard Rikka Terava and sophomore forwards Hanna Reising and Melissa Jeltema in the starting lineup.

"We do have some returnees that could fill that role, our three seniors in Charlese Greer, Rachel Bryer and Liz Showers are all good rebounders. Our freshmen are doing a nice job in practice, but we're still fighting that out," Francis said.

One freshman, which Francis dubbed "The Secret Weapon," is Brittany Carnago, a 6-foot-3 inch forward who was a Michigan Miss Basketball nominee as a senior in high school this past winter.

"She is our secret weapon. I guess not much of a secret anymore. She is a post presence that since Sarah Judd (who ranks fifth in scoring points, seventh in rebounds and first in blocks in the record books at Oakland) graduated we've really not had. Back to the basket, get the ball to her, and she is going to score. Brittany is showing that capability right now," Francis said.

Hanna Reising will look to improve on a successful freshman season. Reising will be a co-captain alongside Pike.

"That's another thing that I have to work on this year is being more vocal on the court. Being a sophomore captain is a real honor, but I have help with Pike and Rikka. We have one big leader out there, everyone takes turns," Reising said.

Francis is also looking forward to the new conference.

"We're excited in being in the Summit League and the new members (IPFW, North Dakota State and South Dakota State) that have joined. We think the league is going to be pretty tough," Francis said.

Full opening coverage of OU's basketball season

Men's team sporting new talent

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Last season, men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe's roster was missing a superstar.

In his eyes, he couldn't have asked for a better gift.

His squad played with a team-oriented attitude and, in Kampe's words, "played as a unit," won 19 games, a school record in Division I play and battled all the way to the final game of the Mid-Con championship tournament, where they fell to Oral Roberts University in the final minutes.

"It was a fun team to coach and a fun team to watch," Kampe said. "We hope we can emulate that this year."

Can lightning strike twice?

But do they have the capability to play as a team once more? With the emergence of junior Erik Kangas as a premier three-point shooter in the league (his 109 treys in the 2006-07 season tied him for 10th in the nation), young point guard Jonathon Jones taking the reigns after a mid-major All-American year as a freshman and junior Derick Nelson consistently putting up major numbers in shooting and rebounding, will the "team-first" attitude give way to "let the star shoot?"

"That's where most of our offense is going to come from this year," said junior guard Erik Kangas of the perimeter game. "We're going to try and get up and down the floor quickly, so the perimeter is going to be huge this year."

Kampe agrees that the perimeter will be a big source of offense, but it will be the production down low that will lead the course of the season.

"What we get out of our inside players is going to be the key to our success," Kampe said. "We got five guys vying for position in there, and they're all pretty equal."

Less linebacker, more lean

The 2007-08 team has some rather large shoes to fill with the absence of last year's starting center, Shawn Hopes. Nicknamed "The Big Man," Hopes's 6-foot-7-inch, 275-pound frame was a big part of last year's offense.

"We played very slow last year and tried to make sure Shawn touched the ball," Kampe said. "He wasn't very mobile, so we didn't want to get up the floor without him. He and Vova Severovas [one of the two] would touch the ball on every possession."

This year, Kampe looks to adapt his team to a faster, up-tempo style of play.

The five big men Kampe speaks of, senior Pat McCloskey, freshman Will Hudson, an all-state forward from

Verona, Wis.; junior Shane Lawal; junior Dan Waterstradt; and freshman Keith Benson, a Detroit Country Day alum, fit well into this year's playing style.

"We're very tall, long and athletic, and we have never been that — ever. We're very deep in there and we've never been that, either," Kampe said.

Rather than cutting the roster down and red shirting players, Kampe looks to give all five of his big men face time on the court.

"My guess is that because of the pace that we are going to play at, we are going to play all five of them. We'll substitute like it's a hockey game," he said. "I would suspect guys will have one-or-two minute shifts, if Jonathon [Jones] can keep the game at the pace we need it kept at."

Keys to the car

At first, the idea of Kampe starting a freshman at the pivotal point guard position last season seemed like a big gamble. But it was a roll of the dice Kampe was willing to take.

Sure enough, Jones started in every game as a point guard, garnered All-Mid-Con Newcomer Team and mid-major All-American freshman honors and led the team in assists and steals.

"We really kind of handed him the keys to the car last year because we were in a position where we didn't have depth in that position," Kampe said. "We're still in that position this year, and we're not sure where the depth is going to come from."

Some options for backup include freshmen Peter Bunn, a three-time all-state honoree from Lansing Christian High School and Tim Williams, a first-team all-state pick by the Oakland Press from Pontiac Northern High School.

But look for Jones to continue to lead the way for this Golden Grizzlies squad.

"I'm more comfortable with the offense now, and feel like I can do a better job getting my teammates the ball in a better position for them to score," Jones said.

Great expectations

After last season's surge into success, the Golden Grizzlies look to not only play as well as last season, but to surpass those efforts. But the adjustments to achieve that goal need to come primarily from last year's returning players.

Kampe cited Nelson as an example.

"Derick is probably a freak athlete," Kampe said. "Where he gets into trouble is when he tries to do too much at once. He and JJ [Jones] are going to be up over 15 points a game. But will he [Nelson] do it within the system [of playing as a team] or will he go back

to his Lansing Everett days? If he does that, Tim Williams will be getting a lot of playing time."

He also sees seniors McCloskey and Brandon Cassise leading their team by adding spark off the bench.

"I like Brandon coming off the bench. He can play any of the three positions [up top], at the one, two or the three," Kampe said. "I don't want to start [Pat]. It may end up that I have to, but I really don't want to. I like him coming off the bench. I think he's the kind of player that comes off the bench and makes the team better when he comes in the game."

New name, new faces

As of June this year, the Mid-Con gave way to the Summit League, thanks to the addition of three new teams: North Dakota State, South Dakota State and IPFW, all who are at different stages in Division I play.

North Dakota State has been picked by some to win the conference title, South Dakota State is in a rebuilding stage after winning only six games last season, and IPFW has potential to be what Kampe calls "a dark horse" in the tournament.

It should be noted that because both North Dakota State and South Dakota State are in the last season of transition into Division I, while they may compete for the Summit League regular season title and earn a bid in the NIT, they are not eligible to compete for a spot in the Big Dance at the Summit League championship tournament.

These three teams bring the conference schedule from 14 games to 18, a first in Kampe's 24 years of coaching the Golden Grizzlies.

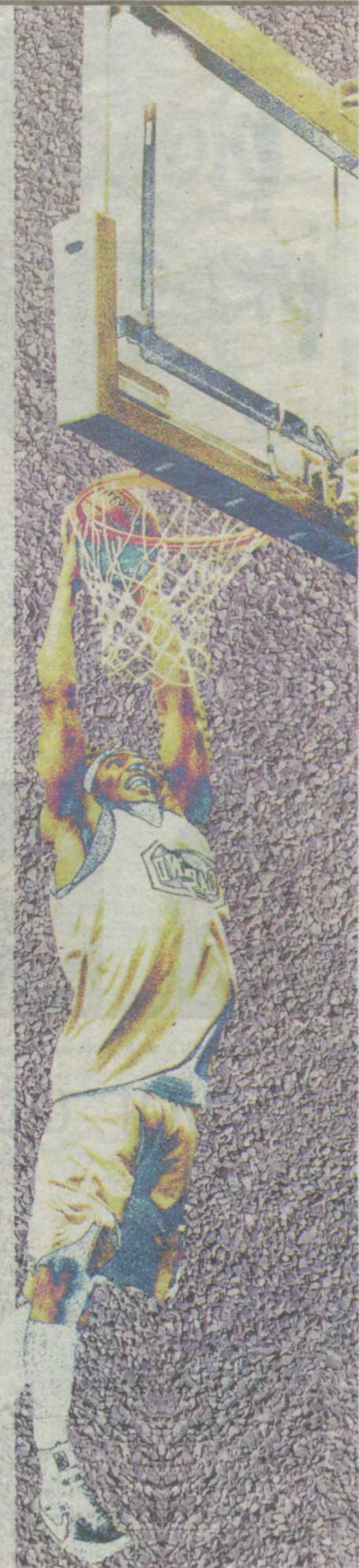
"How many losses can you have and still win [the conference title]?" Kampe asked. "Is it one, two, four? I don't know that. We'll have to go through it the first time and see."

One thing that won't change is the rivalry between OU and Oral Roberts, after having their potential dancing shoes yanked away in the final minutes by the Golden Eagles.

"Oral Roberts is going to be around," Nelson said. "We lost to them in the championship game, so regardless to who they have lost, I feel like they will still be there, and I feel like they will always be a big rival."

As for the new Summit League name it's self, Kampe put in his two cents on that as well.

"I'm probably not supposed to say this, but I couldn't care what the name of our league is. As long as on March 11, they say 'And representing the so-and-so league is Oakland University,' then I love the name."





By ADAM ROBERTS
Staff Intern

Derick Nelson knows a thing or two about winning. He led Lansing Everett to a Class A state championship his senior year in high school.

He then went to Bridgton Academy for a year, where he led that team to a New England Prep School championship.

In order to achieve similar success with Oakland, he will need to make some changes to his game, and keep

Nelson nets new role

himself in the game, during his junior-year season.

"If (Nelson) goes back to his Lansing days, just taking guys off the dribble, [freshman] Tim Williams will be playing a lot more minutes," Coach Greg Kampe said, stressing the importance of Nelson playing within his system.

Nelson has spent this off-season working on his jump shot. With sharpshooters like Erik Kangas and Jonathan Jones on the squad, it's likely Nelson will get some open looks on the outside.

"I'll probably shoot more jump shots this year. Everybody knows that I like to drive, and people try to key in on that. ... This year my role will be different," said Nelson.

He also has a new look. His signature cornrows have given way to a classic shaved head.

"Nobody is going to recognize him," Kampe joked of Nelson's new appearance.

If he adds a consistent jump shot and timely passing to his repertoire, nobody will recognize his game either.

Nelson will play a key role in the high tempo offense that Kampe was famous for running during Oakland's Division II heyday.

Without plodding big men like Shawn Hopes and Vova Severovas, this squad is going to be pushing the ball up the floor.

"We're going to be real up tempo this year. ... It's going to be exciting to watch", Nelson said with a big grin on his face.

In this fast-paced offense, Nelson will have to take care of the basketball, something he struggled with at

times last year when bringing the ball up the floor in relief of freshman point guard Jones.

He says his game has matured from the days where he would force the ball inside with slashing drives and runners.

The maturation of Jones should also help Nelson be more successful away from the ball this season.

Nelson led Oakland in rebounding last year, despite being a 6-5 guard-forward. He says he will have to get more rebounds this year with Hopes and Severovas gone.

Coach Kampe is skeptical though, saying Nelson's rebounding numbers will probably drop because of the big athletic guys playing center this year. He was quick to complement Nelson's athleticism though, attributing that to his rebounding prowess.

Rebounding is not how Nelson's upcoming season will be measured, however. Oakland needs his scoring. Expect an improvement over his 10 points per game average from last season.

With Oakland working from the outside in with their offense, Nelson will see more opportunities on the offensive end of the floor this season.

"He's one of those freak athletes," Kampe said. "The guy can bench like 340 pounds."

Nelson will be carrying a much heavier load this season as he tries to help Oakland reach the Promised Land once again.

Only time will tell whether Nelson can put it all together and lead this team to greatness like he did for his previous squads.



Photos courtesy of Oakland University Athletics

Junior Derick Nelson (left) is one to watch this season, in addition to women's co-captain Jessica Pike (right). Grizzlies (middle) are expected to do well this year, making their presence known on the court.

Junior guard ready to take the lead

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

Jessica Pike fell in love with basketball in first grade when she played for a city league in her hometown of Clawson, Mich and it has grown over the years and shaped her into one of the top players on Oakland University's team.

Pike tried her hand at volleyball, softball and track and field, but her passion was always basketball. She made Clawson's varsity team as a freshman, then captained the Trojans basketball team for three seasons.

Pike came to Oakland as a freshman in 2005 after a successful high school career. In her first season at Oakland, Pike appeared in 24 games, averaging 11.8 minutes a game and finished the season with 87 points.

Selected as a sophomore captain last season, Pike started all 32 games for the Golden Grizzlies, upped her playing time to 27.8 minutes a game and netted 426

points on the season. She led the team in field goal percentage with .466 and her performance landed her spots on both the All-Mid-Con Conference's first team and the Mid-Con Conference All-Tournament team.

"It's always hard when you're a younger captain trying to lead people older than you, but it kind of helped me to break out and become a better player and a better person," Pike said. She credits her leadership skills to last year's seniors Nicole Piggott and Bonnie Baker.

Now it's Pike's turn to, once again, step into the role of captain, and like any good team player, she focuses on the good of the team rather than herself.

"My personal goals are all team-based," she said. "Continue to do well and lead my team by example and vocally and just to win."

Pike has learned from the team's mistakes last season, as the Golden Grizzlies finished first in the Mid-Con's regular season but fell to Oral Roberts in the Mid-Con Championship game, landing them in the WNIT

instead of the NCAA tournament.

"We have to stay focused on doing well in the regular season and know that that no longer means anything (in the tournament)," said Pike. "It's a whole new season."

But the Golden Grizzlies have a long way to go before they make it to the tournament. With five new players on the team, Pike said she realizes the team needs to learn to play under control.

"We've been working really hard so far this season. We're young, but when we come together, we're going to be really deadly," she said.

Off the court, Pike busies herself with schoolwork, as she is majoring in wellness health promotion and injury prevention. She also likes spending time with her teammates and going home to Clawson as much as she can during the off-season.

"I'm really looking forward to this year and I hope everyone comes out to support us," said Pike.

STORY



Samantha Franz, Sports Editor
Men's Record: 19-10, (12-6 Summit League)
Women's Record: 15-13, (10-8 Summit League)
Men's MVP: Erik Kangas
Women's MVP: Jessica Pike
Men's Who to watch for: Brandon Cassise
Women's Who to watch for: Charlese Greer



Rob Tate, Assistant Sports Editor
Men's Record: 20-9, (13-5 Summit League)
Women's Record: 17-11, (12-6 Summit League)
Men's MVP: Derick Nelson
Women's MVP: Jessica Pike
Men's Who to watch for: Tim Williams
Women's Who to watch for: April Kidd



Brittany Ochtinsky, Senior Reporter
Men's Record: 17-12 (12-6 Summit League)
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Men's Who to watch for: Dan Waterstradt
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Adam Roberts, Staff Intern, WXOU News Director
Men's Record: 22-7, (15-4 Summit League)
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5 Question's with men's basketball broadcaster Mario Impemba

Mario Impemba, who is more known as the Detroit Tigers broadcaster on Fox Sports Net Detroit will be the play-by-play announcer for Oakland University basketball on FSN and AM 1310 this season.

Rob Tate: What excites you about this year's team?

Mario Impemba: First of all the depth that this team has, I think in the past they haven't been able to run as much as they wanted to, but Jonathon Jones is a year into his college career now, I think he will be able to direct the offense and they have the depth to run.

RT: What players do you most look forward to watching this season?

MI: Jonathon Jones. I'm excited to see the improvement he's made from year one to year two. This is a kid that I think was highly thought of coming into college basketball and he's got an opportunity to play as freshman and I think that was critical for him. Aside from him, I think Derick Nelson is always a fun guy to watch to play.

RT: What game on the schedule do you most look forward to calling either on FSN or 1310 this season?

MI: If I had to pick one game it would be the Michigan State game because I think that it's really going to be a good indication of how far this program has come. In the conference, I'll have to go with Oral Roberts. Obviously the way they lost to them in the tournament last year, I think they probably have Oral Roberts in their sights right now.

RT: What made you decide to sign on as the "official voice" of Golden Grizzly basketball?

MI: I love college basketball to begin with. I did quite a bit of it in college and early on in my career and I think that their probably isn't a more exciting sport than college basketball.

RT: What's the hardest part of broadcasting basketball as opposed to Tiger's Baseball?

MI: I don't know that one is harder than the other; they are two totally different animals, that's for sure. I think in baseball you are tested more in terms of carrying the broadcast. In basketball, the broadcast carries itself just because of the pace of the game.

Road closed for repairs

Drain system collapses under Meadow Brook Drive

By ADAM ROBERTS
Staff Intern

Repairs began Oct. 29 on a stretch of Meadow Brook Drive, shutting down a section of the road.

Orange construction barrels blocked off the road between Hamlin Hall and the Oakland University student apartments as construction workers excavated the road to replace a collapsed culvert.

A 200-foot section of the damaged culvert — an important part of the local drainage system — is scheduled to be replaced.

According to Jim Tallman, director of engineering at Oakland University, it is hard to gauge the damage the culvert sustained until construction workers finish unearthing the pipe.

Meadow Brook Drive is scheduled to reopen Jan. 8, the day after winter classes begin, according to the university's Web site.

The section of road being repaired was built in the late 1960s on what was once a deep natural ravine, Tallman said, but the ravine was backfilled to level the area for the construction of Meadow Brook Drive.

In May, a routine inspection revealed that a section of the culvert had collapsed.

According to Tallman, Oakland University will pay about \$600,000 to Lafate Construction, a general contractor, to complete the project.

A 40-foot-deep trench will be dug in order to replace the culvert, and officials are worried about curious students looking too closely at the construction.

"It's a substantial hole. ... Students can take a peek, but we ask them not to cross safety barriers," Tallman said.

The sidewalk inside the construction area is closed, but a temporary one is scheduled to open Oct. 31 on the south shoulder of Meadow Brook Drive.

In addition to students walking to class, the road closure will cause delays for students who commute.

For those coming off of Walton Boulevard, cars can take E. Oakland Drive to reach the east side of campus and W. Oakland Drive to reach the west side of campus.

Ravine Drive, on the east side of the construction area, also connects to Pioneer Drive, which will route students to the south side of campus from the student apartments.

When the section of road reopens in January, it will be temporarily covered in gravel. Concrete is to be added to the road next spring.

The broken section of culvert connects to the north side of campus and the surrounding residences.

No problems have been reported in connection with the faulty drain pipe.

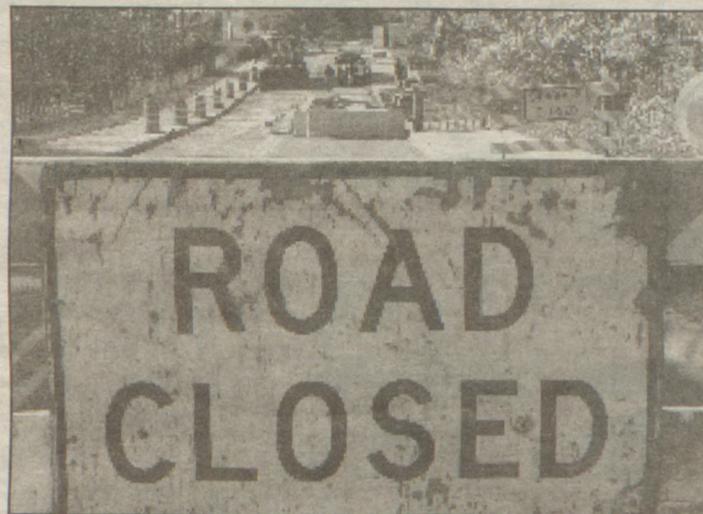
Temporary drainage connections were made during the spring months to prevent water backup in these areas.



Construction on a collapsed culvert — an important underground element of the campus water drainage system — started Oct. 29. DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

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Students can expect to use campus detours while Meadow Brook Drive is closed. DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

Libraries team up to host poetry slam

Performances to be judged

By TRACY WAWRZYNAK
Staff Intern

Bring your free verse, rhyme, rhythm and meter to Oakland University's Kresge Library for the first poetry slam at OU to be held Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

In collaboration with Auburn Hills Public Library Director Karrie Waarala, Kresge Library will host the event, which is open to all voices.

"We want to include the surrounding community members, not just OU-affiliated writers and performers," said Anne Switzer, assistant professor of Kresge Library.

Performers, including novices, "can read anything written by whomever they choose," Switzer said, and memorization is not mandatory.

The poetry slam, which includes an active audience response, was the brainchild of construction worker Marc Smith, according to marckellysmith.com.

Smith introduced the new style of poetry presentation in Chicago in 1984, and it has grown large enough to require its own set of rules.

"Judging for OU's competition will include three randomly-picked judges from the audience," Switzer said.

"Audience response also may sway judging."

Switzer recommended that poets perform original works, but "if they're more comfortable reading, that's fine. There are no restrictions, including profanity, but it's not required either."

The poetry slam is to begin with an open mic session at 7 p.m., and the slam contest is to start at 8 p.m.

"Everyone is encouraged to come, to participate or just watch," Switzer said. For guidance on performing, students can pick up "Poetry Slam: The Competitive Art of Performance Poetry" by Gary Mex Glazner or "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Slam Poetry" by Marc Kelly Smith and Joe Kraynak.

Barnes & Noble gift certificates will be awarded to the first and second place finishers. Refreshments also will be served.

The slam is to take place on the fourth floor in Kresge Library. For more information, call 248-370-2475 or contact Anne Switzer at switzer2@oakland.edu.

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profanity."

Anne Switzer
Assistant professor of Kresge Library on
the first-ever poetry slam competition to be
held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

POLICEFILES

A student reported Oct. 22 that his red Motorola Razr cell phone had been stolen from his suitemate's room in Hamlin Hall. The student said he left his phone to charge in the room, and when he returned it was gone. He reported that no one was in the room at the time and that his suitemate had left the door unlocked.

An OU student reported Oct. 24 that he had his license stolen from Bumpers Game Room. The employee present placed the student's license on the front desk to return it to him, but the student

did not notice it. At the same time, the suspect in question grabbed the student's ID thinking it was his. When he realized it was the wrong ID, he kept it anyway and continued to get his own license. The suspect was caught on the security camera and is described as about 5'10" with a heavier build and a shaved head.

A student reported Oct. 25 that she was studying in the Science and Engineering building when she took her wallet to the restroom and forgot it there. She did not realize it was missing until the next morning. She did not find it in the lost and found. It is uncertain whether the wallet has been stolen or is not yet turned in.

A GRIZZ DANCE HOPEFUL

YVONNE SZYMCAK

SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

HER FILM: Untitled so far. "I hate titles. I think it's really hard to sum something up like that."

A SNEAK PEEK: Szymczak didn't want to talk too much about her current project describing it as "a series of metaphorical images." She's still editing the five-minute piece. "I edit until I can't edit anymore. I always want to tweak something."



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OTHER FILMS: All her work has been art films, she said. "I don't care if I have a story. I care if I have something that looks cool and sounds cool." Her first piece, "Moon Dance," was unedited footage of a full moon while jazz music played from her car radio. She moved the camera to make it appear that the moon was dancing. "Mime Time" featured a split-screen effect to make it appear that an androgynous mime was having a conversation with itself. "The Determiner," about a person eating words out of a dictionary, won first place in the art category at last year's Grizzdance. Szymczak said she has never employed anyone else to assist with her movies — she is the entire cast and crew.

ON HER LIFE: She said professor Vagner Whitehead inspired her to pursue video. She wants to be a video editor. Ultimately, she wants to make a feature-length film — or at least exceed 15 minutes. "You'd be surprised how hard it is to get three minutes of film down and have it ... mean something," she said. Her favorite movie is "Rosemary's Baby," though she hates horror films. She prefers documentaries because "they can tell a story."

STUDENT CONGRESS Judicial Branch

Oakland University Student Congress now has a third branch of government, the Judicial Branch. The duty of this branch is to hear cases that challenge or require interpretation of the legislation passed by Student Congress as well as the constitution itself. The Judicial Branch consists of one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices of the Congressional Court.

If you are interested in being selected to serve on the Judicial Branch, applications are now available in the Student Congress, Center for Student Activities and the Dean of Students' offices in the Oakland Center. Applications will be accepted until **November 8, 2007**.

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Murder at Meadow Brook

Sleuths sought for mystery dinner

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

The Oakland University Student Program Board will be hosting a wedding reception at Meadow Brook Hall Nov. 2.

One hundred guests are invited to tour the mansion, indulge in fine dining and solve a murder — as the killer walks among them.

“Every year, the Murder Mystery Dinner is always a successful annual event,” said Stephanie Bahoura, events committee chair for the Student Program Board. “This year, I wanted to change it up a bit because every year we’ve done a murder at a fancy dinner. I wanted to break away from the usual suspects: the maid, butler, host, hostess, etc.”

The event is to be scripted, produced and performed by the murder mystery professionals of Murder Mystery Weekend.

A traditional wedding party — a bride and groom, a bridesmaid, a best man and immediate family members — will

mingle with guests upon arrival at the mansion around 7:30 p.m.

Tours are to be given until dinner is served around 8:30 p.m.

“As the theme of the evening is a wedding reception, guests are encouraged to dress accordingly,” Bahoura said.

In the ballroom of Meadow Brook Hall where the reception will take place, guests will be served chicken cordon bleu, cabernet rice, fresh vegetables and buttered rolls.

A choice of New York cheesecake or strawberry ice cream will be offered for dessert.

“During the reception, a murder will occur, and clues will be dropped for the audience to help solve the mystery,” Bahoura said.

Tickets for “A Murder Mystery Reception” are limited to the first 100 people.

Admission is free for students, and guest tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the Center for Student Activities on the lower level of the Oakland Center.

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Library explores new café project

*OUSC survey gauges student
interest in Kresge coffee shop*

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

Students studying at Kresge Library may have something new to keep them awake: a café.

Oakland University Student Congress recently collected about 100 surveys gauging student support for a café in Kresge Library.

The results were not tallied at press time, but an initial count of 50 surveys provided by Marc Griffin, OUSC financial affairs director, showed that 41 of 50 surveys would "like to see a café serving food and drink in the Kresge Library."

The most popular items of choice for the café were hot drinks.

Frank Lepkowski, interim associate dean of the library, said that Kresge's goal would be to have a full-feature coffee bar that will be comfortable for students and will serve food and good coffee.

"We thought it would give [students] one more place to hang out ... to make the library a more attractive place to spend time," Lepkowski said.

Thirty-four students out of the 50 original surveys said having a café to utilize would cause them to use Kresge Library more often.

Lepkowski originally approached OUSC at their Sept. 30 meeting, Griffin said, and asked the congress to conduct the survey.

Todd Fitzsimmons, chair of the OUSC research and review legislative committee — the group in charge of the survey — said 200 surveys were put in student organizations' mailboxes, distributed in residence halls and placed in the library.

Fitzsimmons said the survey had a two-week deadline, and he didn't have much time to advertise it, which could explain the 50-percent return rate.

If the survey results are favorable, Lepkowski said the next step would be gathering information on what needs to be done to convert a site in the library to a café.

Lepkowski said that his ideal site for the café would be the fishbowl, the

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glass room to the right of the library entrance.

The library would need to calculate the water and electrical capacity of the site, plan the layout and get an estimate for material and labor.

The fishbowl area is not piped, so plumbing work would be necessary.

"To build something like that is a very costly project," Griffin said. "You would probably want donors ... Start-up fees are a lot for projects like that."

According to Lepkowski, cost will become a factor in the project even before any construction starts.

"You sort of have to pay to get an estimate," he said.

Once price is estimated, the project would have to be presented to the Oakland University Board of Trustees for approval.

Although the final survey results are not yet available, Lepkowski is confident the project will receive student support.

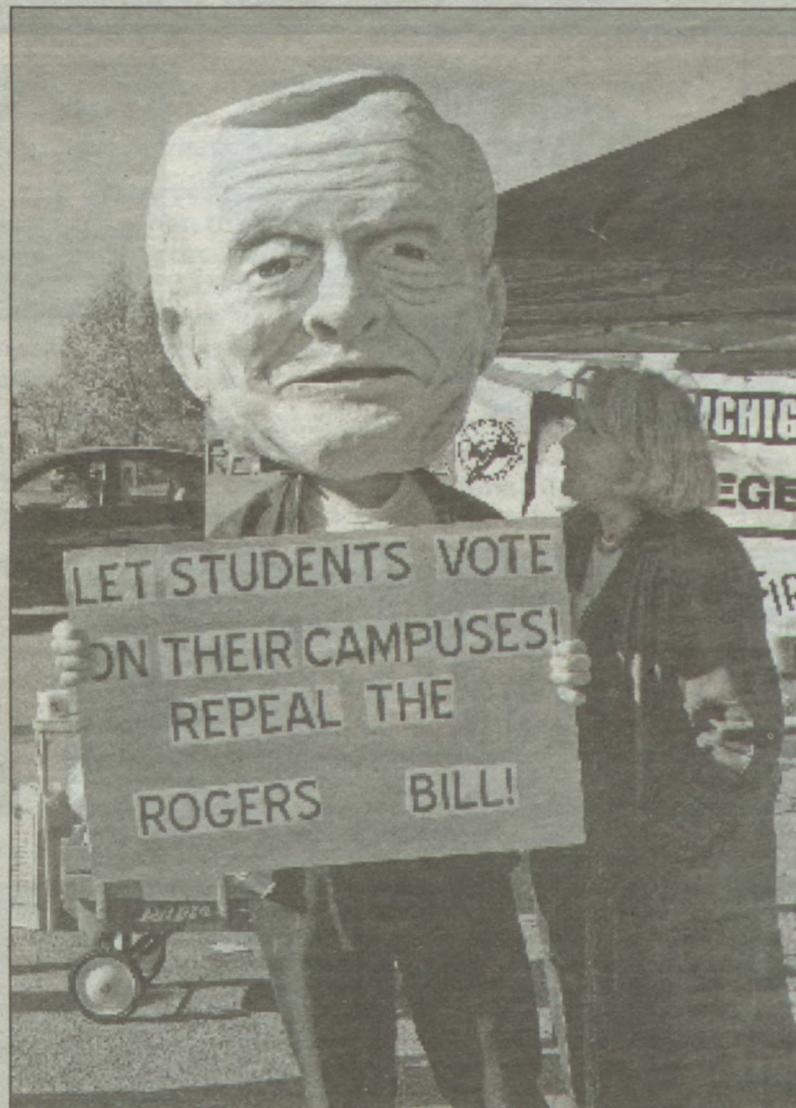
"It seems like if I were a student here," he said, "I wouldn't mind another place I could get a nice cup of coffee, sit back with friends and discuss the project we're working on in class."

A library employee who wished to remain anonymous expressed concern about the possible mess created by café customers.

"I just don't think the food will stay in the café, and we'll end up replacing a lot of materials [such as books]," said the employee, who added that not all library staff would agree.

Griffin said he would review the survey results and meet with Lepkowski to discuss them after midterms.

SEEKING STUDENT SUPPORT



Photos by C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post

The Michigan Federation of College Democrats set up camp in the P2 parking lot Oct. 29 to collect signatures in support of Senate Bill 518. The bill would repeal the so-called Michael Rogers Law (SB 306) passed in 1999, which states that voters can only vote in the city specified on their driver's license. SB 518 would allow for college students to vote in the city where they attend school if driving back to their hometown is not an option. The group's appearance at Oakland was just one of their many stops at various Michigan universities and colleges. Their temporary booth featured music, snacks and an oversized mock-up of Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg.



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The Buzz on Gettin' Involved

By KRISTEN ANN SZYDLOSKI
Contributing Reporter

A number of organizations can help bring you closer to your community at your own convenience. Volunteering can be a satisfying and fun experience.

•Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization specializing in building homes for impoverished and homeless families. A person can donate labor, money or materials. The next volunteer meeting is Saturday, Nov. 10, 10-11 a.m. located at 150 Osmun, Pontiac.

•Michigan 4-H Youth Development is a volunteer program that allows you to provide positive, educational opportunities to assist in strong youth development. Volunteering positions include being a leader of a 4-H youth group in your community, school, church or other location.

•Boys and Girls Club of America is an organization focusing on youth development. Volunteers will help aid youth in gaining a sense of competence, usefulness, power, influence and most importantly, belonging.

Volunteering takes place in areas of character and career development, leadership, education, health, life skills, sports, fitness and recreation.

•Support Military Wives is a charity that focuses on those who need support when their husbands are deployed to other countries. Volunteer positions include auto repair, baby-sitting, carpentry, carpet cleaning, computer repair, cooking, electrical repairs, hauling, lawn care, legal advice, painting, personal care, pet-sitting, plumbing, transportation and tutoring.

•Last Chance Rescue is an organization that helps save animals that would otherwise be euthanized at local shelters. You can help this organization by donating medical supplies, dog and cat food, toys, collars, leashes, grooming equipment, blankets and beds, or you can volunteer your time.

•Neighbor for Neighbor is a nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance, food and clothing to low-income individuals living in Oakland County. Volunteer positions include donating materials and transporting materials to homes.

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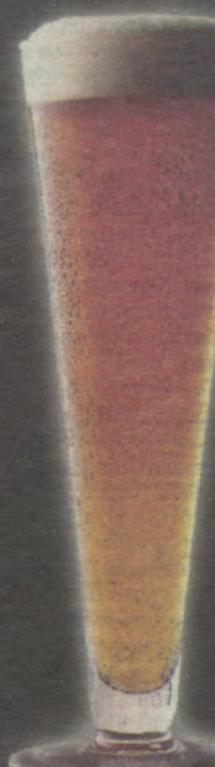
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Darfur exhibit comes to Detroit

Photographers' work portrays conflict, crisis

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

"When I read the word 'Darfur,' at first I thought it sounded like a German word, and then I noticed the photograph and realized it was that province in Africa," Cynthia Nance of Detroit said.

Nance was referring to her first encounter with "Darfur-Darfur: A Photo Essay," a traveling multimedia exhibit highlighting the conflict and culture of the war-torn Western province of Sudan.

The exhibit was launched in New York Sept. 18 and opened at the Detroit Public Library Oct. 22.

The exhibit will travel to 24 cities over the course of 24 months.

It is part of a series sponsored by the Detroit Public Library, Greater Wayne County Chapter of the Links, Inc., Darfur/Darfur and the Michigan Darfur Coalition to raise awareness and aid for the people suffering in Sudan.

Still photographs are projected onto three large screens in the darkened lobby of the third floor of the Detroit Public Library. It takes about twenty minutes to view the entire series.

"Not since the Rwanda genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of slaughter, rape, starvation and displacement," said Leslie Thomas of Darfur/Darfur, a nonprofit organization.

"The photo-essay portrays emaciated, sullen mothers holding their charred infants amid a ruined village; children holding their rifles, standing against a setting sun, and aerial photographs of bombed villages streamed one after another.

All photos are set to an ambient soundtrack. "My husband and I must bring our son back to see this. He's very compassionate, and we feel it's essential to give him opportunities to feel connected with people in other parts of the world," Lisa Patterson of Detroit said.

The series is the work of Lynsey Addario, a photo-journalist based in Istanbul; photographer and filmmaker Mark Breke; Helen Caux, a woman who has been combining humanitarian aid and photography for more than 10 years; photographer Ron Haviv; Newsweek photographer Paolo Pellegrin; Michal Ronnen Safdie, and Brian Steidle.

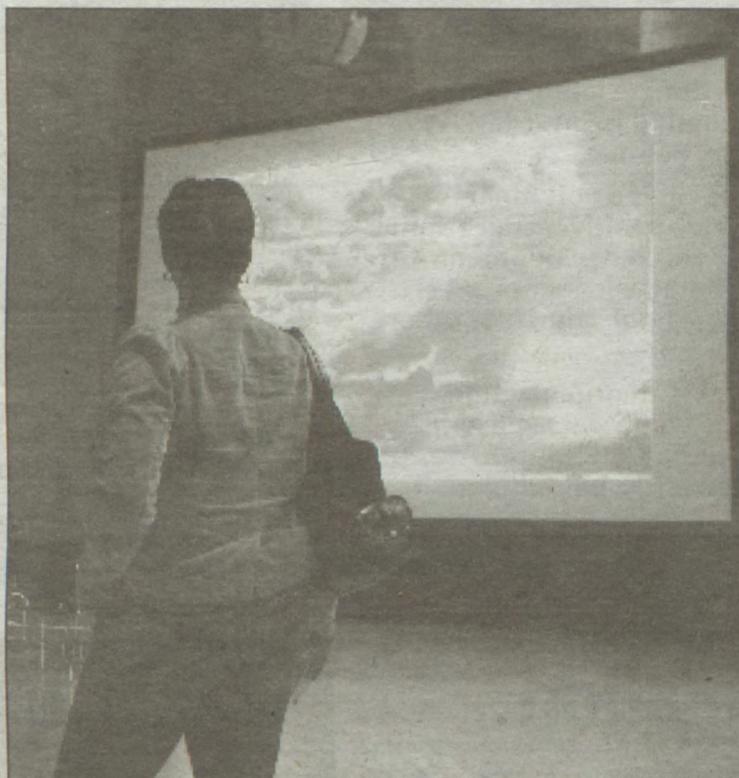
In addition, the independent film, "Darfur NOW," is set to open Nov. 9.

According to the Michigan Darfur Coalition, the film is a story of hope in the midst of one of humanity's darkest hours — a call to action.

The film will be showing at the Maple Art Theatre in Bloomfield Hills.

"Darfur-Darfur: A photo-essay" will be showing at the Detroit Public Library through Nov. 22.

For more information, visit darfurdarfur.org.



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post

The Darfur photo essay series is displayed at the Detroit Public Library as a slideshow.



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post

The traveling Darfur photo exhibit arrived at the Detroit Public Library Oct. 22.

A NATION'S STRUGGLE

STATISTICAL DATA

- Darfur, an area about the size of Texas, is located in western Sudan.
- Darfuris are among the poorest people in Africa.
- All Darfuris are Muslim and black.
- About 80 tribes and ethnic groups live in Darfur.
- The current crisis began in 2003.

FACTIONS

- There are two rebel groups: Sudanese Liberation Army/Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement.
- The Sudanese government supports a group called Janjaweed, or "devil on horseback."
- As of July 2007, the rebels fractured into at least nine distinct groups.

LEADING TO WAR

- The two rebel groups accused the government of oppressing non-Arabs and neglecting Darfur.
- The government supported ground attacks by Janjaweed, which was accused of committing human rights violations.

SUFFERING

- Janjaweed has wiped out villages, destroyed food and water supplies and murdered, tortured and raped Darfuris with the support of the Sudanese government.

CONSEQUENCES

- As of July 2007, about 400,000 civilians had been killed.
- There are about 65 registered internally displaced persons camps, and there are about 35-40 unregistered camps.
- About 2.5 million Darfuris reside in IDP camps with at least 200,000 more living in refugee camps in Chad.
- Both the government and the rebels target humanitarian efforts.
- The conflict has been labeled a genocide — the first time in U.S. history that label has been used in active conflict.
- The U.S. 2008 proposed budget includes \$186 million for Darfur peace-keeping.

Sources: savedarfur.org, crimesofwar.org

Interfaith groups respond to Iraq war

*Organizations team up
at U-M to promote justice*

By LAURA FAWAZ
Contributing Reporter

Amnesty International, World Medical Relief, Gleaners Community Food Bank and other humanitarian organizations are known for their great initiative, quick response and compassion.

Now these organizations are teaming up together to work with the two-year-old Zaman International.

Zaman International is a humanitarian organization that says it hopes to be an umbrella organization, said founder Najah Bazy.

"There were many registered names that I wanted an umbrella organization for, including a Peace and Justice University, salaam [peace] TV, a radio station, hospitals," Bazy said.

Bazy was first to give a speech, beginning with Zaman's intentions.

"We are divided too much in the world," Bazy said. "People kill in the name of God. We can be an organization that works for human justice."

The University of Michigan two-day event,

"Responding to the State of the World: Interfaith Perspective on War," featured interfaith representatives from the Christian and Muslim faiths.

A representative from the Jewish faith was unable to attend because Saturday is a Jewish holy day.

In addition to interfaith perspectives, war and its effects were also topics of the event.

Sarnata Reynolds, the refugee program director of Amnesty International, gave a general overview of war and its displacement of refugees.

"Human rights violations are either committed by government or not prevented by them," Reynolds said.

According to Reynolds, a few Western countries, including the United Kingdom, are beginning to send Iraqi refugees back to northern Iraq.

But Reynolds disagreed with their policy.

"If governments protected human rights, there would be no refugees," she said.

Bazy spoke about her initial encounter with Iraqi refugees from the Gulf War at the hospital where Bazy worked as a transcultural nurse.

She and many other health care professionals found illnesses in the refugees that the United States had never seen or known before, Bazy said.

When more Iraqi refugees came in with similar illnesses, Bazy said that she wanted to go to the press with her findings, which included the idea that the war-atmosphere caused the illnesses.

But Bazy said that when she told the hospital of her plans, she was told to keep quiet.

According to Bazy, she also was told that if she did not have solid proof of this, she should not raise accusations.

After dinner, the event ended with a speech given by the president of Gleaners Community Food Bank, Agostinho Fernandes Jr.

"I want us to feel the sensitivity of the globe, to relieve the anxiety of a mother who wakes up in the morning and says, 'How can I feed my children today?'" Fernandes said. "And a father with a low-paying job who feels some sense of worth and relief."

Day two of the event began with two speakers from World Medical Relief, Josephine Jabara and Mohammed Baydoun.

Also on day two, Bazy spoke about her personal intentions.

"All I want is for us to be a part of the Zaman," Bazy said. "I want it to be a household name."

Bazy said that she has been inspired by the Sisters of Mercy, a group that founded many hospitals, including Saint Joe's and Saint John's, as well as Mercy High School.

"We can be an organization that works for human justice," Bazy said. "Equality will lead to justice, and justice will lead to human reconciliation."

For more information, go to www.zamaninternational.org.

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Life without wheat

For those with Celiac Disease, gluten is not an option

By ERIN M. SOMMERVILLE
Contributing Reporter

What could be scarier than goblins and ghosts? How about an allergy to pizza and beer?

Even scarier yet, it's real.

October is Celiac Disease Awareness Month. Celiac disease is "a digestive disease that damages the small intestine and interferes with absorption of nutrients from food," according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Those affected by the disease can't tolerate a protein called gluten, which is found in wheat, rye and barley.

The list of foods for celiac sufferers to avoid ranges from the obvious, like bran and bread flour, to the unexpected, like blue cheese (made with bread) and soy sauce (contains wheat), according to www.celiac.com.

It's also found in some nonfood products, such as medicines, vitamins and the lick-and-stick part on stamps and envelopes, according to the institute.

Oakland University Student Body President Rob Meyer was diagnosed with celiac disease about two months ago. He didn't even know what gluten was at the time.

"I felt just malnourished and really tired all of the time. I just didn't feel right," Meyer said.

When people with celiac disease consume or use gluten products, their immune system reacts by damaging or destroying the "tiny, finger-like protrusions" that line the small intestine, called villi. Villi normally allow nutrients to be absorbed into the bloodstream.

If they're damaged, a person can become malnourished, no matter how much food they eat.

Symptoms may include weight loss or gain, chronic diarrhea, fatigue, bone or joint pain, seizures, delayed growth, mouth sores, skin rashes and infertility. Symptoms may appear in childhood or adulthood.

Some with the disease may not have any symptoms but could still be at risk from the complications of the disease, like malnutrition, according to the institute.

Meyer explained that celiac sufferers don't react to gluten like those with peanut allergies react to peanuts — it's not a "flare up." It might take a few days for the person to feel sick, and they might just feel tired.

Celiac disease is genetic but can sometimes be triggered by surgery, pregnancy, childbirth, viral infection or severe emotional stress.

According to the institute, it can be difficult to diagnose because it shares symptoms with a number of other diseases like irritable bowel syndrome, iron-deficiency anemia, Crohn's disease, intestinal infections, and chronic fatigue syndrome.

No one else in Meyer's family has celiac disease, at least not that they're aware of. But Meyer has had other stomach problems in the past. He had a perforated ulcer and had to have half of his stomach removed two summers ago.

When he visited his gastroenterologist about other problems, the doctor suggested that he might have celiac disease, and he tested positive.

There is no treatment for celiac disease aside from lifelong gluten abstinence, which can require some major lifestyle changes.

The institute recommends that sufferers work with a dietician who can help them develop a diet plan and teach them to read ingredient lists when shopping.

Fortunately, for the estimated two million Americans who suffer from celiac disease, there is a host of available gluten-free alternatives to products ranging from cookies to beer.

Ryan Movius, a junior health science major, was diagnosed with celiac disease in seventh grade, along with his brother. His father, who believed he had celiac disease for years, was diagnosed with lactose intolerance.

While it's difficult to find meals his whole family can enjoy, thanks to the variety of gluten-free products available, Movius said, "It's amazing. I can basically have pretty much a normal life."

Locally, Whole Foods on Walton Road in Rochester offers just about everything a gluten-free shopper could need and even offers a tour of their store to point out gluten-free products.

Movius buys Whole Food's gluten-free sandwich bread by the case.

He admits that it doesn't stick together as well as wheat bread but said it beats the alternatives — having the symptoms of celiac disease or just going without.

Kroger also carries gluten-free products in their health and organic foods section.

When he's not sure if certain brands of products contain gluten, such as condiments, Meyer often calls the manufacturer to ask.

Some restaurants also have gluten-free items on their menus. Meyer suggested Chilis, PF Chang's and Cheeseburger in Paradise.

Gluten-free products can also be purchased online at Web sites such as www.bobsredmill.com, which sells gluten-free flours, cereals and desert mixes. The "Gluten-Free Mall," which is featured at www.celiac.com sells everything from frozen pies to bouillon cubes.

Movius has come to accept the disease as normal for him. He said he's developed a taste for salad, and on the bright side, he is probably slimmer than he would be otherwise.

While a diet free of pizza and beer might sound frightening at first, there are many alternative options available.

"It just takes a lot of time and experimenting," Meyer said. "You just have to be really dedicated to the diet."

Gluten Free, The Way to Be

Having a hard time finding gluten free products? Check out what's available at Whole Foods Market

FOOD	BASIC NON-GLUTEN INGREDIENTS	PRICE
Redbridge Sorghum Beer	Sorghum	\$7.99 for six
Glutino Frozen Pizza Crusts	Corn starch, tapioca starch	\$4.89 for four
Whole Foods Gluten-Free Bakehouse nutmeal raisin cookies, blueberry muffins, pumpkin pie, roasted garlic bread and other baked goods	Assorted gluten-free ingredients	\$6.99-\$7.99

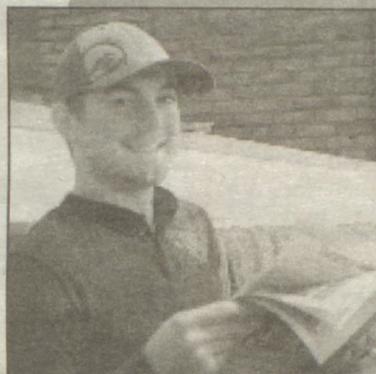
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'NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK' OU students to participate in art show

By PHREDDY WISCHUSEN
 Contributing Reporter

Last year, artists from all over Oakland University took the art world by storm with their exhibition "How To Build an Artist" at the Museum of New Art in Pontiac.

The photography, painting, installation art, video and other mediums featured in the show reflected the academic diversity of the artists who made them from student art to French to engineering.

Tom Rowland, OU student, artist, and ARC member, which is a co-sponsor of the show said, "Exhibiting in last year's show was a rewarding experience, and through it, I made friendships and contacts that continue benefiting me."

This year, OU will shine again with an exhibition entitled, "New Kids on the Block" opening Nov. 18. Guest judge professor Susan Evans will lend the precision of her aesthetics to create a well-rounded professional quality show.

The show is open to all media and styles of art. Submissions should be in jpeg form on a CD-R and submitted to the La Pittura mailbox by Nov. 3 in an envelope labeled c/o C. O'Leary.

For more information, contact Candace O'Leary at (248) 930-0590 or by e-mail at croleary@oakland.edu.

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Oakland clinches share of Summit League title

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — It didn't take long for sophomore forward Stefan St. Louis to make his mark in his season debut.

St. Louis, who made his long-awaited return last Saturday, didn't disappoint the fans that came out on a soggy afternoon, leading the Golden Grizzlies to a 4-0 beat down of IUPUI (5-9-1, 3-1 conference).

With the victory, Oakland (9-6-2, 5-0 conference) clinched at least a share of the Summit League regular season title.

Even more impressive is the fact that Oakland has yet to give up a goal in conference play so far this season. Junior goalkeeper Steve Clark has posted five shutouts in conference play, but hasn't been challenged much as of late.

Oakland out-shot IUPUI 18-2 on the day, leaving Clark unchallenged.

It took just four minutes for St. Louis to make an impression, as he headed the ball into the back of the net, sparking what would be a long afternoon for the opposing Jaguars.

Even with cold and rainy weather, Oakland came out with a lot of momentum at the start of the game and dominated IUPUI in possession battles.

Head coach Gary Parsons started St. Louis on offense along with junior Endre Osnes and junior Martin Samdell. The combination had a brilliant first half.

Things are coming along nicely for an offense that has suffered from sickness and injuries as of late.

Sophomore forward Sebbly Harris (illness) and senior Michael Reyes (back injury) both came off the bench Saturday. Having this much depth on offense should help propel this team through the Summit League tournament next month.

In the 10th minute, Samdell took a nice pass from junior Gabe Hernandez and fired a hard shot past IUPUI goalkeeper Brian Barszczowski.

After the second goal, the referees lost control of the game, and the physical play picked up on both ends of the field. Oakland and IUPUI each accounted for nine fouls in the first half, including Golden Grizzlies St. Louis and junior Piotr Nowak picking up yellow cards.

The second half saw Oakland continue to challenge the Jaguars defense. Reyes netted his third goal of season off a shot by Harris, which bounced off the goalie and was booted to the back of the net by Reyes.

Nowak capped Oakland's scoring with a 15-yard chip shot in the 80th minute on another assist from Hernandez. Nowak now has the team lead in points with three goals and nine assists this season.

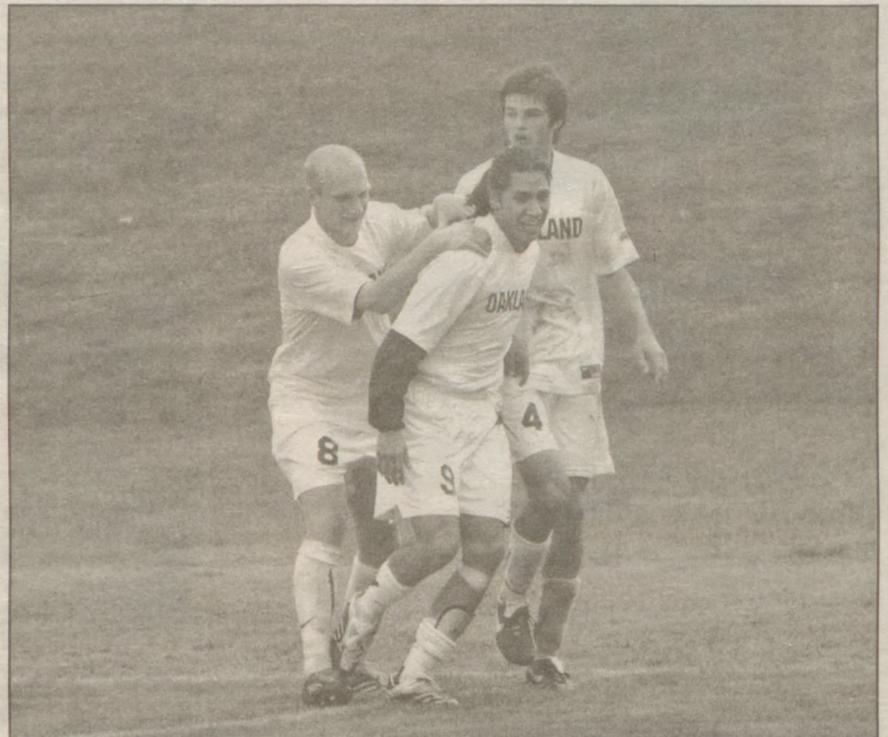
"We did play really well today," Parsons said. "Maybe our best game in the conference so far this season."

The story of the game had to have been the return of St. Louis, who was moonlighting on Trinidad and Tobago U-20 team in the off season.

"We've been waiting for [him], patiently waiting," Parsons said of St. Louis. "He is better now that he was last year. He was with the U-20 National Team program down in Trinidad, and he has come back and he's the big difference. He's a handful [for the opposition]."

Oakland last won the regular conference title in 2005.

The Golden Grizzlies will be the No. 1 seed in this year's conference tournament which will be played at IUPUI Nov. 16-18.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Martin Samdell (8) and Sebbly Harris (4) congratulate Michael Reyes (9) after his goal in the second half last Saturday against IUPUI. Oakland's offense has been potent as of late, with 9 goals in their last four games, dating back to a game against IPFW on Oct. 20.



If the Tournament started today:

(1) Oakland (5-0) vs.
(4) Centenary (2-3)

Oakland beat Centenary 4-0 on Oct. 13

(2) IUPUI (3-1) vs.
(3) Oral Roberts (2-2)

Have not met this season, will play Saturday

Information courtesy of The Summit League



Wednesday Oct. 24
in Madison, Wisc.
Oakland 3, Wisconsin 2



Oakland junior Endre Osnes beat up on the Badgers, scoring two goals in the victory. Piotr Nowak got the offense going with his second goal of the season. Nowak added an assist on Osnes' second goal of the game, which was the eventual game winner. Junior Steve Clark made three saves in the victory.



Tuesday Oct. 30
in Rochester, Mich.
#16 Akron 2, Oakland 1



Oakland's three game winning streak was stopped by the Zips on Tuesday. Leading the way for Oakland was Sebbly Harris who headed in his sixth goal of the season off of a Martin Samdell corner kick in the 87th minute. Steve Clark made four saves on the game. Oakland had just three shots on goal.

OU Hockey wins overtime thriller over EMU

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

ROCHESTER/ANN ARBOR – The “tough” part of Oakland hockey’s schedule ended in Delaware, or so the Golden Grizzlies thought.

On paper, Oakland should have handily beat Eastern Michigan University last weekend. Oakland was ranked fifth in the division, while Eastern was 21st, but the Eagles proved a bigger challenge than Oakland expected as they barely escaped with a 5-4 overtime win Friday and dropped Saturday’s game 4-2 in Ann Arbor Saturday.

Friday night, the Grizzlies found themselves down by three goals, 4-1, late in the third period. With six minutes left, defenseman Todd Orlando, who also had Oakland’s first goal, beat Eagles goaltender Erik Schardt.

The Grizzlies built off that momentum with more help from Orlando, who fired two shots from the point that were redirected into goals by Matt Kowalczyk and Kevin Kranker to force the game into overtime.

After the miraculous comeback, it was no surprise when Tony Yeargo netted the game-winner for Oakland 2:02 into overtime.

“I had a feeling (going into overtime) that I would score, so it was pretty wild that I did,” Yeargo said. “I was in a bad mood and I wasn’t playing too well, so it definitely made me feel a little bit better.”

Although his team couldn’t crack Schardt for a majority of the game, head coach Sean Hogan was pleased with the effort.

“I thought we outplayed them the entire game, I honestly did. We were looking good, we just couldn’t get the puck in the net,” Hogan said. “I knew if we got one, we could build on it.”

Orlando struggled to find rhythm early in the season adjusting to the ACHA’s rules, but has flourished as of late.

“As the games go on and the year goes on, I’m starting to adapt a little better,” said Orlando. “I’m paying attention, knowing what to do and what not to do and feeling out the refs. I’m adjusting pretty good and staying out of the box a little bit more.”

Unfortunately for the Golden Grizzlies, Orlando was a healthy scratch the next night at Eastern, which raised a few eyebrows after his performance Friday. After the game, Hogan revealed that Orlando didn’t have his black road jersey, so Hogan was forced to sit him, which may have cost Oakland the game.

Brent Cooper broke his scoring drought with a pair of goals, but it wasn’t enough to power Oakland over the Eagles, as Eastern countered with a hat trick from Brandon Greear as part of their 4-2 win. Greear beat Stewart twice in the third, then he hit the empty net as Oakland tried to force the game into overtime once more.

Andrew Stewart got his first start in net for the Grizzlies and had to shake off a few jitters in his first Division I game but came up with 35 saves.

“I settled down after the first shot,” Stewart said. “He took a simple shot down low and I made a save with my right pad, and from there it was smooth sailing.”

Oakland’s fate has yet to be determined as they went 1-3 this ranking period against weaker teams and will undoubtedly plummet when the new rankings are released this Friday.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Junior Jessica Boyle battles a Michigan player during the non conference game Sunday. Boyle scored Oakland’s only goal in the 1-1 tie.

Golden Grizzlies tie Wolverines

By DAN TALLANT
Staff Intern

ROCHESTER -- A cool, windy afternoon was the setting for the Golden Grizzlies Sunday. The University of Michigan (3-9-5) made the short trip from Ann Arbor to Oakland and tied the lady Golden Grizzlies in double-overtime 1-1. The tie keeps Oakland (7-7-2, 5-2 conference) at a .500 record this season, and it has no effect on their

standing in the Summit League.

“We played good when we had the wind with us,” head coach Nick O’Shea said. “Unfortunately, we lost the toss both times and had to play against it first in regulation and in overtime.”

The Maize and Blue opened up the scoring in the 38th minute with a chip shot from outside the box sailing over the head of freshman goalkeeper Elizabeth Watza courtesy of Emily Kalmbach.

In the first half, Oakland, who was playing into the wind, failed to test Wolverine goalkeeper Lindsay Yakel, managing no shots on goal.

The second half began with the two teams in a dead lock and a change in goal for Oakland. Junior Kim Herbst took the reigns for the last 65 minutes of play. Herbst ended up making five saves and one in overtime for the Golden Grizzlies. It wasn’t until the 69th minute of the game that Oakland put one on the scoreboard.

After receiving the ball from fellow junior Kristi Evans, Jessica Boyle fired a shot from about 25 yards out and blew it past Kalmbach to knot the game at one. Boyle’s goal gives her three on the season and moves her into second on the team in points and third in goals. The game remained tied through 90 minutes, and the match was forced into overtime.

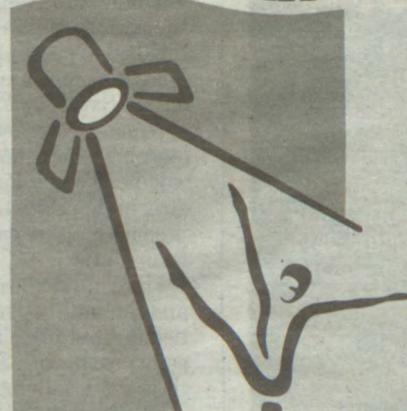
Oakland owned the two closest opportunities to win in sudden death. One of the chances came from a header by Evans off a corner kick that hit the crossbar. Just 30 seconds later, sophomore Lindsey Blair almost ended it with a chance that floated over the top of the net.

After 110 minutes of back-and-forth play the game ended in a tie. The tie was Oakland’s second on the year, the first coming against Illinois State on Sept. 30.

Oakland, who remained at 5-2 in Summit League play, already guaranteed themselves a spot in the conference tournament with the win against Southern Utah on Oct. 19.

The last regular season game of the year comes at home against Summit League rival IPFW (1-15-0) on Saturday Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.

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Hilltoppers too much for OU

Western Kentucky gives Golden Grizzlies only defeat in swimming and diving

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

In a meeting of four universities, Oakland University's men's swimming and diving team couldn't quite finish above all of the competition.

While they easily took down Summit League foe IUPUI and cross-town rival Wayne State University by scores of 188-55 and 189-48, respectively, they couldn't clear the hurdle that was Western Kentucky, as they fell by a narrow margin of 127-114.

Leading the way for the Golden Grizzlies were senior Zoltan Horvath and sophomore Marcin Unold, each bagging a pair of events. Horvath took first place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:53.48 and finished the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:05.56.

Unold took his first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:40.51 and a 1:50.29 finish in the 200-yard backstroke.

Other Oakland first-place finishes included a 1:52.68 in the 200-yard butterfly courtesy of junior Aaron Holdsworth and senior diver Ryan Kish scoring 259 on the one-meter springboard.

The women's swimming and diving team had a similar story on their side — the only opponent they could not beat was Western Kentucky,

as they lost 137-106. IUPUI and Wayne State were easily put away with scores of 198.50-44.50 and 181-62.

A pair of European imports led the way for the Golden Grizzlies. Junior Sophia Gustafsson, of Sweden, won two events, clocking in times of 5:04.57 and 10:26.76 in the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle events.

Red-shirt sophomore Agnes Solan, of Poland, also took top honors in a pair of events, finishing with a time of 2:08.57 in the 200-yard individual medley and 2:03.87 in the 200 backstroke.

Three other Golden Grizzlies took first-place finishes in the quadrangular meet. Sophomore Sarah Ludema clocked in at 24.35 in the 50-yard freestyle, freshman Lauren Patterson finished with a time of 1:54.27 in the 200-yard freestyle and freshman diver Chelsea Oates finished the one-meter springboard with a score of 237.20. Oates barely missed an NCAA Zone Diving qualifying mark in the three-meter springboard with a score of 269.85.

Next up for the Golden Grizzlies is a home dual meet against Wright State Saturday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.



Zoltan Horvath's two first-place finishes in Saturday's quadrangular meet helped propel the Golden Grizzlies past two of the three teams. BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Cross country teams rise, fall in finals

Men win big with No. 2 finish at meet

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Though Oakland University couldn't overcome cross country juggernaut Southern Utah University, the Golden Grizzlies managed a second place finish at the Summit League men's cross country championship meet last Saturday in Macomb, Ill.

"Southern Utah is a great program and are very tough to beat," said head coach Paul Rice in a press release. "We hung there with the top schools and I'm very pleased with our performance this afternoon."

Senior Jason Young and junior Andrew Lawrick finished 10th and 11th place overall, respectively, with times of 25:45 and 25:52 in the 8K race, and both garnered all-conference honors for their performance.

Other top 25 finishers for the Golden Grizzlies were sophomore Ross Solanskey in 16th with a time of 26:01 and junior Jason Bigelow crossing the finish line in 24th place with a time of 26:28.

Next up for Oakland is the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Saturday, Nov. 10 in Bloomington, Ind.

Top 20 finishers in men's cross country championship (8K)

1. Mark Currell (SUU)—24:47
2. Greg Liebl (NSDU)—25:11
3. Cameron Levins (SUU)—25:27
4. Brad Wheeler (IUPUI)—25:30
5. Marshall Kambestad (SDSU)—25:33
6. Andrew Van Nurden (SDSU)—25:38
7. Aaron Kremer (IUPUI)—25:38
8. Joseph Chebaibai (ORU)—25:40
9. Dave Sheeran (SUU)—25:44
10. Jason Young (OU)—25:45
11. Andrew Lawrick (OU)—25:52
12. Hunter Paris (IPFW)—25:54
13. Ryan Barrus (SUU)—25:55
14. Donovan Tsinijiniie (SUU)—25:59
15. Shaun Smith (ORU)—26:00
16. Ross Solanskey (OU)—26:01
17. Challas Ray (WIU)—26:04
18. John Hart (SUU)—26:06
19. Eric Anerino (WIU)—26:08
20. Jesse Cacy (IUPUI)—26:10

Women finish sixth in field of 10

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

With a young roster of no seniors and only three juniors, inexperience got the best of Oakland University as they finished in sixth place at the Summit League women's cross country championship Saturday in Macomb, Ill.

"We are very young, and it was a learning experience for our athletes," said head coach Paul Rice. "Our top girls hung pretty tough today, and this is something we can build on in the future."

The Thunderbirds of Southern Utah and Summit League newcomer IPFW tied for first place at the meet with 67 points each, with South Dakota State a close third, tallying 68 points.

Finishing in the top 25 for the Golden Grizzlies were freshman Kelsey Carmean in 17th with a time of 23:01 in the 6K race and sophomore Kayla Doan with a time of 23:20, good for a 24th place finish.

Following more than a week's break, the Golden Grizzlies will compete in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Saturday, Nov. 10 in Bloomington, Ind.

Top 20 finishers in women's cross country championship (6K)

1. Faithy Kamangila (ORU)—21:19
2. Sharla Pratt (SUU)—21:26
3. Mable Kunihira (ORU)—21:48
4. Crystina Martinez (IPFW)—21:49
5. Caitlin Berry (SDSU)—22:03
6. Crystal Martinez (IPFW)—22:04
7. Nora Narloch (NDSU)—22:12
8. Beth Whalen (WIU)—22:22
9. Claire Steinke (SDSU)—22:44
10. Laura Hermanson (NDSU)—22:46
11. Steffi Minson (SUU)—22:46
12. Kristin Randclif (ORU)—22:48
13. Joanna Crowther (SUU)—22:51
14. Emily Smith (SDSU)—22:52
15. Ashley Storm (SDSU)—22:54
16. Susan Odipo (IPFW)—22:55
17. Kelsey Carmean (OU)—23:01
18. Valerie Hardesty (IPFW)—23:08
19. Sara Hiller (UMKC)—23:12
20. Madalyn Olpin (SUU)—23:12

Volleyball team has rough weekend

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's volleyball team has struggled to play with consistency on the road all season, and their first trip to new Summit League opponents North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University was no exception. The Golden Grizzlies dropped both games last weekend.

Oakland kicked off their tour of the Dakotas with a stop in Fargo, N.D., Friday night.

In the first game of the match, the Golden Grizzlies put up 23 points, the most they could muster all weekend. The Bison swept Oakland by scores of 30-23, 30-22 and 30-20.

Defensive specialist Hallie Beattie had 14 assists and 15 digs for a double-double, while libero Lauren Duquette had 30 digs. "Lauren Duquette was absolutely amazing," head coach Rob Beam said in a press release.

Saturday in South Dakota, Duquette had only 16 digs as Oakland's defense

came up with only half as many as the night before.

The Jackrabbits finished the Grizzlies off in three games for the second match in a row, 30-20, 30-22 and 30-21.

Amy Golem had 11 digs and 10 kills for a double-double, and two Grizzlies had double digit assists. Beattie finished the night with 16, while setter Alex Darin tallied 12.

The Grizzlies wrap up the season with IUPUI on the road this Sunday and a two-game home stand against UMKC and Western Illinois next Friday and Saturday.

Summit League Volleyball Standings

1. North Dakota State (9-3, 17-6)
2. South Dakota State (9-3, 18-8)
3. IPFW (9-3, 15-9)
4. Oral Roberts (9-3, 15-11)
5. Western Illinois (9-3, 12-12)
6. IUPUI (9-9, 10-16)
7. Oakland (9-9, 7-18)
8. UMKC (2-10, 5-23)
9. Centenary (1-11, 2-24)

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Steve Clark
Men's Soccer



Photo Courtesy of Oakland Athletics

Year: Junior
Major: History

Clark has not allowed a single goal in conference play for the 2007 season. He has a Summit League-leading five shutouts, including last Saturday's 4-0 victory over IUPUI.

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The Oakland Post previews the Summit League women's soccer tournament, taking place at OU's soccer field Nov. 9-11.

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The great sushi review

By **SUSAN MILAN**
Contributing Reporter

If you thought sushi was fishy — think again. Actually, the term sushi actually refers to the rice that usually wraps the raw fish that many are so squeamish about. The raw sushi-grade fish is probably the least fishy type of seafood. Good sushi oftendoesn't even taste like fish. Sushi-grade fish is of the highest quality and is put through a freezing process making it safe for raw consumption.

Here are five local sushi restaurants we put to the test.

OISHII Sushi & Grill
248 E. Auburn Rd
Rochester Hills
(248) 293-0651

Using only the most quality ingredients, Oishii delivers a slice of Japan so fresh you'll have to take a bite. From their full-color menu to their always helpful sushi chef, Oishii is perfect for first-timers. The restaurant even offers sushi classes with Chef Jeff who is all smiles and a wealth of knowledge.

Oishii's soup sets the benchmark for quality with a robust flavor and blends of tofu, mushroom and nori, lightly garnished with scallions. The salads are crisp with lettuce, tomato, grated carrot and radish all drizzled in a exquisite ginger dressing with hints of sesame.

For a satisfying appetizer, try the Gyoza pork dumplings, which are so tasty you won't want to share them. Golden-fried and never overpowering, they are expertly served with a most delectable dipping, sauce.

For a larger meal, choose from a great selection of square lunch boxes and Sushi boats. For cooked sushi, maybe try a tempura-style sushi roll lightly fried to a golden crisp.

The prices range from \$5.50 to \$11. With such quality and great selection, Oishii is a hidden treasure.

Kublai Khan Restaurant
173 S. Livernois
Rochester Hills
(248) 652-0303

While this establishment serves a great assortment of quality Chinese and Thai dishes, the sushi leaves much to be desired. Kublai Khan delivers a maki roll that is chewy and quite difficult to consume. With its bland rice, one has no alternative but to abuse the soy sauce.

The fish is also of a chewy consistency where typically it should be easily bitten into. There is no sushi bar, so one cannot inspect the fish before serving, which might explain the results.

The vegetarian maki may be their only savior of flavor. Try the fresh avocado maki with the nori encrusted with sesame seeds to boost flavor.

Stick to the Chinese, Thai and Japanese Grill. Avoid the sushi.

Dinner costs about \$8. The establishment accommodates larger parties and is well presented. However, in its attempt to crossover Asia's complex flavors, it fails to deliver the authentic Japanese quality other sushi restaurants have been able to nail.

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SUSAN MILAN/The Oakland Post
Oishii's miso soup and ginger dressing set the standard for the sushi industry.



SUSAN MILAN/The Oakland Post
Take Sushi turns a tasty snack fun for kids with their Ninja Turtle and Shrek rolls.

Sushi 101

COMPILED By **SUSAN MILAN**
Contributing Reporter

- If the waitress brings you an oshibori (hot towel), wipe your hands with it before touching the food. Don't wipe your face. Some restaurants leave the towel throughout the meal for you to wipe your hands; others take it away before your sashimi arrives. You will get a napkin for your lap, as well.

- If you do not have a spoon to eat your soup just grab the bowl with one hand and bring it up to your lips. It's okay to slurp, especially if the soup is hot. Spear the tofu, seaweed or mushrooms with your chopstick.

- Some wooden chopsticks are joined at one end. Simply split

them in two, and rub them together to get rid of splinters. Never rub high-quality, smooth chopsticks. This insults the staff.

- You may eat sushi with your hands or with chopsticks, whichever is more comfortable.

- To increase spice, dab wasabi (the bright green dough-like substance on your plate) in the soy sauce. Blend it with your chopsticks. The Japanese way is to dip into the soy sauce first, and then add wasabi. Wasabi is Japanese horse radish and is very strong, so be careful.

- Eat the slivers of ginger in between different rolls to help cleanse your palate.

- Soft drinks spoil the flavor.

- Remember to tip the sushi chef if you sit at the sushi bar.

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Take Sushi

1364 Walton Blvd
Rochester Hills
(248) 652-7800

Japanese music, décor and subdued lighting set the tone for an authentic experience.

Once seated, the waitress will bring you an oshibori (hot towel) to wipe your hands before touching the food. Her uniform is impeccable and her manner pleasant.

With any sushi order miso soup is complimentary. It is a full-bodied brew with small tofu squares and pieces of seaweed for texture. Their creative selection of appetizers is sure to please with fresh ingredients and subtle flavors.

Ask for the special of the day. It's always made with fresh ingredients ranging from avocado and radish to salmon and spicy tuna. Recently, they served a delightful spinach puff pastry stuffed with soft crabmeat. They are always ready to inspire and even cater to children with such delights as the "Shrek roll" and the "Ninja Turtle roll."

Take Sushi has been in Rochester for 12 years and prides itself in serving fresh ingredients. With a price point of around \$8 and such great quality, Take Sushi is a little gem just waiting to be discovered. Look for Take Sushi conveniently located next to Blockbuster on Walton at Adams.

Miyako

4382 Baldwin Rd
Auburn Hills
(248) 451-9000

Nestled in the hubbub of Great Lakes Crossing, Miyako sets a relaxed and private mood with its subdued lighting and intricately carved wooden windows.

Whether it's business or pleasure, there's something for everyone. Non-sushi eaters can choose to sit at the grill and have their food cooked to order. Alternately, a modest size sushi bar, complete with sushi chefs ready to create some delicious edible art pleases the sushi fan.

From the spicy tuna roll to the kamikaze maki, one thing is sure: Miyako delivers fresh ingredients every time. For a light and delicious meal, go straight to the special maki list served with slivers of pickled ginger and powerful wasabi.

Each meal comes with a complimentary bowl of miso soup followed by a salad.

Popular favorites include the Boston maki, with fresh salmon and avocado, crisp cucumber, subtle tobiko (red caviar), crunchy lettuce and a light mayo. The spicy tuna is a treat, with a delectable sauce that hums around the palate teasing the taste buds for more. Each tender morsel is just enough to whet the appetite. If you want something different, you can even create your own maki combinations.

The price is about \$8 per roll, and the estimated cost per person for dinner is \$10-18. Check it out next time you're at Great Lakes Crossing.



SUSAN MILAN/The Oakland Post

Tokyo Sushi, located near OU, is perfect for a quick and tasty bite between classes.

Tokyo Sushi

2560 N Squirrel Rd
Auburn Hills
(248) 373-7201

Tokyo Sushi is a large and inviting establishment with good lighting and interesting Japanese décor. No matter where you look, this place is dripping in Japanese motifs, such as miniature geisha dolls, which stare from behind the counter, to the samurai knives that are on display.

Conveniently located at Walton and North Squirrel, Oakland University students can take advantage of the 10 percent student discount.

Their chicken katsu (fried breaded chicken) is the best around. However, the gyoza tend to be oily with overly coarse pork filling that is brutish at best.

While the bar displays a fine selection of seafood ready to be masterfully created, their maki rolls are a bit hit-and-miss. Most rolls, however, are well-prepared with sesame seeds to give them a much needed extra flare of flavor.

Backstreet Boys are 'unbreakable'



PHOTO COURTESY POPJUSTICE.COM

By ANN PETROUS
Contributing Reporter

There's only one word to describe the Backstreet Boys new album "Unbreakable," and that's harmony.

With their latest release, the Backstreet Boys are on their way to another successful record. This album kicks off with an intro of smooth, harmonic sound that melts in the ears.

The album stems back from their 1999 release "Millennium." This record has everything a vocal group should have: strong harmonies, soulful vocals and smooth ballads, while still maintaining their pop style.

Their strong vocals are ever present on songs like "Inconsolable," "Trouble Is" and "One in a Million," where the Backstreet Boys travel back to their harmonizing roots.

This album stands the chance to capture new fans while still keeping the ones that have supported them throughout the years. Their harmony is what they are known for, and it shines on this record. "Unbreakable" is a follow up to their 2005 comeback release "Never Gone."

Even though there are only four members remaining in the group — Howie Dorough, Nick Carter, Brian Littrell and A.J. McLean — these boys are all this album needs. Kevin Richardson left the band last year to pursue other projects.

"Unbreakable" is recommended for anyone who is looking for something with soul, harmony and smooth vocals. The Backstreet boys are set to kick off their world tour for the album next year.

Same story, still funny

By MARK MEDAUGH
Contributing Reporter

Steve Carell may be best known for his comically zany role on NBC's hit show "The Office."

Although he may appear somewhat crazy on that show, he is actually a master of dynamic acting. In this new feat he extends himself to a more serious role while maintaining his funny background.

Carell's newest example of theater gold is the film "Dan in Real Life." In the movie, Dan Burns (played by Carell) is a widower who has "played it safe" raising his three rebellious daughters alone, after the tragic loss of his wife.

When he goes on vacation with his extended family, events unfold rapidly, changing his outlook on life and, more importantly, love.

Comedy parades about the screen as Dan begins talking with Marie (played by Juliette Binoche).

When sparks begin to fly, they realize that Marie has been dating Dan's brother Mitch (played by Dane Cook).

Both Dan and Marie try to do the right thing for the sake of Mitch, but as is so often the case they cannot. By-the-book Dan quickly falls hard for Marie.

The film opens in theaters nationwide Oct. 26. "Dan in Real Life" runs 95 minutes and is rated PG-13.

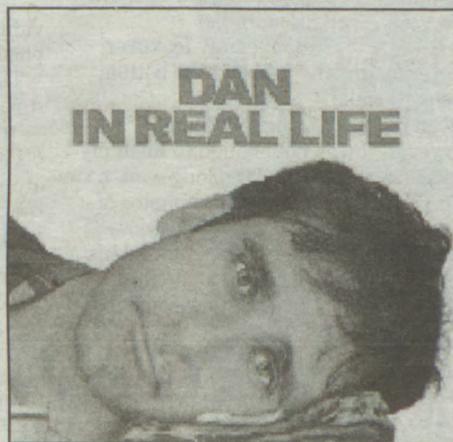


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Although the storyline is similar to a million other romantic comedies, "Dan in Real life" is still good.

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My hour on the senator's throne

Minneapolis airport restroom could become the city's new attraction

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

"Last night my foot was a tapping, tapping on the bathroom floor, waiting for a Senator to peep through the bathroom door, Only this and nothing more."

There is a comedy God. Of this, I am convinced.

As a comedian, I thrive on the absurd. It was the work of the comedy Fates that last Friday night, I was stranded in the Minneapolis airport.

For those who have forgotten, the Minneapolis airport is the home to America's most famous toilet.

Let us briefly recap.

In June, the men's room was the site of Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's solicitation of restroom sex.

An undercover cop caught Craig with his pants down after Craig peeked into the stall, tapped his foot on the floor, against the officer and grabbed the underside of the stall wall.

It is, and was, an immaculate political sex scandal.

It makes the Clinton escapade look like holding hands.

For a comedian, a visit to this legendary loo was an ascent to heaven, a comedic pilgrimage to the holy site of humor.

I was en route from Washington D.C. to Chicago. Only the illogical idiocy of Northwest Airlines would fly me so far north to Minneapolis, Minn. The laughter deities were guffawing — directly at me.

But, alas, due to airline ineptitude, a delayed take-off stranded me in Minneapolis, hungry, thirsty and in need of a restroom.

I spent the entire night in Minneapolis — just a hotel voucher, the renowned lavatory and me.

The divinity of satire never fails.

Let me take this moment to get one thing straight. Echoing Sen. Craig: "I am not gay. I never have been gay." Although, the egregious nature of Craig's act has nothing to do with homosexuality — the issue is with Craig's perversion.

Now, let us continue.

I was given a tour of the restroom by a euphoric security guard, who showed me the actual stall, which, for you sightseers, is the third from the back, in the main men's room in the front of the airport.

The security guard informed me that the stalls were going to be reconstructed, to decrease the space between the ground and the bottom of the stall.

Congress truly has influence over every segment of life.

The guard said that "guys have sex in here all the time."

I am a bit skeptical.

I spent a whole hour in the stall, where I incidentally wrote most of this column, but there was no response.

One would think Friday night to be a popular time for anonymous potty room hook-ups, but I got nothing.

I tapped my foot over and over again, and grabbed the bottom of the stall wall.

I even did a tap dance. Nothing.

However, it was not enough to flush my enthusiasm away. After the long wait, a polite TSA official took several photos of me in the Craig "wide stance" position.

Our interaction began after I found his Hush Puppies attractive.

The TSA official told me how some indi-



ALEX CHERUP/The Oakland Post
A marker for the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.



Graphic by CELESTE FILIATRAULT
Mouthing Off editor Alex Cherup enjoys the actual restroom and stall where the now infamous Larry Craig scandal took place in June in the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

viduals came from as far as Germany to photograph the stall.

This officially makes the Minneapolis Airport an international tourist attraction — the porcelain wonder of the world.

Personally, for me, on my escapade around the country, the bathroom was the most invigorating and important tourist attraction.

It paled in comparison to Washington D.C.

As a store advertised down from the men's room, Minnesota is "the land of 10,000 lakes and a thousand memories" The phrase "and one famous toilet" should be added.

And I really don't want to know Larry Craig's a thousand memories.

One memory is enough for me. Now, if you'll excuse me, I am going to get back to some foot tapping ... tapping evermore.

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Media ignores important candidates

By **MICHAEL PALMER**
Guest Columnist

I'm sure you're aware that there is a presidential election in a year.

You're also probably familiar with at least a couple of the big names on the ballot.

I will not mention these candidates here. They already receive enough attention.

The news coverage of every presidential election up to this point has been dominated by corporate media conglomerates and political parties themselves.

With the expansion of social-networking sites and increased communication on the Web overall, the grip of mainstream media on the population at large has started to slip.

This divide is especially pronounced when you consider the high school and college age groups.

When the presidential candidates began to announce their bids for the nomination of their respective parties, the news stations and press syndicates had already made up their minds as to who the "front-runners" were.

This feedback loop of support usually leads to less funded and less well known candidates being drowned out or ignored.

Fortunately, this is beginning to change with the help of the Internet.

Now that users control the news content on sites like Digg, Reddit, Stumbleupon and many other news aggregates, along with a myriad of blogs, the role of the corporate media is shrinking.

No longer are we required to listen to what a financially motivated news figurehead wants us to hear.

We can now seek out information on our own or even become impromptu reporters ourselves.

One event has dramatically demonstrated how stubborn and out of touch the media is with reality: the candidacy of Ron Paul.

Ron Paul entered the race hesitantly, at first. He wasn't sure of the support he was going to get, so he played it safe and tested the waters before he declared.

When people heard he was considering running for president, there was a furor on the Internet. When Ron Paul finally declared his candidacy for the Republican nomination, the excitement grew.

Why was everyone so excited about a candidate — and a republican one at that?

To begin with, Ron Paul is not a Republican in the neoconservative sense.

He has a consistent record of voting against anything that is unconstitutional. He votes "no" so often that he has the nickname of Dr. No.

Ron Paul voted against the authorization for the war in Iraq, the PATRIOT Act, the Military Commissions Act and the Real ID Act.

Ron Paul supports ending all foreign police actions currently being undertaken by our military.

He also supports returning to the gold standard.

He is very adamant about adhering to the constitution in all decisions he makes.

For these reasons, he appeals to a large body of voters who are sick of candidates who trample civil liberties and strangle the economy.

So why has the media been ignoring and down playing this popular candidate?

It may be because Ron Paul is not bought and paid for by any corporations.

He also can't afford the advertisements and publicity — generating events that the other candidates can.

One group that supports Ron Paul the most is college and high school students — a class of Americans who are obtaining their news not from the TV or radio, but from online sources.

And it is in the online communities where Ron Paul is beating every other candidate, especially amongst the other Republicans.

This online support is very apparent, as Ron Paul has raised almost \$ 5 million since March of this year, a large amount of it coming from online donations from grass-roots supporters.

Recently, on the MSN web site, an entire article was devoted to the Nevada straw poll, which Ron Paul won.

Instead of focusing on the fact that a second-tier candidate won the debate, the entire article — beside one token paragraph — was devoted to how another leading candidate had lost!

Even the headline of the article omitted the results besides stating that "so-and-so loses NV straw poll."

This lack of attention in the media is appalling. And it is not just happening to Ron Paul.

There are many so-called fringe candidates that are getting on stage during the debates and saying things that need to be heard.

For example, Mike Gravel has been making waves in the Democratic debates regarding the Iraq war and the use of nuclear weapons against Iran.

The media is quick to focus its attention on the main candidates.

The only attention it gives to the "other guys" is a little blurb along the lines of, "We just don't know why they keep trying. There is no way they can win."

Maybe they would have a better chance if they weren't automatically ruled out just because they aren't a celebrity politician.

We need a president who will stay within the boundaries established by the Constitution. The Constitution is not a perfect document, and perhaps

some parts should be changed, but it has an amendment process built into it for just that reason.

When a president decides to change the Constitution by ignoring it, they are essentially waiving all the rights that are protected by the Constitution.

If they can ignore one part, why not the others?

We need change.

We need a president who respects us all as individuals.

We need a president who puts our natural rights ahead of corporate interests.



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Presidential candidate Ron Paul.

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Supreme Court to review \$2.5 billion Exxon oil spill case



A float plane waits on an oil-covered beach off the Gulf of Alaska in 1989. A massive oil spill from an Exxon tanker covered more than 100 miles southwest of Valdez, Alaska (AP Photo/Jack Smith, File)

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Eighteen years after the worst oil spill in U.S. history, its victims suddenly face the prospect of having a \$2.5 billion judgment wrested away from them by the Supreme Court.

A federal appeals court had already cut in half the

\$5 billion punitive damages award that a jury decided Exxon Mobil Corp. should pay for the huge Exxon Valdez oil spill which fouled more than 1,200 miles of Alaskan coastline in 1989.

The justices said Monday they would consider whether Exxon Mobil, which already has paid \$3.4 billion in cleanup costs and other penalties, should face any punitive damages at all.

Eleven million gallons of oil poured into Prince William Sound when Exxon's supertanker hit a reef. It was an environmental disaster that killed hundreds of thousands of seabirds and marine animals.

Few companies could afford the award as easily as Exxon Mobil, the plaintiffs' lawyers said in urging the court to turn down the case. The money is "barely more than three weeks of Exxon's net profits," they said.

Texas-based Exxon Mobil is the world's largest publicly traded oil company and last year posted the largest annual profit by a U.S. company — \$39.5 billion.

Roughly 20 percent of the original plaintiffs have died since the lawsuit began. The plaintiffs still living include about 33,000 commercial fishermen, cannery workers, landowners, Native Alaskans, local governments and businesses.

Even after being halved, the award would be the largest punitive damages judgment ever. Exxon said it should not have to pay a penny of it.

"This case has never been about compensating people for actual damages," company spokesman Tony Cudmore said in a statement. "Rather it is about whether further punishment is warranted. ... We do not believe any punitive damages are warranted in this case."

The justices agreed that the issues laid out by the company are worthy of review. Exxon contended it should pay no punitive damages under the Clean Water Act and centuries-old laws governing shipping, saying the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals mistakenly upheld the \$2.5 billion judgment. The Supreme Court reverses lower court decisions roughly 75 percent of the time.

Justice Samuel Alito, who owns between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in Exxon stock, did not take part in the decision to accept the appeal.

The company argued it should not be held responsible for the mistakes of the ship's captain.

The case, which is to be heard early next year, is Exxon Shipping Co. v. Baker, 07-219.

US Embassy targeted by Azerbaijan terror

BY AIDA SULTANOVA
Associated Press Writer

BAKU, Azerbaijan — A group of militant Islamists planned to attack the U.S. Embassy and other government buildings in Azerbaijan with stolen military grenades and assault rifles but were thwarted by security forces, officials said Monday.

The National Security Ministry said the group had planned a "large-scale, horrifying terror attack" but did not provide details.

It described the plotters as adherents of the strict Wahhabi interpretation of Sunni Islam, which counts Osama bin Laden and many al-Qaida members among its adherents.

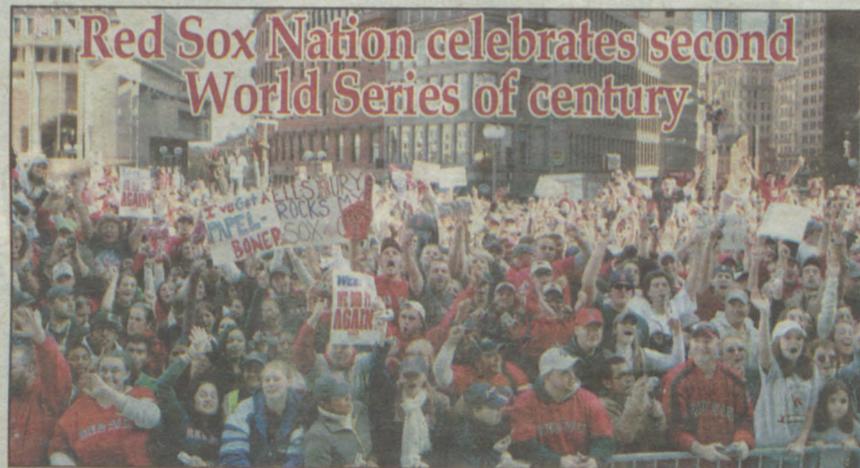
Other Azeri officials said they were pursuing an army lieutenant who had taken the weapons before deserting.

The State Department said that it had closed its embassy in Baku, the capital of this oil-rich, largely Shiite Muslim nation on the Caspian Sea, but would likely reopen it soon.

The Azeri security ministry said security forces arrested several members of the militant group Saturday in a village about 20 miles northeast of Baku.

One member of the group fought arrest and was killed, the ministry said.

Weapons stolen by army Lt. Kamran Asadov, who took 20 hand grenades, a machine gun, four assault rifles and ammunition from his unit for the attack, were recovered.



Boston Red Sox fans celebrate the team's baseball World Series victory against the Colorado Rockies on City Hall Plaza during a parade, in downtown Boston, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007. The Red Sox completed a sweep of the Rockies on Sunday with a 4-3 win in Denver.

Gap subcontractor in India found to be using child labor

LONDON (AP) — Clothing retailer Gap Inc. said Sunday that it will convene all of its Indian suppliers to "forcefully reiterate" its prohibition on child labor after a British newspaper found children as young as 10 making Gap clothes at a sweatshop in New Delhi.

The Observer newspaper quoted the children as saying they had been sold to the sweatshop by their families in Indian states such as Bihar and West Bengal and would not be allowed to leave until they had repaid that fee.

Some, working as long as 16 hours a day to hand-sew clothing, said they were not being paid because their employer said they were still trainees.

Gap said it first learned of the child labor allegations last week and discovered the sweatshop was being run by a subcontractor that a vendor had hired in violation of Gap's policies. The product made there will be destroyed so it cannot be sold in Gap stores, company spokesman Bill Chandler said.

"We appreciate that the media identified this subcontractor, and we acted swiftly in this situation," Chandler told The Associated Press on Sunday. "Under no circumstances is it acceptable for children to produce or work on garments."

The Observer quoted one boy as saying that child employees who cried or did not work hard enough were hit with a rubber pipe or had oily cloths stuffed into their mouths.

Gap did not immediately cut ties with the supplier it accused of improper subcontracting, but Chandler said the company was taking the breach of its child labor policies "extremely seriously."

The company requires its suppliers to guarantee that they will not use child labor to produce garments, Chandler said, and Gap stopped working with 23 factories last year over violations uncovered by its inspectors. The company has 90 full-time inspectors who make unannounced visits around the world to ensure vendors are abiding by Gap's guidelines, he said.

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