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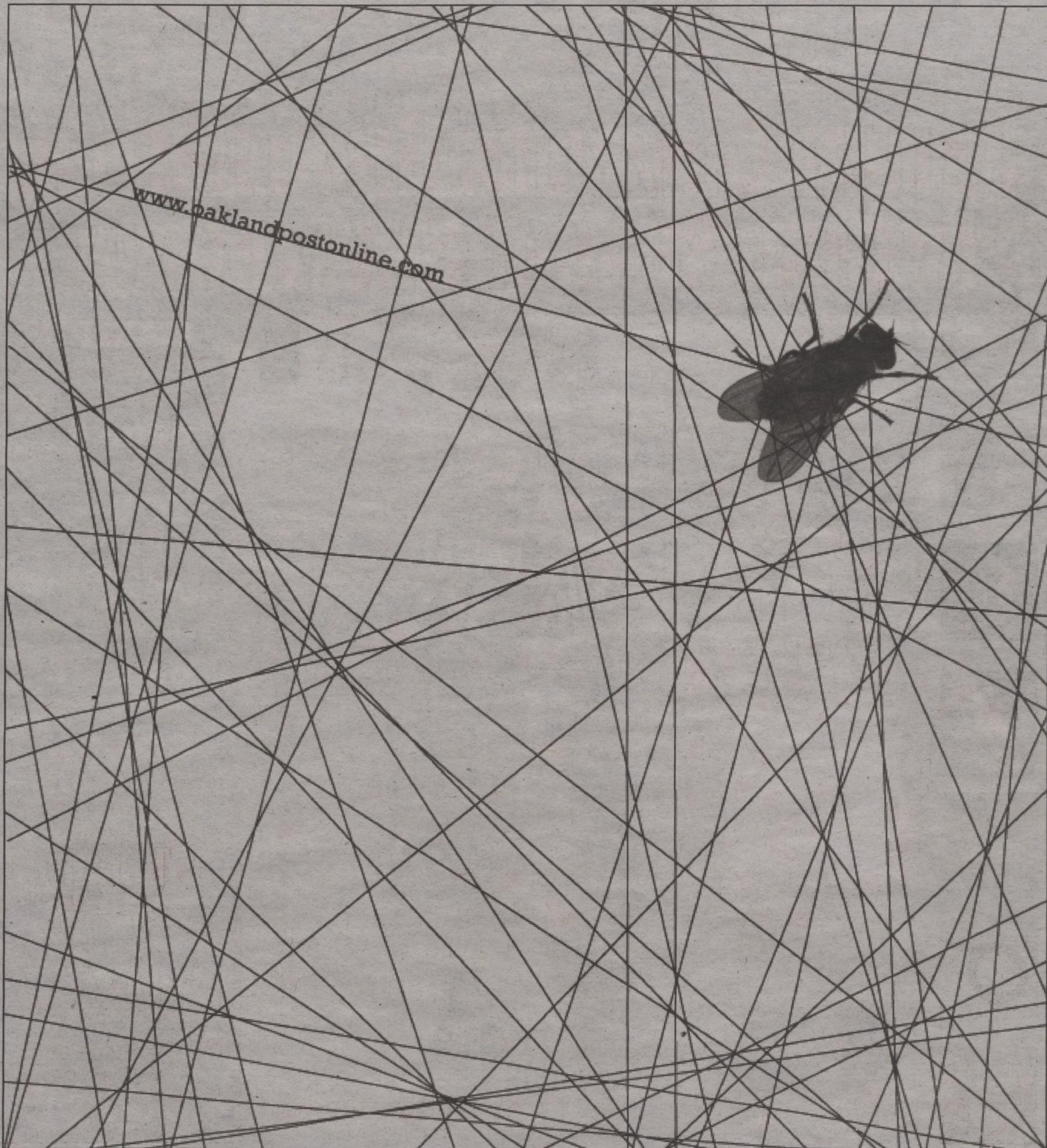
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STAFF EDITORIAL

In this non-stop society, take a moment and slow down

Slow down. Take a deep breath. Look at those around you.

In today's fast paced society, we sometimes forget about our immediate experience. Our minds have become entangled in the goals of expediency and success.

We focus on our individual endeavors and aim to act as efficiently as possible. Our first priority is our output and achievement, which helps cultivate a productive society.

Although our productivity may be increased with this mentality, there are consequences.

We oftentimes sacrifice our sense of community to place ourselves on a higher pedestal.

We cannot forget — community is a group effort. Acts of assistance, kindness, courtesy and acceptance fall into the non-productive realm and become few and far between when we become overwhelmed by the necessity of work in our dog-eat-dog world.

Those at a different pace get consumed into the standard way of operating. And when an individual, disabled, injured or handicapped does not conduct life in this rushed manner, others get perturbed or agitated.

This is not community, nor is it acceptable. There is no mandate to follow any sort of existence. There is no more value to one life than there is to another. The point of the community is not to enforce a particular lifestyle — instead its aim should be an environment where all perspectives can exist, and not fall under domination.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with personal success, however the rapid intensity of everyday life often puts the notion of "helping" on the back burner. Whether it is a small act, such as holding the door for another individual or one of larger magnitude, such as nursing an elderly parent, reaching out for other members of the community is part of what makes a community a community.

Exclusion of any member of the community harms the health and well being of the community, more than the benefits of a packed schedule.

We have the capacity for compassion and caring, nonetheless we find ways with which to minimize or exclude this capacity.

It is an issue of choice. A large portion of the

'busy' society chooses to avoid venues that can assist and help.

Unfortunately, in a society that is overly stressed by constant requirements for quick results, the choice slips in the direction of non-action more often than the alternative.

In our society, a conscious effort must be made to accommodate, making the choice of helping more difficult, as the structure of society places emphasis on other values, such as success. Compassion, although a faculty found within most, is barren in a society based solely on materialistic value.

Our vocabulary even implies this, as we "sacrifice" our time. To help is not a "sacrifice," it is an honor to go beyond the confined walls of material value.

Many claim we must "give up" in order to help or be compassionate, which is partly true. We may "give up" certain material benefits or even give up part of the ego, however on the larger scale within the community, we are all clearly gaining. It only is a "sacrifice" if you view it within a specific context — essentially the context of the aforementioned society.

One should not allow this progression away from compassion to triumph — this can be overcome. Look amongst any community to see those willing to choose the route of assistance.

On either side of the political spectrum, the "I'd love to, but I don't have enough time" excuse is paraded as a reason for not giving back to the community. The drive is present, however the action is absent. A successful community requires both to thrive.

And radical philanthropy is not even required. A mere understanding of the power of compassion and understanding amongst those around you not only improves their life, but symbiotically makes life more enjoyable for you.

In the drive-thru society of the modern world, we forget the basic benefits that a move toward compassion can achieve.

Individual compassion may not directly cure AIDS, stop wars, or feed the hungry. But it's the potential to make life easier and rebuild a sense of community that may eventually rise up and improve humanity seems to be a vision of the future worth reaching for.

So go out and hold that door!



JEFF PARKER, Florida Today/Cagle Cartoons

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Corrections from the last edition (Jan. 9, 2007) of The Oakland Post:

- Roger Clemens' name was incorrectly spelled in Nation | World
- Lloyd Carr's name was incorrectly spelled in Perspectives
- In "Notable 'news'" (Campus, pg. 6) Dustin Alexander, Kevin Alford and the Associated Press should have been credited for photos, as well as Amber Dietz.

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- The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States

Longing for the Great Lakes state

An '07 OU grad, who recently relocated to Lake Tahoe, reminisces about Mich.



Kyle Magin

2007 Oakland University graduate and former reporter for the Oakland Post

When I left Michigan last August I knew I'd miss my home state, I just didn't know why.

I migrated to beautiful Lake Tahoe, straddling the borders of California and Nevada, to take a journalism job out there — a job I couldn't find in Michigan.

I got out here and immersed myself in the area — hiking, snowboarding, windsurfing on the lake and the general carefree lifestyle afforded to me by a mountain town.

People here normally wake up around 10 a.m., find no fault in having a beer or three with lunch. My boss doesn't mind if I knock off work early to hit the slopes.

Quickly, I drew comparisons between

Tahoe and Michigan.

It's always sunny here with zero humidity, I'm literally in the mountains, the people are incredibly active and I'm within driving distance of San Francisco and California's beautiful beaches.

Michigan was drab, the economy sucks, it was humid when I left, being close to Detroit was nothing to brag about and the Great Lakes state routinely tops the list of the nation's fattest.

Was that unfair? Yeah, I wasn't taking into account the miles of sterling lake shore and forested terrain I grew up near or world-class Oakland County and all of its amenities.

I only remembered my home's foibles, the fact that the economy is going down the tubes and the month-long sunless abyss that is February.

I was also looking at the long list of pros Northern California has to offer. The surroundings, recreational opportunities and climate are unmatched almost anywhere in the world, so comparing it to anywhere else is unfair.

The more I thought about it, though, I realized there is a lot to miss about

Michigan.

First and foremost, there are the family and friends I've grown up with.

Then there were my beloved Detroit Tigers, who I missed dearly as they made a run for last year's pennant while I was stuck watching the two hapless Bay Area teams limp into the post-season. Rest assured, I'll miss the Tigers even more as Maggs and crew win the World Series this year.

I miss going to Meijers for everything instead of shopping at 11 different stores and not being satisfied. I miss the cheaper gas, cheaper cost of living (my rent doubled here) and meeting up with friends for seasoned fries and beers and Mr. B's in Rochester.

The food is huge. I miss rolling into a Coney Island and eating to my heart's content. Out here my friends like to stop for sushi, freshly-made granola or some other sort of hideous-tasting health food.

Don't get me wrong — I won't be coming back to live anytime soon.

The economy is still hurting and I can't afford to lose a job because of cut-backs.

Plus, I've enjoyed seeing a new corner of the nation and meeting some completely different people. The experience has been invaluable and I'm sure I wouldn't have grown as much had I stayed home.

I hope everyone from Michigan thinks about leaving for a few years.

There are few better ways to broaden your horizons than getting away and doing everything on your own. It's challenging and liberating when you have to solve problems all on your own, day after day.

But I realize that Michigan made me who I am. The people and geography shaped me in very positive ways. Despite all the problems, all the layoffs, the crime in Flint and Detroit and the crappy NFL team, it's still a great state. I'm proud to be from Michigan, the home of the automobile, huge freshwater lakes, Paul Bunyan, Derek Jeter and Magic Johnson.

California may have palms, mountains, and an economy; but Michigan has my history, which is what I miss the most.

Reload the Second Amendment

Guest Column



Michael Palmer
Guest Columnist

It is not uncommon to hear someone breathlessly defending the Second Amendment right to bear arms and then moments later rant about arresting anyone who desecrates the American flag.

They may even segue right into a passionate diatribe encouraging the search of a persons of Middle Eastern descent without probable cause.

Or you may hear someone discussing the famous attitude of the philosopher Voltaire saying, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

They then give a token nod to the First Amendment right to free speech right before launching into a sermon on the evils of private gun ownership, all the while lamenting the lack of serious gun control in our country.

Both of these mild caricatures demonstrate a real misunderstanding of the fundamental tenets of the Constitution of the United States.

The Constitution was written to establish a government that could protect the rights of those unable to protect themselves. It was a direct response to the abuse the colonists had received for years under British rule.

It does not establish a democracy, but a limited republic. If you ignore certain amendments to the constitution you are inviting oppression.

The right to free speech is fundamental to the spread of ideas throughout our country. It is also important for holding politicians accountable.

We reserve this right to protect those whose speech may be unpopular. In a democracy we could vote, overwhelming even, to silence those with whom the country disagreed.

Thankfully, we do not live in a democracy and ideas are exchanged openly.

Every principle enumerated in the Bill of Rights is fundamental to establishing a free society with a government which is accountable and a population where

minority opinions and groups are protected from the ire of the majority.

It may sound trite, but the Second Amendment is the right that protects all others. Take that away and the healthy fear of the people that, hopefully, those in power currently have will be greatly diminished.

On this issue let me be very clear. The Second Amendment is not just for hunting. The Second Amendment is not just for home defense. The Second Amendment is not just for competitive shooting.

The Second Amendment's main purpose is to provide for a means of revolution. It is intended to foster rebellious ideas and help facilitate the overthrow of tyrannical governments.

Without this right, there is no reason for the powers that be to listen to your speech or respect your property or presume you innocent until proven guilty.

There can be no repercussions with a disarmed populace. As the famous historian Lord Acton once said, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." The right of the people to keep arms prevents the government from having absolute power.

It also puts the possibility of real retaliation over the heads of those susceptible to corruption and delusions of grandeur.

We must remind our politicians that the Constitution is not optional. It forms the basis for our entire government. If there is something wrong with it there are devices written into the document itself that will allow us to change it.

The framers of the Constitution realized that they may have made mistakes, or that society could change so drastically that the government would no longer suit it.

For these reasons they included the amendment process, and even used it a couple years after the Constitution was adopted to give us our Bill of Rights. To selectively apply the Bill of Rights to your positions while ignoring it otherwise nullifies the entire document.

If you can justify this approach, what is stopping those in Washington from doing the same?

In case you haven't noticed, they have all ready started.

Mike Palmer is a proud gun owner and a passionate defender of your right to say whatever you damn well please.

Professor fondly remembered

Students and staff recall personal memories of OU art history professor John Cameron after his recent death at age 76

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

Art history professor John Cameron, 76, died Friday of complications from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Janice Schimmelman, also an Oakland University professor.

Cameron taught for 43 years in the Department of Art and Art History and is called "the patriarch of the department" by colleagues who claim Cameron was sometimes even willing to make significant personal sacrifice for the betterment of the program.

Early in his career Cameron gave up a semester's salary so the department could purchase photographic equipment. Curator of Visual Resources Luisa Ngote said that the equipment has produced over 300 thousand photographic slides to date.

"He was the kindest of souls, always looked after each member of the department," said Claude Baillargeon, assistant professor of Art and Art History.

"John was instrumental in guiding me; he was really a personal mentor. He took me under his wing when I came here, and has always been an inspiration," Baillargeon said.

"He was always able to hold the department together, he helped us all to keep focused and keep on track. That is going to be the hardest to replace — aside from his humor."

Cameron was known in the department for his sense of humor and jovial demeanor.

"He's the guy who helped us laugh," said Ngote.

He didn't fit the stereotype of the Ivy-league-educated professor he was, with multiple degrees from Princeton, the University of Paris, and Yale.

Susan Wood, professor of art history at OU, described him as "totally not pompous, which is a rarity [in the field of art]."

She recalled that as a bachelor,

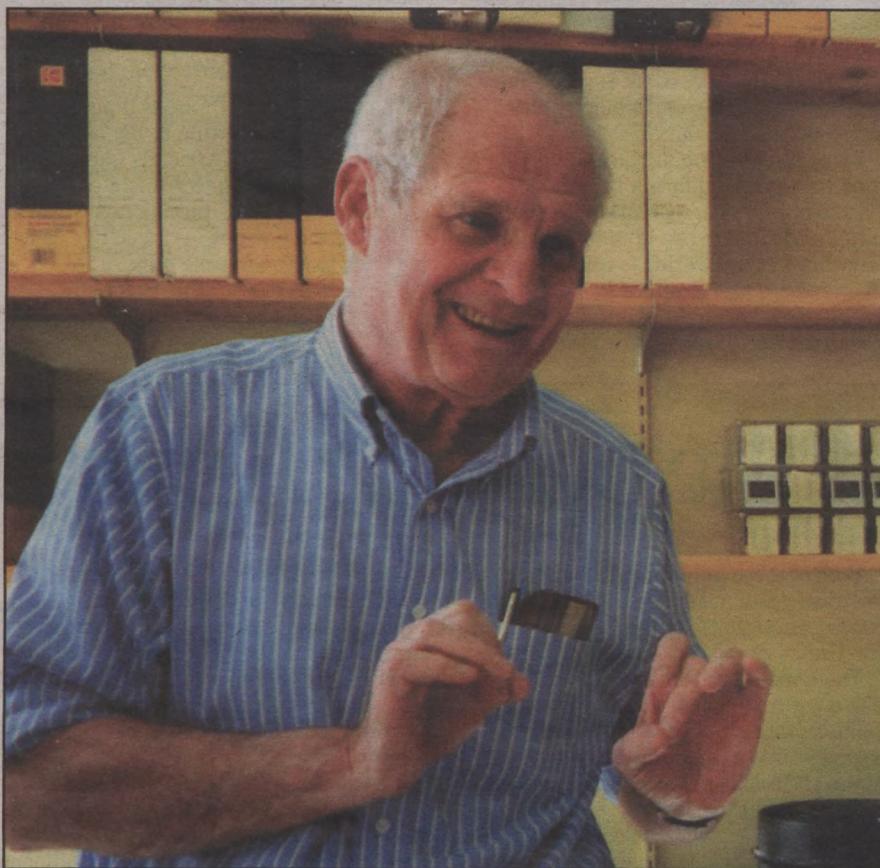


Photo courtesy of Sue Wood
Professor John Cameron, seen here in the art and art history office at OU, died Friday of complications from a heart attack. He was 76. Cameron taught at Oakland University for 43 years. At this time, there are no public memorial services scheduled. Go to www.oaklandpostonline.com for updates.

he dressed in wrinkled shirts, wore shoes held together with duct tape, and drove jalopies she described as "Cameronmobiles."

"It may not look like much," he told her, describing his car, "but I figure it won't get stolen."

Wood said that at one faculty party, Cameron announced, "I want you all to notice I'm wearing a shirt that's been ironed." It had actually just come out of a package.

Baillargeon described Cameron's office as "organized in its own chaotic way."

His lighthearted mannerisms seemed to make him popular with students as well—he scored 4.7 out of 5 on RateMyProfessors.com.

Wood said that Cameron had once noticed a student glancing at another student's test on more than one occasion. Cameron sat on the cheating student's other side, and said, "If you want to copy, don't copy off that guy; he

only got a D on the last test. Copy off her." He directed the student to another classmate. Wood said the cheater never tried it again.

Junior Natalie Mandziuk, an art history major and former student of Cameron, said Cameron was famous for "going off on tangents."

"Once, while discussing with him the possibility of me going to grad school in France, he told me how he went there back in his youth and got his Master's for a total of 25 cents. French education is government subsidized, and back in the 1950's the only thing he had to pay for was a nickel each time he had to take an exam."

"He was much more than a professor to his students," Mandziuk said, "and one of the kindest and most caring people I have ever met."

Baillargeon said that Cameron and Schimmelman had a "model relationship." Cameron would drop his wife off at the door to Wilson Hall each morning and pick her up each evening so she wouldn't have to walk through the parking lot.

To hear his co-workers tell it, the only thing he wasn't nice to was his PC. "You could hear him north of Flint hollering obscenities at that computer," Wood said. "It would frighten students, because they wouldn't know he was only mean to inanimate objects."

What people seem to remember most about Cameron is his genuinely unique attitudes, whether he was being sweet, funny, or obscene.

"We say that everyone is irreplaceable," said Baillargeon "but it's really true with John."

No public services will be held. Memorials can be made to Oakland University, Department of Art and Art History.

Go to www.oaklandpostonline.com for updates on a possible OU memorial service.

Professors take at turn at the OUAG

Faculty creations showcased in 'Image and Text' at the OU Art Gallery



Photo courtesy of Dick Goody

This installation piece by art gallery director Dick Goody is entitled "Canter Lane Crossing." Goody is one of many OU art professors displaying their work at the OU Art Gallery now through Feb. 24.

By SHANEIA CALDWELL
Contributing Reporter

A group of art professors from different backgrounds are bringing their individual ideas, cultures and art mediums to create one show.

Students can now view faculty art work at the Oakland University Art Gallery.

The biennial faculty art exhibition, "Image and Text," will run Jan. 12 through Feb. 24.

"Every piece is different," said art gallery director Dick Goody. An instructor at OU for 15 years, Goody has been the gallery director since 2000.

Throughout the exhibit the artists portray their thoughts to the audience

by using images, text or a combination of both. At the exhibition, art is explored through a variety of mediums, including photography, painting and new media.

Goody said the faculty members don't have much in common besides being artists and teaching art.

The exhibition features work from the entire Art Department. The list includes Kyohei Abe, Claude Baillargeon, Martyn Bouskila, Andrea Eis, Susan Evans, Lynn Galbreath, Dick Goody, Chris McCauley, Sally Schluter Tardella and Vagner Whitehead.

"We think it's important for students to see their professors' teaching style, especially if they're taking a drawing or painting class," Goody said.

Faculty members might have been inspired by their students' pieces but the work is done solely by the professor.

Goody describes his piece as a femoral, something that isn't here for very long. His piece is a combination of a symmetrical drawing and actual objects. "There is no story, it takes you out of the rim of art and into the actual physicality," said Goody.

The England native has organized more than 40 exhibitions.

"It's nice to be able to see what your professor does outside of class," said Karly Feeman, senior studio art minor and psychology major.

Feeman said she thinks it's important that professors are shaping their students

and function as an artist at the same time.

"Not many people at this university have been to a gallery," Goody said. "They need to see it even if someone has to hold their hand."

Goody advises that visitors bring a friend to share dialogue.

The artists' panel discussion will be held Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The Oakland University Art Gallery is located in 208 Wilson Hall, across from Meadowbrook Theatre.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and during Meadowbrook Theatre evening performances.

AT THE POLES

The College Democrats of Oakland University conducted a presidential primary mock election Monday, Jan. 14. Voters were Oakland University students and staff, and they were asked to choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot, but not both. All Democratic names were listed on Ballot. A total of 202 voters participated.

Total of 67 Republican ballots cast

Republican Candidates
Mike Huckabee 15 votes — 22%
Mitt Romney 15 — 22%
John McCain 13 — 19%
Ron Paul 12 — 18%
Rudy Giuliani 10 — 15%
Duncan Hunter 2 — 3%
Fred Thompson 0 — 0%

Total of 135 Democratic ballots cast

Democratic Candidates
Barack Obama 76 votes — 56%
Hillary Clinton 45 — 33%
John Edwards 11 — 8%
Mike Gravel 2 — 1%
Dennis Kucinich 1 — 1%

Two teams 'TAP' out of contest

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

With one of four teams officially withdrawn, and another strongly considering doing the same, the Technology Advancement Program, or TAP competition needs some rethinking, according to Student Services Director Jordan Twardy.

"That just kind of blows, to put it bluntly," said Twardy.

The goal of this year's competition was to design a "green," or energy-efficient, residence hall.

Director of Housing Lionel Maten said student designs may be integrated into a future residence hall. In past years, the competition has consisted entirely of writing.

"This year, said Twardy, "we're asking them to do work."

In addition to a two to four page essay, teams are to draft a business proposal with a rough budget demonstrating that their plan is economically feasible.

"They've got to show that return on the investment," said Twardy.

Finally, they actually have to design the building.

Twardy added the new components of the competition to include people with different majors on each team.

The competition attracted four teams, but two ran into some trouble.

Team captains Jake Isley and Jessica Henry said getting their groups together to work on the project was difficult. Henry, a senior majoring in environmental toxicology, said that with one member being a leader in the OU Environmental Coalition, and another studying for a master's degree, they've had no time to collaborate.

"We ran out of people," Henry said, and her team is likely dropping out. Isley's has already quit.

The remaining teams are captained by senior Mike Lerchenfeldt and sophomore Stephen Parker.

Parker's team is an example of the diverse groups Twardy said he wanted

to attract by including so many fields of study in the project.

Parker is a mechanical engineering major, and his teammates ("super, super smart people," as he describes them) major in public administration, political science, and music.

Parker said his team is exploring the possibility of individual temperature control in each room. "[It's about] utilizing the energies that get wasted in this world," he said.

Lerchenfeldt, an elementary education major, was reluctant to talk about specific ideas prior to the competition, except to say that his team's project was "slowly coming along."

He said his group has found it hard at times to make their schedules fit together, but they've managed.

Twardy doesn't hold anything against the groups that withdrew. "I'm looking at my semester, and it's just madness so far, so I can see how that could happen," he said.

However, he is concerned with the effect the drop in opposition might have on the remaining teams.

"Once the competition's gone, maybe they won't be so energetic," he said. Still, he described Lerchenfeldt and Parker as "gung-ho," and said he was glad they've stuck it out.

Twardy said he has no plan to abandon TAP as long as the two teams stay in the game. "I want to see the end product. ... As a student, I think it's still worth doing."

"Whether or not our ideas get used, it's cool to say we got this done," said Parker.

"As a community, we need to utilize technology and materials that promote energy efficiency and conservation," said Lerchenfeldt. "The next generation will be thankful."

Entries are due Feb. 1, and the public competition will take place at a presently undetermined date that month. Twardy has invited several administrators to be judges, including Lionel Maten and president Gary Russi.

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Belafonte to speak at Keeper of the Dream

Annual ceremony honors students committed to promoting diversity appreciation

By **ADAM ROBERTS**
Senior Reporter

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. Every year Oakland University celebrates Martin Luther King Day and recognizes that dream by honoring the message that Dr. King preached.

His quest for equality and universal human rights still continues today.

Jan. 21 marks the 16th annual Keeper of the Dream Awards Banquet.

This year's scholarship recipients will be announced and honored Jan. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet rooms.

The entire OU community is invited to attend, both to honor the students that showed a commitment to diversity over the past year, and to honor the universal message of hope that Dr. King represented.

Entertainer Harry Belafonte was chosen as this year's keynote speaker. Belafonte was a close confidante of King and was actively involved in the civil

rights movement.

"Every generation has got to be responsible for itself (referring to the civil rights movement)," Belafonte said in a recent *Ebony* Magazine interview.

It's this perspective that echoes the purpose of the Keeper of the Dream scholarship program.

"(The purpose is) to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by recognizing students who break down cultural barriers, and make a positive impact on race relations," said Omar Brown-El, Director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives at OU.

"It's one of the highest honors or scholarships given to students at Oakland," Brown-El said.

A quality that the Keeper of the Dream committee looks for in students is a commitment to improving diversity, multiculturalism and plurality in their everyday lives.

They also must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, write an essay, and interview with the committee.

The amount of money awarded over the years has grown, with the addition of several corporate sponsors.

The Alice Gustafson Endowment Fund, LaSalle Bank, William Beaumont Hospitals, the OU Alumni Association, and the Ford Motor Company, were the sponsors of this year's award.

When the Keeper of the Dream program was started in 1993, two \$1000 scholarships were awarded. That has gradually been increased to 6 awards of up to \$5000, which is what 2008's recipients will receive.

"Keeping the Dream, to me, means that you appreciate diversity, not only in theory, but in your actions every day," said Aaron Kochenderfer, one of last year's scholarship winners. "It's really about celebrating our differences."

Harry Belafonte is one of many keynote speakers for the event that had a personal connection with King.

"We are interested in choosing as a keynote speaker those who have had some experience working with Dr. King,

or supported his message in a real way," said Brown-El.

Past speakers include Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III, Former Ambassador Andrew Young, and Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

The Keeper of the Dream Program was formed in 1993 by OU's "Office of Minority Equity" by Interim Director Dr. Kevin Early.

The overriding message of the program continues to reflect the attitude of the university as a whole.

"It really shows the university's dedication to diversity initiatives and how we are moving forward, toward racial understanding," Brown-El said.

"It made me want to tell others to be involved, not because you might win a scholarship, but because spreading the feeling of diversity is important," said Kochenderfer about his experience last year.

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VIOLINIST REGINA CARTER PERFORMS IMPROV SET AFTER INTERVIEW ON CAMPUS

Regina Carter, distinguished violinist and alumna of Oakland University, visited the campus Tuesday, Jan. 14 for an interview and improvisation session with music professor Danny Jordan. The session was meant to offer attendees an opportunity to hear "a conversation with Regina Carter" and participate in a Q&A similar to that on the popular show "Inside the Actor's Studio." Following the Q&A, Carter performed on violin with Jordan on piano.



Photo courtesy of Danny Jordan

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A man was climbing a ladder on August 30 up to a loft supply area by Varner Hall when the ladder slipped out from under him. After falling 6-8 feet the man complained of left wrist pain and a sore left side.

Medical assistance was required for an OU student who was asleep and fell from an upper bunk to the floor. The student fell face first into a metal garbage can striking his teeth on the rim as indicated by the teeth indentations on the garbage can. One tooth was found on the floor and another was found in the adjoining bathroom along with blood. The student was unable to talk due to his injuries.

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A mile in someone else's shoes

Bridging the disability attitude barrier takes effort, communication

By **STEVE STAEGER**
Contributing Reporter

"Here, let me help."

That is the most common phrase that junior Brian Wigman hears from strangers each day while traveling around Oakland University's campus.

Most people would be flattered with these constant offers of assistance, but Wigman said that with him they are really hit or miss.

"Some days I love it when people offer to help," said Wigman. "Other times I want to be able to do things on my own and it really embarrasses me."

Wigman, a music education major, was born with cerebral palsy, a disorder that hinders physical development, making it difficult for him to walk.

To get around campus, Wigman rides a battery-powered scooter.

Though there are many offers of support, other responses to his presence are quite the opposite.

As he travels down the hallway of the Oakland Center, people stare and quickly look away if he makes eye contact with them.

Others walk down the hallway as if he wasn't even there, cutting in front of him and completely avoiding eye contact.

One student, while frustrated at how slow Wigman was moving into the food court, whispered something to her friend then made a kicking motion in Wigman's direction.

All of these responses, whether preferable or not, sum up Wigman's theory of the biggest challenge facing disabled students at Oakland University.

Attitude.

"Everybody wants to fit in somewhere," Wigman said. "But it's hard to fit in when people stare at you or go out of their way to help you out."

"We don't like to be treated differently, but we also rely on it very heavily because it gives us attention and help."

And Wigman isn't alone.

Laura White, a junior English major, has experienced both of the attitudes that Wigman faces. White is totally blind and has been her whole life.

During her freshman year, she wrote a restaurant review for an assignment in an English class. In her review, she used descriptive words to paint a picture of the restaurant.

The professor handed her back the assignment with a comment that will remain in her head for a long time.

"She wrote that ... I didn't write how a blind person should write," White said. "She said that a blind person wouldn't have a visual view of the world, which I do."

Linda Sisson, the Director of Disability Support Services (DSS) at Oakland University, said that this attitudinal barrier is caused by a lack of education about people with disabilities.

"People don't see the students, they see the wheelchairs," said Sisson. "People don't think about what [disabled people] can do, they think about what [disabled people] can't do, and they don't take the time to learn why."

Students like Wigman and White agree that the only way to stop the attitude problem is for people to take the time to learn about disability.

"People are uncomfortable with what they don't understand," said White. "They don't take the time to learn it because it would mean that they would have to change their perspective."

Wigman encourages people to ask him questions about his disability.

"In stores, I'll hear kids asking their parents 'What's that wheelchair for?' or 'What's wrong with him?'" said Wigman. "Their parents will shut them up like it will embarrass me or something."

Wigman said that if he has the time, he'll actually approach the kids and let them touch his chair while he explains why he uses it.

While Wigman says it is the responsibility of others to ask questions and learn about disability in order to become more comfortable with it, he also said a lot of that responsibility lies with the disabled persons as well.

"If we want to be treated fairly and well, we have to put in some effort and not just say 'I'm disabled, I don't know better,'" Wigman said. "It's the responsibility of people with disabilities to learn about themselves and communicate that to the world."

That's why this past October, he and White created a student organization called S.T.U.D. or Students Toward Understanding Disabilities.

Wigman, who is a co-president of the group with White, says a major reason for forming it was to come up with creative ways to educate others about disability.

"The DSS office is around to help disabled students more with academics," said Wigman. "It's not their job to make other students aware of disabilities. That's where we come in."



PAUL GULLY/The Oakland Post
Steve Staeger (right) relaxes for a minute in the OC with Brian Wigman. DSS provided Steve with a wheelchair so he could experience life at Oakland University with a disability.

Reporter's Notebook

While I followed Brian Wigman around one morning, the Disability Support Services office offered me the chance to use a wheelchair. I decided it would help me write a better story, so I took them up on their offer. That morning I used a manual wheelchair to navigate Brian's morning and mid-afternoon pathways. We went to his class on the third floor of South Foundation Hall and then ate lunch in the OC together.

It's amazing how many things I took for granted before I had this opportunity. Tasks I normally did with ease became extremely complicated. Navigating outdoors was a challenge as the ground was freshly littered with salt that tossed me every which way and made my hard pushes on the wheels yield little speed or distance. I began to notice inclines and declines that I never knew existed and that made entering and exiting buildings an adventure I wouldn't have expected.

In the food court, I found my ravenous appetite squelched by the fact that it was difficult to carry food and make my mode of transportation work. Much of my soup ended up on my lap and the floor as I juggled it and my salad, while cheating and using my legs to scoot the chair.

But the thing that struck me the most was people's reaction to me. Everywhere I turned (which I learned isn't an easy skill to master in a wheelchair) people were either staring at me, ignoring me or going WAY out of their way to help me. I've never experienced such a mix of emotions in such a short time. I felt embarrassed as people stared, alone as people ignored and annoyed at the constant offers to do things I could do perfectly well on my own.

They always say never judge someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes. Now I know what they mean.

Shedding light on seasonal depression

Some have more to cope with in winter than just the dreary weather

By STACIE L. BARTMAN
Staff Intern

Winter is here, the days are shorter and more people are experiencing seasonal depression—and some don't even know it.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a depressive mood disorder caused by reduced exposure to sunlight.

"Most of the time, the signs and symptoms of SAD appear during the winter and recede during the spring and summer," said Dr. James Franklin, psychologist at Oakland University Graham Health and Counseling Center.

Steve Miller, a junior psychology major said that he feels "more lazy when it's cold out like this."

Signs and symptoms of SAD, according to Franklin, include depressed mood, loss of interest, weight loss (or other weight or appetite changes); insomnia or hypersomnia, agitation, fatigue, feelings of worthlessness or guilt, impaired concentration and suicidal thinking or behavior.

According to a research study on SAD done at the Mayo Clinic, a not-for-profit medical practice dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of complex illnesses, "The specific cause of seasonal affective disorder remains unknown."

Some studies done at the Mayo Clinic have shown that it could be genetics, age and most importantly, the body's natural makeup.

"Studies have estimated a prevalence of around 10 percent for SAD among patients with mood disorders," Franklin said.

"Most people experience some days when they feel down," Franklin said. "But if you feel down for days at a time and life seems to be losing its pleasure, see your doctor or mental health professional."

"This is particularly important if you notice that your sleep patterns and appetite have changed and certainly so if you think about suicide," he said.

Sophomore pre-pharmacy major Mary Orczykowski said she has personally experienced SAD-type symptoms. "First semester I was able to balance everything, now I don't know why it seems harder."

Researchers suspect that the reduced sunlight may be disruptive to circadian rhythms. These rhythms "regulate your body's internal clock which lets you know when it's time to wake up," according to Franklin.

"Some scientists have theorized that melatonin, a sleep-related hormone that's also linked to depression, might be the cause. Production of melatonin

increases during the long nights of winter," he added.

Light therapy boxes, which expose patients a full light spectrum, are used to help stimulate melatonin, according to the University of Chicago, and benefits are seen typically within a week of use. Consult a medical professional before use to make sure it is the right treatment for you.

"Be mindful on light therapy and get only what is recommended," said Dr. David Schwartz, Psychologist at Oakland University Graham Health and Counseling Center. He added that tanning booths are not a good idea because of the risks of skin cancer.

In addition to melatonin and light therapy, Franklin said that "other research suggests that lack of serotonin, a brain chemical that seems to be triggered by sunlight, is the reason for winter depression."

Studies done at the University of Chicago suggest that latitude and geography have a part in SAD prevalence, affecting approximately two to four percent of the population of Canada, and one to two percent of the U.S. population depending on geography.

It was also found that women are two to four times more likely than men to experience SAD symptoms.

"When you're tired and irritable, stress isn't easy to cope with," said Orczykowski.

Someone experiencing SAD can also benefit from speaking with a mental health professional, according to Franklin.

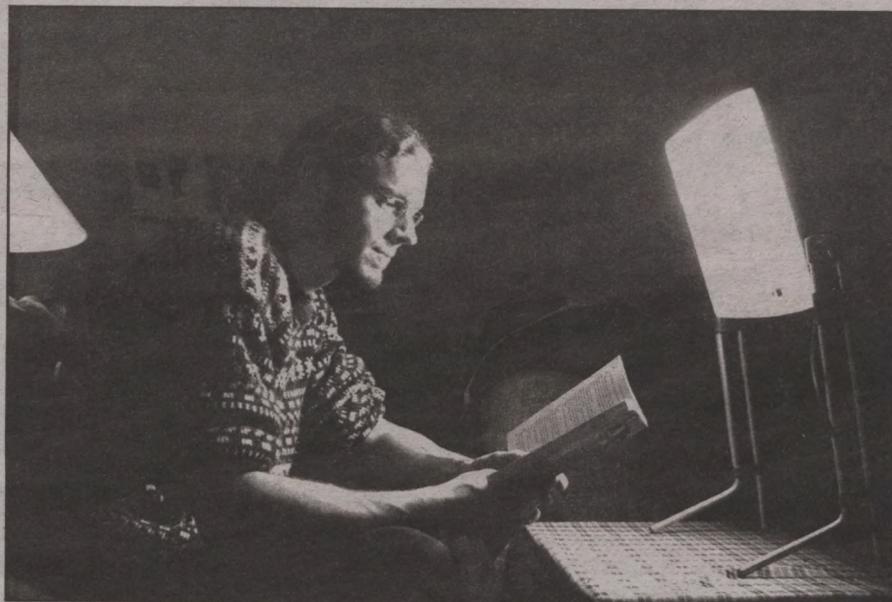
"Depression and anxiety are the two things we see students for," Schwartz said. "When [you] feel stuck it's a good time to talk to someone."

Medications can also be used to address SAD. Antidepressants have been proven to decrease symptoms in most patients, according to Franklin.

Some other ways to cope with SAD according to the University of Minnesota Duluth and Franklin are to educate yourself, increase the amount of light in your home, walk outside on sunny days even in the winter and find ways to relax and manage stress.

Schwartz suggested to anyone who thinks they may have some of the symptoms of SAD to "empower yourself, do research and come in to see us."

For more information on SAD and to see if you are experiencing symptoms, contact the Graham Health and Counseling Center at (248) 370-3465, or see your medical practitioner.



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Light therapy boxes are one option to safely treat symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder. Patients are exposed to a full spectrum of light for a prescribed amount of time to stimulate melatonin.



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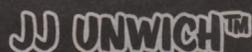
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Hank Wolfe
Junior, Communication



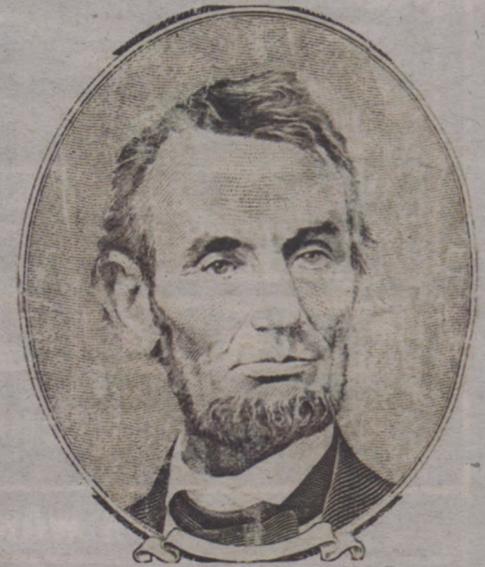
"Bill Clinton because I am German and it's no secret, [that] Germans like Bill for his administration. And I would want to ask him questions about his policy and what his ideas are."

Nicoline Hunter
Senior, German Lit./Women's
Studies



"[Abraham] Lincoln because i like what he did when he was president and because he had a rise from poverty to presidency."

Steve Neumann
Junior, Secondary Ed.

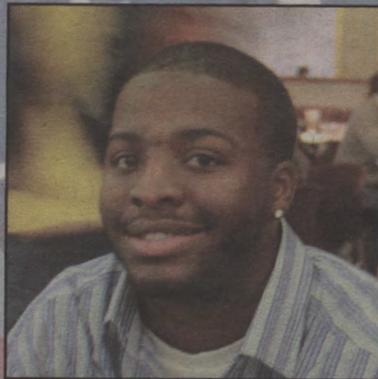


What's your favorite American tradition?



"Christmas because I get a lot of gifts from friends and family."

Diane Belhabib
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Jennifer Sutton
Senior, Art History



Romney takes Michigan

Clinton uncontested by other top Democrats

By LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Mitt Romney scored his first major primary victory Tuesday, a desperately needed win in his native Michigan that gave his weakened presidential candidacy new life. It set the stage for a wide-open Republican showdown in South Carolina in just four days.

The former Massachusetts governor defeated John McCain, the Arizona senator who was hoping that independents and Democrats would join Republicans to help him repeat his 2000 triumph here. Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, trailed in third, and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson is making a last stand in South Carolina.

"It's a victory of optimism over Washington-style pessimism," Romney said in an Associated Press telephone interview from Southfield, Mich., echoing his campaign speeches and taking a poke at McCain, the four-term senator he beat. "Now on to South Carolina, Nevada, Florida."

Minimizing the significance of Tuesday's vote, McCain said he had called Romney to congratulate him "that Michigan welcomed their native son with

their support."

"Starting tomorrow, we're going to win South Carolina, and we're going to go on and win the nomination," McCain declared, also in an AP interview from Charleston, S.C.

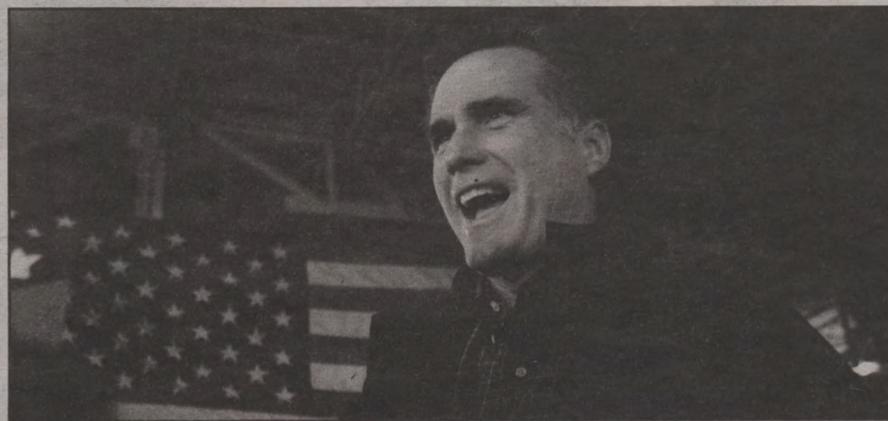
Though Huckabee now has come in third in New Hampshire and Michigan after winning in Iowa, "Whatever it takes, we're in it for the long haul," he said.

Hillary Rodham Clinton was the only top contender on the Democratic ballot.

Romney's ties to Michigan proved beneficial.

Four in 10 voters said his roots factored into their votes, and more than half of that group backed Romney, according to preliminary results from surveys of voters as they left their polling places, taken for The AP and the networks. He also led among voters who said the economy and illegal immigration were their most important issues, and won a majority of Republicans, conservatives, and voters looking for a candidate with experience.

McCain had an edge with those who wanted an authentic president, and he won among moderates, independents and Democrats. But fewer non-Republican voters participated in the GOP primary this year than in 2000 when those vot-



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Republican presidential hopeful, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney greets supporters at a campaign rally on primary day in Grand Rapids, Mich.

ers helped him beat George W. Bush. Independents and Democrats accounted for roughly one-third of the vote, compared with about one half eight years ago.

Romney had a slight edge over McCain as the candidate likeliest to bring needed change.

The economy proved the most important issue for Republicans in Michigan, the state with the highest unemployment rate in the nation and an ailing auto industry. Given four choices, half of Michigan Republican primary voters picked the economy as the most important issue, while one in five picked Iraq, one in seven immigration and one in 10 terrorism.

A mere 20 percent of eligible voters were expected to show up at polling stations across frigid and snowy Michigan; turnout was likely to be depressed by a Democratic race of little to no consequence.

For Republicans, the stakes varied. Of the three candidates competing hard here, Romney needed a Michigan victory the most to invigorate a campaign weakened by searing losses in Iowa and New Hampshire. He was the only one who watched the voting returns in Michigan; his top Michigan opponents, McCain and Huckabee, campaigned in the state earlier in the day but left by afternoon to plant themselves in next-up South Carolina.

Up for grabs in Michigan were 30 Republican delegates.

Romney campaigned in the state far

more than his rivals and spent more than \$2 million in TV ads in Michigan, nearly three times what McCain did, according to an analysis of presidential advertising by the nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network. McCain paid for more than \$740,000 in ads and Huckabee spent more than \$480,000.

A muddle from the start, the GOP race has grown ever more fluid as the first states voted over the past two weeks.

Huckabee won the Iowa caucuses, McCain prevailed in New Hampshire's primary, and Romney was second to both — but claimed victory in scarcely contested Wyoming. Thompson is camping out in South Carolina looking for his first win. Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor, is doing the same in Florida, which votes Jan. 29.

The economy dominated the weeklong Michigan campaign. The state has been reeling from the U.S. auto industry's downturn and has the nation's highest unemployment rate at 7.4 percent.

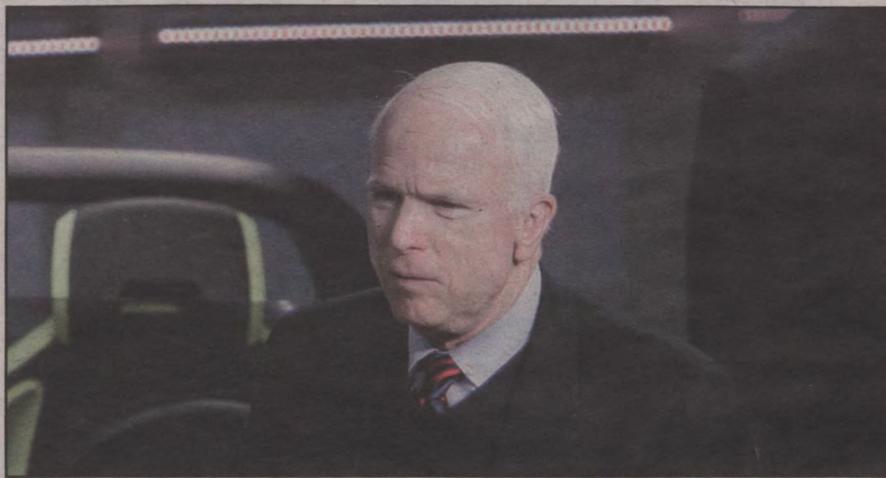
Michigan doesn't typically hold its primary until February but state party officials scheduled it earlier to try to give the state more say in picking a president. The Republican National Committee objected and cut the number of Michigan delegates to the national convention by half as punishment while the Democratic National Committee stripped the state of all 156 delegates to its national convention, including 28 superdelegates who would not have been bound by the outcome of the primary.

Michigan's Primary Results

| Democrats | | Republicans | |
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| Clinton | 55% | Romney | 39% |
| Uncommitted | 40% | McCain | 30% |
| Kucinich | 4% | Huckabee | 16% |
| Dodd | 1% | Paul | 6% |
| Gravel | 0% | Thompson | 4% |
| | | Giuliani | 3% |
| | | Uncommitted | 2% |
| | | Hunter | 0% |

Source: CNN.com
100% of precincts reporting

Auto Show features technology, politics



PAUL SANCYA/Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., left, and Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., walk through the Chrysler exhibit at the North American International Auto Show.



GARY MALERBA/Associated Press

The Fisker Karma, a luxury plug-in car, is displayed at the Auto Show. Fisker Automotive and Visionary Vehicles are among the companies planning to bring luxury plug-in cars to the market.



CARLOS OSORIO/Associated Press

Journalists look over the Ford Explorer America concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008. Hybrids, advanced diesels and green alternatives are pushing aside the traditional displays of speed and chrome at this week's Detroit auto show, a nod to a new fuel-efficient reality for car makers.

Community access channels stay put, judges rule

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT (AP) — Two judges have ruled that Comcast cannot move community access channels higher up the dial — and out of the reach of thousands of Michigan cable subscribers.

And House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., said a subcommittee will hold a hearing Jan. 29 to explore the provision of public, educational and governmental access (PEG) programming by video programming providers.

Macomb County Chief Circuit Judge David Viviano's temporary order could affect 400,000 Comcast customers statewide.

The cable company planned Tuesday to move PEG channels across Michigan into the 900-level digital range.

That would require subscribers with analog televisions to buy digital, cable-ready TVs or rent or buy a digital converter box for each set. Comcast had offered

to provide customers with a free converter box for one year.

Comcast said in a statement that it was disappointed with the court ruling and was reviewing its options.

Comcast wanted to move the PEG channels to free up bandwidth so it could offer other services, including high definition stations, to customers paying premium rates.

A federal judge in Detroit issued a similar ruling late Monday in a lawsuit filed by Dearborn and Ingham County's Meridian Township.

Those communities argued before U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts that Comcast planned the change without consulting with the communities, violating state and federal laws. They also contended that the communities would lose an important way of communicating with residents.

Comcast lawyer Robert Scott on Monday disputed that Comcast's move would violate federal or state law. He also said Comcast has provided free cable service to

public schools in Michigan and that some of Comcast's competitors don't carry PEG channels.

Scott also said the communities waited too long to ask for the injunction.

"The majority of our Michigan customers already enjoy our advanced digital programming and use digital equipment," Comcast spokesman Patrick Paterno said in a statement. "... These (PEG) channels would be grouped together in a uniform fashion, making it easier for viewers to find them no matter where they are in the state."

Viviano scheduled a hearing for Jan. 22 to hear arguments for and against a more permanent order.

Dingell said in a statement Tuesday that his committee applauded the decision to block Comcast's proposal.

"This proposal would have forced many Michigan consumers to pay additional fees to rent set-top boxes to receive the high-quality educational programming they are currently guaranteed with basic cable services," he said in the statement.

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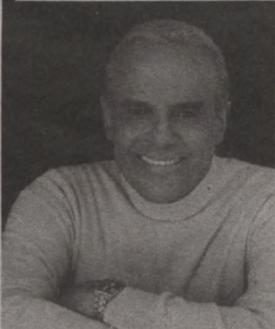
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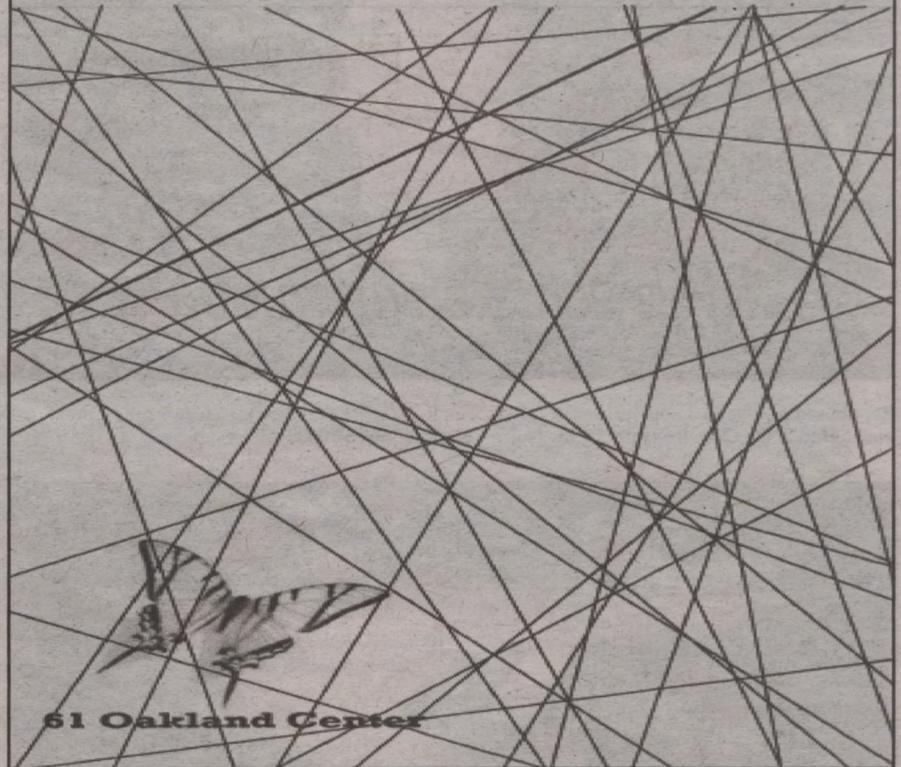
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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT...

Two OU recruits meet on the high school hardwood

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

ROMEO – Hall of Fame football coach Vince Lombardi once said, “Winning is not everything, it’s the only thing.”

The correlation between the Oakland University men’s basketball team’s recent surge in success and its recent signing of highly talented high school players has set the tone to what should be an exciting next few years for the program.

Without the winning that has taken place at OU, the university wouldn’t be able to hold its own in recruiting against the likes of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Head coach Greg Kampe, currently in his 24th season at the helm, has arguably had his best success in the last few years and he has helped lead the program to new heights.

With victories over Oral Roberts in the Mid-Con Conference championship game and a victory over Alabama A&M in the NCAA play-in game, both games broadcasted on ESPN in March of 2005.

Oakland had officially gained national recognition.

Warming Up

Oakland found itself on the biggest stage in school history. A mid-afternoon meeting with the eventual national champion North Carolina Tar Heels may have been a loss on the court, but since then has been a victory in notoriety. Oakland would no longer be confused with the city in California.

Since the 2005 NCAA tournament success, Kampe has been bringing in top-notch high school recruits at a frenzied pace.

In the first season after the trip to the NCAA tournament he brought in current stars Derick Nelson and Erik Kangas.

Kampe has since brought in highly touted players like Jonathon Jones from Okemos, Tim Williams from Pontiac Northern, Peter Bunn from Lansing Christian and Will Hudson from Verona,

Wis., among others. In the past, these players may not have given Oakland University a chance.

“We got into kitchens and living rooms that we didn’t get into in the past,” Kampe said about recruiting since 2005. “Oakland has a lot to sell. So once you get in and have a chance, we can be successful.”

Tuesday night at Romeo high school featured two big pieces of Oakland’s puzzle next season. A meeting of Lake Orion’s Drew Maynard and Romeo’s Blake Cushingberry put on a display that would wet any Golden Grizzly fan’s appetite for the future.

Both players signed with Oakland, along with Jay Thames from Port Huron Northern, on Nov. 21, 2007.

All three players rank in the Top-10 of Bankhoops.com’s 2008 basketball recruit rankings for Michigan.

Maynard is a 6-foot-7 forward and he already looks like he could play the college game. Maynard earned all-state honors for Lake Orion last season as a junior.

“He’s big and strong, he can go out and make 3-pointers and he can go inside and drive to the basket. He’s a very unique player for us,” Kampe said. “He’s like a Pat McCloskey that can shoot better.”

Maynard came to OU a few years back in a camp and Kampe liked what he saw.

“He played in our team camp,” Kampe said. “I watched him play as a sophomore in our team camp and fortunately, he wanted to be close to his family and close to home and everybody wants to see him play so this was a good chance for him.”

Cushingberry is a 6-foot-4 guard, but he virtually plays every position for Romeo head coach Dale Teller, something that won’t happen when he joins OU. Like Maynard, Cushingberry was an all-state performer last season in his junior year.

“Blake has an NBA body,” Kampe said. “He is strong and physical and with a body like that can go deep and shoot it deep. He’s a kid that we think has a



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Lake Orion’s Drew Maynard (32) goes up for the rebound against his future teammate, Blake Cushingberry (22) of Romeo. Both players signed a national letter of intent to play for OU next year.

chance to be one of the best players in The Summit League before he is done.”

Kampe said Cushingberry’s only question mark is his foot speed, but that’s something that Kampe and his staff can work on.

On the court

As for Tuesday night’s meeting between his two future players, Kampe wanted both players to do equally well.

“I hope they both score 70 points,” Kampe said with a laugh.

They didn’t each score 70 points Tuesday night, but they combined for 62 on the night, both playing impressively in their own ways.

In the end, Cushingberry’s Bulldog’s bite was harder than Maynard’s Dragon’s attack, as Romeo routed Lake Orion with a score of 90-64.

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OU beats ORU in revenge game

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

ROCHESTER — After getting knocked off by Oral Roberts in the Mid-Continent Conference Finals last season, Oakland University's women's basketball team finally got a chance at revenge last Saturday, when the Golden Grizzlies downed the Golden Eagles 71-57.

It wasn't hard for coach Beckie Francis and captain Jessica Pike to get the team motivated coming into the game, given the history between the two teams. After coming off an 81-71 loss to Summit League opponent South Dakota State five days before, the Grizzlies ran an intense week of practice to prepare themselves, but were unusually quiet in the locker room heading into Saturday's game.

"When a team takes you out of your goal and dream last year in March, you have a tendency to be extra pumped up when you face them the first time," said Francis. "This is a game where we had no motivational speeches, it actually was quiet. It was more 'Let's calm ourselves down because we're all so juiced up for this game.'"

Francis added that after her team comes off a disappointing loss, they get so mad about it that they see what they can learn from it and often go on a vicious win streak.

The Golden Eagles didn't stand much of a chance, as the Grizzlies outplayed them in every aspect. The biggest lead Oral Roberts could muster was three points in the first five minutes of the game. Conversely, the Grizzlies held several leads by as many as 20 points and extending all the way up to 22 in the second half.

Pike led the Grizzlies with 18 points, Riikka Terava scored a career-high 12 points and April Kidd put up 11 against the Golden Eagles, while the Grizzlies' defense held Janae Voelker and Mariane Camargo to 17 and 12 points, respectively.

"I knew right before the season I had to shoot more to help Pike and Hanna [Reising]," said the soft-spoken Terava.

And about getting her career-high against Oral Roberts: "It was perfect."

The biggest difference, though, came in the depth of the two benches. Francis played eight players off her bench to Jerry Finkbeiner's four.

"I told the team that our depth is going to be better than their depth. I haven't seen a lot of their players on film, he doesn't play a lot of his bench and he told me that before the game," Francis said. "I went into this game, intentionally knowing that I'm going to go to the bench because we need to try matchups now. This was the game we were going to see who could stop who. We did that on purpose and they came in and delivered."

Freshman Brittany Carnago had a perfect field goal percentage for the third time in four games, going 3-3, and Francis attributes her performance to why the team is doing so well.

Defensively, April Kidd and Reising did a "tremendous" job manning their players, as Reising held Jenny Hardin, the Summit League's preseason player of the year, to 2-10 from the floor.

"We had great hedges on their screens, we were there and helped out when they drove, we were there and contested on the kick-outs and threes, so it was just all-around great team defense," said Pike.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Riikka Terava (20) goes for the lay-up while teammate Hanna Reising (32) prepares to box out her defender against Oral Roberts.

No mercy for visiting Ladies

Golden Grizzlies pound Centenary, 93-43; stand at first place in conference

By **TIM RATH**
Contributing Reporter

ROCHESTER — Some would call the Oakland University women's basketball team unconventional because of their motion offense.

Coach Beckie Francis would disagree. "We definitely have a weird practice," she laughed after Monday's win. "We spend 75 percent of our time on defense, 20 percent on passing, and maybe 5 percent shooting ... we're diving around, rolling, getting rug burns. Our players take pride in getting every loose ball."

Francis had every right to be jovial. The 93-43 victory over the Centenary Ladies began with a 28-0 run that was marked by an impenetrable defense, hustle, and a well-executed motion offense. Centenary's first field goal did not come until the 6:01 mark in the first half, when Karolina Zaloga's jumper pulled the score to 33-4.

"We wanted to keep them from scoring," said sophomore guard Melissa Jeltema. "Our defense was doing really well and we wanted to keep it up."

Jeltema was one of four Golden Grizzlies to score double-digit points, chipping in 18 on 8-for-11 shooting and leading the team with nine rebounds. Junior guard Jessica Pike led all scorers with 22 points, and sophomore forward Hanna Reising added 16 points before leaving the game with an injury in the second half.

"Sure enough, (Reising) told me right afterwards, 'Don't worry coach, I'll be in practice next week,'" Francis said.

But the stifling Oakland defense remained the story of the game throughout, despite Oakland's 49 percent team shooting percentage and 18 offensive rebounds. They dominated the taller Centenary team on the glass by a 46-27 mark, forced 28 turnovers, and hit the deck for loose balls even as Centenary essentially conceded defeat.

"We were emotionally and physically tired (from Saturday's win over Oral Roberts). But with the way that we practice, hustle becomes a habit," said Francis. "Give credit to our strength coach, Glenn McIntosh, for that. He puts (the team) through weight training... plus, he goes to the games to make sure they actually use it."

Credit also goes to strong play off of the bench, which continued the vice-like defensive play throughout the game and extended the largest lead to 51 in the second half. Senior forward Charlese Greer scored 14 points and added six rebounds, while freshman guard Stacy Farrell tied a career-high for assists with seven.

The win was OU's third this season by more than 50 points, and pushed their record to 5-1 Summit League, 12-4 overall. Their next game comes Saturday at 1:00 p.m. when they travel to Fort Wayne, Ind. to face off against IPFW.



SAMANTHA FRANZ/The Oakland Post
Charlese Greer (34) takes it to the basket against Centenary's Ashley Jackson at the O'Rena Jan. 14. Greer scored 14 points and pulled down six rebounds.

Hitting the mat

Wrestling club back in action after three-year absence

By **TIM RATH**
Contributing Reporter

Much like student activities at Oakland University, almost anyone can be integrated into the sport of wrestling.

The comparisons don't end there. Both are relatively inexpensive, don't discriminate in terms of who can participate and consider effort to be paramount to its success stories.

That's why Kyle Nieporte couldn't understand why OU didn't have a wrestling team. It seemed to be a perfect fit, yet OU hasn't had a wrestling team since the original disbanded in 2004.

So Nieporte, a junior in the nursing program, decided to take matters into his own hands and formed OU's wrestling club, which began competition last November.

"There's definitely a need for a team here," said Nieporte. "Kids who aren't comfortable going away to college or immediately competing on the varsity level of a major college need somewhere to turn if they want to continue their wrestling careers."

The wrestling club hasn't quite succeeded in filling out their roster, as they tout "between 12-15 students" in "seven, or eight different weight classes," said Nieporte.

It also didn't have to look far to find competition, as they've found a home in the NCWA North Central conference, which includes Grand Valley State and Mott Community College.

The club, however, has had trouble making ends meet financially.

"There's a big struggle in college wrestling now as Title IX has made schools cut funding for men's sports," Nieporte said. "The NCWA has tried to

compensate for the loss of these college programs; we have just as many, if not more, teams than we would have had to compete against."

The wrestlers have made due despite having to cover most of their own expenses. "The Student Activities Board gave us some money for mats when we started in October," he said. "Our next challenge is finding a full-time coach with a wrestling background."

Meanwhile, they've gained valuable experience on the NCWA circuit since their first tournament at Mott Community College this past November saw two members earn medals for their efforts.

"As part of the NCWA, we're also allowed to go to NCAA tournaments. We went to our first one in December, and though no one ended up doing great, it was important to get our feet wet," said Nieporte. "We're looking ahead to the next open, Feb. 2 at Grand Valley, and a regional event at Ohio State in March."

As the wrestling club gears up for that brand of competition, they'll continue to challenge for the attention of an OU student body that is largely unaware of their presence.

"It'd be nice to see some recognition and support on campus," Nieport said. "A lot of people don't even know that there's a wrestling club at OU. We'd also like to see our roster completely fill out to include all 12 weight classes."

Until that happens, the wrestling club can only be proud of what they've done despite the odds, and hopeful for what lies ahead.

"It's going great so far," said Nieporte. "Hopefully next year, we can get a good group of kids to keep it going."

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scored 40 points in the Golden
Grizzlies' past two games.

Parrish, Worrell lead OU hockey to win

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

ROCHESTER — This late in the season, there is very little room for error and Oakland University's club hockey team is struggling to keep those errors to a minimum.

Three ranking periods stand between the Golden Grizzlies and the ACHA national tournament in March and the Grizzlies have a lot of ground to make up after going 1-0-1 last weekend against Stony Brook University.

Currently at No. 11, Oakland runs the risk of not making it to the tournament if the Grizzlies can't remain one of the top 16 teams in the league.

Coming off a 2-0 loss to Davenport at home the weekend before, the Grizzlies lacked a sense of urgency to fight for a tournament position in Friday's 2-1 overtime loss to the Seawolves.

Oakland was held scoreless for 117 minutes and 53 seconds from the time Kevin Kranker scored in the third period against Davenport Jan. 4, through the entire next game and the first two periods of Friday's contest until Kranker scored in the third period to tie the game

and force overtime.

Less than a minute into the five-minute, 4-on-4 overtime period, Stony Brook put the game away when Angelo Serse beat Oakland goalie Collin Chase.

Chase made 33 saves and is one of the only factors that has allowed the Grizzlies to stand a fighting chance in any of the last three games.

Issues with playing consistently have been a recurring theme this season and still leave head coach Sean Hogan baffled.

"I don't understand it, I don't understand why we can't get up for a game like this," he said. "Stony Brook had the long ride here, they should be the ones tired and looking sluggish, but we came out totally flat-footed."

The Grizzlies know all too well how road teams come in for a second game well-rested and put out a better effort than the night before, and somehow that appeared to motivate them to come out with a 6-3 win to salvage the weekend.

John Parrish and Jesse Worrell each had two goals while Kranker tied Brent Cooper for the team lead in goals as he continued his scoring tear. Kranker has scored 10 goals in the past seven games.

Tim Michaels notched his first goal since returning from an injury the night before.

Michaels tore his MCL in early November and was expected to be out 4-6 weeks. But the tear was apparently worse than the doctor first thought and Michaels didn't even start skating with the team until Monday, giving him only two practices before returning to the lineup Friday.

With only a few weeks left before the national tournament, the team's captains are aware their leadership will play a pivotal role, especially with an experimental team.

"We have a really young team, so we have to motivate them sometimes," Steve Piccoli said.

Captains Cooper and Jarrett Samp each have championship rings from the past two years and Steve Piccoli is looking for his second after joining the team last year.

"Me and Cooper have been trying to talk them up as much as possible, but these guys are old enough. They need to do it on their own. There's only so much we can do."



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post
Jesse Worrell (10) controls the puck last weekend against Stony Brook University. Worrell scored two goals in Saturday night's victory.

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OU RECRUITS

The start of the contest saw the anticipated matchup between the two stars of the game.

Maynard showed off his great wing-span all night, grabbing 13 boards. For a big man, he also showed tremendous range as he nailed three 3-pointers from NBA range.

The only big, edge-of-your-seat moment of the night between the two future Grizzlies took place with about 10 seconds left in the third quarter when Cushingberry stole the ball from the hands of Maynard. Cushingberry raced down the court, and was hit hard by Maynard as he went up for a lay-up.

But for the most part, it was good clean competition.

Maynard noted afterwards that he and Cushingberry have played basketball with each other since they were in sixth grade.

"Cush and I, we are like family already," Maynard said. "We know each other like the back of our hands. We are always competitive, but even after this we are still going to be buddies."

Cushingberry summed up their relationship the same way.

"It was all good," Cushingberry said. "This isn't the first time Drew and I have played against each other. I knew it was going to be a fun game."

Based on statistics alone, Cushingberry had a more fun game than his counterpart. Cushingberry was lights-out on his home floor, scoring 38 points.

He also proved his value from the free throw line, in front of his future head coach

who was in attendance, sinking all 11 of his free throws on the night.

OU has struggled from the line thus far, shooting 69 percent as a team through 17 games this season.

Cushingberry showed a hot hand from 3-point land, burying five on the night.

"He's got good touch," Maynard said of Cushingberry. "He can shoot from anywhere in the half-court."

Maynard wasn't too shabby Tuesday night either, scoring 24 points on the night and adding 13 rebounds.

It didn't matter what team you were cheering for; the crowd came to their feet as Maynard emphatically swatted a Bulldog shot in the second half.

Maynard collected three total blocks on the night. His blocking and rebounding will be a welcome addition to the Grizzlies squad.

"He can get up and down the court," Cushingberry said of Maynard. "Drew and I, together, can be deadly."

Looking ahead

The O'Rena will be ready for them come the 2008-09 season and both players are looking forward to stepping up to the next level.

"Playing for Coach Kampe is going to be a fun time," Cushingberry said. "He is just a good guy and I bonded with him since the first time I met him."

Maynard felt the same and he is excited for next season as well.

"I'm just looking forward to helping the team out," Maynard said. "That's what me and Blake are all about, putting up some W's."

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Kalamazoo Hakett
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Forest Hills Northern HS
(Grand Rapids, Mich.)

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Coffman HS
(Dublin, Ohio)

Shot out of the sky

Battered Grizzlies fall to Golden Eagles, 66-60

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — After falling to Oral Roberts University in the conference championship game last March, Oakland University was looking for redemption Saturday when the Golden Eagles (10-5 overall, 5-0 Summit League) dropped by the O'Rena for the teams' first matchup this season.

But the Golden Grizzlies (9-8 overall, 4-2 Summit League) had too many factors working against them and they fell in the game's final minutes, 66-60.

"That's a championship caliber team," head coach Greg Kampe said. "They made plays down the stretch and we didn't. They jumped on every opportunity they had, which is what you have to do to win on the road."

Coming into the game, sophomore Johnathon Jones and junior Derick Nelson knew they would have a big role in this rivalry game.

With junior Erik Kangas recovering from re-injuring his collarbone, freshman Tim Williams playing on a sore ankle and senior Brandon Cassise serving an indefinite suspension for violating team policy, Nelson and Jones had to take the reins in the backcourt without much backup.

"It's basketball, things happen and you have to keep going on with your season," Nelson said. "It means JJ and I will have to step up and play more minutes. It's different without them out there, but we just got to get to it and deal with it."

The game reached its seventh tie with a score of 24-24 with 1:18 remaining before a five-point Oral Roberts swing, courtesy of Robert Jarvis and Adam Liberty, gave the Golden Eagles a 29-24 advantage.

But OU senior center Pat McCloskey hit a shot at the buzzer and Oakland ended the first 20 minutes with a three-point deficit to work off in the second half, 29-26.

While Oakland kept the second half

close, they struggled to maintain a lead, as their defense wasn't strong enough to hold off the surging Golden Eagles, who shot 64 percent in the second half, compared to Oakland's 43 percent.

"Our defense has been the constant with us," Oral Roberts head coach Scott Sutton said. "Sometimes we have a hard time scoring. We knew that if we were going to beat Oakland, we had to defend because we couldn't get in a shootout with them."

Jarvis, in particular, was a thorn in Oakland's side in his sixth man role, as he hit 4 of 5 3-pointers and scored 20 points in the contest.

The Golden Eagles sealed their second half lead for good with more than 10 minutes remaining in the game when Oral Roberts went on a 6-0 run to bring the score to a 45-39.

The Golden Grizzlies, however, put up a respectable push for the lead as the half wore on and cut ORU's lead to one point with about three minutes to go, after Jones nailed a pair of free throws to bring the score to 55-54.

But, in the end, Oral Roberts had more gas in the tank and Jarvis knocked down a 3-pointer, after recovering from a near steal by McCloskey, to push the lead to the game's final score of 66-60.

The loss ended a three-game winning streak for the Golden Grizzlies.

Jones and Nelson both stepped up for OU and just missed recording double-doubles. Nelson recorded 20 points for the second game in a row and nine rebounds, while Jones netted 15 points and nine assists.

The Golden Grizzlies will resume action Saturday, Jan. 19 with a trip to IPFW in Fort Wayne, Ind. for a 4 p.m. tip-off.

The Mastodons are 6-11 overall and 3-3 in Summit League play, having recently snapped a four-game losing streak with a decisive 71-52 victory over Centenary Saturday.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Johnathon Jones (23) drives the lane on ORU's Marchello Vealy (44) last Saturday at the O'Rena.

Gentlemen no match for Grizzlies

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — Thanks to a 20-point effort from junior Derick Nelson and 17 points from junior Erik Kangas off the bench, the Golden Grizzlies overcame a see-saw first half to defeat the Centenary College Gentlemen (7-10 overall, 1-4 Summit League) by a score of 74-61 at the O'Rena Jan. 10. The Golden Grizzlies were lifted by sinking a season-high 28 free throws.

"We did a great job rebounding tonight, and that's something the coaching staff preaches," head coach Greg Kampe said, noting OU's 34 boards compared to Centenary's 17. "We forced them to play faster with our press in the second half and made

our free throws. If you make your free throws, you're going to win games," he added.

The first half went through six ties and neither team led by more than four points up until Nelson hit a 3-pointer with 4:08 to go in the half. After that, the Golden Grizzlies coasted to an 11-point lead going into halftime with a 37-26 advantage.

Centenary would not go down without a fight in the second half, however, and with 7:46 remaining, they cut OU's lead down to one point, with a score of 52-51.

But 90 percent free throw shooting in the second half propelled Oakland to victory and handed Centenary its fifth-straight loss, the longest losing streak in the league.

By the Numbers:

MEN'S BASKETBALL EDITION

15

Number of double-digit point games Derick Nelson has had this season. He scored single digits only once, eight points against NDSU.

31

Season-high number of minutes played by Pat McCloskey against Oral Roberts Saturday. His previous record for this season was 27 minutes.

910

Number of students at Centenary College. The school, located in Shreveport, La., is the smallest Division I school in the country. This small school turned out NBA legend Robert Parish in the 1976 NBA Draft.

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Thrilling 'Orphanage'

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By **ANDY KOZLOWSKI**
Contributing Reporter

In recent years horror films have skewed in favor of torture-porn like "Saw" and "Hostel," films that revel in bloody sadism and leave little to the imagination.

The horror in vogue with today's theatergoer sacrifices human empathy for gory spectacle, and thought for senseless slaughter.

Fortunately, there are exceptions like "The Orphanage."

Directed by Juan Antonio Bayona and written by Sergio G. Sánchez, both first-timers, and presented by horror maestro Guillermo del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth"), this Spanish-language ghost story is a superb, thought-provoking thriller.

Set in a manor by the sea, where a lighthouse keeps vigil over a cove-riddled beach, "The Orphanage" tells the tale of Laura (Belén Rueda), a woman who returns to the orphanage she loved as a child. She now has a husband, Carlos (Fernando Cayo) and a young son, Simón (Roger Princep). Together, they plan to transform the long-abandoned home into a sanctuary for sick children.

Then the dread creeps in.

A shady social worker shows up and snoops around the estate. Simón's circle of imaginary friends grows to include children resembling orphans Laura grew up with and one, the burlap-masked Tomás, she did not.

By bizarre circumstance Simón learns he's adopted and HIV-positive, revelations that devastate him.



Photo courtesy of Picture House

When Simón disappears at the home's grand opening party, his parents embark on a desperate search for their son, knowing he won't live long without medication.

From there things get truly weird, but to tell more would be criminal. Suffice it to say, Laura's childhood home is full of dark secrets, and strange things are afoot.

At heart, "The Orphanage" is a tale of motherly love and the pain of separation. And unlike its horror contemporaries, the film scares by implication and sleight of hand rather than a bombardment of brutal imagery.

The movie uses every trope in the genre playbook, from creepy children to psychic mediums but stays fresh by inverting them in unexpected ways.

Add to the mix sympathetic characters and excruciating suspense, along with some unforgettable jump-scars, and you have one creepy cocktail.

"The Orphanage" won't scar you with gore, but its beauty and brains will haunt you.

Fast forward

'One Tree Hill' skips the college years in fifth season

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

Last year, "One Tree Hill" writer and executive producer Mark Schwahn proposed an idea to the brand-new CW Network to get his show renewed for at least the next two years.

If the CW agreed to a fourth season, Schwahn promised a fresh take on the show's fifth season — leaping forward four years.

The track record of TV shows sending their characters off to college isn't too promising. "Dawson's Creek," "The O.C." and "Saved by the Bell: The College Years" just couldn't make the cut.

However, bypassing college completely on "One Tree Hill" creates an air of mystery not only in where the current story line is going, but it also keeps audiences guessing how the characters got to where they are. Lucas Scott (Chad Michael Murray) is a struggling writer and half-brother Nathan (James Lafferty) is faced with the reality that his dream is over before it even begins.

Haley James Scott (Bethany Joy Galeotti) has to adjust to her role as a teacher at Tree Hill High School,

while Peyton Sawyer (Hilarie Burton) wants more out of her career in the music industry and Brooke Davis (Sophia Bush) is torn between being a high-profile designer and a regular 21-year-old girl.

Reunited in Tree Hill, North Carolina, the characters piece together their pasts, and the audience gets to play along. Bits and pieces will be revealed over the course of the season through flashbacks, ranging from a few minutes to entire episodes.

New characters have also been introduced to add more conflict and keep the show moving forward.

The standout newcomer is Jackson Brundage, who plays the role of Nathan and Haley's four-and-a-half year-old son, Jamie. He's the bright spot in an otherwise dark and tumultuous time in the Scotts' lives.

And who didn't enjoy Kevin Federline's debut in this week's episode?

While some may have written the show off as having "jumped the shark" before season five even began, "One Tree Hill's" jump to the future may have been one small step for teen dramas, but one giant leap for all of television.

Don't pick up the phone; this is a 'Call' worth missing

REVIEW

By **LINDSEY WOJCIK**
Mix/Scene Editor

If you're looking for a reason not to answer your cell phone or check your voicemails for a few days, look no further than "One Missed Call."

The movie is director Eric Valette's remake of the 2003 Japanese horror flick "Chakushin Ari."

The plot follows young Beth Raymond (Shannyn Sossamon) who becomes obsessed with the possibility of a paranormal serial killer as her friends all begin to die

the same way — they receive a phone call and a voicemail with the exact date and time of when and how they will die.

A mysterious red candy is always at the scene of the deaths, too.

When Raymond reports her suspicions to the police department, they tell her there is no way a dead person is making those calls. But Detective Jack Andrews (Edward Burns), who is mourning the death of his younger sister, believes Raymond's claims and decides to help investigate.

Raymond and Andrews trace the calls and find out they are coming from Marie Layton, a nurse who's been missing since the hospital in which she worked, caught fire.

Raymond tries to prevent her friend's deaths, but they begin to disappear one by one.

And as soon as she becomes the next target, receiving the fatal phone call, she tries to cheat her death by going to St. Luke's Hospital.

A few plot twists and some seriously enhanced ghost effects — think of those digitalized, lame yet creepy ghosts seen in "The Ring" and "The Grudge" — make the movie only mildly entertaining.

The PG-13 rating erases much of the normal gore you would see in a horror flick.

It's the kind of thrill that would only satisfy high school students looking for action. But they'll be sad to discover they won't find it in this movie.

Get inside a comic's mind

REVIEW

By **STEVE STAEGER**
Contributing Reporter

A logic class is the last place you'd expect to find a wild and crazy guy.

But in his new book about his life as a comic, Steve Martin writes that one of his biggest inspirations came while sitting in a logic class at Long Beach State College.

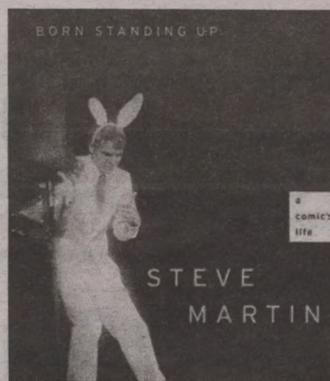
In fact, Steve Martin's time in school inspired a lot of his comedy.

"Sitting in a science class, I stared at a periodic table of elements that hung behind the professor. That weekend I went on stage at the Ice House and announced, 'And now, I would like to do a dramatic reading of the periodic table of elements. Fe...Au...He.'"

"Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life" chronicles the early life and stand-up career of Steve Martin. It is part of his life that he has detached himself from to the point that he calls his writing a biography rather than an autobiography.

The book travels through Martin's stand-up career starting with early gigs where he was placed on stage to try and lure people into an empty coffee house. At the capstone of his stand-up career, Martin attracted crowds of 60,000.

But "Born Standing Up" does



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more than just tell the story of Steve Martin's career — it actually allows you to enter his mind and see how his humor is formed.

In this account of his early life, Martin proves that his gift is not only making people laugh with silly dances and faux stupidity, but that he can also write in a witty and intelligent style.

When most people think of Steve Martin, they think of the goofy grey-haired guy who made up a song and dance about King Tut.

After reading this book, and taking a more informed look at Martin's work, you realize that he is a genius and an intellectual, and all of his humor, though wacky and in his words, "silly," is the product of a lot of thought and a serious look at life.

Although Martin writes of the events that made his stand-up career a period in his life that he couldn't wait to start and subsequently couldn't wait to end, they were events crucial to the genesis of a comic genius.

Become a lifesaver and explore 'New Blood'

REVIEW

By **ANDY KOZLOWSKI**
Contributing Reporter

With all the flak video games get for violence these days, it's easy to forget that many of them don't involve fighting at all.

Virtual pacifists can find plenty of pulse-pounding moments in "Trauma Center: New Blood" for Wii, a fast-paced surgery sim where you save lives instead of taking them.

Here, the motion-sensing and pointer capabilities of the Wii remote prove their versatility, as the controller becomes your scalpel, forceps, syringe and more.

You'll cut patients open and suture them back up, inject medicine and apply antibiotics, extract foreign objects like bullets and glass and drain hemorrhages.

You'll also detect tumors with ultrasound and excise them with lasers, twist and turn broken bones back into place, and even jolt patients with the defibrillator.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg, a taste of what you'll face in the first chapter. New skills are introduced throughout and mastering them all is essential to solving unexpected complications that could result in your patient's death.

Those who feel queasy at the sight of blood and gore need not worry. The teen-rated "New Blood" has a stylized aesthetic where flesh wounds and internal organs glow in a colorful manner, like shapes made of pure energy. Applying skin grafts to burn victims never looked snazzier.

What can be disturbing, however, is the game's difficulty in single player. While not insurmountably hard, playing alone can prove quite challenging.

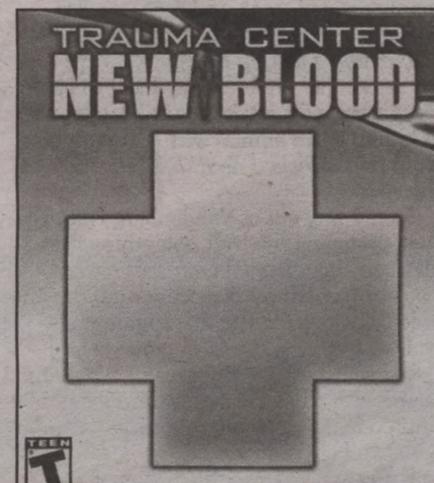
Thankfully, a two-player co-op mode allows you to operate with a friend.

Teamwork not only makes the procedures more manageable, but it's incredibly fun and gives "New Blood" real staying power.

Replay value is further increased by online leaderboards that rank the scores of players around the world, providing incentive to perfect your game.

Framing everything is a serviceable soap opera narrative, with simple anime stills and quality voiceovers advancing the plot between operations. A 16:9 widescreen mode is available.

"New Blood" won't prepare you for on-the-spot surgery should you encounter victims of a train wreck in real life, but playing doctor in the virtual O.R. can be immensely satisfying, especially with a friend by your side.



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AND THE WINNER IS...

There were no stars to dazzle the red carpet at this year's Golden Globes. Instead, the winners were announced during an hour-long press conference. Here's a list of who took home the gold, in case you missed it.

Best Picture, Drama — *"Atonement"*

Best Picture, Musical/Comedy — *"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"*

Best Actor, Drama — *Daniel Day Lewis, "There Will Be Blood"*

Best Actress, Drama — *Julie Christie, "Away From Her"*

Best Actor, Musical/Comedy — *Johnny Depp, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"*

Best Actress, Musical/Comedy — *Marion Cotillard, "La Vie En Rose"*

Best Television Drama — *"Mad Men"*

Best Television Comedy — *"Extras"*

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The great wall of man-hate

Can you believe what is posted on the wall in Vandenberg Hall?

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

Note: The following column is filled with lies. Find translations to reality in *italics*.

I had just finished eating my extremely manly meal of steak and beer (*chicken salad and cranberry juice*) in the local bar (*Vandenberg Dining Hall*).

I personally prefer all my meat to be in jerky form, as it gives me the sensation of killing a live animal with my teeth (*I work in a cubicle; I need that sensation sometimes*).

On my way out of Vandenberg Hall, I saw, posted on the wall, something that shocked and offended (*amused*) me so much, I barely had the strength to catcall (*avert my eyes from*) every female that walked by.

Someone had covered an entire bulletin board with what I can only describe in my limited male vocabulary (*10 zillion words*) as "a wall of man-hate."

The central part of the display was a schedule book labeled with a male symbol and the heading "To do (Everyday)." (*That should be two words, by the way*).

The items on the agenda included sex, eat, class — which was crossed out — and ESPN.

In the corner was an ad for something called "Trojan Condoms," which I figure is something used by pansies who don't make their women handle their own problems (*millions of responsible males nationwide*). The ad had a woman sitting in a bar full of pigs.

Surrounding that were words that I can

only assume were words describing men.

"Violent" — Okay, look. Somebody's gotta be violent, right? Who else are you gonna have fighting your wars or boxing matches — women? (*Oh, wait — they already do that*).

"Perverted" — Well, maybe you should be less hot, womankind. (*Or maybe put on some real clothes and stop participating in the porn industry — oh, and do something about celebrities with the last names Spears and Lohan*).

"One track mind" — Hey, if I've only got one track in my mind, how come I keep losing my train of thought in normal conversation? (*ADD*).

"Insensitive" — Yeah, and you're fat. (*Not really. Truth be told, I'm not going to disagree that there are insensitive guys out there*).

Though one wonders if the mature response to insensitivity is to post a wall of man-hate in a residence hall with several floors of males living in it, and include other such colorful descriptions as "arrogant," "don't listen" and "SELFISH," in such a way that it seems to apply to every single man reading it.

So I decided to investigate, and as it turned out, the male and female resident assistants in the building had worked on a team project to discuss stereotypes about the other gender.

So the men put together a board, displayed next to this one, about unfair clichés about women and how women were overcoming them, and the women put together a board about the insults heaped



JESSE DUNSMORE/The Oakland Post

The incomplete wall of male stereotypes and anti-masculinity displayed in Vandenberg Hall.

on men and then never got around to finishing it.

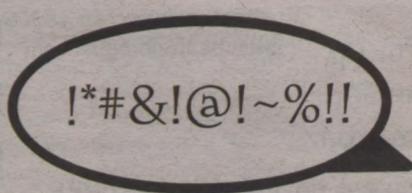
Isn't that just like a woman? Always — (Shut up, you. Insults against the opposite sex just build up our nuclear stockpiles in this sexual Cold War that's gone on for a few centuries too long.)

We're all people, and declaring a counter-attack on an entire half of the species is

like my left hand assaulting the right one: pretty darn funny to look at, but in the end, not very healthy or efficient for the body as a whole.

Let's just agree that there are differences between us, and move past them as allies.) Arrgh. Too many words.

I'm gonna go eat some beef jerky now. (Mmm...beef jerky.)



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Hungover from the holidays

By ADAM ROBERTS
Senior Reporter

Somewhere in the rush of holiday greetings and gay, happy meetings, senior reporter Adam Roberts lost his sanity.

It's a malady commonly known as "holiday hangover."

No, it's not the kind of hangover caused by shots of ouzo and tequila slammers. The symptoms of this illness vary from "irritable in-law syndrome" (IIS) to "reactive foot-in-your-ass disorder" (RFYAD).

It's a good thing the holiday season is officially over. It doesn't mean my sanity has recovered yet.

Much to my dismay, I received a gift card to Bed, Bath, & Beyond for Christmas. Thankfully, after much arguing with the assistant manager there, I was able to return it for store credit.

My wife bought me red footie pajamas, with a butt flap and my name embroidered on the back. I like them so much. I've worn them since.

And those people at the Secretary of State yesterday who wouldn't stop staring at me while I was basking in my crimson glory really need to get a life.

Bing Crosby is lucky he's been dead for 30 years. By the time January rolls

It's a holiday with a meaning, and you don't get your face rubbed in it.

I'm going to enjoy the lapse between the retail bonanza holidays for at least another week. By then, we should have Easter decorations eye-humping us in

Write "return to sender" on the next steaming load of holiday spirit that gets dropped on your doorstep.

I apologize, it's just my "poke-a-fork-in-my-eyeitis" (PFME) is flaring up again.

From now on, I'm just going to pick minor holidays to over-celebrate.

January 28 is World Leprosy Day. We should all give a hand to the folks who thought up that event.

January 26 is Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day.

Who doesn't appreciate bubble wrap?

Maybe I'll make up my own holiday. I think February 18 should be National Crazy Hat Day. We should all wear sombreros, or maybe those hats that look like big hunks of cheese.

Sorry folks, it appears I just suffered an outbreak of the "holidays-make-me-crazyitis" (HMMC). The next time you see a guy in red pajamas with a butt flap popping bubble wrap and mumbling to himself about the Easter Bunny, just keep walking.

He's just suffering from a case of holiday hangover.

Types of post-holiday ailments:

IIS: irritable in-law syndrome

RFYAD: reactive-foot-in-your-ass disorder

PHDGC: prolapsed hyper-don't-give-a-crapism

around I'd like to boop-di-boop and bipity-bop him right in his tender areas. Don't forget to hang up your sock, jack-ass.

I'm not trying to be mean-spirited, it's just a symptom of my "prolapsed hyper-don't-give-a-crapism" (PHDGC).

Thankfully, Martin Luther King Jr. Day doesn't have a tree, or a turkey, or kids begging for candy like little midget street urchins.

every store from Victoria's Secret to Dunham's. In which case I will be doing my best Elmer Fudd impersonation: "I'm hunting wabbits, heh,heh,heh,heh."

Despite a finger-licking good Easter Bunny roast, what use is the glut of gift-giving and decorating to the average person?

I say we rebel. Let's all become crotchety old men, yelling at the neighbor kids to stay off our lawns.

JANUARY

15 Career Services Open House
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. @
Fireside Lounge, OC

22 Behavioral Interviewing
with Quicken Loans
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. @
Gold Room C, OC

23 FMA / Career Services
Resume Writing Workshop
Noon - 1:00 p.m. @
Gold Rooms, OC

FEBRUARY

07 Internship Panel
Noon - 1:00 p.m. @
Gold Rooms, OC

08 Mock Interviews
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. @
275 W. Vandenberg Hall

14 From Student to Professional:
A Transitional Workshop
Noon - 1:00 p.m. @
Gold Rooms, OC

24 ePortfolio Workshop
Noon - 1:00 p.m. @
Student Tech Center, OC

28 Market Yourself at a Career
Fair and Beyond
Noon - 1:00 p.m. @
Rooms 128-130, OC

31 Diversity Career Fair
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @
Banquet Rooms, OC

19 Where the Jobs Are
Noon - 1:00 p.m. @
Oakland Room, OC

21 Disney Presentations
Noon - 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. @
Rooms 126 & 127, OC

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MARCH

20 Etiquette Dinner
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. @
Banquet Rooms, OC

APRIL

02 Health Sciences Career Exploration Day
Noon - 2:00 p.m. @
Gold Rooms, OC

30 Educators Recruiting Day
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. @
Banquet Rooms, OC

Violence for sale in Kenya

By MICHELLE FAUL
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya — The price for burning down a home: 500 shillings, or about \$8. Double that to have someone hacked to death.

The price list comes from a leading Kenyan human rights group that says some of the worst violence in the country's deadly disputed presidential election is the work of militias paid and directed by politicians.

The government of President Mwai Kibaki and the opposition have traded blame for the killing and arson that followed Kibaki's victory in the Dec. 27 election that international observers say was followed by a rigged count.

Some of the attacks took on an ugly ethnic twist, with other tribes turning on Kibaki's Kikuyu people.

But the respected and independent Kenyan Human Rights Commission says there is more to it, and that it appears to involve politicians from both sides.

It "was portrayed as some primal irate rising up of (ethnic) communities against each other," commission chairwoman Muthoni Wanyeki told The Associated Press. "But our investigations indicate it seems to be very organized militia activity ... (the violence) very much seems to be directed and well organized."

She pointed to the torching of a church sheltering Kikuyu, dozens of whom burned to death.

"One group was watching the church, and then another took over," Wanyeki said. "We say it's organized because they are working in groups of 10 to 15 people and in shifts."

"Their training areas have been identified, some of the people from whom they

get money have been identified," she said. "They are being paid 500 per burning and 1,000 per death."

The information, she said, comes from about 100 monitors and a network including prominent individuals and community-based organizations who were given pre-election training in researching human rights violations.

Gangs wielding bows and arrows, machetes and stones killed scores of people in the central Rift Valley. They set ablaze hundreds of buildings, forcing more than 100,000 people, mainly Kikuyus, from their homes and farmlands. Victims have identified their attackers as ethnic Kalenjin and members of opposition leader Raila Odinga's Luo tribe.

Odinga's spokesman, Salim Lone, said the charges of payment were "wild propaganda."



South Africa's Oscar Pistorius, an amputee, in action during the 400-meter at the Golden Gala athletics meeting in Rome, July 13, 2007.

Amputee ruled ineligible for 2008 Olympics

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press Sports Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The IAAF ruled Monday that double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius is ineligible to compete in the Beijing Olympics because his prosthetic racing legs give him a clear competitive advantage.

The International Association of Athletics Federations had twice postponed the ruling, but the executive Council said the South African runner's curved, prosthetic "Cheetah" blades were considered a technical aid in violation of the rules.

Pistorius, known as the "blade runner," announced last week that he planned to appeal any adverse decision, including taking the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland.

Athletics South Africa said it would immediately apply the decision, further complicating Pistorius' future since he will not be able to set legal Olympic qualifying times in his own country.

"That's a huge blow," said Pistorius' manager, Peet Van Zyl. "He has been competing in South African able-bodied competition for the past three years. At this stage it looks like he is out of any able-bodied event."

The decision was reached in an e-mail vote by the 27-member IAAF Council. The vote count was not disclosed but was believed to be unanimous.

The IAAF endorsed studies by German professor Gert-Peter Bruggemann, who conducted tests on the prosthetic limbs and said they give Pistorius a clear competitive advantage over able-bodied runners.

"An athlete using this prosthetic blade has a demonstrable mechanical advantage (more than 30 percent) when compared to someone not using the blade," the IAAF said.

The findings are contested by the Pistorius camp.

Nation | World News Briefs

1-10 | Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich calls for a recount in the New Hampshire primary, citing "unexplained disparities between hand-counted ballots and machine-counted ballots."

1-11 | For the first time in a century, Baghdad, Iraq experiences snowfall.

1-14 | A number of entertainers were named in connection with an Albany-based steroid investigation, according to a published report. The Times Union of Albany cited unidentified law enforcement officials in reporting that music star Mary J. Blige, rap musicians 50 Cent, Timbaland and Wyclef Jean may have received or used performance-enhancing drugs. | The Taliban attacks the luxury Serena Hotel in Kabul, Afghanistan, killing at least six people. | Bobby Jindal is sworn in as the 56th Governor of Louisiana, making him the first Indian American governor in U.S. history.



Protesters, dressed as both U.S. guards and in orange prisoners jumpsuits bearing the logo of Amnesty International, hold a mock portrayal, demonstrating outside the U.S. Embassy in London in a protest calling for the closure of Guantanamo Bay and marking the sixth anniversary of the first arrival of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Friday, Jan. 11, 2008.

Guilty plea expected in body parts case

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A former oral surgeon has agreed to plead guilty to charges that he orchestrated a grisly plot to plunder corpses and sell body parts for transplants, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Prosecutors say Michael Mastromarino, 44, was making millions by covertly carving up hundreds of corpses at a

Brooklyn funeral home and selling the parts for dental implants, hip replacements and other procedures nationwide.

Mastromarino "was facing a daunting battle, and he sees this as his best opportunity to accept responsibility and move on," said his attorney, Mario Gallucci.

Prosecutors said that the cadavers were looted without permission or proper screening for diseases and that an

untold number of patients were unknowingly exposed to infection. Among the bodies was that of "Masterpiece Theatre" host Alistair Cooke, who died in 2004.

Authorities released photos of exhumed corpses that were boned below the waist. Prosecutors said the defendants had made a crude attempt to cover their tracks by sewing PVC pipe back into the bodies in time for open-casket wakes.

Mastromarino, a Brooklyn mortician and two so-called "cutters" were charged in 2006 with enterprise corruption, body stealing, opening graves, unlawful dissection and forgery. Since then, seven funeral directors have pleaded guilty to undisclosed charges and agreed to cooperate.

Mastromarino's lawyer said he will enter the guilty plea Jan. 22 and face 18 to 54 years in prison.