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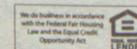
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STAFF EDITORIAL

SAIL snafu sends students spinning

It's usually an exciting time in the semester, and a surprising realization that you're about halfway done with your classes.

Registration by class standing began Monday at midnight for the winter 2010 semester. A good majority of Oakland University seniors stayed up dawdling on their laptops Sunday night, with CRN numbers for the last three or four classes they need to graduate jotted down somewhere nearby. Undoubtedly, some of OU's 3,645 graduate students were also among them that night.

Juniors got to take part in this event Monday night, juniors got to do it Tuesday night and freshmen will be able to wait up to register Wednesday night.

The record enrollment might have something to do with the fact that it took some students an hour or more to register online. Some say it's the slowest — and most frustrating — it has ever been. Especially when you're getting to the point where there are certain classes you need to take, your May graduation depends on it, and there are only so many seats available. Some classes are even only offered once a year or once every two years. A culmination of thousands of hours of studying and work-

ing and tens of thousands of dollars in tuition are all riding on the last semester. The poorly timed registration comes as a shock, especially since some midterms were pushed later to make up for the first couple weeks of missed class. This only emphasizes the rush factor for picking those last couple classes.

We also ought to point out that if you want to register, on top of being painstakingly slow, the process itself is unclear. The site, if you're able to find it, isn't user-friendly. There are multiple log-in requests, and the degree evaluation system doesn't work. So if students hadn't met with their advisers, they had no way of double checking what they needed to complete their degrees.

To be fair, some remember how horrific it was to try registering online years ago on older servers at schools without a registration system broken down by class standing. Macomb transfers might recall staying up all night hitting refresh and re-dial simultaneously in hopes of getting into a decent class.

OU's office of the registrar did not return The Post's inquiry for comment on whether any server updates were made to the SAIL system in anticipation of the higher numbers. But even if they didn't make any updates, it's

understandable considering that the university was only expecting a 1 percent enrollment increase as opposed to the actual increase of 4 percent, and that figure was only released last week by the administration.

One thing that's certain is that Facebook's servers have been able to keep up with all of the disgruntled Grizzlies between midnight and 2 a.m. That seems to be where most students were electronically hanging out while waiting for SAIL to load page after page after page in the registration process.

"::clicks:: 'Register for Classes' CRASH!!!!!!!" one OU student left as a status early Monday morning. "would love to graduate...come on OU and let me register!!!!" posted another.

We've said it before and we'll say it again. Whether it's parking or class registration — Let's keep looking for ways to upgrade this school to accommodate all the students the administration works so hard to recruit. We don't want them coming here just to go to register or park, then get so pissed off they turn right back around.

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• In last week's Perspectives column, "Nobel intentions ≠ Nobel Peace Prize worthy" it was stated that Jimmy Carter won his prize in 1979. He actually won it in 2002.

• In the last week's article entitled "Students try to revive Promise scholarship," Jordan Twardy's major was incorrectly written as "urban farming." His major is actually "urban planning." In the same story, Saman Waquad was incorrectly quoted as having said the things written in the last two paragraphs, about the Promise scholarship being important. Waquad did not say those things; Amy Ring did.

• In last week's "Activists seek students' help," Sai Myint's name was misspelled.

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It's too soon to tell if Obama deserves his prize

A second opinion on the Nobel Peace Prize and why it was given

Brad Slazinski



There has been a lot of hoopla about Obama winning the Nobel Peace Prize. I will admit that I was shocked and wondering what he did to deserve it.

After doing some research into why the Nobel committee chose him I learned that he isn't the first person to get the award for doing seemingly very little, and I began to see why they chose him.

This is a response to the column published in The Post on Oct. 14,

"Nobel intentions ≠ Nobel Peace Prize worthy."

I understand that some people feel that Obama didn't deserve the prize, but there are several points that I think need to be analyzed. A few points were listed in the column but not covered in great detail and I think reviewing them could lead to better understanding of the situation and enable readers to make a better judgment about whether Obama deserved the prize.

The issues left unanswered

To start with, the writer points to numerous problems left over from the previous administration, but I fail to see how the responsibilities he was left with are relevant to what Obama is trying to do now.

The writer wrote how the Nobel Peace Prize was used

to endorse efforts at times and said that he agreed with the idea. He then went on to state that Obama is winning this award because of his celebrity and because of the lower standards set by his predecessor.

I agree with him, that it is a good idea to use the prize to endorse efforts. What I do not agree with is the claim that he won it because of the low bar that was set. Would McCain or Hilary have won the prize if they had been elected, purely because of the standards that were set by our previous president?

The reason the committee decided to award Obama with the Nobel Peace Prize was best stated by the committee chair, Thorbjorn Jagland. Jagland said that a previous winner, Willy Brandt, the former chancellor of West Germany, had not achieved much when he won the award, but that he had helped start a process (Ostpolitik) that was conciliatory to East Germany and led to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Jagland also said that the same could be said of Gorbachev who started the Perestroika policy, which helped bring several changes to the former Soviet Union.

Obama's record

The writer also cited that Obama's voting record on the war in Iraq as a senator is "checkered," claiming that he voted for most of the funding bills in the war. What he left out are the details of those bills. The

Washington Post website has a list of bills they considered key that Obama had voted on, a few of those bills were related to the war in Iraq. They list Obama's position, the Republican position, and the Democrat's position.

Obama did vote for the bills that would continue funding the war but they also had plans for troop withdrawals in them. He voted against those that didn't have withdrawal plans. There is one bill that was presented with withdrawal plans that Obama voted against but the majority on both sides voted against it (Vote 181: S 2766). There was a second version of the bill that did urge former President Bush to start withdrawing troops the year it was presented (2006) which Obama voted for (Vote 182: S 2766).

Overall, Obama has been consistent on his voting record for the war barring one occurrence. (Though one occurrence does not a consistent pattern make.)

Ask the man himself

There was one other thing the writer did not write about: Obama's reaction to the awarding of the prize. He had admitted that he felt that he had done very little to deserve the reward, but recognizes the award as a call to action from the Nobel committee.

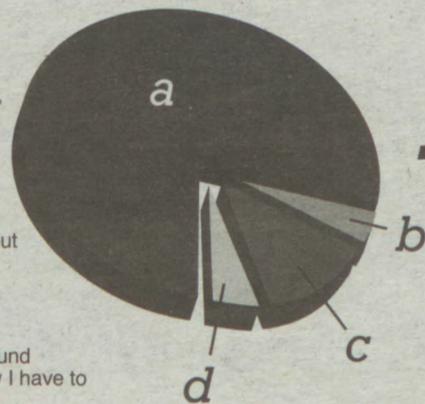
While I am happy that Obama won it, I am withholding judgment on whether he deserved the award or not until the end of his presidency. I can understand why the Nobel committee chose Obama and what they're trying to push. What should be done is to simply congratulate our president and make an attempt try to work together, and wait and see what will happen.



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- d** It's hard enough to drive around with all the pedestrians. Now I have to try not to hit a bicyclist. 1 vote | 4.3%



current poll

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Dean Sudol seeks help from faculty

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

While applauding the growth of the College of Arts and Sciences, its dean Ron Sudol said that he was "disturbed" by the low retention and graduation rate for Oakland University's First Time In Any College students, and invited the faculty to help solve the problem.

Sudol said faculty has a role in turning around the fact that on average, only 74 percent of FTIAC students, a commonly-used statistical term, return to OU for a second year, and of these 74 percent, only 12 percent graduate in four years and only 41 percent graduate in six years. He said these figures, which were gathered by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at OU, are all below OU's benchmarks and below OU's peer institutions.

"I hear a lot of talk about faculty governance," he said at the annual state of the college of arts and sciences address to the CAS assembly on Tuesday, Oct. 20, attended by about 50 faculty members. "This is an open invitation to seize the opportunity ... making the university as good as it can be."

One attendee asked whether student retention — especially of the students who use OU only as a stepping stone to a "better" university — is really the

job of the teachers, or better suitable for departments of marketing, recruiting and enrollment management.

Sudol replied that there is only so much these departments can do, and that once students are here, especially those who use OU as a glorified community college, "who is better to keep them here than the faculty?"

He also said he was impressed that CAS enrollment grew by 8.5 percent this year, while enrollment at OU as a whole grew by 4.1 percent, especially because CAS accounts for 65 percent of OU's curriculum. Although the school of health sciences grew by 22.5 percent, it has fewer actual students than CAS.

Sudol said he was "delighted" by the higher-than-expected number of students who declared their major as cinema studies (15), Japanese (31), social work (66) and writing and rhetoric (28), because these majors were created recently.

He said he was glad to announce that 95 percent of graduate students admitted to CAS programs at OU ended up enrolling in those programs.

Sudol quoted the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment data and said that 52 percent of credit hours were taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty in fall 2008, an increase from previous years. About 45 percent were taught by part-time and teaching assistants,

and visiting faculty taught the rest.

He said it's "headed in the right direction," although very slowly. He said the goal for credit hours taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty was 70 percent, and he doesn't think it's going to make any progress this year, because faculty is underfunded, but that the college should keep pushing in that direction, and expect progress in tiny increments.

One attendee asked what can be done to bring this number up.

"The way you do it at Oakland is through argument," Sudol replied. "I came from the department of rhetoric, so arguing is what I do ... The numbers are on our side."

One argument Sudol said he makes to the OU administration for maintaining a good amount of tenured and tenure-track faculty is that OU revenue from the grants awarded to these faculty members increased by 30 percent this year.

Sudol also announced the status of new majors and initiatives being considered by the college.

A bachelor of liberal arts studies, a multidisciplinary degree, is being discussed, and may be available for students by fall 2010, as well as a master of arts in communication. A master of arts in psychology is also being discussed, and may take longer to be available.

Sudol said in an interview with The

Oakland Post that there may be a major in Chinese in a couple years, and possibly a minor in Arabic later on. He said there is also talk of a doctorate program in applied computational physics.

A bachelor of arts in actuarial science became available this year.

Sudol said because of a federal higher education bill passed in 2008, OU faculty will be required to have textbook information ready when students register for classes starting next year. Some attendees said this may be problematic. Sudol said the details are being worked out.

He said CAS is trying to replace the "outdated" college distribution requirements, hopefully by fall 2010, with "exploratory" requirements that would focus on learning outcomes, instead of on different disciplines like now.

He said in an interview that the future focus of CAS should be on interdisciplinary studies and international studies because that's what employees look for.

What changes are being made to graduation ceremonies starting winter 2010?

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The article will also have information about other new initiatives being taken by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty approves contract, but some have problems with it

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

Some Oakland University faculty members are not happy with the 2009-12 employee contract, but the contract is likely to remain.

The faculty members approved the contract with a margin of 6 to 1 on the vote that ended Oct. 8. To be made fully official, the contract needs to be approved, or ratified, by OU's board of trustees, and this may not happen until the board's next meeting Nov. 4.

Out of 683 faculty members represented by OU's chapter of American Association of University Professors, 372 voted to approve the contract, and 60 voted against it, said Joel Russell, chemistry professor.

Russell was president of OU's AAUP while the contract negotiation was ongoing. His term in this position has ended, but he is still the president of the Michigan Conference of the AAUP.

University administration members involved in the negotiations declined to comment about specifics other than to say they are glad to have classes resumed and would like to move on.

But AAUP said that animosity still remains for some faculty members who didn't like some of the changes made in the contract.

"People are upset with the wage freeze the first year, especially with the president's cabinet's raises last year," Russell said, referring to the zero percent raise faculty received in 2009 under the contract. They will also receive a 1 percent raise in 2010, and 3 percent in 2011.

OU announced this summer that the president's cabinet and about 500 other administrative employees not covered by a union will have a wage freeze — not receive raises — in 2009. Other university employees, such as OUPD officers and sergeants, also agreed through contract negotiations that they would not receive raises this year.

Throughout the faculty negotiations, AAUP said academic issues were more important for the faculty, and that the money was not a high priority, but also said OU could afford to give them raises.

Russell said those academic and governance issues were resolved, but others lingered.

He said he heard some faculty did not like that in

the new contract, the Blue Cross Blue Shield health care option does not cover same-sex domestic partners of faculty, although other options do. They also didn't like that faculty can no longer take grieve leave for the deaths of their same-sex domestic partners. Russell said this is discriminatory toward gay and lesbian faculty.

Same-sex marriages are not recognized in Michigan, and a state law prevents public institutions, such as Oakland University, from providing benefits to same-sex partners of their employees. But OU and some other universities like University of Michigan got around this by using different language such as "other qualified adults" rather than "same-sex partners."

Russell said nothing at the moment is being done to contest the contract terms, and that it's likely to pass.

Visit www.oaklandpostonline.com and search for "faculty contract" for previous coverage of this story, which includes a summary of important changes in 2009-12 faculty contract.

Visit www.oaklandaaup.org for the full text of the proposed changes to the agreement for 2009-12.

Low numbers don't hold smaller Greek orgs back

By RORY MCCARTY
Senior Reporter

Some Greeks on Oakland University's campus that have a smaller presence are the historically black Greek organizations.

What's remarkable about them is that they take part in things on campus and organize their own events with a comparatively small membership.

Two historically black sororities have been chartered on OU's campus, Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho. There are also historically black fraternities on campus that currently have interest group status.

Delta Sigma Theta currently has seven members. Sigma Gamma Rho has only three. That's partially because of the historically black Greek orgs having different rules for recruitment and chartering.

And yet with such a small membership in relation to the larger Greek organizations, they still manage to put together regular community service and social events.

Delta Sigma Theta is based on the values of sisterhood, scholarship, and service. Delta Sigma Theta president LaToya Jackson said they do monthly community service events for groups like Gleaners or Meals on Wheels. She said they are planning a hip-hop aerobics class as a social event for later in the semester.

Sigma Gamma Rho is gearing up for Sigma Week, a weeklong celebration for their Founder's Day beginning in November. The events planned throughout Sigma week include a bone marrow drive, a campaign

"We put the same amount of work in as everyone on campus."

— Sigma Gamma Rho

President Dominique Rickett

to assemble school backpacks for inner city kids, and a freshman fashion show.

Sigma Gamma Rho president Dominique Rickett said that they also do regular philanthropic events. She said during the teacher strike, they handed out bottled water to the picketing professors.

"We put the same amount of work in as everyone on campus," Rickett said.

That's definitely true for historically black fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, which currently has one member in it: Arden Bolden. In spite of this, it's continuing to operate and planning more recruitment drives in the future.

Bolden said that OU still only graduates a small percentage of its enrolled African-American students, and they need to work to change that.

The historically black Greek organizations date back to the early 1900s, when racial segregation was still prevalent in the U.S. and most fraternities and sororities did not allow black members.

There are nine black sororities and fraternities that

make up the National Pan Hellenic Council, also sometimes collectively referred to as "the Divine Nine."

"We bring culture to the university because we are still in the minority on campus," OU's National Pan-Hellenic president, Porscha Smith, said.

For the most part, the historically black sororities operate just like the other Greek organizations: they do regular charity events, academics, and occasional social gatherings.

Both sororities recently participated in Greek Week, but weren't able to participate directly in all the events due to their smaller membership. But Jackson says just because they're not always visible at the events doesn't mean they don't care.

"People think that if we don't come out to these events, we don't support them," Jackson said. "But it's not like that."

Rickett said she would like to see her own sorority work closer with other Greek organizations.

She said something she sees is that Greeks work more closely together on other campuses than on OU's campus.

"My goal for this year is to get us to venture outside of our comfort zone," she said.

Jackson said she first joined with Delta Sigma Theta when she saw the sisterhood the members had, and felt like it was genuine.

Jackson encourages women to come to their unit and get to know the chapter. She said that she can't imagine going through her day without the sorority.

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Kresge expands tech support

By ZACHARY HALLMAN
Staff Reporter

The Kresge Library underwent a few major changes in layout over the past two years and will celebrate the completion of these changes Thursday.

The event will start at 2 p.m. in Kresge and will feature speakers President Gary Russi, Provost Virinder K. Moudgil, Dean Voelck and Cathryn Cheal, the assistant vice-president of e-Learning and Instructional Support.

In May 2008 Oakland University's board of administrators approved funding for Kresge to implement a three-pronged project.

The project's aim was to benefit students and faculty members. According to Frank Lepkowski, assistant dean of Kresge Library, the project was completed in spring 2009.

The space on Kresge's second floor that once was used to store government documents has been transformed into the Information Commons area.

The area has been re-designed to not look like a typical library computer center. The floor is outfitted with computers and desks for studying, but has been arranged in a way that should be more conducive to the student study experience while in Kresge.

"I think that the new area gives students a whole new destination," Lepkowski said. "The whole point was to leave space in between the work station."

The new area gives students access to presentation size screen computers, whiteboards and CopyCam. CopyCam allows students to digitally capture images from whiteboards.

The University Technology Service helpdesk, which was previously in Dodge Hall, can now be found in Kresge. The UTS' function is to assist students as well as faculty with any technology related problems they may be experiencing.

Unnikrishnan Subhash, an OU graduate student who has worked at Kresge for the last 14 months, said the new layout makes students wishing to get some studying done more comfortable than they were before the Information Commons were built.

"We get probably two or three times as many students coming here to study now because of the new layout and the fact that it is on the main level," Subhash said.

E-learning and Instructional Support, in Kresge's fourth floor, offers support to faculty, staff and students in teaching and learning online.

Accept, embrace, unite

OU events highlight diversity

By RORY MCCARTY
Senior Reporter

In past years, Oakland University Student Congress has held "Anti-Hate Week" as a way of promoting discussion about gender, sexuality and race.

This year, the topics on the table are expanding outward as it becomes "Accept. Embrace. Unite. Oakland University."

OUSC Student Services Director Jarret Schlaff, who helped to organize the new weeklong diversity event, said that one of the goals of AEUOU is to broaden people's horizons.

"We want to embrace people's differences," Schlaff said. "That's our main goal, to get people talking."

Many of the events planned are just that: discussions. Monday's guest speaker in the Fireside Lounge, Dr. Darnell J. Bradley, discussed people's values and "world views" and how they affect the way they perceive others.

During his speech, Bradley presented facts that stated African-American women are four times as likely to die in childbirth as white women due to different access to prenatal care, and that only about 1 percent of Fortune 500 company CEOs are women.

"I want to point out that these numbers are the way they are, and we're taken aback by them, due to inaction," Bradley said. "You folks, you're the choir. But we're not going out and asking why. We're not holding anyone accountable for this."

The lecture also featured a slide show of images that exemplified prejudice in our society. Bradley encouraged questions and comments from the audience throughout his presentation, and asked students to involve others in the discussion.

"Think simple. Look for openings in day-to-day conversations. It doesn't have to be a grand soliloquy. If you're at a bar with someone and you overhear a comment, discuss it," Bradley said.

He said even those who are firmly set in their beliefs should be willing to open a dialogue about issues like these.

"If you're willing to question your own beliefs, you may come back to where you originally were, but you'll still be discussing it," Bradley said.

The event set the stage for the remainder of the week. Tuesday continued with a tabling session about treating disabled people with respect, hosted by Micah Fialka-Feldman.

Fialka-Feldman talked to people who stopped by his table during the event. Along with the discussion period during

the Tuesday event, the short film "Credo for Support" was shown.

Fialka-Feldman said he wanted to do the tabling event to help teach people on campus how to be better friends with people who have special needs. Fialka-Feldman gives speeches around the country about people with disabilities.

OU has been the site of Fialka-Feldman's ongoing effort for the right to live on campus, which has been denied repeatedly in the past, based on the idea that he wasn't a degree seeking student.

Fialka-Feldman filed a lawsuit against the OU board of trustees earlier last year for the right to live on campus. (For prior coverage of the case, go to www.oaklandpostonline.com)

AEUOU continues Wednesday with "Domestic Violence: A Concern for Every Community" sponsored by the Gender and Sexuality Center at noon in the Center for Student Activities office, as well as a screening of the Bill-Maher film "Religulous."

There has been some dispute on campus as to why a polarizing figure like Bill Maher would be a part of AEUOU, but Schlaff said that the film is being showed because it opens such a large discussion.

"I am religious, and watching this, it gets me thinking," Schlaff said. He said that the film takes a fair look at religion by simply asking questions. "It's a very unbiased point of view."

Thursday at 2 p.m. is the opening of Kresge Library's new reflection room, a place where students can go to collect their thoughts, silently meditate, or pray.

That same day at 3:30 p.m., Scott Chapman of WXOU will host the "Reggae Music and Peace Forum" in the Pioneer Food Court.

OUSC Multicultural Director Yakela Robertson said that that idea came about after learning about reggae artist Buju Banton, who was banned from some Michigan venues for having homophobic lyrics.

"I grew up listening to Bob Marley, and he always advocates peace," Robertson said. She said that the idea of the Peace Forum was to show that.

AEUOU will conclude Friday at noon with the United Nations discussion, sponsored by Model U.N., in the Fireside Lounge.

Robertson and Schlaff are encouraging as many students as possible to come out to the events this week and start discussions.

As Bradley said during his lecture, "If we want to create change, we have to act."

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October 28, 2009
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John Dodge House Conference Room
located on east campus near the Golf and Learning Center. Please rsvp to (248) 364-6134 by Monday, Oct. 26th

LEADERSHIP...is it in YOU?

Film exec to show flick, host workshops

By SEAN GARNER
Senior Reporter

Michael Manasseri has had a career most people would envy in one of the burgeoning sectors of the Michigan economy.

Manasseri, executive vice president for independent film distributor Big Screen Entertainment, is coming to Oakland University Thursday night at 5 p.m. in 204 O'Dowd Hall. He'll show his directorial debut, "Babysitter Wanted," and share his insights on how to successfully pursue a career in the film industry.

According to Manasseri, the horror film aims to provoke psychological distress rather than sensationalistic reactions through gory imagery and editing tricks.

"It's really more like an old-fashioned horror film out of the 70s," Manasseri said. "I wanted to make a movie kind of like 'Rosemary's Baby' or 'The Omen' ... It starts off like any other babysitter horror movie."

After the screening, Manasseri will hold a question and answer session, which he hopes will not be confined to only film majors and film buffs.

"Anyone who has been curious about movies and how to make a movie, how to be in a movie, how to work on a movie, how to make money in movies or any of those should come," Manasseri said. "The good thing is I have a movie coming out, and we can talk about it. What I want is to utilize the movie to try to give solid information to students or the general public who are looking



Photo Courtesy of Michael Manasseri
Manasseri's horror film will have a special showing in O'Dowd.

to make a career out of movies or just learn more about the whole process."

Kyle Edwards, director of the cinema studies program that is hosting the showing and other workshops for people interested in various aspects of filmmaking, including screenwriting, directing and film editing, said he hopes they will have wide-ranging appeal.

"We're hoping that this is a way to bring people that are working in the film industry to campus but also create special events to students and the wider community," Edwards said. "This will hopefully expose students to a different side of the film industry, not just the latest films but also give a complete picture of what independent cinema is like from the film you see to

what goes into making it."

Manasseri grew up in Maryland and has worked out of California in recent years, but he does have ties to OU. His brother, Jason, and sister — both from Austin, Texas — attended OU.

Jason interns for Manasseri and said he is half the reason Manasseri is coming to OU. The other reason, he said, is that the film incentive program initiated by the state government is creating a great number of opportunities for students wishing to pursue a career in film.

Manasseri himself recently moved from Los Angeles to take advantage of the growing opportunities.

"Michigan did something right," Manasseri said. "Students interested in film can now get a job in a really great industry right here in Michigan. That's exciting, and I would want to see students take advantage of it."

Session 1: Thursday, Oct. 29, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 204 O'Dowd Hall. Guests: screenwriter Jonas Barnes, and producer/CEO of Big Screen Ent. Kimberley Kates

Session 2: Thursday, Nov. 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 204 O'Dowd Hall. Guests: actress Sarah Thompson, casting director Ivy Isenberg, director of photography Alex Vendler

Session 3: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room B. Guests: production designer Russell Jaeger, editor Stephen Eckelberry, composer Kurt Oldman, distributor Kimberley Kates

Clerical and maintenance unions accept contract

By SEAN GARNER
Senior Reporter

Oakland University Campus Maintenance and Trade and the OU Professional Support Association have tentatively agreed to a new contract.

This comes after 15 months of working with an expired contract in addition to a week without a contract at all.

The administration and the Michigan Education Association, who represented both unions throughout negotiations, reached an agreement in a marathon bargaining session late Friday.

CMT, which represents all university-employed grounds and maintenance workers, and PSA, which represents all administrative aides, secretaries and receptionists, combine to serve over 300 employees.

Both unions held general assembly meetings Tuesday to broadly discuss some of the bigger issues of the new contract.

Each of them will hold their ratification votes next week, and if either or both contracts are ratified, they will be up for approval Nov. 4 at the next board of trustees meeting.

Sandy Gabert, president of PSA, said

that PSA leadership will make no recommendation to the rest of the union on whether they should approve the new contract.

"We are asking them to make a decision on their own if this is what they want," Gabert said.

Chris Turkopp, president of CMT, is currently on vacation and was not available for comment.

Gabert said she believed CMT leadership was also going to abstain from making a recommendation, but she could not be certain.

OU administration does not talk about unfinalized negotiations, and no copy of either contract will be available until they are approved by the board of trustees.

Gabert said OU made no concessions in the final weeks of bargaining, but there were some changes in negotiations that made the deal more palatable.

Gabert would not talk about specifics, but said the new deal was similar to what the two police unions agreed on last year.

Both of those unions agreed to take salary freezes after receiving three percent raises in the first year.

POLICE FILES

On Oct. 14, a student reported her laptop stolen from her room in East Vandenberg Hall. The student, who does not have a roommate, said she left her room for approximately five minutes with her door closed but not locked. When she returned, the laptop was gone.

On Oct. 15, OUPD responded to a report of a possibly stolen duffel bag in the Recreation and Athletic Center. A student reported he had left his bag near the northeast window of the lower basketball court. After playing basketball for about two hours, he noticed the bag, which contained his shoes, clothes and ID card, was missing.

On Oct. 16, OUPD met with a student who claimed that \$6,000 worth of computer software was missing from an office in O'Dowd Hall. The student said that the software was placed in a cardboard box next to a trash bin. He said he believed the software was thrown out by the night cleaning staff.

On Oct. 16, a student complained that the passenger side of her car had been scratched by a man while she was in the parked car in P1. She described the man as approximately 40 years old, wearing glasses, a golf cap, carrying a black vinyl case and a coat in his left hand.

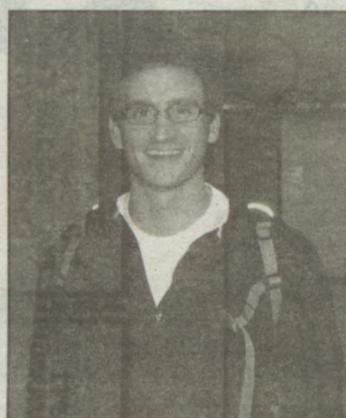
— Compiled by senior reporter Sean Garner, from Oakland University Police Department's media logs.

What have been your experiences registering in SAIL?



"If there was a secondary bypass to get into it when the main server's down it'd be an advantage."

Jason Manasseri
Senior, integrative studies



"It is frustrating to get on there at 12 and be shut out until 12:15."

Jason Greenlee
Junior, biology



"Too many students log on at once."

Kristina McLaughlin
Junior, medical lab sciences



"I think it's good. I used to be at Michigan State and used the Angel System and that was a lot worse."

Samantha Mills
Junior, communication



"I heard a lot of complaints that students are up till midnight or one and the class fills up and they have a hard time getting the class that they want."

Melissa Groth
Junior, pre-physical therapy



"I truthfully didn't have any problems with SAIL. At 12:01 it crashes, I woke up at 12:10, registered at 12:30, and went back to bed at 12:45."

Gabrielle High
Senior, journalism

Important registration dates for Winter semester 2010

Grad students: Oct. 19

Seniors: Oct. 19

Juniors: Oct. 20

Sophomores: Oct. 21

Freshman: Oct. 22

Special graduate, non-matriculated, post-bachelor and guest students: Oct. 23

All registration dates begin at 12:01 a.m.

Other important fall 2009 dates

Oct. 31: Tentative bill due date

Nov. 5: Last day official withdrawal full semester classes

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving recess begins 10 p.m.

Nov. 30: Classes resume 7:30 a.m.

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YOUR GUIDE
 THE MOST

Deadly Intentions

Deadly Intentions gets kudos for creativity. Flipping through photos of past years' themes: prison, crazed Day-Glo clowns and the like, Deadly Intentions works hard to provide a shockingly good time each year. You'll never experience the same haunt twice. This year the theme is "City of the Living Dead." While the crew didn't want to give too much away, you can expect a storyline that follows the rise of a zombie takeover. Intentions is also a little racier than your run-of-the-mill haunted house. Oct. 22 and 29 from 8 p.m.-midnight are "Adult-only nights." Visitors must be 18 and older with picture ID and sign a waiver expecting foul language and other haunted perversities. Also, waiting in line at Intentions isn't so mentally and physically numbing. Entertainers keep your mind off waiting through magic, fire-breathers and other stunts. Creepy Clyde, the spooky Detroit television host, will make an appearance on Oct. 23 and 30.

\$14 per person, VIP tickets are \$20 that get you to the front of the line.
Location: 20900 Dequindre Rd. in Warren

Dates & times: Weekdays and Sundays, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Devil's Night and Halloween 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Website: deadlyintentionshaunt.com

Erebus four-story haunted attraction

Erebus is the Dracula's Castle of haunted houses. This is the big commercial one that costs a little more, draws the biggest crowds and has the latest special effects. Get here early, because even though they have an indoor waiting room, lines tend to stretch out the door. The haunted house itself is a feat of terrifying proportions. Erebus is known as one of the largest walk-through haunted houses in the country with four stories of varying gore and chilling corners open to visitors. Each level, and practically each room, has a different thematic scare tactic. Be careful though, thrill seekers, Erebus features large animatronics that jump out while you're passing. Don't hit your head on a fuming T. Rex or a charging rhinoceros. In your walk-through you may also be separated from your group. The actors, all adorned in Hollywood make-up, like to do this to amp up your adrenaline.

\$22 per person (plus parking fees)
Location: 18 S. Perry in Pontiac

Dates & times: Weekdays 7-11 p.m., weekends 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Sundays 6-11 p.m. Open until Nov. 1.

Website: hauntedpontiac.com

Uncle Scooter's Chop Shop

Don't be mistaken, Uncle Scooter's Chop Shop is not a hillbilly meat market. No, Uncle Scooter is in the business of human skin. This first-year haunted house is running itself a little different than your average scare. The story goes like this: In 1971 Uncle Scooter opened a small repair shop. For leisure, he enjoyed reupholstering furniture with the skin of his "chopped" customers. This genetic trait was passed on to his kids, who broke him out of jail after he was caught. Scooter lives on in Uncle Scooter's Chop Shop, a first-rate haunted house in its infancy. The background is a clever one possibly because it's, well... believable. As for character representation, Uncle Scooter sort of looks like that bearded redneck uncle you had that disappeared in the 70s. And that right there, is enough to scare anyone.

\$12 (a great deal, with a portion going to Shrine Kids)
Location: 3115 Thompson Rd. Suite C in Fenton

Dates & times: Open Wednesdays-Saturdays from 7 p.m.-midnight

Website: unclescooters.com



Scariest Haunted Nights

THE MOST TERRIFYING LOCATIONS THIS SEASON.

the Haunted Winery

Many haunted houses reside in converted shopping centers or makeshift buildings. Few can say their haunted houses have been around for 110 years. The Haunted Winery in Farmington is one of those. The place was originally built as a powerhouse for electric trolley lines and was later converted into a winery in the 1930s. Today, the 194,000 square-foot building is a perfect place for a spooky tour. It looks legitimately haunted, with its looming presence of condemnation. On your walk-through you are greeted by horror-film characters like Freddy Krueger and Jason Voorhees. The overall scare is not the most terrifying around, but the ghost stories surrounding the winery are enough to let your imagination do the rest.

\$10

Location:
310505
Grand
River Ave.
in
Farmington

Dates &
times: Oct.
23-35 and Oct.
29-31. Fridays
and Saturdays

they open from 7:30 p.m.- midnight
and Thursdays and Sundays they
open from 7-10 p.m.

Web site: thehauntedwinery.com



the Realm of Darkness

This hidden gem of horror doesn't often get the same attention as Erebus, but that doesn't mean it's not just as good. The Realm of Darkness not only has an adequate amount of blood-curdling show, but the parking is free and the price is lower than at Erebus. Located in Pontiac, the Darkness residence is certainly a chilling site. It is housed in what looks like an abandoned supermarket or shopping plaza. On its website, Darkness even states that paranormal investigators have declared the location to be a place of mysterious occurrences. The attraction is decorated around a medieval castle theme where patrons are encouraged to "defeat the wizard" in an interactive challenge for prizes. The "choose your own adventure" feel of their walk-through makes you feel more engaged and gives you more time to appreciate the carefully detailed set designs.

\$20 per person. VIP tickets are available for \$29. (No waiting in line, merchandise and concession discount and a free can of Monster Energy with admission.)

Location: 79 S. Glenwood in Pontiac

Dates & times: 6:30 p.m.-until last in line Open until Nov.1

Website: therealmofofdarkness.com

the Fear Factory and Castle of the Dead

Two haunted houses. One location. The Fear Factory and Castle of the Dead are both located at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mount Clemens. These haunted houses are like being trapped inside a death metal video. The scares are high intensity, with loud banging, enthusiastic actors and penetrating metal music. Sadly, both haunted houses are not included in one price so you have to pick your poison when choosing which haunted house to enter. On an Internet ratings scale, Castle of the Dead was seen as the better choice. The Fear Factory has a vortex tunnel and black walls, giving off a maze effect that proves to be a test in dexterity for visitors. Castle of the Dead is a high-octane scare with lots of metal pounding. Castle of the Dead is constructed of five single-wide mobile homes strung together, which proves to be a deceiving space upon entering.



\$17 for each haunted house
Location: 237 North River Rd. in
Mount Clemens

Dates & times: Open every day until
Nov. 1. Doors open at 7 p.m. and
close when they run out of
body bags.

Website: thefearfactory.com

Swim season underway

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Staff Reporter

After winning 10 straight Summit League championships, one could see how the Oakland University men's and women's swimming and diving teams could possibly become complacent with their success.

But head coach Pete Hovland is determined not to allow this to happen. His teams were voted the unanimous favorites to take the conference again this year.

"If there is any complacency, I haven't seen it," Hovland said. "It's still early, but if that does enter into the picture, we would need to re-examine who we've got representing the Golden Grizzlies."

Constant dedication is one of the main reasons Hovland has been able to keep Oakland atop the standings in swimming and diving for so many years. While the program lost a large chunk of their roster from last year's team, opponents aren't likely to take the Grizzlies lightly in the pool this year.

"We graduated 12 or 13 of our top swimmers last year and we're redshirting our top swimmer, Marcin Unold," Hovland said.

The 2008-09 season was a very successful one for OU's teams. The men's and women's squads went 6-1 and 3-3, respectively, in dual meets. Hovland said that 56 school, pool and conference records were broken last season, in addition to his teams sweeping at the Summit League Championships.

Men's swim team

On the men's side, the 2009 Summit League Swimmer of the Year, Anders Jensen, returns for his sophomore season, along with other notable second year swimmers, Tim Montague and Scott Yarbrough. Senior Eddie Toro, last season's 200- and 400-meter individual medley champion.

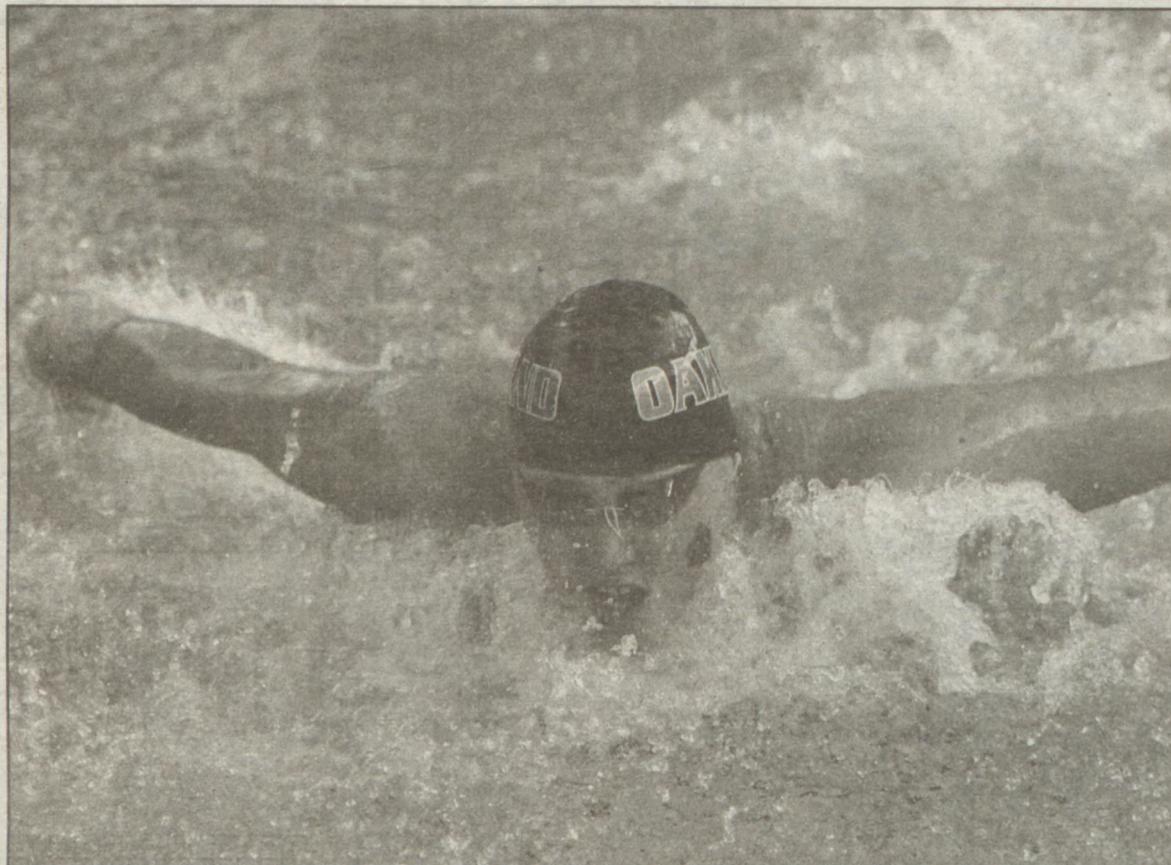
Senior Marcin Unold, the 2008 Summit League Swimmer of the Year, will be redshirted.

Even with the credentials of the returning swimmers, plenty of talent and experience was lost during the off-season. The current group of swimmers doesn't expect a letdown, however, Jensen explained.

"This year, I'll need to be someone who will boost people up, help them get up to a higher level and that's a challenge for me," he said. "I think it's going to be exciting to see what we can do this year. Obviously, we lost a lot of people last year, but I'm positive about this season."

The men's team is also one of the youngest Hovland has coached, but he said he hasn't tempered his expectations because of it.

"This is one of my biggest challenges, especially with the men's program, that I've had in a long time — we are so young. We have a handful of seniors and juniors, and the rest of the team is freshmen and sophomores," Hovland said. "I think we're going to take some bumps and bruises along the way, but if they can survive that, I think we'll be okay come February in the conference championships."



Agnes Solan (pictured above) received first team honors in seven different events at the Summit League Championships last season. BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Women's swim team

While the men's team may be lacking experience, the women's team has no such problem.

"On the women's side, it might be one of the deepest teams we've had in a long, long time," Hovland said. "The potential is there, so I'm excited for that."

There are plenty of reasons to be optimistic this season, especially with the returning cast of swimmers.

Senior Agnes Solan, last season's 100- and 200-meter backstroke winner at the Summit League Championship, is the team's top returning swimmer.

She is joined by junior Kelli Dewey, who placed first in several events at the championships. Alyssa Vela, the 2008-09 Summit League Newcomer of the Year, will also play an important part for the women's team.

Even with the returning talent and experience, Solan said she isn't letting up on the competition.

"We're hoping for the 11th championship, obviously, and hopefully some NCAA cuts as well. I just try to swim my best every meet and work on my times," Solan said.

The team also has 11 freshmen who will be looking to make an impact in their first season.

Diving

While there is no shortage of talent for the swim teams, the diving program is one spot Hovland said he can point to that will need to improve as the season progresses.

"Right now, diving is an area of concern and an area of weakness because the teams we compete against in the Midwest all have great divers," Hovland said. "It will definitely be one of our focuses in the upcoming recruiting cycle."

One reason for Hovland's concern is the lack of depth on the men's diving team. Senior Adam Ralph has been ruled ineligible for the fall semester, leaving true freshmen David Craycraft as the only diver for the men's side.

"David will really have to hold down the fort until Adam is eligible in January," said Hovland.

Juniors Chelsea Oates, Jaclyn Kurpinski, and Natalie Torano, as well as sophomores Marcella Barretta and Jocelyn Odom make up the women's diving team. Hovland said the experience gained by the quintet last year will prove invaluable and go a long way toward their success this season.

Basketball season approaching fast

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Staff Reporter

On Friday, Oakland University officially began the college basketball season with Midnite Madnezz, a pep assembly and celebration of OU's student athletes.

The event began with entertainment and an outdoor block party, before moving indoors to the O'Rena.

A packed house cheered on all 18 of Oakland's sports teams with raucous applause. Detroit Pistons' mascot Hooper and The Flight Crew dazzled the spectators with their high-flying antics.

Fans were treated to free giveaways thrown into the stands by the school administrators and professors.

Then, around 11 p.m., the lights dimmed and Bachman-Turner Overdrive's "Takin' Care of Business" blasted through the sound system of the O'Rena. A video montage of last season's basketball highlights of the men's and women's teams began playing, showcasing the best of both teams in 2008.

With a smoke machine billowing and the lights still dim, OU basketball public address announcer Kevin Beers began to introduce both rosters. Starting with freshman Travis Bader and ending with seniors Hanna Reising and Derick Nelson, the men's and women's teams were alternately introduced.

Head coaches Greg Kampe and Becky Francis then spoke to the fans about last season's home success and how it will continue to give the Grizzlies a true homecourt advantage if fans attend the games in large numbers.

With the way both teams came so close to winning the Summit League, OU basketball has adopted the slogan "Finish It" for the upcoming season.

The women's team begins with an exhibition game Nov. 1 while the men's team begins the season with an exhibition game Nov. 10.



Photos and design by Jason Willis

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's soccer

Season Record: 7-4-2 overall (4-0-0 in conference)

Oct. 17 — In their only game of the week, the Golden Grizzlies defeated IUPUI to remain undefeated in Summit League play this season. After falling behind 1-0 early in the match, Oakland was finally able to capitalize on one of their many scoring opportunities when freshman Shane Lyons scored his second goal of the season. OU broke the tie in the 74th minute on a goal by another of the team's freshman, Leshorn Woods-Henry. Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt faced just six shots in the match, but surrendered the first goal of the season against a conference opponent.

Women's soccer

Season Record: 6-7-1 overall (3-2-1 in conference)

Oct. 16 — OU hosted Centenary College Friday in a match unlike any other this season. Even two overtime sessions were not enough for either team to get on the scoreboard, as the match ended in a scoreless tie. The Grizzlies dominated the play at both ends of the field. The offense fired 20 shots on goal while the defense prevented OU goalkeeper Shannon Coley from having to make a single save in the entire game.

Oct. 18 — The Grizzlies returned to action against conference rival Oral Roberts Sunday, winning 1-0 in a game featuring minimal offense on both sides. Oakland's Katie Bramble scored her first collegiate goal late in the second half for the game's only tally. Each team had just four shots on goal in the match. OU has just three games remaining in the regular season. They will likely need to win at least two of those matches to qualify for the Summit League Tournament beginning Nov. 6.

Club hockey

Oct. 16 — Oakland's club hockey team improved their record to 6-2 on the season Friday night, defeating Pittsburgh by a 5-2 score. Netminder Alex Pikunas was in net for the Grizzlies, stopping 15 of 17 shots. Matt

Musallam scored the eventual game-winning goal in the second period, while leading scorer Jordan MacDonald also recorded his seventh goal of the year to give the team a commanding lead.

Volleyball

Season Record: 14-5 (7-4 in conference)

Oct. 16 and 17 — Oakland split a pair of weekend matches on the road. The team lost Friday for the second time this season to North Dakota State, falling in three straight sets. NDSU remained undefeated in conference play this season with the win. OU rebounded from Friday's loss with a 3-0 victory over South Dakota State the following day. Oakland benefited from a balanced offensive attack with five different players recording at least seven kills.

Cross Country

Oct. 17 — In the final event before the Summit League Tournament, three Oakland runners finished in the top five in their events at the Falcon Invitational in Bowling Green, Ohio. Zack Jones led the way for OU in the men's 8K race, placing fourth overall. For the women's 5K run, Lia Jones finished in second place, while Kelsey Carmean finished shortly behind in fourth place.

— Dan Fenner, Sports Editor

MEN'S SOCCER

10/21 vs. Detroit Mercy 4 p.m.
10/27 at Butler

Golden Grizzlies**COMING ATTRACTIONS****GAME SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 21-27**

Check out the Sports section
at www.oaklandpostonline.com
for game reports during the week.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

10/23 vs. IPFW 7 p.m.
at the Ultimate Soccer Arena in
Pontiac

CLUB HOCKEY

10/23 at Robert Morris
10/24 at Robert Morris

VOLLEYBALL

10/23 vs. Oral Roberts 7 p.m.
10/24 vs. Centenary 7 p.m.

SWIMMING

10/23 at Notre Dame (Men)

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The absurdity of rankings

By **ZACH HALLMAN**
Staff Reporter

COMMENTARY

Just do it already. I know you want to. You are going to try and place this column in order of how it ranks with my others. It's not your fault. You can't help it. You have been conditioned by society to rank anything and everything in all aspects of life. Nowhere is this more evident though than in the wide world of sports.

From endless top 10 lists to countless comparisons of "the next Michael Jordan" to the original, the sports world is addicted to ranking and comparing players.

It isn't enough to say that Peyton Manning is one of the greatest quarterbacks ever — we need to know exactly how he ranked compared to the other great quarterbacks. Was he better or worse than Dan Marino and by how much?

Every player, every team and every play has to be ranked according to the others in its category because it is imperative that we all know which one is the greatest of them all.

I have been aware of this phenomenon for some time, but recently I have been pushed over the breaking point of my ability to put up with it.

Recently, Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings ripped off an impressive touchdown run, even by his standards. In an interview with Sports Illustrated, Peterson was asked how this run ranked with all his others. Why would it matter? It's because we're all addicted.

Television's "Best Damn Sports Show Period" has countless top 50 shows examining the best catches, plays, and hits of all time. ESPN ran a show for a number of years entitled "Who's Number One?" with a similar concept.

Oakland University's men's basketball team was ranked first in the preseason Summit League poll. Why is there even a poll? What purpose does it truly serve with no games to base the voting upon?

And why does ESPN run a college football preview for the following season the day after this year's champion is crowned?

Now, is there a time and place for putting plays, teams, or individuals into an ordered ranking? Of course there is.

The line is crossed, however, when show after show, and article after article is giving their two cents on who and what is "the best ever" and why this is so.

Why can't analysts just say that Kobe Bryant is going to be one of the best players of all-time instead of constantly relating each difficult shot he makes to something that, "only Kobe and Michael Jordan can do?" It's a different league now; one in which Bryant tells the referees when he was fouled and not the other way around.

There is rarely a valid one-for-one comparison to be drawn. There are so many variables that go into the equation when determining superiority.

Even soccer, the greatest sport on earth (that's right, I said it) is prone to such proclamations and comparisons and it is driving me to insanity faster than WNBA is drifting into obscurity.

Every time a team wins a championship they are likened back to the last time that team won a championship and the pundits are left to discuss which team was better.

For example, when Manchester United won championships 10 years apart, only three players were members of both teams. And yet the question was raised: Which one of these mostly incomparable teams was best?

We in the sporting community need to stop watching LeBron James to see if his next slam dunk makes him the greatest ever. We need to appreciate athletes, teams and plays for their inherent individual greatness.

You can enjoy the current Boston Celtics for Kevin Garnett's animalistic tendencies and Ray Allen's delicate shooting touch and not compare them to great Celtics teams of the past. Appreciate Alex Ovechkin for his unmatched goal scoring prowess and hockey enthusiasm, and not reckon every great play he makes to players from another era. Take joy in watching soccer star Lionel Messi's unique abilities and not because you want to see if he is better than Cristiano Ronaldo.

Let the highlight moments speak for themselves and revel in their current glory instead of putting the focus on what they are not.

Injuries hurt the Lions' progress

By DAN FENNER
Sports Editor

COLUMN

With a quality game against Green Bay on Sunday, a congratulations to the Detroit Lions might have been in order for rejoining the ranks of respectability. Unfortunately for those people expecting such adulation, the Lions were unceremoniously shut out, for the first time since December of 2001.

There was no question that this season would serve as a developmental year. The Lions' plan was for their \$41 million man, quarterback Matthew Stafford, to gain valuable experience and learn on the job. The hope was that he'd quickly develop chemistry with Calvin Johnson to pave the way for future years of touchdown hookups. The goal was for the team's youth and promise for a better tomorrow to garner enough excitement to bring the fan base back to Ford Field.

But like seemingly every other blueprint this franchise has ever come up with, the design is proving faulty. Stafford has been hurt — perhaps not too seriously, though reports over the weekend suggested otherwise — and the progress he was making in his rookie season has halted.

Stafford was badly missed against the Packers Sunday. His absence was noted every time Detroit attempted a pass.

In just his third career start Sept. 27, the young sig-

nal caller was largely responsible for ending the NFL's second-longest losing streak in history, waking Lions fans from a nightmare that had lasted nearly two years. All of the promise and potential that Stafford possesses has already revealed itself.

Stafford is already the second best player the Lions have. Despite some of his troubles with decision making, which has led to turnovers, his value to Detroit is unmatched.

The difference between the offense when run by Stafford and the offense with Daunte Culpepper or Drew Stanton behind center is immense. On any given throw, Stafford has demonstrated the ability to complete a pass few quarterbacks in the league could dream of. His arm is that strong. Defenses already respect Stafford's ability to beat them. Opposing coaches show no hesitation in dialing up full-house blitzes against Detroit's other quarterbacks, as witnessed the past two Sunday's since Stafford was hurt.

Most people probably expect Stafford to return from injury following the bye week. If that proves to be the case, it will be interesting to see if he can build upon the success he had before he hurt his knee.

Stafford will forever be compared to Mark Sanchez, the New York Jets' starting quarterback who many NFL scouts had ranked higher in this year's draft. Sanchez looked primed to win Rookie of the Year after three weeks, but has since struggled mightily. Stafford has done a lot more with a lot less so far this season.

The decision to select Stafford first overall in April

was decried by a majority of the team's supporters. But calls for general manager Martin Mayhew's dismissal have subsided. It's blatantly clear already that Stafford was undoubtedly the correct choice. Comparisons to Joey Harrington can now cease and discussion of the "Curse of Bobby Layne" should be hushed. Stafford won't be a bust.

Team management needs to turn its attention squarely to putting Stafford in a better position to utilize his unparalleled talent. Chief among the future priorities should be keeping him healthy and upright. The team must find upgrades on the offensive line in order to protect the enormous investment they made when signing Stafford.

Jeff Backus has been a tremendous liability and the Lions need to address the left tackle position immediately, even at the expense of improving their porous defense. Pundits and fans will argue that the Lions' track record for ignoring the defense and spending their top draft picks on offense must end, but this logic is flawed. To try and atone for Matt Millen's failings by merely doing the opposite would be equally irresponsible. The Lions must simply do what makes the most sense.

Detroit's young offense has the makings of a formidable unit, but Stafford is the linchpin. The long-awaited resurgence of the Lions is in the hands of a 21-year-old kid, but you could argue that the hardest part of the comeback is over — identifying the player to lead you back to winning days.

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Bill proposes extended bar hours

By JENNIFER WOOD
Staff Reporter

For Michigan bar-goers, "last call" may soon take them even further into the night than 2 a.m.

On Oct. 8, Michigan House Appropriations Committee voted on House Bill 5056 that would allow bars to purchase a \$1,500 "late night" permit to sell alcohol until 4 a.m.

The bill was passed on a partisan vote, with all Democrats in favor and all Republicans against.

Also included in the bill is a \$1,500 Sunday morning permit, which would change the time for Sunday liquor sales from noon to 7 a.m.

Funds generated from the bill would go toward Michigan's budget deficit.

State Representative Richard Hammel, D-Genesee County, who introduced the bill, believes that it is a necessary step that will allow Detroit and other Michigan entertainment districts to compete with other hot-spot metropolises across the country.

"You look at cities like Chicago and New York, where it is already possible, and people flock there. This would allow entertainment cities in Michigan to compete," said Hammel.

He also believes that an important part of the bill focuses on local control, having a detailed clause which allows municipalities to decide whether or not they want to sell both "late night" permits and "Sunday



Photo Courtesy of Adamophoto

If passed, a new state bill could allow bars to purchase a license to stay open until 4 a.m. The proceeds from the licenses could potentially help the state's economy.

morning" permits.

"I would never try to railroad someone into this. Like in anything, there are good players and bad players and there needs to be local control," said Hammel.

The Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, that represents a few thousand bars and restaurants in

Michigan, supports the concept of extended hours, however the MLBA supports the concept that the current verbiage of the bill still needs tweaking.

"I don't know how many retailers would actually purchase the license. We think the fee for the permit is too high," said Lance Binoniemi, executive director of the MLBA.

"We also do not feel that local governments, if they allow the permits, should not be able to pick and choose which bars and establishments would be allowed to purchase the permits," said Binoniemi.

The Rochester Police Department worries that this bill could create problems for law enforcement officers.

Rochester Chief of police Steve Schettenhelm is "generally against" the practice of extended hours.

"The hours as they are now put those people going home at an hour when we're not mixing bar traffic and rush hour traffic," said Schettenhelm, "we currently have a shift until 3 a.m. and we would have to look at carrying that shift into the night, which would potentially tax our manpower."

Schettenhelm also believes it is too uncertain to be considered a way to put money in the state budget, being that the bill is voluntary.

Oakland University Police Department did not have an opinion on the bill.

In order to become law, the bill needs to be approved in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate. It is currently awaiting review from the House.

WNBA's Shock moves from Detroit to Tulsa

By MURRAY EVANS
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — The three-time WNBA champion Detroit Shock are moving to Tulsa in hopes that a small-yet-enthusiastic market will embrace what will be the city's only pro sports team.

League President Donna Orender and other officials made the announcement Tuesday that the Shock was being sold and relocated.

The sale and move need WNBA board of governors approval, and the purchase price wasn't revealed.

Former Tulsa and Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson already has been named coach and general manager. The team will play at the downtown BOK Center, which seats about 18,000 and opened last year.

"You could really feel the energy rise in Tulsa," Orender said. "Our expectation is that they will achieve greatness."

Box said the team's color scheme and nickname are yet to be determined.

Tulsa County has a population of about 592,000 and Tulsa is the second-smallest city with a WNBA franchise.

Despite the market size, the WNBA could succeed in Tulsa if the team, and product, are marketed properly, said Clay Stoldt, the chair of Wichita State University's Department of Sport Management.

"If you take a look at the whole landscape of pro sports, there are a number of franchises in cities that are smaller than the average for their leagues that do quite well," Stoldt said. "The Oklahoma City NBA franchise is off to a good start. There's San Antonio's NBA franchise, and Salt Lake City's as well.

"But the flip side of that, just because you're the one major professional sports franchise in your community, that's not going to be an automatic ticket to success."

If the Tulsa franchise can translate the enthusiasm for women's basketball in Oklahoma from the winter to the summer — when the WNBA plays — that could also bode well, said Mark Nagel, a professor who teaches sports management at the University of South Carolina and a former assistant women's basketball college coach.

"That's the biggest thing the WNBA has not been able to do," Nagel said. "If the WNBA can pull those fans over during the summer, it will be successful."

The move will end a chapter in one of the most successful teams in recent WNBA history: Detroit made its WNBA debut in 1998 and won titles in 2003,

2006 and 2008. The Shock lost last month to the Indiana Fever in the Eastern Conference finals after rallying to earn a playoff spot.

The Shock had much success on the court, but not in the stands, especially in comparison to other Michigan teams.

In the 2003 WNBA finals, Detroit did draw 22,076 fans — setting a record for the largest crowd to watch a women's professional basketball game — but most games were poorly attended at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Tom Wilson, the president of Palace Sports and Entertainment, the Pistons and the Shock, called the decision to part with the franchise "one of the toughest we have ever made."

"The Shock has been a true force in the WNBA, but the fact of the matter is that the economic realities have caused us to make this decision," Wilson said.

3 who died in marathon described as healthy

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — The deaths of three runners who collapsed during a 13.1-mile half marathon appear to have been an aberration, but at least six runners have died while competing in such events in the last two months.

Autopsies were inconclusive Monday on the bodies of Rick Brown, 65, of Marietta, Ohio; Daniel Langdon, 36, of Laingsburg in central Michigan; and Jonathan Fenlon, 26, of Waterford. The Wayne County medical examiner has requested toxicology tests.

The three died Sunday during or after running half marathons at the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Bank Marathon. Brown and Langdon collapsed near the end of the race, and Fenlon died after crossing the finish line. Friends and family of the men said they had trained for the 13.1-mile race and were in great shape.

Their deaths follow those of two runners in their mid-30s who died earlier this month while running a half marathon in San Jose, Calif., and a 23-year-old man who died in September after collapsing during a half marathon in Virginia Beach, Va.

"This is definitely atypical. In a given year, you're looking at four to six deaths," said Ryan Lamppa, a researcher for Colorado Springs-based nonprofit Running USA. "Some years are higher. Some years are lower."

There are about 0.8 deaths for every 100,000 runners who complete a marathon, Lamppa said. He said he did not immediately know the rate of death for overall participants in full or half marathons.

All of the runners in Sunday's races, which included full and half marathons, had to sign a medical release form and were encouraged to talk to their doctors before participating, said Rich Harshbarger, vice president of consumer marketing for the Detroit Media Partnership, which organized the race.

Making sure runners follow those precautions is something that can't be "policed," Lamppa said.

"Almost all of the runner deaths we hear about, it's always described as he or she is in great health," said Jean Knaack, executive director of Arlington, Va.-based Road Runners Club of America, a nonprofit promoting long distance running.

"Even if they are runners and are doing all the right things, they might

have a genetic heart condition," Knaack said. "No matter what, whenever you start an exercise program or whether you are a beginning runner, you should consult with your doctor. Regular runners need annual physicals."

Participation in full and half marathons has been growing over the past 10 to 15 years, Lamppa said.

In 2008, an estimated 425,000 runners completed full marathons in the United States, and 715,000 finished half marathons, he said.

The half marathon in Detroit drew about 8,500 runners last year. On Sunday, about 9,000 signed up. About 4,500 ran in the full marathon this year compared to 4,259 in 2008.

The last death at the Detroit event was in 1994, when a 42-year-old man died of a heart attack after running more than 20 miles.

Sunday's three deaths came as a shock to friends and family of the men.

Brown, the oldest of those who died, usually ran the full Detroit marathons, but decided to join his wife in the shorter event, his friend Chip Allman said.

"He'd had some health problems which weren't related to running. He wasn't in the best of shape," said Allman, president of the River City Runners Club in

Parkersburg, W. Va. "He'd run some half marathons already this year and did well in them."

Langdon had run half marathons before, but hadn't trained for a full marathon, said his mother-in-law, Deborah Windish.

Fenlon jogged and weightlifted, was healthy and had no history of heart-related ailments, said his mother, Laura Fenlon.

Fenlon had run shorter races than a half marathon, including about four miles in last year's relay portion of the Detroit marathon and had been training with his girlfriend since June for Sunday's race, said his mother, Laura Fenlon.

"They had been running like six miles," Laura Fenlon said.

Lamppa said a runner should average between 50 and 70 miles per week when training for a full marathon, and 25 to 50 miles each week for the shorter version.

"I wouldn't take running the half marathon lightly," said Dr. Stephen Pribut, who has run two full marathons and specializes in sports medicine.

"In general, it's not something that we expect to kill you. It's odd and freaky to have three die in the same part of the course."

Local news briefs: Pistons, 'green' group home

Source: The Associated Press

Hurley hospital in Flint wins \$10,000 game room

FLINT — Hospitals in Michigan, Iowa and Mississippi have won new \$10,000 playrooms equipped with Xbox 360 video game systems, new TVs and computers. Xbox 360 and the Children's Miracle Network announced the winners of the online contest on Monday.

They are Hurley Medical Center in Flint, University of Iowa Children's Hospital and Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The online contest began Sept. 3 and ended Friday.

Dr. Brian Nolan is the director of clinical pediatrics at Hurley. WNEM-TV and WEYI-TV quote him as saying the games will give young patients "distractions from the many tests and procedures they're going through."

Installation of the room is expected to take place over the next few months.

Police: Detroit-area man bites neighbor on mouth

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — Police say a Detroit-area man bit through a neighbor's lips after he picked up a football that accidentally had been tossed onto his lawn by some teenagers. Daniel Allen is accused of confiscating the football Sunday evening and refusing to return it until a 28-year-old parent walked up to him and asked for the ball.

Clinton Township Detective Capt. Richard Maierle says Allen attacked the man, and "the bite went nearly all the way through his mouth."

The 44-year-old was arraigned Monday on a charge of assault with intent to maim. That's a 10-year felony.

He was being held in the Macomb County jail.

Maierle tells The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens the victim was taken to a hospital for treatment of deep lacerations on the upper and lower lips.

Detroit Pistons donating 1,000 pairs of new shoes

AUBURN HILLS — The Detroit Pistons teamed up with a charity to donate 1,000 pairs of new shoes and socks to kids.

The team was scheduled to be on hand Tuesday to help distribute the shoes at a Detroit event. It was part of the NBA Cares "Week of Service," where NBA teams are giving a day of community service.

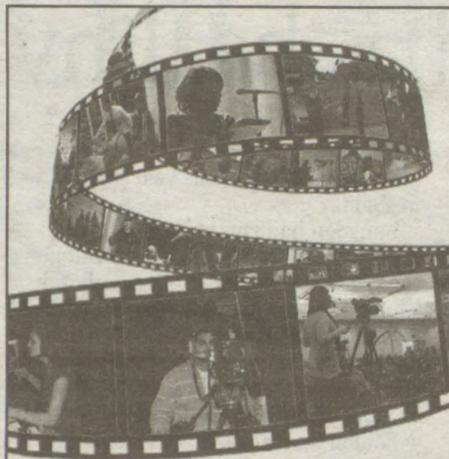
The team was working with Charlotte, N.C.-based Samaritan's Feet on the project.

Farmington Hills nonprofit group dedicates 'green' group home

FARMINGTON HILLS — A nonprofit group that serves people with developmental disabilities is marking the completion of a "green" barrier-free group home in Farmington Hills.

The group, called JARC, held a dedication of "The Nusbaum Home" on Tuesday. The home was built in part from recycled materials, has geothermal heat and water, and features donated furniture from area companies. It's designed so that solar panels can be added in the future.

The Jewish group was founded in 1969 and is based in the Detroit suburb of Farmington Hills. It's one of the nation's largest providers of community-based residential services for people with developmental disabilities.



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Ideas for Mich. budget released

By KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

LANSING — For years, public policy experts have said Michigan needs to consolidate school districts and local governments, revamp its tax structure and improve how it runs.

The Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency this past week released a six-page list of recommendations on steps the state can take to align its spending and resources.

The list of preliminary recommendations includes allowing the state superintendent to consolidate school districts if at least 5 percent savings can be shown, letting around 7,000 more inmates eligible for parole out of prison and targeting payments to local governments.

Senate Fiscal Agency director Gary Olson, who sits on the commission, said that some of the suggestions "are more warm and fuzzy than others" — and some will be extremely controversial. But he said policymakers have to look at ways to reduce government costs if the state's going to meet its constitutional requirement to balance its budget at a time when revenues are dropping.

The commission's recommendations include Democratic House Speaker Andy Dillon's proposal for all public employees in Michigan — those working for public schools, universities, community colleges and state and local governments — be required to consolidate into one health insurance system.

It also suggests having the state allot a portion of state payments to local governments, K-12 school districts, universities and community colleges charging workers at least the same health care premiums that state workers pay and offering benefit packages no richer than what state civil service

employees get.

And it says the state should investigate the possibility of charging newly hired state employees a different rate to purchase health insurance than current employees — and even putting them on a lower pay scale.

It also calls for using \$300 million from the school aid fund to support community colleges and moving more four-year programs to community colleges.

The recommendations say a portion of the reduction in state aid to schools could be covered by luring 10,000 public school employees already eligible to retire to quit by giving them a \$5,000 state bonus that's matched by local school districts, phased in over three years.

Many of the other ideas also are sure to spark opposition. For instance, the commission suggests getting rid of the Michigan Promise Grant scholarship program, something the Legislature just did but that Gov. Jennifer Granholm is trying to reverse.

House Fiscal Agency director Mitch Bean, who also serves on the commission, said he hopes policymakers consider revamping the state's tax structure as they look toward the future. He said the general fund was just cut by more than \$700 million compared to the last fiscal year, and he thinks a \$1 billion shortfall is looming next year.

The commission is charged with making recommendations on how to consolidate and make more efficient state agencies' functions and services. Its final report to Congress and Gov. Jennifer Granholm is due Dec. 1.

Only two of its nine members — Bean and Olson — are from the public sector. The rest were appointed from the private sector.

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Patrolling the streets of OU

A day on the job with OUPD's youngest officer

By MIKE SANDULA
Staff Reporter

Officer Aaron Spencer originally went to school to become an engineer.

One day during his freshman year at Oakland Community College, however, he saw Oakland Police Academy's K-9 unit training outside and realized he'd rather be doing that.

"I was like, 'That's awesome!'" said Spencer. "It was one of those epiphany moments."

Citing his love for people and the outdoors, Spencer put down his T square and switched to criminal justice. He got his associate's degree from OCC in fall 2004. That winter, he transferred to Oakland University and became a sociology major with a concentration in criminal justice.

During his time as a student at OU, he worked as a cadet at the police station. He graduated in spring 2007 with honors and after 16 weeks of training at the police academy, he joined OUPD in August 2008.

Working for OUPD

Now Spencer serves as the youngest officer at OU and currently has no plan to work elsewhere.

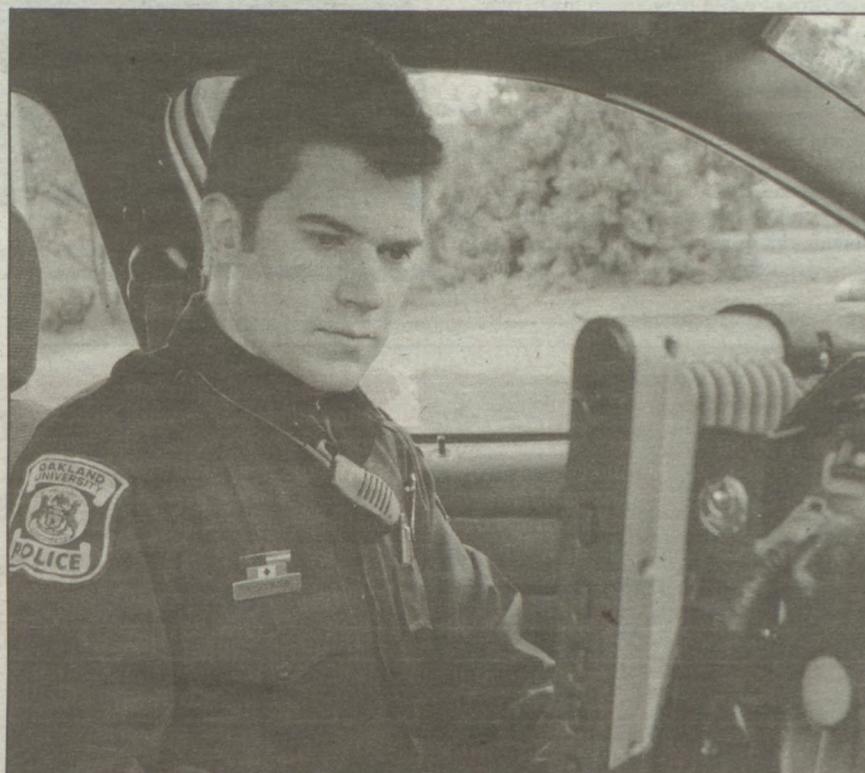
He said he really likes the OU community because he said the administration treats the officers very well and he gets along great with his co-workers.

"We goof around a lot; we're all pretty close," said Spencer of his fellow OUPD officers.

The closeness comes with the job because of the irregular hours officers have to work, said Spencer. He said the schedule has a big impact on family and social life, which makes it the toughest part of the job.

One of the best parts of the job for Spencer is getting to do a variety of things and being able to drive around during his shift.

"If you don't like the view from your



Spencer works on the computer installed in his cruiser to look up driving records, criminal histories, and to communicate with other officers.

office, you can always change it," Spencer said.

Although some departments work 10 or 12 hour shifts, the OUPD work eight-hour shifts. He currently works 3 to 11 p.m. five days a week. Off days are rotated within the staff.

When he's not on duty, Spencer said he likes to work out, travel, play with his dog and go to the shooting range.

"Can't be a cop and not like guns," Spencer said.

Writing and Riding

Spencer spends a portion of his eight-hour shift driving around campus and

the roads that border OU, checking to make sure drivers are obeying traffic laws.

"[Chief Lucido] is pretty cool and as long as we handle our calls and keep the place safe, there's no pressure to go handing out tickets," Spencer said.

Because OUPD doesn't make money from the tickets they issue, Spencer said he only writes them if it's the only way to get the message across. He also takes a driver's age and driving record into consideration.

He said tickets aren't about the money, but rather about educating drivers and helping to make the roads safer.

"With tickets, there are points and fines and I have to think 'Does this kid

need this?'" Spencer said.

Rather than issuing tickets, he prefers to just "give them an earful."

"If I can get them to realize what they've done and change their ways, then I've done my job," he said.

Cops also assume a lot of responsibility when making a stop because they have to look out for the other drivers on the road, which can make it dangerous. Also, once the stop is made, cops are always at risk of being hit by passing vehicles.

"More cops get hit by cars than anything," Spencer said of police officers in general, although not necessarily for OUPD officers.

When he's not behind the wheel of his cruiser, Spencer is at the police station, usually with pen and paper in hand.

"There's a lot of writing in police work," Spencer said. Police reports, which involve following up on things and tracking people down to talk to them, eat up a lot of time, he said. Officers sometimes need to make court appearances to defend tickets.

He said the most common reports are of items stolen from unlocked lockers and students locking their keys in their cars, particularly during midterms or finals when students are at their peak stress levels.

The station also does other services like fingerprinting and the maintenance of a lost and found report.

Being Ready

All officers carry a HeartStart defibrillator when they're on the road and continue to take training courses after they are hired.

"We train day in and day out," Spencer said.

OU invests a lot of money in training and safety equipment, according to Spencer, who said OUPD is better

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trained than other departments.

Ongoing department training courses for police officers include firearm instruction and intensive eight-to-12-hour refresher courses on first aid.

"Medical stuff gets your heart pumping," but despite undergoing intensive preparation, Spencer said it "doesn't



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post
The life-saving citation Spencer received for his efforts in December 2008.

mean you're ever ready for that kind of thing."

Four months into his career as a police officer, all of Spencer's training with the OUPD paid off when he earned a life-saving citation.

He was making his rounds one day in December 2008 when he saw a girl lying in a snowbank. She had fallen down after having a seizure. Spencer got her medical attention.

Afterward, the girl's family contacted Spencer, thanking him for his actions and crediting him with saving the girl's life.

"We took pictures, I shook hands with [Chief] Lucido and I got this medal," Spencer said, pointing to his uniform. The small, rectangular badge, which has a red cross in the center, is now pinned on the right side of his chest, above his name.

"It was the biggest and most distinctive thing I could hope for in my career and boom, right out of the gate, it happened," Spencer said.

Although such dramatic occurrences are rare, Spencer said OUPD invests a lot of resources to prevent crisis situations.

"On a college campus, you want to feel safe and be safe," Spencer said. "We spend a lot of money and time training to make it safe."



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Officer Spencer in front of his police cruiser. Spencer said he enjoys working in the OU community because of his love of working with people and being outdoors.



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Sexual orientation causes rifts in Episcopal Church

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CHARLESTON — Episcopalians in the Diocese of South Carolina will consider resolutions this week to distance the diocese from the national Episcopal Church because of its positions on same-sex marriage and ordination of gays.

One of the resolutions calls for the diocese to also work with other churches opposed to the national church's stance on those issues.

"It would be a withdrawal from some of the national councils of the church," said Canon Kendall Harmon. "It's about as far as you can get but still be in."

Representatives from congregations in the diocese meet Saturday for a special convention in Mount Pleasant. The diocese comprises 75 parishes in the lower and eastern part of the state.

In calling for the convention last summer, Bishop Mark Lawrence said false teachings are affecting the national church "like an intrusive vine."

"I have called this the false Gospel of Indiscriminate Inclusivity because I see a common pattern in how the core doctrines of our faith are being systematically deconstructed," Lawrence said.

In 2003, the national church consecrated its first

openly gay bishop and last summer, at its national convention, authorized bishops to bless same-sex unions.

In 2006, the Diocese of South Carolina and two others opposing consecration of gay bishops voted to reject the authority of the national church's presiding bishop, but stopped short of a full break with the church.

In June, four breakaway conservative dioceses formed the Anglican Church in North America, a rival national province to the Episcopal Church. Dozens of individual parishes have also joined. But the Diocese of South Carolina is not considering that.

"The only model that's been out there for us has either been leave or acquiesce, and that hasn't been working," Lawrence said Monday.

"We need to get the 30,000 members of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina awakened to the challenges before us," he added. "Once we have done that, then the question is how do we engage the larger Episcopal Church?"

One of the resolutions to be debated Saturday says the national church has "failed to operate within the boundaries of its canons and continued participation in such behavior would make the Diocese of South Carolina complicit in this dysfunction."

It authorizes the bishop and the diocesan Standing Committee "to begin withdrawing from all bodies of the

Episcopal Church that have assented to actions contrary to Holy Scripture, the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this Church has received them."

Harmon likened the resolution to a wife in a troubled marriage moving to a room down the hall.

"The point is it's intended to save the marriage and she is still in the marriage and she is still in the house," he said. "You're trying to do something that is inherently contradictory in order to be heard."

He said it's hard to gauge whether the resolution will pass and wouldn't speculate.

Another resolution calls on the diocese to work with other dioceses and parishes with similar commitments.

Delegates also will consider a resolution saying the diocese will not condone prejudice against anyone, "including those who believe themselves to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. Nevertheless, we will speak the truth in love as Holy Scripture commends for the amendment of life required of disciples of Christ."

Many conservative Episcopalians believe Scripture forbids same-sex relationships.

The 2.3 million-member Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the Anglican Communion, a 77 million-member communion that is the third-largest group of churches worldwide, behind the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christian churches.

Shark attacks Maui surfer

KIHEI, Hawaii — A 54-year-old man has been attacked by a shark while surfing off Maui.

Maui County spokeswoman Mahina Martin says the unidentified man was bitten Monday morning in the upper right thigh and lower right ankle off Kalama Beach Park.

He man was transported to Maui Memorial Medical Center. His condition wasn't immediately available.

Martin says a 6- to 8-foot sand shark is believed to have carried out the attack.

California toddler OK after 30-foot fall onto rocks

ANTIOCH, Calif. — A California toddler is alive after falling 30 feet from an apartment window and landing on concrete and rocks. Contra Costa County Fire Capt. Charles Thomas said the 22-month-old boy was alert and crying after the three-story plunge Sunday in Antioch that left him with just a cut on his abdomen, a bruised lung and a bump on his head.

The boy appeared to have climbed onto furniture near an open window and fell after pushing against the screen. He landed on concrete and a bed of rocks.

Judge rules against LA's medical pot moratorium

LOS ANGELES — A judge has temporarily barred Los Angeles from enforcing a moratorium on medical marijuana clinics.

Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant on Monday granted a preliminary injunction sought by Green Oasis, a medical marijuana collective that sued last month.

The judge ruled that the City Council failed to follow state law when it extended an initial ban on new dispensaries.

The injunction only applies to Green Oasis but it could inspire other dispensaries to sue.

Hundreds of marijuana facilities have opened in the city in recent years. The city ban permitted only 186 to operate.

Police stop driver for 15 violations in 11 minutes

GOSSAU, Switzerland — Authorities say an Italian man took reckless driving to new heights in 11 frantic minutes of traffic violations in eastern Switzerland. They said they first spotted the 47-year-old driver as he sped his jeep past an unmarked police car at 160 kph (100 mph) in a rainstorm Sunday.

Driving dangerously close to other cars on the autobahn, he then allegedly ignored police attempts to pull him over — first with a stop sign, and then with flashing lights and sirens.

Police say the man drove through a construction zone at 140 kmh (87 mph), nearly twice the speed limit, before being stopped.

They seized the man's driver's license, and a judge ordered him tested for medications and illegal drugs.

Police said Monday the man racked up 15 traffic violations in 11 minutes.

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Having ha-ha's about ta-tas

An editor needs to get something off his chest about cancer awareness

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I hate cancer. Cancer sucks.

It's taken too many good people from us and it slows down those battling against it. You're out having a good time and BAM! Overzealous cells reproduce out of control and mess everything up.

Yes, it's a very serious subject. But I strongly feel that if I can't mouth off about something, then that something has won.

Cancer doesn't get to win.

That's why I love the "Save the ta-tas" campaign.

October is breast cancer awareness month, and I'd be a boob not to write about it.

The organization sells clothes with its clever slogans and uses the money to help fight breast cancer and raise awareness. They have a sense of humor about it, and I appreciate that.

I'm all for pink ribbons and cancer walks, so this isn't saying that other organizations aren't as good. The Susan G. Komen foundation is one of many other organizations that are all in this fight together, but I'm not going to go tit-for-tat on the subject.

"Laughter heals," reads one of the shirts, available at savethetatas.com.

Other shirts available include sayings like "Thanks for noticing, save the ta-tas," "Kiss me, I'm a survivor," and a buxom supply of other slogans, with all of the graphics placed exactly where you expect them to be.

Cancer is a terrible affliction, and I very much appreciate the female anatomy. I have to admit that I might be biased on the subject; breast cancer is going after something near and dear to my heart, a subject I have given ample attention to.

As a man, I'm trying very carefully not to offend anyone with my humor. My editor doesn't want people knocking on her door with complaints, but as a fan of controversy I'd love to see a long line of knockers.

There are ample opportunities to use humor to help out a cause. Here are some ideas we can implant to keep people abreast:

A: Sell the Save the ta-tas shirts in popular stores. There are a lot of different styles, so make sure you have a big rack.

B: Put various containers near cash registers with funny sayings on them, in support of fighting breast cancer. People always put money in those jars, so I want to see lots of jugs and cans out there.

C: Sell a collection of entertaining toys in a pouch to give to kids, with the money going to research. When the holiday season comes around, we could give out tons of these fun bags.

D: Give out information packets with details about cancer to keep people informed on the matter. Knowledge is power, and we need to keep people's minds



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With no chance in hell any picture Dan Simons could come up with would be allowed in the paper, we opted for an innuendo collage.

informed, their noggins educated, and their melons full.

DD: Get a mascot. I think we should go with an avian creature, like the North American Tufted Titmouse, the Barred owl AKA the Eight Hooter owl, or the Blue-footed Booby of the Galapagos islands.

But it all has to be done with humor, because that's the point I'm trying to get to. Breast cancer is fought, not dealt with. It leaves heroes, not victims. The seriousness of the subject is the cleavage that divides laughing and helping. It is foundations like Save the ta-tas that lifts and separates that attitude and allows people to laugh while fighting.

Can't we do this with other cancers? We can start a foundation for testicular cancer awareness and call it "Aww, nuts!" They would sell men's undergarments and snack packs of almonds, cashews and macadamias.

Or, "Don't kick my ass," an organization developed to help prevent colon cancer. Shirts would read "Don't let your : become a :." (Say it out loud.)

It doesn't just have to be cancer organizations that

funny-up. "Preventing global warming is cool!" or "Don't be insane, join the Humane ... society!"

I guess it's a lot easier to be funny when anatomy is involved. Those last jokes were kind of a bust.

Despite my fun with puns, the bottom line is that I like to laugh as much as I like to help, so why can't more organizations do both? Comedy won't get to the bosom of the problem, but it can bring people together like a series of clasps and straps and offer lots of support through humor. Being a charity with chuckles is a positive thing, and I think we should shine a big light on them, like a pair of giant headlights.

Join me in between the giggling and say down with tumorous ta-tas, no more malignant mammaries, and even though they aren't as dangerous, boo to benign boobies. Laugh while you donate, smile while you find a cure, and remember that laughter heals.

For more information and how to help, please research savethetatas.com, ww5.komen.org, or thepinkribbon.org.