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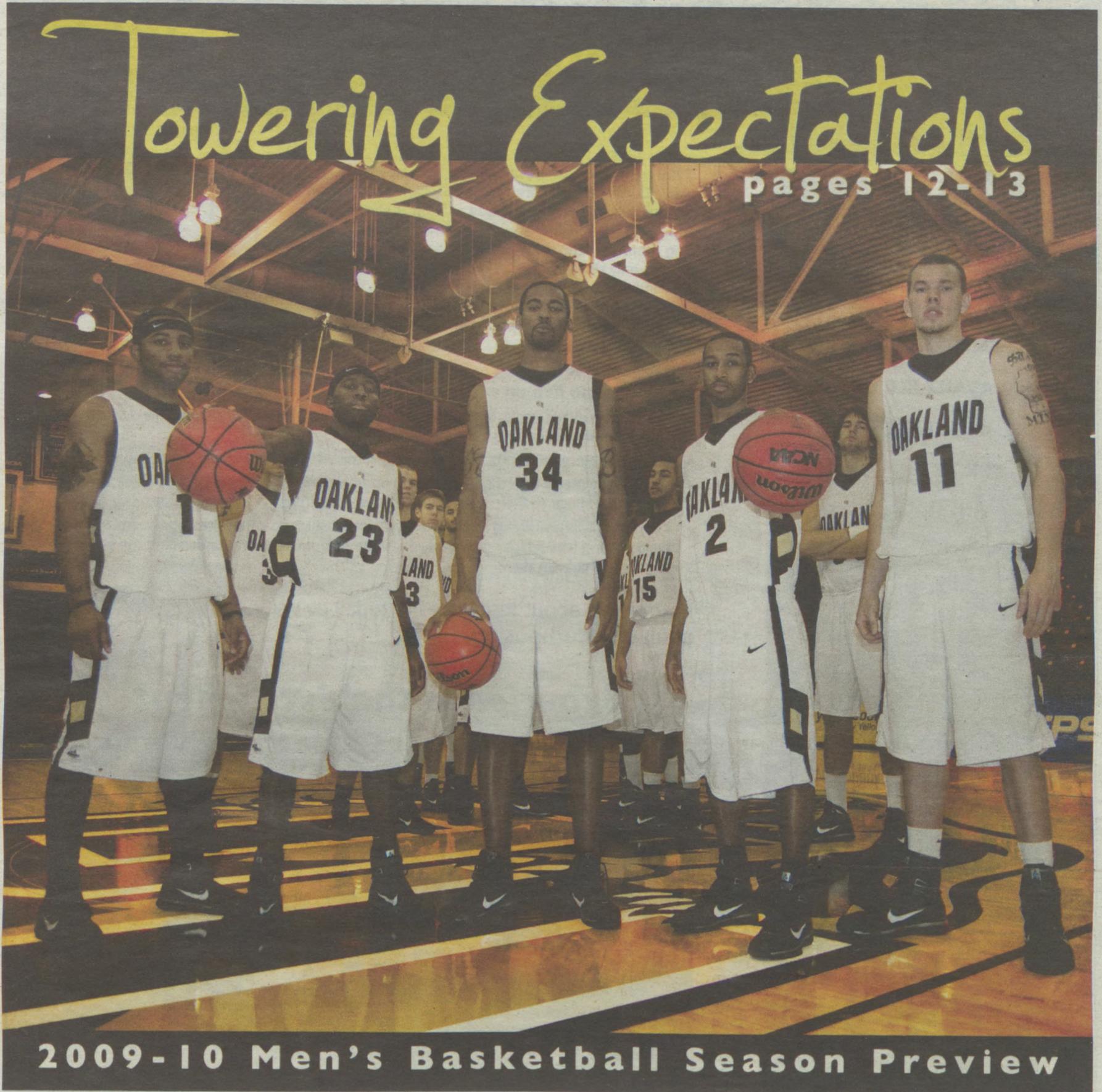
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STAFF EDITORIAL

A can-do attitude

Toss your goods into The Oakland Post's box

Are you gonna eat that?

It's the can of green beans, refried beans or garbanzo beans collecting dust in your kitchen. Its fate is likely similar to that box of scalloped potatoes that's never going to get eaten because frankly, instant mashers are just way easier. It's not that it's bad food, it's just not likely it's going to get eaten in the next decade if it remains where it is.

One way to rotate your stock this year is by donating those canned goods to Gleaners Food Bank through the "All for One" community-giving program going on at Oakland University now through Nov. 20.

There are donation boxes all around campus sporting the names of participating student organizations, including one in front of The Oakland Post's office in the basement of the Oakland Center, where you can unload your goods. Dry foods like pasta (such as Ramen Noodles or Maruchan) and cereal are also accepted.

Too many rolls of toilet paper laying around? Never actually scrub your

bathtub? Cleaning supplies and other household items are also accepted.

The Post is competing with the other organizations sponsoring this drive to see which one can collect the most goods and money for bragging rights. So in the spirit of friendly competition and doing a good deed, The Post is urging you to drop your goods in our box while picking up your weekly paper.

A second part of this drive is raising money for the Oakland University general scholarship fund. Organizers are asking that those who can, donate \$1 along with their cans. The cash can be donated at The Post's office, or down the hall at the Center for Student Activities office ticket window.

As the holiday season nears, we may get anxious about the pressure to give back. Especially when there's a disparity in numbers between those able to give back to those who need help.

If there was ever an era that characterizes the "broke college student," it would be now. Many of us are struggling to be here, putting ourselves

through school or working to keep our families afloat while they support our education. But the honest fact is, we are lucky to be here.

By no means is The Post saying you should donate money or food if it's not within your budget. But if you can, kindly drop it in our box.

Maybe there's something else that you can do this year to give back, in your own way that doesn't cost \$1 per can or \$1 you would otherwise use on your own sustenance.

If you're like The Post's Mouthing Off editor, maybe you could chop off your excessively long hair for a child who doesn't have any.

If you're like The Post's managing editor and editor in chief, you could drop off a load of barely worn clothes and shoes at the Salvation Army.

Or if you're like The Post's You/Local editor, you could volunteer a few hours of your time through OU service organizations like Alpha Phi Omega.

We all have things we can live without that maybe others couldn't.

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Unconditional love: no room for cheating or insecurities



John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe were doing it in the 60s. Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky did it in the 90s. Steve Phillips and Brooke Hundley did it this year.

They all have "it" in common: All of the couples were having an affair.

While looking for statistics on how many marriages end in divorce due to infidelity, I start

to type "divorce due to ..." and an auto-complete window pops up with a list of what I might be searching for, with "adultery" as the first available completion.

Bill Mitchell is an author who specializes in solution-based investigative strategies to marriages facing infidelity. In 2008 he compiled a list of statistics on his blog that he had been collecting since 1971. According to Mitchell's statistics, 60-70 percent of adultery victims are women, while 30-40 percent of the victims are men.

I am a part of a very committed relationship with a wonderful man, and we will be celebrating our fourth anniversary at the end of January. We trust each other completely, and we don't worry about each other cheating.

But, we have the understanding that if ever there was a desire to be with someone else, we both would much rather know about it up front, rather than find out later

after the cheating had taken place.

It's very easy not to cheat. I haven't cheated on anyone in my whole 22 years in existence.

One thing that has helped me is this thought: How would I feel if my boyfriend was doing the same thing? I believe strongly that if more people in relationships brought this simple piece of strategy into their lives, a lot less cheating would take place. All I have to do is put myself in my boyfriend's place, and think about how upset I would be if he did certain things behind my back.

How would I feel if I found out my boyfriend had just kissed another girl? How would I feel if he had slept in someone else's bed, even without any sort of physical connection?

What a person considers cheating is really up to them. But the "it doesn't matter as long as you come home to me" concept is total crap, and really just a result of complete insecurity. Find someone who loves you unconditionally, to the point that they know how much it would hurt you if they cheated on you.

• 10-20 percent of cheating begins in online chat rooms or game websites.

• 10-25 percent of affairs cause financial ruin in the marital home.

• 10 percent of infidelities involve physical abuse with the spouse within the time the affair takes place.

• 50-75 percent of affairs take place with someone from the workplace.

• 10-20 percent of the victims of cheating claim to be Christians, and that their spouse also takes part in church or religious activities regularly.

Source: Bill Mitchell, author of *The More You Know*

No one deserves to be cheated on. Whether the significant other decides to forgive the cheater is up to that person, but consider the loss of trust in that relationship. I don't think it would be worth it to cheat, for even if my boyfriend forgave me afterward I probably wouldn't be able to handle him never trusting me again.

What may be worse than cheating is thinking marriage will solve the problem. He's not going to stop cheating just because you slide a ring on his finger and force him to say "I do."

This is in no way meant to be a man-bash of any sort. Women are as capable of cheating as men are.

Then there is the person who finds himself involved in an affair with someone that is married when they themselves are not. Those people are usually viewed as "home wreckers," even though it's not entirely their fault. It's just another example of people not being able to take responsibility for wrong doing.

When a person cheats, they're dealing with multiple issues of insecurity. For a person to be in a committed relationship, they need to be able to love themselves entirely before they give love to another.

Rapists deserve death, disgust

By JALLEL OMARI
Guest columnist

I am not a victim of assault. I have always been blessed, lucky or just coincidentally, have never, in my 24 years, had another person attack me.

Not everyone, however, is so fortunate. Last Wednesday I read the column in The Post about the recovery of a rape survivor. After reading the column, I found an emotion building in me. Fury.

I have been told that when people commit crimes, forgiveness should be called for. But, above and beyond such forgiveness, what about the implications to society, the criminal, and the victim? Forgiveness doesn't annihilate the truth.

I ask a few questions, which perhaps you maybe also ask yourself: Where is compassion? Where is kindness? Where is justice?

It is the victim who best knows the crime committed against them, and has had their sense of justice forced out of hiding, completely against their own will, without any pretension of righteousness. The victim's sense of compassion is also perfectly evident, laid bare by the unasked-for assault against it. The victim's sense of kindness, which has been horribly maligned, cannot help but be aware of its own existence when in such agony.

To be short, the minimization of the wrongdoing of these crimes trivializes the victim's pain. And by trivializing their pain, we have crushed justice, and, brutally and cruelly murdered compassion, kindness and common decency.

I feel that the person who commits rape deserves to die. Please don't misunderstand; it isn't our job to give them their death. Individuals were never supposed to kill people, and if we choose to be humble in our government and give up the decision of life or death as not belonging to us, we give up capital punishment as well. But to pretend that this crime does not deserve death when it does is a terrible crime.

Here is why: compassion and kindness demand recognition of the crime.

By minimizing the crime, and forgetting the weight of its horror, we add to the suffering of the victim, and fail to help all parties involved.

I would suggest that we should forgive, but not forget. Let's always remember to be furiously upset at the mere existence of such criminals, and hold them up to a standard of real public disgust — an example of open public shame — until they become ashamed of their own arrogance, acquire some real disgust at themselves, and, hopefully, quietly confess their own crimes, and pay at least the small penalty dealt out by the law.

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Housing proposal tabled

Plans for 3 new buildings removed from BOT agenda due to timing

By MIKE SANDULA
Staff Reporter

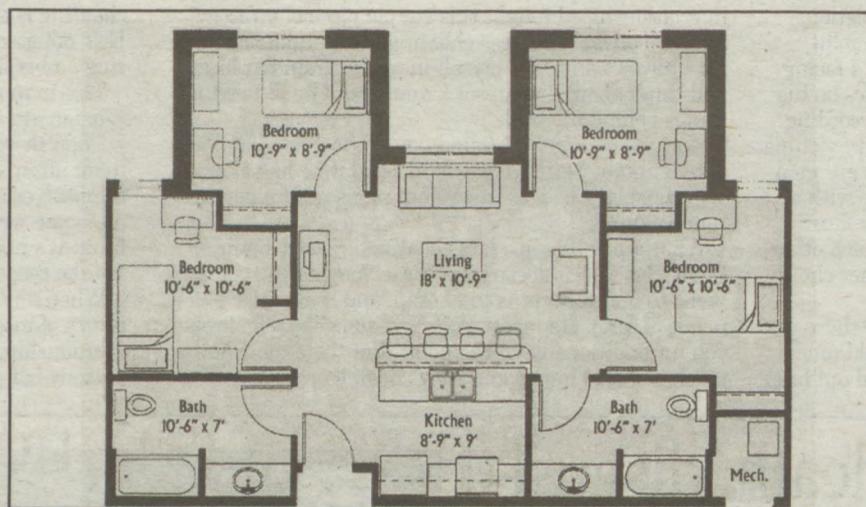
For the last three years, Oakland University's residence halls have had more than a 100 percent occupancy rate.

This year, in line with a 4.1 percent enrollment increase, OU Housing saw a record number of requests to live on campus, prompting the unpopular decision to convert 112 single rooms into doubles. About 130 students were put on a waiting list.

With the William Beaumont School of Medicine expected to open in 2011, and undergraduate enrollment expected to continue rising, Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, proposes to double the number of beds on campus over the next 30 years.

Snyder was planning to address the finance, audit and investment committee on Wednesday, but her proposal was removed from the agenda.

"The board (of trustees) wanted to work on the Human Health Building before anything else," Snyder said, adding that she and the board agreed that the Human Health Building should be cleared financially before pursuing



Above is a floor plan for the four-bedroom unit in the proposed housing complex which would double the number of beds on campus over the next 30 years. The proposal was taken off the board of trustees agenda for Wednesday's meeting to make room for the planning of the Human Health Building.

another construction project.

Though the new housing would be paid strictly through increased room and board rates, therefore not affecting the general fund, the proposed \$28 million project would still be on Oakland's books

as debt, and Snyder said they can't afford to take on too much debt at once.

University housing currently has 1,878 beds. The proposed housing complex would double that number over the next 30 years.

The first phase would add 438 beds through a three-building apartment complex that could open by summer 2012.

The U-shaped building complex is expected to be built between Vandenberg Hall and Walton Boulevard and would contain all apartment-style housing with each suite containing two or four bedrooms, a bathroom, and either a full kitchen or a kitchenette, as well as common areas throughout the building.

"We're continuing to look at it," Snyder said, "and I remain hopeful that we'll be able to bring it up within the next few months."

Snyder said the push back won't alter the design or size of the housing project and that it's merely a timing issue.

"In an economy that is tough, we all want to be very cautious about the debt the university is taking on and would be able to pay off," Snyder said.

In the meantime, she said she still expects an increasing demand in housing, and will continue to be required to have waiting lists.

"Our goal is to house as many freshmen and sophomores, in particular, as we can on campus," said Snyder. "If it requires doubling up rooms, we'll have to maintain that practice."

On the agenda: Human Health Building and Coke or PepsiCo?

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

While the proposal for the three new housing buildings was removed from the agenda, Oakland University's board of trustees are still scheduled to discuss the Human Health Building and Pepsi's expiring 10-year contract.

The OU administration will give the OU board of trustee's Finance, Audit and Investment Committee recommendations on these topics, and a finance report on Wednesday, Nov. 4 in the Elliot Hall auditorium.

The committee will review and question the items, and present the findings to the entire board at the next general board meeting Monday, Nov. 9. The board can choose to approve or reject items on the agenda.

The agenda for the Nov. 9 meeting is not available to the public yet, but the Nov. 4 agenda has been released, which includes the Treasurer's report.

The following are the major items in Nov. 4 agenda.

Hiring a Contractor

The administration is recommending that the board approve The Christman Company to be the construction manager for the Human Health Building to be built at the corner of Squirrel and Walton on campus.

The building is to cost \$61.7 million, \$40 million of which is to be funded by the state of Michigan.

The administration recommended that payments to The Christman Company not exceed \$2.8 million.

OU reviewed the bids from other companies for the project.

According to vice president for finance and administration and treasurer John Beaghan, Barton Mellow bid \$2.5 million and Rewold/Skanski bid \$3.3 million.

According to the administration, Barton Mellow, despite its lower cost, was not recommended because of "inadequate preconstruction services, lesser ability to manage LEED projects and a higher construction fee percentage."

Pouring Rights Agreement

Coke or PepsiCo? The administration is recommending that the board approve PepsiCo to continue as OU's exclusive beverage supplier for the next 10 years.

Pepsi is the current drink supplier, due to a 10-year contract approved in 1999. OU said Pepsi will give an estimated \$4 million over the next 10 years in "financial considerations" to departments including athletics, fundraising and marketing, in exchange for the exclusivity.

Beaghan said in the agenda that proposals were made by Pepsi and Coca-Cola (Faygo and Metro Vending were invited to bid but didn't) and reviewed by the Pouring Rights Committee, which included several OU administrators, as well as the student body president and vice president.

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Mich. budget passes without Promise Scholarship

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

Michigan's 2009-10 budget was finally approved by the state senate and signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Friday, Oct. 30, and Oakland University got what it expected in funding from the state, minus some funding for scholarships.

"We knew what we were gonna get from day one for higher education," said Rochelle Black, OU's vice president for government relations.

The state budget allocated about \$1.5 billion for spending in higher education a 0.4 percent decrease from last year. An additional \$68 million is to be allocated to it from the federal stimulus bill.

OU is to get \$50.7 million from the state, and \$1.5 million from the stimulus package, overall \$52.2 million.

OU predicted it would get \$51.7 million total. The \$50.7 million in state appropriations — taxpayer money the state gives toward the budget — was as estimated, but it ended up getting about

\$0.4 million more from the stimulus bill.

Black said "we should be grateful for" the maintenance of effort provisions clause in the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, which is part of the government stimulus package, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

She said this clause said that appropriations awarded to OU and other state universities will still be granted because federal stimulus money will hold steady.

"This is unless (Granholm) filed for a waiver, which she didn't," Black said. "We dodged a bullet ... temporarily."

Next year the state won't have the stimulus money to fall back on, so she thinks it'll be harder for public universities. She said that relative to some institutions, public universities did pretty well this year.

Michigan will provide \$84.5 million for student financial aid this year, a 61 percent cut from last year.

State competitive scholarships was decreased by \$17.9 million.

Cindy Hermsen, director of financial aid at OU, said OU students can expect

to receive approximately \$370,000 in funding for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship.

Several scholarships and grants were cut altogether, including the Michigan Promise Grant, nursing scholarships, Michigan Work-Study Program, Part-Time Independent Student Program and Michigan Education Opportunity Grants.

"Last year over 12,000 OU students received over \$100 million in financial aid funds from OU, federal, state and external sources. This year I expect about 13,500 OU students will receive about \$115 million," Hermsen said.

"I am particularly disappointed that the bill includes no funding for the Michigan Promise scholarships, and I strongly encourage the Legislature to get to work on finding the resources to keep this commitment to our students," Granholm said in a press release Friday. "We must keep the promise."

Students from several public universities, including OU, tried to call legislators to ask them to fund, not cut Promise, but this was unsuccessful.

Liz Boyd, Granholm's spokesperson, said it wasn't too late to find some sources of revenue — which usually means increased taxes — to fund Promise.

Black said this isn't likely to happen. "Truth is, people don't want their taxes raised," she said, adding, "I don't hear about how many jobs would have been lost for trying to keep the Promise scholarship."

Saman Waquad, vice president for OU student congress, said OUSC is not currently doing anything to revive Promise, but will join in if there's a movement in the future.

Hermsen said OU increased its student financial aid to help students with extenuating financial circumstances afford to go to OU.

"It's difficult to watch students struggle financially at a time when a college education is one of the answers to improving the economy," she said. "Although I'm very disappointed with the loss of state financial aid programs, OU has made a tremendous financial commitment to support OU financial aid programs."

Student orgs hold drive to raise food and scholarships

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

Fifteen Oakland University student organizations are collecting food for people who live in the area, and trying to raise money for OU students.

On Monday, Nov. 2, OU's American Marketing Association and the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi started the All for One community giving program, which runs until Friday, Nov. 20.

The program has the concept of \$1 + 1, meaning everyone is encouraged to donate \$1 to help support the OU Scholarship Fund, and donate one can or food item to the metro Detroit organization Gleaners Food Bank, to help families for Thanksgiving.

The idea originated with Steve St. Germain, who is the president of AMA and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, as well as the marketing director of The Oakland Post, and Jie Hua Lee, Alpha Kappa Psi's treasurer.

"We wanted to do a community give back program," St. Germain said. "Originally we were going to do this with just us (AMA and Alpha Kappa Psi), but in my experience, the best way to have a successful event is to work with other people."

The goal is to have at least 500 participants, meaning 500 items of food raised for poor local people and \$500 raised toward the scholarship fund.

The charity drive is also a competition of sorts. One of the 15 student organizations — including The Oakland Post — who are sponsoring the event can get a prize if more people donate food in its box and money in its name than they do for the other organizations.

Boxes of the different organizations, where people can drop in their food donations, are set up throughout the buildings on OU's main campus, and even one on OU's Macomb campus. To donate money, people have to contact the organization, or go to the Center for Student

Activities office in the basement of the Oakland Center.

"We wanted to integrate a competition, to try to get them to rally their networks to bring in more donations," St. Germain said.

He said AMA and Alpha Kappa Psi contacted all the student organizations at OU, and heard back from 13 others who were interested in sponsoring.

The winner will be announced at the party at the end of the drive, on Friday, Nov. 20, from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the OC. It's open to all, and will have free food, music and games.

St. Germain said people who donate \$1 at the CSA office will get a ticket stub. He said the individuals may also be able to win prizes at the party with the tickets.

St. Germain said originally the idea was to hold just a canned food drive, but then they got in touch with Starr Cornell, director of OU's Annual Giving Program.

He said Cornell had the concept of \$1 + 1, and they thought was a good idea.

The scholarship fund is utilized to help students with extenuating circumstances that prevent them from staying in school or completing their degree.

The Post's editor-in-chief Colleen Miller is one of the student org leaders who are hoping to win the drive.

"As an organization, we wanted to be involved in a charity drive, give back to the community somehow," Miller said.

One of the things The Post is doing as a sponsor is giving the program free advertising space.

"I like the fact that it's going toward a local organization and going toward the student body," she said, "and not to some anonymous face in another part of the country."

For a list of sponsoring organizations and where their boxes are, visit www.oaklandpostonline.com

STUDENT of the MONTH

Colleen Miller
Senior, Journalism

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OPTIONS may be running out

By SEAN GARNER
Senior Reporter

The program that provides people with mild cognitive difficulties an opportunity to observe and participate in Oakland University classes is no longer accepting new students.

The OU School of Education and Human Services decided several months ago that new students would not be admitted into the Oakland University Post-Secondary Transitions program.

OPTIONS currently serves eight students with disabilities that make admission into the university through traditional processes highly difficult to impose.

Robert Wiggins, associate dean of SEHS and founder of OPTIONS, said the program will continue as planned for the remaining eight students in the program, but the resources were beginning to be stretched too thin.

"We did not admit any new students this year, because we are not sure we can handle that many students," Wiggins said.

Wiggins said the departure of student consultant Lea Van Amberg, who left her part-time position in OPTIONS to take a full-time job elsewhere, played a role in the decision.

"Until we can determine what we will be doing in terms of how we will replace Lea or how well we can handle the students in the program, we simply can not admit any new members," Wiggins said.

OPTIONS found itself in the spotlight last year as one of its students, Micah Fialka-Feldman, sued OU after the university revoked his admission into campus housing.

Fialka-Feldman was one of the four charter members of OPTIONS in 2007 and is scheduled to be one of the first two students to receive a certificate of completion in May.

Students in OPTIONS do not receive grades for their work, and are not eligible to receive bachelor's degrees.

Jane Thompson, SEHS assistant, said although the students do not complete a normal curriculum, the skills they develop and hone make them much more competitive in the job market.

"They don't graduate in the sense that other students on campus do, but what they do do is get a certificate saying they have logged so many hours in a given concentration," Thompson said. "What it does is it shows potential bosses that they have been out there and had the experience of going to classes. They have developed social skills; they are able to be good advocates for themselves."

Wiggins said he anticipates OPTIONS will not admit any new students in either the winter or fall. He forecasts that the program will have only five students.

"That might be a more manageable number given the staff we have right now," Wiggins said.

Fialka-Feldman's fight, along with OPTIONS, may end

Micah Fialka-Feldman's fight to live on campus might come to an end sooner than planned.

Fialka-Feldman, a student in Oakland University's OPTIONS program who has a mild cognitive impairment, filed a federal law suit in November 2008 against the OU board of trustees to live on campus.

The case has been in litigation since then, and the trial is scheduled to begin in January.

However, both parties filed for summary judgment last week.

Summary judgment is a process by which the presiding judge of the case, in this case Patrick Duggan, can make a decision without a trial by ruling that one side does not have sufficient evidence for their claim.

Fialka-Feldman's chief lawyer, Chris Davis of Michigan Protection and

Advocacy Services, said approximately 90-95 percent of all civil cases are either settled or decided by summary judgment.

"It's really very rare that you see a case go all the way to trial," Davis said. "The courts and both sides involved usually want to see these cases resolved as quickly as possible."

Davis said that a host of evidence, including Fialka-Feldman's housing contract after he was initially accepted into campus housing, seriously weakens OU's case for revoking his admission.

"I really think we've a very good argument for summary judgment," Davis said. "It's not often you see the plaintiff file a motion like this, and I don't want to make a prognostication, but our claim is on very solid ground."

If Duggan were to rule in his favor, Fialka-Feldman would be allowed to live on campus until his graduation in May

from the OPTIONS program.

Robert Boonin of Butzel Long Law Firm, who is the chief representative of OU in this case, filed for summary judgment at roughly the same time, because he believes Fialka-Feldman's case is frivolous.

"We believe there is no legal merit to the claim," Boonin said. However, Boonin also qualified his statement, "I can't predict how the judge is going to rule."

If the summary judgment moves forward as planned, a ruling on Micah Fialka-Feldman vs. Oakland University board of trustees could be rendered as early as the coming month.

For previous coverage on Fialka-Feldman, visit www.oaklandpostonline.com.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Fialka-Feldman filed a lawsuit in November of 2008 against OU board of trustees.

Support services to celebrate student veterans on campus

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Staff Reporter

To coincide with the opening of the brand new Pontiac Veterans Center, Oakland University will be hosting a Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The event will give current and future student veterans a chance to meet fellow OU veterans and interact with representatives from the Pontiac Veterans Center, as well as learn more about the

newest student organization, Student Veterans of Oakland University.

The celebration will take place in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center and will include free food and beverages.

Student veterans Michael Brennan and Jason Hale will give presentations about their experiences in transitioning back to civilian life, and attendees of the event will be given information about how to get involved in the communities in which they live, and in the Oakland community.

Representatives from the Pontiac Veterans Center will be present at the event to speak with student veterans.

The newly-created center offers peer-group counseling, as well as assistance and guidance to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts on how to transition back into civilian life.

The center, located on Woodward Avenue in Pontiac, is also hoping to form a student organization at OU.

"Being commuters, this is hopefully a way of getting student veterans more

involved at Oakland," said Brennan, who is also the student veteran liaison. "We want all of them to have a community in which they can feel welcome."

All student veterans of Oakland are also being asked to submit pictures of themselves during their military duty or on drill. The pictures will be placed in the Oakland Center.

In addition to the Veteran Support Services office and Pontiac Veterans Center, the Center for Student Activities will be sponsoring the event.

POLICE FILES

STOLEN VEHICLE: On Oct. 27 around 1:10 a.m., a student reported her dark blue 2008 Toyota Corolla S, which was parked in P-5, had been stolen. The student said her car was parked in the lot since Oct. 25. She said she went to her car at one point on Oct. 26, and may have dropped her keys, but didn't realize the keys were missing until she discovered her car missing as well. The student drove around campus with a friend and still could not find the vehicle. Officers were unable to find the vehicle. Security cameras were not focused on the area where the vehicle was located at the time of theft, and there was no sign of breaking and entering. There were no suspects at the time of the police report.

MARIJUANA ODOR: On Oct. 28, OUPD responded to an odor complaint on the first floor of Hill House. The resident assistant for the floor said he smelled an odor resembling that of marijuana. While investigating, the officers noticed a door slightly ajar and could smell the odor of marijuana. Both residents of the room denied smoking. One of the officers then asked where the marijuana was in the room. At that point, one of the students pulled some marijuana from above his desk and admitted to smoking outside the window roughly an hour beforehand and was then issued a misdemeanor citation. No other marijuana was found.

ASSAULT OR SQUABBLE?: On Oct. 28, a student filed a report against a former roommate for an assault from a few weeks prior. The student said he and his roommate were arguing about music and it escalated to the point where the other roommate allegedly struck him in the forehead. University Housing gave the student a room change.

STOLEN POWER WHEELS: On Oct. 28, a resident on campus reported that his son's remote control Power Wheels Jeep was missing since Oct. 26. The complainant said he looked in the play area and some other porches of the other buildings. He was told to locate the serial number and contact the police department with the information.

WRONG WAY DRIVER: On Oct. 29 at around 4 p.m., a driver in a black BMW was pulled over for driving the wrong way in the Meadow Brook Road traffic circle. The driver had red, watery eyes and was talking on a cell phone. The officer was advised the Pontiac Police Department would pick up the driver on a warrant. The driver was handcuffed and placed in the back of the patrol car while the officer searched his car. No contraband was found. After several behavioral cues, the officer obtained a warrant to draw blood, which was submitted to evidence. The driver was issued a misdemeanor for driving without a license and a civil infraction for driving the wrong way.

DRINKING AND DRIVING: On Oct. 31, a man was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Butler Road near Meadow Brook Music Festival after being clocked at 55 mph in a 45 mph zone on Adams Road at 2:35 a.m. Upon contact, the officer detected alcohol on the breath of the driver. The driver told the officer he had stopped drinking a few hours prior. The driver had trouble completing the field sobriety tests, subsequently registering a .137 blood alcohol level on a preliminary breath test. He was arrested and transported to Oakland County Jail.

— Compiled by Editor-in-Chief Colleen J. Miller from OUPD media logs.

Dance department receives accreditation

By JENNIFER WOOD
Senior Reporter

Earlier this week, the department of music, theatre, and dance stole the spotlight and joined ranks of some of the most prestigious dance schools across the nation.

The National Association of Schools of Dance extended both accreditation and full membership to the OU dance department.

Greg Patterson, director of the dance program, was unavailable for a comment, but was quoted in a press release as saying, "Attending a dance program that is fully accredited with NASD reassures students that they will receive high professional training that is a nec-

essary step towards becoming a professional dancer."

The NASD prides itself in establishing a national standard for dance programs across the country. Currently, roughly 74 programs have received such recognition.

The NASD has strict criteria for the institutions which are welcome into association. The process, which Patterson described as grueling, involves NASD members observing classes, reviewing curriculum and interviewing a variety of university officials, including Patterson and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ron Sudol.

For more information on how to get involved in the OU dance program visit www.oakland.edu/mtd.



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Runners remember Tolan

In memory of an Oakland University student, friends and family organized a 5K run for Michigan's Gift of Life

By ANNIE STODOLA
You/Local Editor

Josh Tolan was a dedicated runner, student, employee, family member and friend.

Tolan, an Ortonville resident and Oakland University student, was killed in a car accident last June.

He graduated from Brandon High School in 2007.

In his memory, his family and friends are holding the Josh Tolan Memorial Gift of Life 5K Race at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Brandon High School.

Campus involvement

Tolan was extremely involved during his time at both OU and Brandon High School.

Not only was he named Homecoming King his senior year, but he also was the quarterback on the high school varsity football team.

Additionally, his classmate since fifth grade and girlfriend of two years, Kelsey Carmean, said he played the guitar and was passionate about music, regardless of the type.

Josh's mother, Renelle Tolan, said possibly his most significant interest was running, and that he was an extremely dedicated person.

"He'd work all day and still come home and run at night," she said.

He participated in track all four years of his high school career, and also ran a marathon during his senior year of high school.

While attending OU and taking additional classes at Oakland Community College, Josh was working two jobs.

Josh was focusing on health science at OU and was interested in possibly one day becoming a nurse anesthesiologist.

Family and friends

Two of the most important things to Josh were his family and his friends. Those who knew him said that he was most concerned about the people in his life.

Carmean said Josh's family was his number one priority.

"He was the most passionate about his family," Carmean said. "Family was hands down the most important thing in the world to Josh. He had a very close connection to them."

She said more people should have the sort of relationship with their families that Josh did.

"I think it's so important to have a close connection



Photo Courtesy of Renelle Tolan

Josh Tolan's family and friends are holding a memorial race for him Saturday, Nov. 7 at Brandon High School.

with your family and tell them you love them every day," Carmean said.

His mother said his friends also played an important role in his life.

"His friends were really the key thing that kept him going," she said.

A sunny outlook

Another thing that Carmean and Renelle think people could learn from Josh is to have a happier outlook on life.

"Josh was so easygoing and just wanted everyone around him to have a good time," Carmean said. "He just had fun, and that's what life is all about. Relax and enjoy it."

His mother said that he was one of the happiest people she has ever known and that he rarely got upset about anything.

"He was so giving and happy," she said. "He had a million-dollar smile."

Carmean said Josh refrained from letting things get to him too easily in spite of the pressures high school and college students face.

"He was always happy and carefree," Carmean said. "He didn't stress out about little things, he never got mad or complained."

Both women said Josh was someone who lived his life to the fullest, and Carmean hopes other people will follow his example.

"Embrace your life and be thankful for everything that you have, especially your parents," Carmean said.

Running for Josh

The idea for the memorial race came about after Carmean's mother, Linda Carmean, suggested they do something in remembrance of Josh. From there, Kelsey Carmean told the Tolan family and they began planning.

"It's just a way to get everyone together to remember Josh and help support the Tolan family," she said.

The family said they're grateful for all of the support from the community since the accident.

Registration for the race is \$20. All proceeds from the race will go toward Gift of Life.

"Josh was a caring and giving individual, which is one reason why we chose Gift of Life as the benefactor for the run," Renelle said.

Gift of Life is a nonprofit organization dedicated to organ donation programs, including signing up organ donors and raising awareness about the amount of people on the waiting list for organs.

According to the Gift of Life state chapter's website, about 3,000 Michigan residents are currently on the donation waiting list.

The group is also responsible for acting as a liaison between patients, families and doctors. Information on Gift of Life is available at giftoflifemichigan.org.

Josh was an organ donor, which also played a role in the decision to have the proceeds benefit the Michigan chapter of Gift of Life.

"Gift of Life has been so good to us and it's an amazing thing to know that parts of him are helping others to live their lives," Renelle Tolan said.

On the day of the race, participants will all release balloons to help celebrate Josh's birthday. He would have been 21 this year.

For information on the race, e-mail Carmean at kecarmea@oakland.edu or visit runmichigan.com.

OU alum works to help shape future

By ANNIE STODOLA
You/Local Editor

Advisers at Oakland University help hundreds of students decide on issues from choosing a major to analyzing personal strengths and weaknesses.

In the Advising Resource Center, Lindsay Oliver, a career and academic counselor, spends much of her time helping students decide their futures.

After earning her bachelor's degree and master's degree from OU, Oliver decided to apply for a job in the school's advising department.

"My first day here as a freshman, I fell in love with the campus and said that I wanted to work here after I graduated," Oliver said.

Another reason she decided to work at OU is because she wanted to help in an academic setting.

"I chose to work at a university because I want to help students as they shape their future," Oliver said.

Through counseling career services, students can take personality assessment tests. From there, Oliver helps them look at which careers and majors



Photo Courtesy of Oakland University
Lindsay Oliver, an OU graduate, works in the Advising Resource Center.

may suit them best.

Other tasks that Oliver takes on include one-on-one career counseling with undecided students, academic advising, and major exploration appointments.

Small group sessions, workshops, degree and majors fairs, and online workshops are also offered through the Advising Resource Center.

All services offered at the center are free to students.

An upcoming program from the center is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 5 from 12-12:50 p.m. in rooms 129 and 130 in the Oakland Center. The workshop, titled "How do your interests relate to your career choice?" is designed to help students think of ways they can make a living while doing things they enjoy.

Another upcoming advising event is an online workshop called "What can I do with this major?" on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4-4:50 p.m.

Oliver said she enjoys her career because she gets a chance to build a relationship with the students.

"I love that I get the chance to connect with students at a deeper level," Oliver said. "Our career workshops are a great way for students to learn about career exploration in a fun, interactive setting."

On the other hand, Oliver said that working at the Advising Resource Center can be challenging, as students aren't aware of the services the office provides.

Although Oliver spends a significant amount of time working with her students, she leads an active life outside of

the workplace as well.

When she isn't working, Oliver spends her time running, kick boxing and playing softball and volleyball.

"I love that I get the chance to connect with students at a deeper level."

— Lindsay Oliver,
academic adviser

Oliver said she most wants students to know that there are a multitude of programs being offered at the center

"The Advising Resource Center is a valuable resource for students to learn about majors and careers," Oliver said. "It's a great opportunity to learn about yourself and what you want in a career."

Students can schedule appointments with Oliver or the other advisers by calling 248-370-3227. The center is located in 121 North Foundation Hall.

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All or Nothing

Grizzlies view their upcoming season as a Golden opportunity



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By SEAN GARNER
Senior Reporter

What do you get when you have a point guard voted preseason conference player of the year, a center projected to go as high as the first round in the NBA draft, your best player from two years ago coming back from injury and several veteran role players returning?

Just a 0-0 team if you're asking Greg Kampe, head coach of the Oakland University men's basketball program.

High expectations

The hype is on overdrive for the Golden Grizzlies this winter. They are technically a unanimous favorite in the Summit League Preseason Media and Coaches' Poll. OU, which went 23-11 last year, received 34 first-place votes among the 35 voters in the poll, and the lone abstainer, Kampe, was prohibited from voting for his team by poll policy.

It is as typical for a coach to try to temper lofty expectations as it is for fans to be overly exasperated by them, but the tone with which Kampe blows off his team's "accomplishments" can only be described as amusing.

"I don't read that shit," said the cantankerous coach in reference to the menagerie of preseason publications that predict his Grizzlies will run away with the Summit League title and dance their way into the NCAA tournament. "I don't know if (my players) do, but I don't. We're 0-0, and when we play Eastern Michigan, they'll be 0-0. I don't think anything matters but the games. I don't give a crap whether they rank us first or last. We'll be ready to play when the time comes."

Whether Kampe appreciates or even cares about the preseason predictions, in the highly profitable Division I men's basketball, there are going to be plenty of people

with plenty of things to say about every league, even the Summit. It doesn't take a genius to figure out why the prognosticators are so infatuated with these Golden Grizzlies.

The players

In spite of his insistence that OU's 2009-10 team hasn't earned anything yet, you wouldn't inspire much of a debate from the 26-year head coach if you were to call this team his most capable and proven yet.

"One through 12, yes," said Kampe when asked if this team was the most talented he has ever had. "There's nobody out there that can't play."

At the all-important position of point guard, the Grizzlies return Johnathon Jones who was voted by the media and coaches as the preseason conference player of the year. Kampe calls Jones "the smartest player" and one of the highest-character individuals he has ever coached.

Jones led the entire nation in assists with an absurd 8.1 dishes per game last season. Kampe sees Jones as the biggest difference between this team and the last one that was picked to win the Summit League in 2003-04.

"If you look at that team, we had a lot of really good players, but we didn't have a point guard," Kampe said. "He knows me better than I know myself sometimes in terms of what I want out on the court."

Jones, like his coach, said he finds no comfort in his or the team's lofty preseason notices. Like every other player on the current roster, Jones has never played in an NCAA tournament game and said the wounds from narrow misses such as last year, when OU blew a double-digit second half lead to North Dakota State, are too fresh to be taken by preseason kudos.

"I'm preparing like the expectations are not there," Jones said. "A lot of us have been on this team for a few years and have been to a championship and tasted defeat.

That's motivation right there. With the expectations, we come knowing that we've lost games in the final seconds and we have that motivation. We don't let a lot of outside stuff motivate us."

Jones was joined on the preseason all-conference first team by teammates Keith "Kito" Benson and Derick Nelson.

Benson, a 6-11 junior center, broke out last season after playing a limited role off the bench his freshman season. He is lauded for his defensive ability after leading the league with 2.8 blocks per game, while wrestling down 7.8 rebounds. He also averaged over 14 points a game.

Benson has received acclaim unheard of for a Golden Grizzly. He participated in Amare Stoudemire's Skills Camp this summer alongside 13 other elite centers and power forwards in the country. In the most recent mock draft of the renowned NBA draft site nbadraft.net, Benson was projected to be taken by the Orlando Magic with the 29th pick in the first round.

"We have a kid who is projected to one day be good enough to get drafted in the first round of the NBA draft and he is 6-11," Kampe said. "There isn't a lot of that in our league."

The 6-5 fifth year senior Nelson, a guard-forward combo player, returns to action this year after missing all of last season with a broken foot. In the 2007-08 season, Nelson led the Grizzlies in both scoring (17.3 points per game) and rebounding (7.4) and was named to the all-conference first team.

Reports on Nelson's health have been positive thus far. "Last year was hard," Nelson said. "Being injured and having to sit out the whole year was tough. I did learn a lot watching from the sidelines. You see things about the game differently, and I knew this year we would have a good team. It was hard, but I'm glad I'm here now with this team again."

"I have never eased anybody into anything," Kampe



Derick Nelson
small forward

A foot injury cost Nelson his entire season last year, but he is healthy again. Nelson has received considerable conference accolades throughout his career, most recently being voted to the Preseason All-Summit League first team. A combination of impressive scoring and rebounding skills make Nelson a likely double-double candidate on any given night.

Projected Starting Lineup

Will Hudson
power forward

A player that coach Kampe labeled as "a very unsung player," Hudson has been a solid contributor in his first two seasons with the Grizzlies. He will be depended on for his rebounding ability thanks to his size, but also proved to be an adept scorer last season when called up, converting over 68 percent of his field goal attempts.

Keith Benson
center

Oakland's starting center again this season, Benson set school records for career and single-season blocks last year. Additionally, he averaged 14.3 points and 7.8 rebounds per game while being selected as second team all-conference. Benson is receiving legitimate recognition as an NBA prospect.

Larry Wright
shooting guard

After sitting out last season following a transfer from St. John's University, Wright will step into the guard spot vacated by Erik Kangas and be counted on to produce points for OU. He averaged 9.1 points per game as a sophomore in the Big East conference, and is a good bet to be the team's leading 3-point shooter this season.

Johnathon Jones
point guard

The Grizzlies point guard returns for his senior season with high expectations. Jones has started 100 games since coming to OU in 2006. He led the nation last season with 8.1 assists per game, while also contributing 13.3 points per game. He was selected as the Summit League Preseason Player of the Year.

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said. "If Derick can't play at 100 percent, then he won't play. He's shown nothing in practice that says he isn't 100 percent. He has not limped and he has not grimaced."

Joining Jones, Benson and Nelson in the starting lineup will likely be junior St. John's transfer Larry Wright at shooting guard and junior Will Hudson at power forward.

Wright, a native of Saginaw, started and averaged 9.1 points per game for the Red Storm in 2007-08, but left the tradition-rich Big East school to be closer to home after an illness in the family.

Kampe is hoping Wright, who shot over forty percent from three-point range his last season, can replace Erik Kangas, who was one of the sharpest deep shooters in the country last year.

Hudson, like Benson, was a breakthrough player last year after playing a limited role the season before.

"Each player on the team has a different role, and I think that just comes with experience," Hudson said. "As far as a new role for me, I just gotta work that high post and try and take advantage when Kito is collecting double teams."

The top three players off the bench are expected to be sophomores Blake Cushingberry (guard), Drew Maynard (forward) and Ilija Milutinovic (center).

Cushingberry and Maynard played significant roles as freshmen while Milutinovic rarely made it on the court, playing behind Benson and departed senior Dan Waterstradt.

However, Milutinovic, a native of Serbia, impressed Kampe enough with his mental toughness in the offseason to merit a seriously upgraded role on this year's team.

"I really like what (Hudson) has done and I like what Ilija has done," Kampe said. "He could have left after last year and gone home to whatever country he is from and said, 'To hell with Kampe. I'm not going to do all of those

things.' But he came back and he has done what we have asked him to do and he is having success because of it. Right now, if he were to start today, he would play a lot of minutes."

Tough road ahead

As overwhelming of a favorite as the Grizzlies may be to take home the Summit League trophy, they will still be significant underdogs in a number of contests.

After opening at home against Eastern Michigan Nov. 14, the Grizzlies will head to Hudson's hometown of Madison, Wis., to face the Wisconsin Badgers who will be the first but not the last marquee opponent on OU's schedule.

Oakland is slated to play road games against Kansas and Michigan State, respectively the top two ranked teams in the initial editions of both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. OU will also take on decorated programs in Memphis, Oregon and Syracuse. In all, the Grizzlies will face five teams that have made at least one trip to the Final Four in the last decade and three who have won the tournament.

In addition to toughening the team up for league play, Kampe said the decision to play David to these power programs' Goliaths has a number of ancillary benefits.

"There's three prongs to it: the recruiting aspect of it, the second is the publicity of it," Kampe said. "You're playing the best teams in the country, you're going to play on TV ... your name is going to roll across the bottom of ESPN. I think we're good enough that we can compete with those teams. It's not like we're going to go get beat 130-60 or something. The third thing is finances; we make a lot of money playing the schedule like that, and it is a business — we're going to bring in \$400,000 just in guaranteed

money. \$400,000 runs the whole program and some other programs. Those are really the reasons behind it."

The bottom line

While most college basketball analysts believe OU has the athletic ability to push the pace and run with any team in the conference, Kampe insisted it will be defense that will determine how well his team fares.

"The big difference between this team and any other team I have coached is the ability to defend," Kampe said. "With every team I have coached at the Division I level, the guys that had to be on the floor for us to win could not defend very well and we lacked ability defensively. We're in a position now where if you don't defend, I don't care who you are. Derick Nelson sat on the bench and watched us win 23 games last year. It's pretty easy motivation that if he doesn't do what he is supposed to do, he can sit on the bench and watch somebody else do it because we are so deep and so athletic."

In spite of his own indifference to preseason predictions, Kampe knows this is a rare type of team: deep, athletic and experienced all to the extreme. Kampe said this perfect storm adds an enhanced sense of urgency to the season. He also said that the team's stars have already earned sufficient individual accolades and are much more focused on team success.

"This is the thing I am banking on, is that nobody on our team gives a shit (about awards) anymore," Kampe said. "I'll be blatantly honest with you: What they need is a ring that says they have played in the NCAA tournament and all of them don't have it. The idea that they need to tell their kids they were great, they can already do that. They won't be able to tell them that they played in the NCAA tournament unless we get there."

Grizz Gang partners up with WXOU

By MIKE SANDULA
Staff Reporter

With their own 226-seat section in Oakland University's O'Rena, the Grizz Gang has had a presence at the men's and women's basketball games ever since its creation in 2007. Now the third year program hopes to generate more excitement about OU sports with a pregame presentation.

Tailgating

The Grizz Gang is teaming up with WXOU for a series of tailgate shows that will be held before most home basketball games on the outside patio next to the O'Rena.

"There will be a DJ at every event, games, possible giveaways, and possible student-section seat reservations in the front row," said Anthony Lewis, Grizz Gang president. Lewis said it'd be like any other pregame show with the goal of getting fans ready for the game.

"I think it's a good collaboration between two student organizations," said Kate Boylan, coordinator of athletics marketing and promotions. Boylan thinks the tailgate shows will create "that exciting buzz that's associated with games at other schools."

Kyle Bauer, WXOU's sports director, said the station is eager to team up with the Grizz Gang.

"The feeling is that a broadcast would bring more people to the tailgates and that a tailgate would bring more people to the broadcasts," Bauer said. "Really it's a win-win situation."

The first tailgate event will be Saturday Nov. 14 for the men's regular

season opener when they host Eastern Michigan University. Fans can enjoy free food from Buffalo Wild Wings while Neal Ruhl, play-by-play announcer for the men's team, joins Matt Pocket, host of "The Corner Pocket" and play-by-play announcer for the women's basketball team, for pregame analysis. A WXOU DJ will be spinning music for a half hour before the actual broadcast starts.

WXOU already airs live broadcasts of each home game and often has OU athletes stop by the studio for postgame wraps. Pocket hopes the tailgate shows will provide an opportunity to elicit fan reactions and outlooks from the Grizz Gang.

"It's a chance to integrate the Grizz Gang into basketball coverage," Pocket said.

Becoming a member

Daniel Malendowski, a junior majoring in accounting, has been a Grizz Gang member since his freshman year.

"I have always been a huge fan of college basketball," Malendowski said, "and the fact that OU has not only a D-1 team, but a pretty decent D-1 team, is pretty cool."

Students can join the organization by filling out a quick membership form at the group's page at ougrizzlies.com.

Once a member, students receive free tickets to all on-campus sporting events, e-mail updates and quarterly newsletters, as well as a free T-shirt.

The student organization, which was created in 2007 by alumni Ben Fielder and Anthony Gallina, currently has 1,025 members, including a seven-person executive board.

Lewis said the group exists to support all of OU's sports teams, but has their biggest presence at basketball games.

"I guess the very bare basics of it would be that it's a student section," Lewis said.

Sections B2 and E3 of the O'Rena are for Grizz Gang members only. Boylan said the section started getting too full last season so this season they will have an overflow section in the north bleachers.

Students filling up those sections can participate in the passport program. Grizz Gang members receive a passport, and members who wear their T-shirts to OU athletic contests can earn points to redeem for prizes. For instance, students earn two points for attending a men's basketball game and five points for any swim meet.

Road-tripping

One of the big scheduled events for this season is a group trip to a road game out of state.

"It's a lot of fun just to go out there and get pumped for the game," said Corey Schmidt, a senior majoring in public

administration. He joined the Grizz Gang his sophomore year and went on the road trip to IPFW last year.

"For a free event, it's one of the best events I've gone to at Oakland," Schmidt said. He said he plans on tagging along again this year when they go to IPFW Dec. 5. The first 300 students to sign up will travel to Fort Wayne, Ind., for a day of free food and basketball.

"Last year we had free T-shirts for it and we had a free lunchbox and a whole bunch of sweet giveaways that (the Athletic Department and University Housing) supplied us with," Lewis said. "So hopefully we're looking to have that again. But everything's free: the food, the tickets, the trip, the bus fare, everything."

Pocket said this is an exciting year to start the tailgate shows.

"Supposed to be a huge season," Pocket said. "The men's team received 34 of 35 first-place votes in the preseason poll while the women's team was picked to finish second."

"On a campus that frankly lacks the pride and camaraderie of most schools, I think the Grizz Gang brings an element of that," Bauer said. "I respect that."

UPCOMING GRIZZ GANG EVENTS

NOVEMBER 14

Men's basketball
vs. Eastern Michigan
Tailgate begins: 5:45 p.m.
WXOU broadcast: 6:20 p.m.
Game time: 7 p.m.
Where: Outside the O'Rena

NOVEMBER 18

Women's basketball
vs. Toledo
Tailgate begins: 5:15 p.m.
Game time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Outside the O'Rena

MEN'S BASKETBALL

11/10 vs. Hope College 7 p.m.*
* exhibition game

MEN'S SOCCER

11/7 at Western Illinois

VOLLEYBALL

11/6 at Western Illinois
11/7 at IUPUI



GAME SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 4-11

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/9 vs. Western Ontario 1 p.m.*
*exhibition game

CLUB WRESTLING

11/7 Eastern Michigan Open

CLUB HOCKEY

11/5 at Oklahoma
11/6 at Central Oklahoma
11/7 at Central Oklahoma



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for game reports during the week.

SWIMMING & DIVING

11/7 vs. Wright State 2 p.m.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

By DAN FENNER
Sports Editor

A recap of the week in sports at Oakland University.

Women's basketball

The 2009-10 season officially began Sunday with an exhibition game against Ferris State in which OU defeated the Bulldogs 60-50 at the O'Rena. Ten different players saw action for the Golden Grizzlies, with senior forward Hanna Reising leading the way with 14 points. Sophomore guard Sharise Calhoun also contributed 13 points in the victory.

At the half, Oakland held a 25 point lead before giving up a little ground to Ferris State in the second frame with mostly reserves on the court.

OU will play one more exhibition game Monday, Nov. 9 against Western Ontario to gear up for the regular season.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Hanna Reising was fifth on the team in scoring last season, but will be relied upon more this season.

Volleyball

Season record: 16-7 (9-5 in conference)

Despite a pair of losses over the weekend to IPFW and Valparaiso, OU's volleyball team remains in a position to qualify for the league tournament for the first time. The team now sits at 16-7 overall, with a 9-5 conference record. The highlight of the week came Saturday when freshman Meghan Bray tied a long-standing school record with 30 kills in a single match.

The Grizzlies have been shorthanded

lately with an injury keeping senior captain Adrienne Leone on the sidelines. Her return to the lineup is uncertain.

Oakland will return to action when the team travels to Western Illinois Nov. 6. A split of their final four regular season matches this season would likely ensure the Grizzlies a spot in the tournament.

Men's soccer

Season Record: 9-4-2 (5-0-0 in conference)

The Oakland University men's soccer team clinched the regular season Summit League title with a 2-1 overtime win over UMKC Saturday. The Grizzlies were kept off the scoreboard until the 84th minute of the game when freshman Shane Lyons scored his third goal of the season to knot the game at one apiece. Roughly five minutes into the overtime period, OU completed their comeback when sophomore Jeff Cheslik scored his first career goal on a pass from Makesi Lewis.

For the third consecutive season, and the fourth time in five years, Oakland will enter the Summit League Tournament as the number one seed. Following the regular season finale at Western Illinois Saturday, Nov. 7, the Golden Grizzlies will return home to play host to the conference tournament Nov. 13 and 15 where they appear to be heavy favorites to win.

Women's soccer

Final season record: 4-4-1

Losses on Friday and Sunday proved detrimental to the team's hope of qualifying for the Summit League Tournament. For the first time in 11 seasons, Oakland will be watching from home while the conference champion is crowned.

OU lost 3-1 to IUPUI Friday, but still had a chance to make the tournament with a win on Sunday. But Western Illinois broke a 1-1 tie late in the game and the Grizzlies lost to end their season.

Cross Country

The Summit League Cross Country Championship was held Saturday in Cedar City, Utah, with Oakland placing third on the men's side and fourth in the women's standings. Senior Zack Jones finished fifth in the 8K run and was named to the All-Summit League First Team for his efforts. Sara Lieblein clocked in ninth in the women's 6K event and was selected to the league's Second Team.

The cross country season does not end here, however, as the Golden Grizzlies will next participate in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship Nov. 14.

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Jeff Cheslik

Men's soccer Sophomore

Cheslik scored his first career goal in overtime Saturday against UMKC. He was also named as the Summit League's Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts, helping the Grizzlies clinch the regular season conference title.

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What do you think about Pepsi renewing their contract with OU?



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Details about Pepsi/OU contract

- Currently, Pepsi holds the beverage contract with Oakland. This applies to beverage purchases around campus. Student organizations cannot purchase, or be reimbursed for any Coke products.

- **Pouring Rights Agreement:** The Pouring rights agreement is to be discussed at the Nov. 4 Finance, Audit and Investment Committee (FAIC) meeting.

- In September of 1999 Oakland entered into a 10-year Pouring Rights Agreement with the Pepsi Bottling Group. Pepsi was declared the exclusive beverage supplier for the university.

- This agreement ends on Dec. 31, 2009. In light of this, Oakland extended a Request for Proposals to four vendors (Pepsi, Faygo, Metro Vending and Coca-Cola).

- Coca-Cola and Pepsi were the only two that submitted proposals. Each toured the vicinities and met with the Pouring Rights Committee.

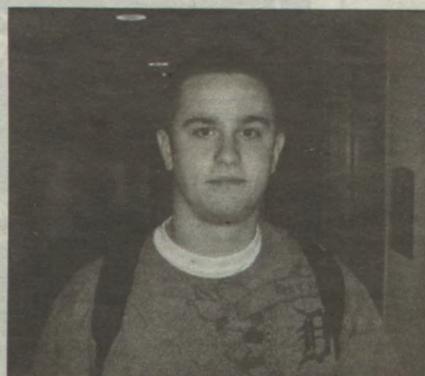
- The committee has recommended Pepsi to renew their contract as the school's exclusive beverage supplier.

*Source: FAIC agendum



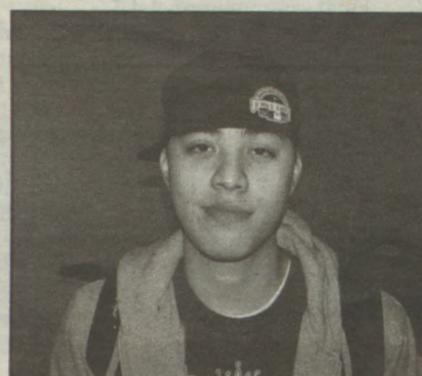
"I don't like Pepsi at all. I would rather drink Coke. The vending machine prices should be cheaper too."

Dan Feldman
Sophomore,
bio-engineering



"I don't see a problem with it. Pepsi sponsoring OU makes them and OU look good."

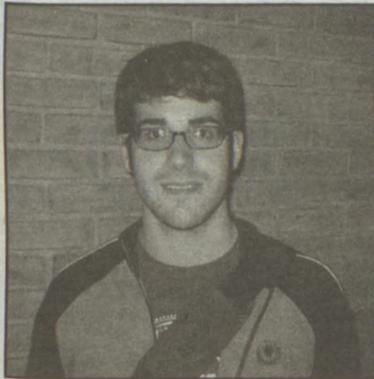
Kevin Clarkston
Sophomore,
elementary education



"It sounds good to me. Coke doesn't have Mountain Dew."

John Aznar
Junior,
nursing

Do you utilize your academic advisor? How often?



"Twice a semester. I think if you do the research on your own something may have changed. Usually I just make sure I'm on pace."

Ryan Mostiller
Senior, information technology

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"I usually see them two or three times a semester. They always know what's going on and they can answer any question I have."

Grace Gahman
Senior, German language and literature



"At least once a semester. I want to make sure I'm doing what I'm supposed to do."

Shannon Avenall
Junior, social work



"My advisor is very helpful. She helps me with my schedule and choosing a major."

Candice Burke
Sophomore, undecided



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Bone Thugs at crossroads

Rap and R&B icons reunite for new album, new message

By ALEXIS TOMRELL
Scene/Mix Editor

The members of Bone Thugs-N-Harmony have seen tough times since the heyday years of "Thuggish Ruggish Bone." In 2001, key member Flesh-N-Bone was sentenced to time in prison, the group's effort recording as a trio flopped and they faced issues with their record label.

Coming through their tribulations, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony is back, its five original members reunited in hopes of spreading a message of longevity and real-life struggles in their new album "Uni5: The World's Enemy."

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony is a pioneer group in the world of rap music, innovating a style of music that combines an aggressive style of rapping with alternating harmonizing vocals.

Its members are Bizzy, Krayzie, Wish, Layzie and Flesh Bone. They are originally from Cleveland and one of the first rap groups to come from the Midwest. Over the course of their success they have sold over 30 million albums. In 1997 they won a Grammy Award for best rap performance for their song "Tha Crossroads" from their "E. 1999 Eternal" album.

They consider their mentor to be the late Eazy-E and have worked with numerous artists spanning from greats like 2Pac, The Notorious B.I.G. and Big Pun.

The group appeared in a live streaming press conference Oct. 21, starting promptly at 4:20 p.m., available to an online audience through Ustream.tv.

Online fans were given the chance to ask the group questions through Facebook and Twitter. The public's questions ranged from the weird to the uber-fan as they asked members "Do you have anything planned for the Mayan Apocalypse?" and "Which Cleveland rapper would you most like to collaborate with?"

Bone Thugs answered both questions in good humor. Their responses were "Dig deep in your Bible and don't be scared of anything," and "Kid Cudi."



Photo courtesy of Richie Abbott/Warner Bros. Records
Bone Thugs -N- Harmony is considered one of the most successful rap groups, selling 50 million albums.



Photo courtesy of Bone Thugs -N- Harmony
Bone Thugs -N- Harmony answering questions for press at their Oct. 21 press conference about their reunion album.

However, the real purpose of the press conference was to alert fans and the media about their resurgence into the music industry.

Their reunion album, "Uni5: The World's Enemy" is set to release in stores

on December 22.

"All the songs are new. You are getting all brand new stuff and a new sound. We also worked with up-and-coming producers to give back to the music community," said Krayzie.

The tone of the album is remarkably different than their past work. For one, they aren't inspired by horror movies anymore like in their first album, "Faces of Death." This album has a real-life message focused on "real recognizing real," according to Krayzie. The lyrics are oriented around relating to kids, growing up with family hardships, having children and dissecting socio-political issues.

"It was not an easy process," Flesh said. "The chemistry has always been there, but this album was more of a challenge than any other album. It took a lot of thought and calculation to tell the world what we want to say."

The first single from "Uni5" is "See me Shine." It was released Oct. 27 and features contributing artists Lyfe Jennings, Phaedra and J Rush.

In 1991 the group formed under the name "Bone Enterprise" and released "Faces of Death." In 1993 they auditioned lived backstage for Eazy-E and he signed them to Ruthless Records on the spot.

From there, they secured their success with other releases like "E. 1999 Eternal," which debuted at No.1 on the pop charts. "E. 1999" is considered one of the most influential and top-selling hip-hop albums ever made and numerous artists have cited Bone Thugs as influences in their hip-hop and R&B acts.

After Eazy-E passed away from AIDS, the group continued to record albums, despite rumors they were breaking up. Later, Bone Thugs did sign off Ruthless Records, but they moved to Interscope Records and currently they have their own record label under Worldwide/Warner Music Group.

Expect more work from Bone Thugs-N-Harmony in the coming year. With the momentum of the new album and a re-energizing outlook on music, the group plans to promote, record and produce like the old days. Various members are also working on solo projects.

As the man of a few profound words, Bizzy, said, "We breathe music. We dream music. We excavate music. We're forever young."

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English band joins ranks of Coldplay

BY KEVIN ROMANCHIK

Contributing Reporter

ALBUM REVIEW

For fans of: Kings of Leon, The Killers, Coldplay, Band of Horses
Key tracks: "Superhuman Touch" and "The Getaway"

The London-based alternative rock band Athlete has received rave reviews and awards in the U.K. and other countries, but its popularity hasn't reached our shores yet. Their fourth release, "Black Swan," might be the album to make that big splash here.

Black Swan features music that is able to satisfy everyone—from the music enthusiast to the casual listener. The opening song "Superhuman Touch," has a hint of the electronic-pop feel of The Killers album "Sam's Town," along with a vocal style that can be compared to a combination of The Bravery and Death Cab for Cutie.

Where Black Swan really shines is in the variety of music present. Right when you think you have the album figured out, ballads like "The Getaway" and "Love Come Rescue" bring the flow of

music to a whole new personal and emotional level. From these ballads, Black Swan brings the energy back up with "Light the Way" and "The Unknown," which could be the favorites tracks for fans of Coldplay.

Black Swan really strikes a chord with me because the album's songs manage to flow from start to finish, satisfying the long-time fans, as well as attracting new ones. Unfortunately, this album may be hard to come by until its February 2010 release in the US, but if you are able to find it somewhere on the Internet, I promise it is well worth the time and effort.

Other new album releases

- Tegan and Sara "Sainthood" Oct. 27
- Weezer "Raditude" Nov. 3
- Three 6 Mafia "Laws of Power" Nov. 10
- Dashboard Confessional "After the Ending" Nov. 10
- Norah Jones "The Fall" Nov. 17



Photo courtesy of Athlete
 Athlete debuted seven years ago with their full-length release, "Vehicles and Animals." Years later they are working with American producer Tom Rothrock on their newest release, "Black Swan."

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Industry incentives questioned

Locals rally at the Crofoot Ballroom to support Mich. filmmakers

By SEAN GARNER
Senior Reporter

Thanks to contentious state budget issues, Michigan's most rapidly emerging industry could take a potentially fatal hit.

In 2008, the state legislature passed a series of tax credits and rebates aimed at encouraging the development of the film industry and video game production. The 42 percent retainable tax credit is the most generous in the nation.

The program has been successful so far.

In 2007, the Michigan Film Office in the Office of the Governor in Lansing consisted of one administrator and a secretary. They approved three films that year, which were produced for \$2 million. In 2008, the office oversaw 35 projects, totaling over \$120 million.

Despite the revenue generated by the emerging industry, a number of legislators think that the credits are excessive given the state's current fiscal crisis.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Republican from western Oakland County, has been one of the leaders in the attempt to curb the film and video game incentives.

Cassis introduced a bill earlier this year to cap the credits at \$50 million, less than half of the credits granted in 2008. Cassis said nobody is giving serious consideration to eliminating the film credit program altogether, but the amount of credits needs evaluation.

"It would be wonderful if (the film industry) could

emerge as a major player, but some people are wondering why we are giving all this money to Hollywood producers when we are cutting funding for K-12 education," Cassis said.

Support for lowering the tax credit is not confined strictly to Republicans. Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, an ardent supporter of the tax credits, said she would support dropping the credits from 42 percent to 37 percent.

However, opposition to a reduction in film and video game credit initiatives is strong within the entertainment industry.

Michael Mannasseri, senior vice president of Big Screen Entertainment, held a rally last Monday at the Crofoot Ballroom in Pontiac to keep the Michigan Film Incentives program as it is.

The event was attended by hundreds of area residents and it also featured passionate pleas from notable figures including best-selling author Mitch Albom and Democratic state senator Gilda Jacobs.

The rally began with a video featuring a number of film workers testifying to the benefits of the incentives, many claiming they would be unemployed and/or homeless without the film and video game industry in Michigan.

Mannasseri, who moved a large portion of Big Screen Productions to Michigan from Los Angeles in order to take advantage of the tax credits, said that the evidence of the success of the tax incentives so far should be obvi-

ous to lawmakers.

"I don't think it takes a genius to realize this is working," Manasseri said. "All you have to do is look at all the people who have jobs because of this. Just look at the people who are going to be able to pursue a career they love without having to leave the state. Michigan needs this."

Matt Tailford was an actor in Los Angeles who moved to Manistee, just south of Traverse City, to establish 10 West Studios.

Tailford said the fact that a film company could succeed in a rural area shows just how much the incentives benefit the entire state, not just the major motion picture studios in metro Detroit.

"What Manistee offered is different than what Detroit offered, and we didn't want to compete with Detroit. We wanted to supplement Detroit," Tailford said. "If the film incentives are even cut back, we're all gone."

Alvin Wallace created filmemerge.com, a motion picture data storage directory, last year after retiring from his job as an insurance coordinator for the auto industry. Wallace, an aspiring screenwriter, said the emergence of the film industry in his home state provides not only light to his own dream but also provides hope for the whole state as well.

"There is a domino effect," Wallace said. "Once you have any film industry in your state, you're going to see more businesses, you're going to see more people with jobs."

Judge throws out murder conviction

By ED WHITE
Associated Press Reporter

DETROIT — Law students from the University of Michigan won freedom Tuesday for a man convicted of murder after convincing prosecutors and a judge that crucial evidence was not shared during his trial.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny threw out Dwayne Provience's second-degree murder conviction. He was released from jail about 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday after his family posted a \$500 bond.

"Unbelievable," Provience told The Associated Press as his mother prepared a celebratory meal of spaghetti, chicken wings and garlic bread. "I came out and

took a good fresh breath of freedom."

He was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison in 2001 but had been in custody since his arrest a year earlier.

"Justice was served but it was denied for 9 1/2 years," said Nick Cheolas, a third-year law student.

Cheolas and fellow students at the Michigan Innocence Clinic interviewed people who were familiar with the drug-related homicide of Rene Hunter.

Hunter was fatally shot in broad daylight in Detroit in 2000. Provience, 36, has insisted he had no role in Hunter's death.

A key piece of new evidence was a police report that suggested others were responsible. It was never shared with Provience's trial lawyer. Law students

got it from the mother of a man convicted in a different drug-related homicide.

The prosecutor's office agreed the conviction should be overturned.

"We don't know why the information did not come to light earlier," spokeswoman Maria Miller said. "It was information that should have been given to the officer in charge of the case but he never received it."

Innocence Clinic co-director Bridget McCormack said prosecutors "took it seriously" when the report emerged a few months ago.

Provience could face a second trial, but McCormack predicted that won't happen. Miller declined to comment on whether Provience is in the clear. The issue could be settled at the next court hearing on

Nov. 24.

Provience described the law students who helped him as "amazing" and "relentless."

"They were heaven sent," he said. "They were better than any attorney I've ever known."

Provience must wear an electronic tether while prosecutors decide what to do next. The people greeting him outside the jail included Deshawn Reed, a friend who spent nearly a decade in prison for attempted murder until he was released in July with help from the Innocence Clinic.

Provience's mother, Vonzella Battle, was excited about having him home.

"It's already the Christmas holidays," she said.

Local news briefs: arson numbers drop, extradition charges

Detroit fires drop over 3-day Halloween period

DETROIT — The number of fires and possible arsons in Detroit dropped again over the three-day Angels' Night period. Mayor Dave Bing said Monday that 91 of the 119 fires from Thursday through Saturday were suspicious. There were 136 fires over the Halloween period last year, and 94 of those were suspicious in nature. Officials say 36 of the 45 fires Saturday were suspicious, while 33 of 44 blazes Friday may have been intentionally set. Police report 137 juveniles were detained for violating the city's curfew. Three men squatting inside a vacant house where a fire was reported were arrested. More than 30,000 volunteers took part in the annual anti-arson effort. More than 800 fires were started in 1984, the height of what then was known as Devils' Night.

Report: Stimulus saving Michigan schools' jobs

LANSING— A federal report suggests six of every 10 jobs saved or created by the federal stimulus package in Michigan is tied to education. The report Monday from the U.S. Department of Education said more than 13,600 Michigan jobs affected by the Recovery Act are in education. Last week the federal government said that about 22,500 jobs in the state had been supported by the stimulus package overall. The recently released education job numbers were revised downward from an initial report of more than 14,000 last month. Some Michigan schools said they may have to lay off employees despite the help from the stimulus package. State aid to schools could be slashed by nearly \$300 per student or more unless the Legislature restores cuts ordered by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Former MSU coach pledges run for Mich. governor

DETROIT — Former Michigan State University football coach George Perles said he intends to begin his campaign for governor after New Year's Day. The third winningest coach in Spartan history (68-67-4) said he would bring "a football atmosphere" to Michigan's state Capitol. The 75-year-old Democrat and Detroit native said he has enough experience to do the job. He's been a member of MSU's board of trustees since 2006. Perles was named MSU head coach in 1983 and has two Big Ten titles and a Rose Bowl victory. Before being fired in 1994, Perles served briefly as the school's athletic director. Lt. Gov. John Cherry, state Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith and health care advocate John Freeman also are seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nod. House Speaker Andy Dillon is considering a run.

FBI-wanted Canadians to fight extradition

WINDSOR, Ontario — A lawyer for two Canadians wanted by the FBI following the death of a controversial imam in a police shootout in Detroit said they plan to fight extradition. The two men, Mohammad Al-Sahli, 33, and Yassir Ali Khan, 30, both of Windsor, Ont., appeared briefly in court Monday. Lawyer Patrick Ducharme said their case was put over until Friday for a bail hearing. The men, arrested Saturday, remain in detention at the Windsor County jail. The FBI accuses the men of a conspiracy to sell stolen goods, and of being followers of Imam Luqman Ameen Abdullah, a leader of a Detroit mosque. A police complaint suggests the imam espoused violence and sought to establish a Shariah-law state within the United States, a claim his mosque calls preposterous.

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Ford shows profit, positive outlook for 2011

By DEE-ANN DURBIN and TOM KRISHER

Associated Press Auto Reporters

DEARBORN — Ford is making money again and looking for better times in no more than two years.

Emerging from a three-year makeover with popular cars and trucks, Ford said Monday it earned nearly \$1 billion in the third quarter and will be solidly profitable by 2011, a more optimistic forecast than earlier.

While heavy debt and lean times for American car shoppers threaten the comeback, the report puts Ford in a better position than General Motors or Chrysler.

Even in North America, the company's biggest market, Ford turned a profit after losing money there for four years.

GM and Chrysler, meanwhile, are still trying to cut jobs and win back customers, many of whom are steering toward their healthier rival.

Three years ago, Ford was considered in the worst shape of the Detroit Three after posting what was at the time the worst annual loss in its history. The big quarterly profit is the fruit of changes

Ford has been making for several years.

At the end of 2005, then-CEO Bill Ford Jr. and two other Ford executives developed a plan to shut down factories, slash the work force and speed the development of cars and trucks.

A year later, Bill Ford left the CEO job and installed Alan Mulally, a former Boeing executive, who further honed the plan and made a key decision — mortgaging assets like its blue oval logo to raise \$23.4 billion.

"GM and Chrysler still have quite a bit of restructuring to do and simply don't have the product competitiveness across their lineup that Ford does," said Mark Oline, auto industry analyst for Fitch Ratings.

Instead, it relied on several strong vehicles spread across its lineup, including the Fusion, a restyled Focus and the Escape, a small SUV.

"In today's market, you can't tie success to one or two vehicles, given the fragmentation of the marketplace," Oline said. "You need to have a multi-hit strategy."

Just last week, Consumer Reports magazine named 46 of 51 Ford, Lincoln or Mercury models as average or better

in reliability, a far better track record than either GM or Chrysler.

But Ford still faces an uncertain future. Mulally wouldn't forecast a profit for 2010 because the company is concerned about low consumer confidence and high unemployment.

"We're just not that sure about the strength of the recovery," he said.

Still, the results were a good sign. The Dearborn-based company reported overall net income of \$997 million, or 29 cents per share, an improvement of \$1.2 billion from a year ago.

In North America alone, Ford made \$357 million before taxes, its first quarter in the black since early 2005. Ford said its controlled production and a string of new products, including the F-150 pickup and Taurus sedan, have allowed it to command higher prices. This summer's Cash for Clunkers government rebate program also gave the company room to drop costly discounts.

It's a far cry from Ford's biggest years. Ford made \$22 billion in 1998, and it controlled about a quarter of the U.S. market. By last year that market share was down to about 14 percent.

The company's debt remains a concern.

It rose by \$800 million from the second quarter. It will grow again as Ford contributes to the United Auto Workers-run health care plan for retirees. GM and Chrysler were able to shed much of their debt in bankruptcy court.

Ford hopes to improve its balance sheet by restructuring some of its debt.

Ford also has been unable to cut its labor costs. On Monday, the UAW said its members overwhelmingly rejected a new contract that would have lowered benefits and wages.

But industry analysts say the disadvantage won't be large enough to hinder Ford's recovery efforts.

Where Ford would be at a big disadvantage is how it classifies jobs. GM and Chrysler reduced the number of skilled job classifications from around 20 to three or four, meaning tradesmen such as electricians or pipe-fitters can now do multiple jobs. Without the concessions, Ford will need more people on an average shift than GM or Chrysler.

Ford's success also puts the UAW in an awkward position. If Ford takes too much market share, it could hurt Chrysler, which is 55 percent owned by the UAW's retiree health care trust fund.

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Bing re-elected as mayor

DETROIT — Professional basketball Hall of Famer Dave Bing has been re-elected Detroit mayor and has a full four years to address the scandal-plagued city's budget deficit amid a wilting economy.

The 65-year-old Democrat defeated accountant Tom Barrow in Tuesday's nonpartisan general election. It was the fourth time voters cast ballots this year for mayor.

Bing received the most votes in a February primary and defeated incumbent Ken Cockrel Jr. in a May runoff to complete Kwame Kilpatrick's second term. Kilpatrick resigned as part of pleas in two criminal cases.

Bing also got the most votes in the August primary.

Detroit's budget deficit is at \$300 million. Bing has started layoffs of city workers and angered some unions by demanding a 10 percent wage cut and other concessions.

— Associated Press

Voters approve measure

DETROIT — Detroit voters have approved a measure to elect the city council by districts.

All nine council seats currently are chosen at-large. Proposal D calls for seven seats voted by district and two at-large.

With 93 percent of precincts reporting, 72 percent of voters supported the measure and 28 percent voted no. It will go into effect for the next city council election, which is scheduled for 2013. It didn't impact the council election held Tuesday.

Voters also on Tuesday were choosing nine members of a commission charged with revising the city charter. The revised charter will be presented to city voters for approval within three years.

The current law has been criticized as vague.

— Associated Press

Beefeaters suspended for bullying

By GREGORY KATZ AND SYLVIA HUI
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LONDON — Women faced their share of trouble at the Tower of London, including three queens who were beheaded there.

But treachery has long been considered a thing of the past at the notorious 11th century fortress. At least until now.

If charges made Monday are true, the Tower — a popular tourist attraction and home to Britain's Crown Jewels — will add bullying to the list of foul deeds committed there. The victim: the first woman selected to join the all-male ranks of the Tower's yeoman warders, popularly known as "Beefeaters."

Moirá Cameron — a veteran of long military service — was named a warder at the Tower two years ago. Hers was supposed to be a happy story about how a bastion of male supremacy could become a place where women, too, could serve queen and country.

On Monday, embarrassed Tower officials conceded that Cameron had apparently been subjected to a campaign of bullying and harassment conducted by some of her resentful male colleagues.

A statement released by the Tower of London said harassment among its staff was "totally unacceptable" and that an internal investigation started last week as soon as the allegations were received.

The bullying allegations are an unpleasant wrinkle in what had been a generally popular move to bring

women into traditionally male military roles.

The 35 warders, all ex-military personnel, guide visitors around the tourist attraction, which houses numerous items of incalculable historic value.

In the Tower's earliest days, warders were used to monitor and occasionally torture high-profile prisoners kept in the Tower, which was founded by King William I in 1066. Its history includes the executions of queens Catherine Howard and Anne Boleyn, both wives of Henry VIII, and Lady Jane Grey, known as "The Nine Days Queen."

They are called Beefeaters, mostly because of the extra rations of meat they were given during medieval times.

Their brightly colored Tudor-style uniforms are part of the picture-postcard London that often enchants visitors from around the world. Cameron's introduction to the exclusive service went relatively smoothly, as far as the public could discern, but some tensions were present right from the start.

Cameron, with military experience both in Cyprus and Northern Ireland, said when her appointment was announced some of her colleagues resented her presence.

"I've had some comments," she said at the time. "I had one chap at the gate one day who said he was completely and utterly against me doing the job."

Her reply was quick and piercing: "I said to him, 'I would like to thank you for dismissing my 22 years' service in her majesty's armed forces.'"

Nessie observer dies

By RODRIQUE NGOWI
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Robert H. Rines, a lawyer, composer, inventor and physicist whose discoveries led to sharper resolution in radar, sonar and ultrasound imaging and who claimed to have seen the Loch Ness Monster, has died. He was 87.

Rines died of heart failure at his home in Boston on Sunday, surrounded by his family and his wife, Joanne Hayes-Rines.

Rines invented prototype radar and sonar technology that was later also incorporated in ultrasound imaging of internal organs. He donated the radar patent to the U.S. government and gave the imaging patent to the rest of the world to use for free, Hayes-Rines said.

Rines held more than 80 patents. The radar technology patent — developed while he was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's radiation laboratory and honed while serving as a U.S. Signal Corps' officer during WWII — formed the underlying technology used to guide Patriot missiles during the 1991 Gulf War and produce early warning missile-detection systems and other sophisticated military hardware.

He also wrote music for more than 10 Broadway and off-Broadway productions and shared an Emmy for his work on a piece about former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia.

Born in Boston, Rines graduated from MIT and received a law degree from Georgetown. He completed a doctoral thesis at National Chiao Tung University in Taiwan.

He also is the founder of the Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire, the state's only law school that is also known for its intellectual property law program, and the Academy of Applied Science, a nonprofit group that promotes creativity and interest in science.

Rines used some of his inventions in attempts to prove the existence of the Loch Ness Monster, and claimed to have seen Nessie in 1971.

The encounter enticed Rines to go back to the Scottish lake every few years, hoping to use better imaging and tracking technology to capture sharper images of the animal. He previously said it looked like a plesiosaur, a dinosaur that lived under water millions of years ago.

"It was maybe 45 feet in length with a neck 4 or 5 feet long, according to eyewitness accounts," he once said.

Rines taught for over 50 years at MIT, focusing on invention, patents and innovation before retiring in May 2008. He also has been Gordon McKay Lecturer on Patent Law at Harvard University.

Rines was motivated by a determination to find creative solution to problems.

In 1985, researchers used underwater vessels that used sonar technology developed by Rines to find the Titanic, which sank in more than 12,400 feet of water in 1912. The systems were used to find the wreck of the German battleship Bismarck, which was sunk during World War II. Rines' inventions also became key parts of long-range navigation systems, in which sea vessels and aircraft are located by determining the time difference between pulsed radio transmissions from two stations.

Rines has been inducted into the U.S. National Inventors Hall of Fame and the U.S. Army Signal Regiment, as a distinguished member. His underwater photographs of Loch Ness hang in the American Inventors Hall of Fame along with a painting of how he imagined Nessie might look.

NIW BRIEFS

Source: Associated Press

11-03 | CLARKSVILLE, Md. — Maryland is starting to keep tabs on how often doctors and nurses wash their hands at hospitals. Officials said Tuesday they're creating teams of staff members at most of the state's hospitals to monitor their colleagues. The monitors will be given time separate from their daily duties to contribute to a systemwide report on hand-washing. Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown says individuals who are lax on scrubbing up won't be penalized. Rather, the idea is to raise awareness and gather information about which hospital staffs need to do a better job. Better hand-washing habits should cut down on health care-acquired infections, which increase health care costs around the country by an estimated \$30 billion each year. The Maryland program will use about \$100,000 in federal stimulus money.

11-03 | BEDFORD, Pa. — In exchange for jail time, a woman and her adult daughter have agreed to stand outside a Pennsylvania courthouse holding signs saying they stole a gift card from a 9-year-old girl on her birthday. Fifty-six-year-old Evelyn Border and 35-year-old Tina Griekspoor stood outside the court for 4 1/2 hours Tuesday. They held signs that read: "I stole from a 9-year-old girl on her birthday! Don't steal or this could happen to you!" Because the women agreed to hold the signs, Bedford County District Attorney Bill Higgins says he'll ask for probation instead of jail when they plead guilty to the theft. Higgins says they swiped a gift card that the girl set on a shelf while a Walmart employee helped her. The girl's mother planned to drive by the courthouse to teach her daughter the importance of obeying the law.

11-03 | WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Expert snake hunters snared 37 pythons in South Florida during a trial hunting season to eradicate the invasive species. State wildlife officials granted 15 permits in July to snake experts. The program ended on Halloween but officials hope to start it again next year. Meanwhile, hunters are still allowed to kill the snakes in designated areas. The number of pythons in South Florida has exploded in the past decade to potentially tens of thousands. Scientists believe pet owners freed their snakes into the wild. They also think some Burmese pythons may have escaped in 1992 from pet shops battered by Hurricane Andrew and have been reproducing ever since.

11-03 | AUSTIN, Texas — An attorney for a man who lost out on a \$1 million jackpot says the Texas Lottery Commission still considers the store clerk who allegedly stole the ticket to be the winner. Willis lost out on the jackpot when the clerk allegedly cashed in his winning lottery ticket and disappeared. Willis' lawyer, Sean E. Brown, says commission attorneys told the 67-year-old unemployed man Monday that the clerk is considered the winner because he signed the back of the lottery ticket. Commission spokesman Bobby Heith declined comment to the Houston Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News. A message was left by The Associated Press Monday night. Authorities are still trying to find the former clerk, who is charged with claiming a lottery prize by fraud.

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Wigging out about new hair

An editor's — wait for it — hair-raising tale about his newest donation

By DAN SIMONS
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I've been feeling a little light-headed lately.

Not because studying and working late has robbed me of sleep, or because I played too much "trick or treat or Jagermeister" this Halloween weekend. No, I'm feeling light headed because I cut off and donated 16 inches of hair to charity.

People recognized me by my mop of locks, a mass of messy curls that I always kept pulled back in a ponytail. On Oct. 30, I chopped the whole thing off.

While it's common for females to donate their hair to be made into a wig, for a guy to do it is something of an oddity.

The last time I had a haircut pre-donation was when I was a freshman in high school, getting a trim before yearbook photos were taken. That was in 2001, and I'm now a senior in college.

That's eight years worth of hair. My last haircut was back when people were mad we elected Bush the first time, back when reality TV was just an annoyance and not a soul-sucking blight to the collective American culture, back when the first Xbox came out, and back when I thought a career in journalism was a good idea.

Initially I started growing it out because I grew to accept the curls that I spent my entire childhood trying to hide with hair gel, mousse, and hours of grooming. Once I realized chemistry does not win over genetics, I let the curl happen, growing it out to see what kind of swirls and loops this bastard mess of follicles would create.

As a boy in a small town high school, having a Shirley Temple and/or Jheri curls was slightly less humorous than it was embarrassing. This was around the time "The Osbournes" got popular on TV, and as a chubby kid with glasses and long curly hair, my new nickname became Jack Osbourne. And then "LOST" got popular, and I became Hurley. And then my hair got long enough to put back in a ponytail and if I ever dressed slightly more formal than normal, I became Penn Jillette, the taller of the Penn and Teller comedy/magician duo.

I went from rock star's son, to marooned comedic relief, to the guy who plays with cards and hangs out with a silent fellow. My hair made me famous, sort of.

However, my hair also made me a girl occasionally. From a distance, with hair that long, on more than

one occasion I was mistaken for a chick. One time at Art Van furniture, when my mom and I were looking to buy a new couch, the sales associate yelled as we entered the store "Hello ladies, how can I help you today?"

"Mom, I'll be in the car," I said in a deep voice once he got close enough to tell I was a dude.

Another time I was bent over looking at a radio in a department store with a female friend of mine when a sales associate asked "How can I help you girls?" When I stood up and turned around, towering over him by a foot, he turned red and he bolted in the opposite direction. After these episodes, I grew a goatee so people could tell I was a man from a distance.

Old ladies always commented about my curls. Girls liked my hair, but they rarely date guys with long hair. If they found me in the right state of insobriety, I'd be willing to let them straighten it, or braid it, or threaten to color it some obscene color. And if the girl was less than sober, she'd be amazed that a guy had extra hair ties on him allowing her to put her hair back while porcelain worshipping.

Guys normally don't have long hair because of an old military tradition. An enemy warrior could yank your hair, expose your neck, and slice your throat wide open. Thus, most men kept their hair short for battle. These days, bullets and bombs don't care about how long your hair is, but male soldiers still buzz their noggins.

Men with long hair are often seen as unkempt and creepy. Mothers tended to pull their kids closer to them when I walked by, and security guards watched me like a starving hawk who saw a delicious mouse that they also assumed was going to steal something.

My friend's dad only referred to me as "Hippie Dan." I'm not going to miss people asking me if I'm in a band, nor am I going to miss people assuming I have weed, am willing to buy weed, smoke said weed, or asking how I avoid getting caught with the weed I never had in the first place.

So why did I grow my hair for so long? Honestly, I was just lazy. But by my calculations, I saved quite a bit of money too. The Post's photo wizard Jason Willis said he gets a haircut every month, and at \$15 a cut, that means if I had those same cuts over eight years, I would have spent \$1,440 to get my monthly Willis cut. That's a lot of hair gel.

What prompted me to lop off the locks, to cut the curls,

to part with the ponytail? I'm about to graduate college, and if I'm going to get a job, I shouldn't have hair that's as long as my tie.

The real reason I cut off all my hair was because when my grandma Fran was going into chemotherapy, I offered her all my hair, seeing how it was her genes that gave me curls. She declined. October 30 this year marked five years since she passed away, and it was time to commemorate her life with some scissors.

I walked into the place I got that last cut as a freshman and asked if they did walk-in donations.

"All I need is 10 inches," the lady said. I stopped myself from making an inappropriate "That's what she said" joke. I sat in the chair and she put my hair in the last set of ponytails it will be in for years.

She took off 16 inches. Donated hair gets bundled up and sent off to be made into a wig for cancer patients who have lost their hair during chemotherapy.

Women wait until their hair is long enough to donate enough and still have relatively long hair. I knew I was going to go for broke and give it all, so my donation was also one of the largest.

I made no official announcement about getting rid of my hair, so I could surprise everyone. My mom cried. My best friend said it was about damned time. Most of the girls did that girl thing where they cup their hands over their mouth, get all wide-eyed and eventually say "Oh my god!" and then molest my head.

My head feels like a poodle now, it's all short, curly, and thick. The new hairdo unfortunately accentuates my receding hairline that me and most of my male cousins can blame on my grandpa Doug. At the ripe age of 22, I had to ask the stylist if that new Rogaine foam was worth the money.

I keep feeling the back of my head and expect to find a ponytail, but there is nothing. Showers take a lot less time now. I have no idea what I'm going to do with these extra hair ties.

I'm not going to do anything with my hair this month, as it's No Shave November, where men (and women too, I guess) stop shaving to raise awareness for male-specific diseases like prostate and testicular cancer. I've already mouthed-off about breast cancer, let's see how many other tumors I can poke fun of.

Maybe I won't be so light-headed by the end of the month. Unless the rest of my hair falls out too.