

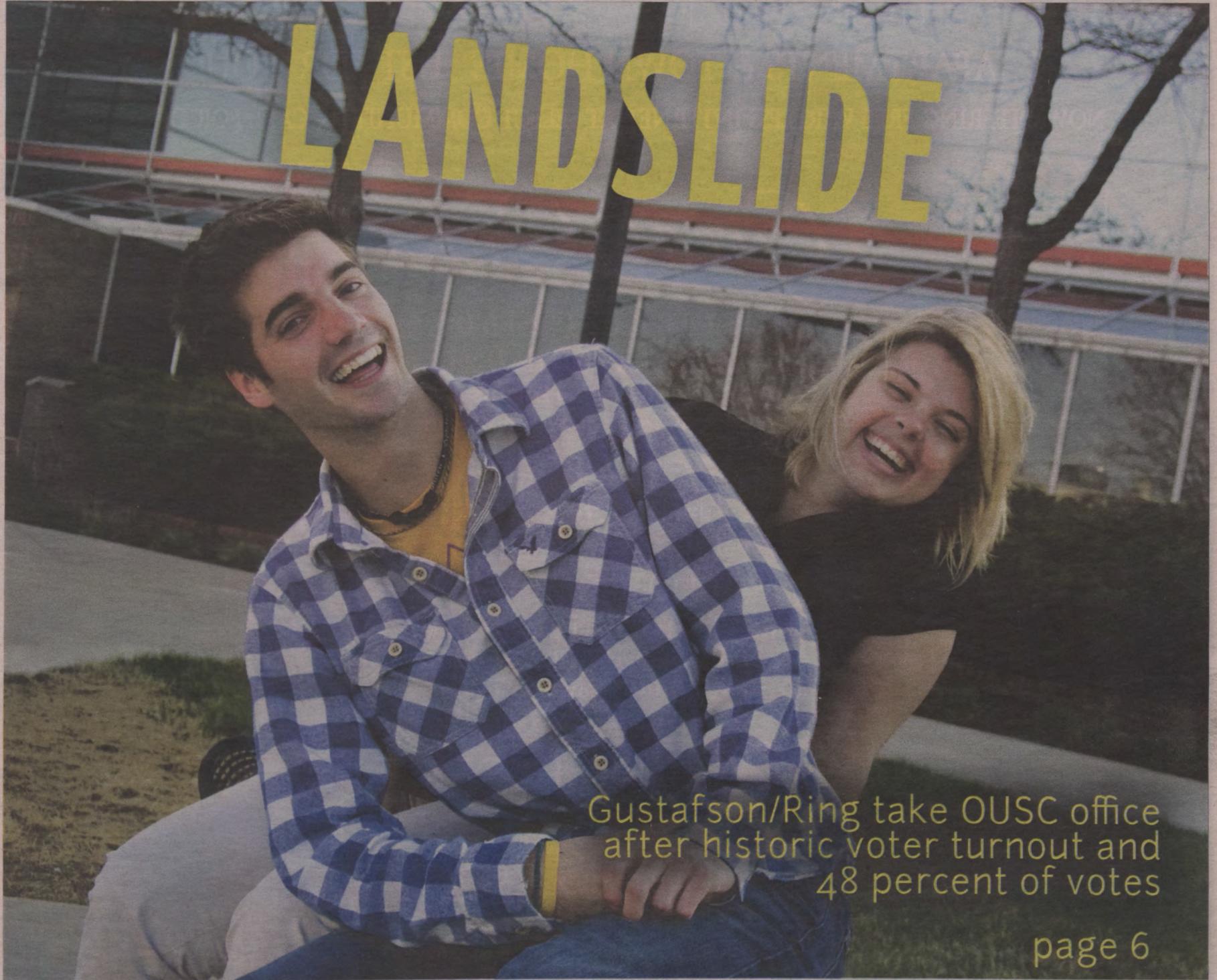
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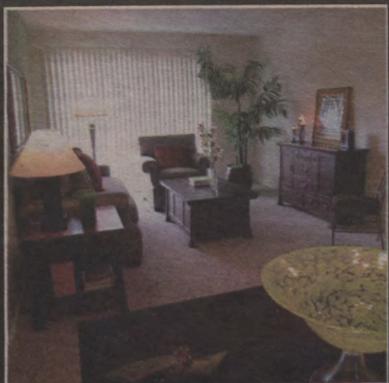
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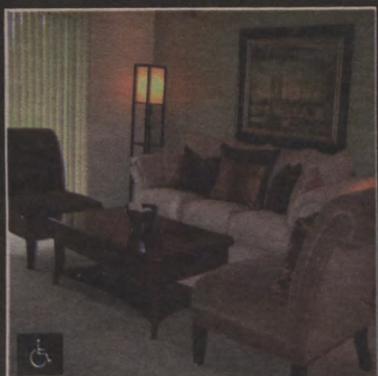
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Disarming the fear of campus carry

I am the editor-in-chief of The Oakland Post and I have a Michigan Concealed Pistol License. It's a blue card that shares a slot in my wallet with my voter registration.

When I turned 21, the minimum age for the license, it was my choice to take the classes and range test to carry a concealed pistol.

I grew up around firearms. So I knew not to pick up a gun and put my finger on the trigger, and to treat every gun like it's loaded. But my CPL class taught me a lot about how to prepare for the situation you hope will never arise: firing a gun at a person.

Of course it's frightening, but I can't ignore the fact that I'd rather kill an assailant than be raped or murdered, and that those situations are possible.

Nobody forced me to get my license. But I am forced to accept that I have to rely on a pocket knife while I'm on campus. Going to college, however, is not a choice anymore. Even for many of those who proudly make their life's work here, leaving is just not a choice.

Students, staff and faculty who legally carry pistols elsewhere without you ever knowing (probably a very small portion) should be able to do the same while in a class or walking Oakland University's campus. Michigan CPL holders can currently carry their concealed pistol in most places, with a few exceptions like college and university dorms and classrooms.

I can, however, see an argument

against keeping guns out of dorms and student apartments. The walls are thin and it's a student's elective to live there.

While I appreciate our police department and I generally feel very safe here, that doesn't mean I shouldn't have the right to protect myself before something happens. I'm not of the belief that it's somebody else's responsibility or capability to ensure my personal safety.

There is no doubt about the rise in senseless shootings on college campuses in this country. This is not the time to ignore the fact that these shooters could be deterred by trained citizens carrying weapons.

While not a perfect comparison to our campus community, crime statistics in Washington D.C. show that the city saw the lowest number of homicides since 1964 in the year following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the city's long-standing handgun ban.

The popular assumption is that removing college dorms and classrooms from the "pistol free zones" will somehow arm all the unstable 19-year-olds in our classrooms and residence halls.

Even some of the most educated people will spew this theory over lunch and giggles, belittling the legitimacy of trying to remove college classrooms from Michigan's list of "pistol free zones."

Hopefully the empty holster demonstrations at OU will help break down the fog of misinformation surrounding the proposed legislation in the state Senate to remove these restrictions.

There are plenty of arguments to scare the passive consumers of information into disagreeing with the changes to the law. None of them stand up to case studies, statistics and knowledge of said law.

In a letter to The Post, a psychologist at OU's counseling center (read it on oaklandpostonline.com) highlighted some of these misconceptions.

"If EVERYONE is carrying guns, it will be impossible to recognize the bad guys," he wrote.

Answer: I'm not an expert, but maybe the person brandishing or firing a weapon, making threats, or displaying unusual behavior would normally tip you off. The "bad guys" will carry weapons and a disregard for the law and other people wherever they please.

There isn't enough ink to dedicate to the misinformation out there. Submit your thoughts and concerns, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Against tradition, I sign this editorial because I support those demonstrating on campus this week for equal protection opportunity for OU's armed citizens while they learn and work.

While this demonstration is to influence a state law, the underlying federal principle is the Second Amendment. Journalists, students and free members of society should support the Second as vigilantly as the First.

Signed,
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- 1) What is our new OUSC president's favorite food?
- 2) Who is The Mayor of the OC?
- 3) What is the stage name of the "bald headed beauty"?
- 4) What was the final score of the women's lacrosse game against GVSU?
- 5) How many energy drinks did Dan Simons consume for the Mouthing Off picture?

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Stress: worse than you think



Katie Wolf
managing editor

This has been the unhealthiest year of my life. I haven't changed my eating or drinking habits. I haven't started any new medication. There is no mold in my house, as a friend's fiancé suggested. The culprit of what seems to be a revolving door

of constant illness? Stress.

It's crunch time for many students on campus, with the school year coming to a close. Some of you, like myself, are scurrying to get their shit together for graduation. Most of you are trying to prepare yourself for the dreaded week of finals. All of you, I'm sure, have experienced stress in one form or another at some point in your life.

Do you realize that stress can negatively effect your health? After calling my editor for what felt like the millionth time and telling her that I was sick again, I started to analyze what's so different about this year than any other. And the only thing that's changed is my stress level.

A study in the European Heart Journal showed that those with higher levels of stress are more likely to experience heart complica-

tions. The American Academy of Dermatology were reported on for their study on how stress will not only hurt your insides, but your appearance as well. Brittle nails, hair loss, wrinkles? Stress may be the cause. National Public Radio had a report last August about how vacations can reduce the stress in your life and have a positive influence on your health.

Conveniently enough, in my research to complete this column, it was brought to my attention that April is National Stress Awareness Month. Also in my search, I tried to find the best tips to give on how to reduce your stress levels. Most sites offered the same advice: Eat healthy, exercise, get enough sleep, and find a good support system. It's easy to let these things fall to the wayside when you're busy, but try not to let them. Most importantly, maintain a positive attitude. Make sure to make time for things you enjoy. A little "me" time can go a long way, and it will help you in the long run.

It might be difficult when you have three papers to write, a PowerPoint project to assemble and a group project that is falling apart, but it's important to remind yourself that if you don't slow down in the present, your future could be slowed permanently, or outright ended. And try not to stress out about stressing out, because that sick cycle will only add more wrinkles, and nobody wants that.

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total votes: 36
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- A** Yes, I don't care if the 41 invalid votes make no difference in the outcome -- I still want each vote to count.
9 votes > 25%
- B** No, because it's just going to be a waste of time.
8 votes > 22%
- C** I don't really care: I didn't even vote the first time.
3 votes > 8%
- D** Yes, but only if the numbers are close enough that it would make a difference.
10 votes > 28%
- E** OUSC should pull an AAUP and hold a vote to decide if they should vote.
6 votes > 17%

CURRENT POLL

What do you find is the best way to relieve stress?

- A** Exercise -- I like to sweat it out.
- B** A good night's rest is the cure.
- C** Laying off the junk food really makes a difference.
- D** My vices (smoking, drinking, drugging) make it all go away.
- E** Just taking some "me" time is all I really need.

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MEET THE NEW OUSC ADMINISTRATION

By KAY NGUYEN AND
JAKE THIELEN

Campus Editor and Contributing Reporter

Brandon Gustafson and Amy Ring were named Oakland University Student Congress president and vice president, respectively, at an announcement event in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge Friday at noon.

A record turnout of 2,796 students voted in the election, despite early snafus that had the voting website up later than expected and early ballot errors. According to Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller, the number hovered around 1,000 last year.

Gustafson and Ring defeated opposing tickets Cameron Schea/ Mike Diedrich and Saman Waquad/ Laura DeSanto by capturing 1,429 votes or about 48 percent of the vote.

Students also voted in 16 legislators: Andrew Gustafsson, Nick McCormick, Steve Cox, Stephanie Love, Ashley Marthen, Ashley Forton, Trang Le, Christina Quigley, Joshua Solomon, Matthew Parks, Shakita Billy, James Kaminski, Brett McIsaac, Maria Willett, Hawra Abogilal and Richard Spiegel.

The club sports referendum was also passed with a 1,785-469 vote, which now allows club sports to be a directly funded branch of the Student Activities Funding Board. Club sports now will receive five percent of student activity fees.

Gustafson and Ring will be sworn in Monday to begin their administration. They are now settling into their new responsibilities by hiring an executive board. Applications are available at the OUSC office at 62 Oakland Center.

OUSC experience is not required to apply for the various positions.

The Oakland Post sat down to learn more about the new student body president and vice president.

Q: What's the journey been like from when you decided to run until now?

Amy: I would just describe it as intense.

Brandon: Yeah, it was intense.

Q: Do you feel there was any "dirty campaigning" in this aggressive campaign? Grievances were filed at the validations meeting Thursday, which were not entertained.

Brandon: I don't know exactly dirty campaigning, just I guess sometimes rumors get spread and they just kind of like catch on. But there's so many people involved with this election in general, like almost 3,000 people voted. So it's not really dirty campaigning.

Amy: I think it was just super intense this year because there was a lot of big names running that were very popular and very well-known in some aspect on campus. And so I just think that emotions were higher.

In the past it's been like you kind of knew who was going to win like the entire time, and I mean yeah we felt confident, but there was never any guarantee 'cause we knew that we were running against big names.

So I think that just everyone was more intense because they were thinking back to two years ago when Steve Clark won by seven votes and everyone was just like desperate for every single vote that they could get.

Brandon: Plus, a lot of the tickets came in with already strong supporters like obviously Mike and Cam had SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon), so that's a whole group. They're fraternity brothers that are backing them and campaigning. Saman had all the people that she met.

Amy: Yeah, we had some super intense people. That was the thing is that Brandon and I, we can show you, we sent out e-mail after e-mail and message after message reminding our campaign to be respectful. Brandon and I feel like we did a really good job of ourselves being really, really respectful, but it sometimes just got out of control with people working for us and for other campaigns too.

Q: The number of people that voted for your ticket exceeded the amount of people that voted total last year. Where did that come from aside from the aggressive visual campaign?

Brandon: It came from a lot of hard work and developing a platform that students understood, and could relate to. And after we get elected, people want to see these things happen 'cause they know what these things are. It really came from us doing things that we wanted like you can hold us accountable. We want to be open to you. Just during the three days of voting, a lot of times



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

Brandon Gustafson and Amy Ring won the OUSC election with a record-setting turnout by 542 votes.

we'd be like "Hey, did you vote already?" and people would come up and I would already have the person vote but I would talk, to them for an extra five minutes just 'cause I like to.

Amy: We would spend 45 minutes with like one individual talking to them about our goals and stuff like that. We just did whatever it took to even get one vote and also I think something that helped us is that we started out really early on and we contacted people really early on to get their support before they decided to support somebody else and I would say that residence halls was huge. I was the only resident running.

Brandon: So we just tried to gain their support so throughout the three days of actual voting, we weren't trying to pick up all these votes because we already had like a mass base of voters coming in.

Q: What was the biggest thing you learned?

Brandon: Just how much work needs to and should go into campaigning. It shouldn't come down to the last two days. That's what our goal was. We wanted to really understand the student issues and not just wait — to actually work on it the whole month 'cause you

have a month to campaign. So that way it's more competitive and you're going to get better candidates. That's what we kept talking about — how we campaign is how we plan on going into office — setting a timeline, setting deadlines, things like that.

Amy: I'd say like taking every single opportunity to talk to people. There were times where we just wanted to have fun and do whatever we wanted, but if we had an opportunity to talk to a group, we took it every single time and there were times where we were like, "Do we really need to do this?" because we were just tired, but we took every single opportunity we could to go talk to people and I think that paid off.

Q: What was the first thing you did after you left campus on Friday?

Amy: We went over to the library to tell my dad that we won 'cause he didn't come to the announcement.

Brandon: Then we went and sat on a bench and we discussed our week.

Amy: Yeah, we went outside and we sat on a bench and made a to-do list. We went over to Gary Russi's office trying to make an appointment with him but we couldn't get into the hallway.

Getting to know the 2010 OUSC President and Vice President

Brandon Gustafson & Amy Ring



Crab cakes	Favorite Food	Tacos
Zoup	Favorite Chartwells Meal	Zoup too
Green	Favorite Color	Purple
Law School then moving to Australia	Future Aspirations	Make a difference on a university campus
None but Amy Ring says fist pumping	Hidden Talents	Tap dancing and puppeteering
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POLICE FILES

Stolen computer: March 28 an officer was dispatched to the Studio Theater in Varner about a larceny complaint. A faculty member stated that the theater had just purchased a new computer two months ago. It had been chained to the balcony area. The faculty member locked the theater and left for the night on March 27. When he returned, the computer was gone and the chain had been cut. The faculty member gave the officer a list of students that also had access to the theater's key. The computer is still missing and there are no suspects at this time.

Anti-fur prank gone too far: March 28 a student left her coat at her desk during her class break. When she returned, she noticed a piece of paper with anti-fur remarks in red ink stuck to her coat with chewing gum. She stated that a male student was sitting behind her with a red pen, but no one noticed him writing anything on her coat. After she made a report to OUPD, another student informed her that the male suspect wrote the note as a joke. The damage to the coat was about \$30. She will try to get reimbursement next time that class meets.

Rebound ends in broken nose: March 29 a student was playing basketball on the recreational side of the Lepley Center. The student went up for a rebound and when he came down he struck his nose on another player's shoulder, causing his nose to break. A friend helped him seek medical attention and the scene was cleared.

Basketball head injury: March 30 an officer was dispatched to the Recreational Athletic Center for a medical emergency. A student stated while playing basketball he and another

player collided. The student's head hit the mouth of the other player. The student sustained a small cut on the hairline of his forehead and requested an ambulance for treatment. Bleeding was stopped by the time the officer arrived but the student still complained of pains in his head. Auburn Hills Fire Department gave the student a ride to a friend's room. The scene was cleared with no further incident.

Stolen items: April 1 a faculty member stated that an unknown person broke into his vehicle. About \$5-10 was stolen from his front seating cup holders, along with his black leather tri-fold wallet. His wallet was located inside of some pants that he had on the front seat. An officer advised the man to contact the Secretary of State and his credit card companies to inform them of the theft. The officer noticed shattered glass to the rear passenger window of the vehicle. There were no witnesses of the larceny.

Unfriendly altercation: April 5 a student and her two friends went to Hamlin Hall to see another friend. There were three other students in the lounge at that time. One of the three girls in the lounge was rumored to have egged the student's car in the past. Words were exchanged, and a physical altercation took place. The student held the alleged egger's arms down and was scratched by her as she was trying to break free. Both girls began pushing one another. The girls were then separated. The student and her two friends left and returned to the main lounge. OUPD was called to investigate the incident. All persons cleared the scene without further incident.

— Compiled by staff reporter Gabi Jaye from OUPD's media logs

Journalism conference to feature prominent new media speakers

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Staff Reporter

Social media has evolved to more than just a forum to communicate with others as tweets, status updates, and wall posts are becoming the communication in the technological age.

Social Media 2.OU is a seminar sponsored by Oakland University Career Services, the OU Journalism Department and The Oakland Post.

It hopes to increase attendees' knowledge of social media, as well as how to use and maximize it as a tool for career planning and succeeding as a nonprofit organization.

"It's a great opportunity to learn about social media in general, how it can help business owners and nonprofits as a marketing tool and what laws and rules users should keep in mind when dealing with social media," said event organizer and OU integrative studies major Wibke Richter. "Students, local business owners and nonprofits will have the chance to mingle, exchange ideas and business cards."

The seminar will take place in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center on Wednesday, April 14 from 3-6 p.m.

and is open to students of all majors, faculty, and representatives of nonprofit organizations and businesses.

According to Richter, this is the first event of its kind on campus.

There will be several keynote speakers, all of whom have unique perspectives regarding social media.

The speakers include Derek Mehraban, Matt Friedman, Susan Evans and representatives from OU Career Services.

Workshops like "Social media and yOU," will inform students of what they should know about various facets of social media and how it relates to specific individuals.

Each presentation will be 15 minutes, followed by a question and answer session, as well as further networking opportunities.

"(It's) a chance for students to connect the dots between real world and best practice examples and class lectures about new media," said Richter.

After the presentation, Career Services will help attendees navigate through OUCareerLink to effectively utilize the online database.

Those looking for more information can go to the event's website at www.socialmedia2ou.wordpress.com.

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Empty holsters gain attention

By MIKE SANDULA
Senior Reporter

Students wearing empty holsters have gained full attention at Oakland University. OU Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, which was officially approved as a student organization Monday, has been demonstrating on campus since last week and will continue through Thursday.

"My hope is to educate everyone about the laws that already exist concerning concealed pistol carry," said Jeffrey Lamkin Jr., the organization's president. "My goal is to help ease some of the anxiety that most people feel toward firearms."

Demonstrators stood outside the Oakland Center, between the foundation halls Monday, wearing empty holsters. They talked to students about their position and displayed two signs.

One listed the number of people that have died from gun-related incidents at 18 schools with "gun-free zones." The other read: "Signs can't stop acts of violence. Armed citizens can."

According to the group's website, concealedcampus.org, SCCC plans a similar week-long demonstration every spring to protest laws and ordinances that limit concealed carry. The group now has 11 chapters in Michigan.

Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, sent a campus-wide e-mail on April 1 that warned students about the possibility of such demonstrations.

"As a university community we certainly encourage the free exchange of ideas and open dialogue on important societal issues," Snyder wrote in the statement. "However, there is a right time, place and manner of doing this and we will ensure that the rights of everyone on campus are protected."

Her statement was followed the next day by OU President Gary Russi and Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil.

Their statement went over current state law and touched on the university's planned "crisis situation training exercise" scheduled for Friday.

State laws currently allow gun owners to openly carry legally registered firearms, but licensed individuals are prohibited from carrying concealed pistols in university dormitories and classrooms.

Sen. Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, introduced a bill in August 2009 to amend Senate Bill 747 to remove those areas from the list of prohibited premises. A similar bill was introduced in the House in September 2009 by Rep. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City.

OU Chief of Police Samuel Lucido has lobbied to stop the passage of both bills and said OU and the OU Senate are too.



Members of OU Students for Concealed Carry on Campus began its empty holster protest Tuesday. JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

"It's a matter of local control," Lucido said. "Universities should maintain the right to establish reasonable rules and regulations regulating the possession of firearms on campus."

The OU student handbook states that weapons of any kind are not allowed on campus, except "occupants of single family residences in the Meadow Brook subdivision and non-student university residences may possess firearms as permitted by law."

Though Lucido said state law would supersede university law, Snyder said universities have the legal authority to create and enforce rules as they see fit.

"If a student were to be caught with a firearm on campus, that individual would be subject to a disciplinary hearing with possible sanctions" ranging from "a written warning up to expulsion," Snyder said.

Lucido met with Lamkin and Randy Fullmer, VP of OUSCCC, on April 2 to discuss the group's planned protest.

"Initially they decided to cancel the protests... primarily because they were aware of the anxiety in the community about these issues," Lucido said.

Lamkin said they were only going to cancel their protests because they thought another group, Michigan Open Carry, Inc., was going to be demonstrating while carrying firearms on their person in open view. But after the president of MOC, who is not officially affiliated with OU, confirmed that they would not be holding campus protests, SCCC decided to go through with theirs.

Students have taken notice of those walking around with empty holsters.

"It did freak me out a bit, but I realized it was empty so I didn't really think about it much more, but if there were to be a gun in there it would definitely freak me out," said freshman business major Jessica Baroque.

Freshman studio art major David Friend, an SCCC member, said allowing individuals with a Concealed Pistol

License to carry their firearms with no restrictions would deter criminals.

"People that want to do harm would think twice," said Friend, who's not yet old enough to get a Concealed Pistol License. To obtain a CPL, an individual must be 21 years of age and go through various gun safety courses.

Lamkin, who said he has had his CPL for over a year, said his goal is to educate people on gun safety.

"Most people don't know the laws, or a lot about guns, which causes fear," Lamkin said.

Freshman Dustin Davidson said he hunts and has no problems with guns, but doesn't see the need to carry one.

"There's a time and place for that kind of stuff," Davidson said.

Nicole Peters, a freshman communication major, is against passage of the bills.

"Our campus is one of the safest in Michigan and we're one of the only colleges here that have our own police department so why do people need to bring their guns here?" Peters said. "I also don't like the idea because of the preschool that's in Pawley. There shouldn't be weapons around children."

Lucido said he understands that people view this as a Constitutional issue and recognizes the Second Amendment, which protects the rights to bear arms.

"I just can't see how openly possessing and carrying around firearms would not disrupt the perception of safety around the community and not disrupt that learning environment," Lucido said.

OU Student Congress is holding a forum/information session on concealed carry on campus and the legislation pertaining to it Friday, April 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Gold Room C.

— Intern Jamie Gasper contributed to this report

Have an opinion about proposed Michigan legislation that may allow concealed carry on campus? Vote in our poll at www.oaklandpostonline.com.

Film festival to preview at MB Hall

By KATIE JACOB
Copy Editor

Next week, Oakland University will preview four films out of the 40 or so that will be shown later in the month at several venues around town as part of the 12th annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival.

The event, a first for Oakland, takes place at Meadow Brook Hall on April 14 and 15, with two screenings, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., followed by discussions led by OU faculty members.

Elysha Koppelman-White, associate professor of philosophy and interim director of the Judaic Studies Program, which is co-sponsoring the event, said that OU hosted a dinner and panel discussion with faculty from OU off campus last year.

The response was good and this year, the Jewish Center contacted them and wanted to do something "even bigger" and they came up with the idea of having the preview at OU.

Eric Lumberg, chairman of the Jewish Film Festival said that they were "thrilled" about having the preview at OU this year.

Lumberg said that the movies that are being previewed at OU are not only Jewish movies, but have more universal themes.

"We pick movies that obviously have some sort of Jewish connection or Jewish content but the majority of them are much more than that," he said.

The movies for the preview were selected to correspond with material being taught in the classes of the faculty who are leading the discussions. Lumberg said they took each class or topic and "fit in a movie with each of them."

"It was a phenomenal idea; we loved the idea," Lumberg said.

Koppelman-White said that students in those classes are being offered extra credit for attending the preview.

Tickets for the preview are \$7 per movie or \$10 for a double feature, and free to OU students with student ID.

Advanced ticket purchase for the festival preview is recommended.

Those interested in attending the previews can contact Kristen Clark by phone at 248-370-2650.

Presiding over the OC

By MIKE SANDULA
Senior Reporter

His jurisdiction isn't a town, but the floor of a student center — and he holds brooms instead of babies — yet custodian Pat Martz is known around the lower level of the Oakland Center as "The Mayor."

As he makes his rounds in the morning — sweeping, mopping, swapping recycling bins and so on — he makes small talk with students and employees.

He asks one girl how her Easter was. He asks another how she spent her birthday. Everyone he comes across seems to know him and vice versa.

The Mayor

Martz said the nickname came from "the guys at the radio station." WXOU General Manager Erik Anderson said the nickname started before he came to Oakland University in 2007 and isn't quite sure of its origin.

"I think it's 'cause he's always around," Anderson said.

Martz's vacuum is even labeled "The Mayor."

"He's a genuinely good fellow," said Danny Malendowski, a student technology center worker.

Erik Williams, a custodian, has worked alongside Martz for more than two years.

"When I started working here, Pat took me under his wing. Taught me everything I know," Williams said. "He is truly the mayor down here."

Before coming to OU about nine years ago, Martz said he used to provide custodial services for Royal Oak schools. He then delivered The Oakland Press to OU for about a year and got hired in.

After working the night shift for a few years, Martz is now a "custodian 2," which means he holds seniority and gets to work mornings.

"After a year or so you're a custodian 1. After you get that time in, you become custodian 2," which comes with a nominal pay raise, Martz said.

He works every morning Monday through Friday and gets two 15-minute breaks plus a half-hour lunch per shift.

His breaks are spent surfing the Internet at WXOU, catching up with the news at The Oakland Post or smoking on the OC patio, typically with a bag of Doritos and a bottle of Mountain Dew.

Making the rounds

When he arrives in the morning, he goes and gets his sheet, which lists the rooms he has to clean that morning, what events he needs to set for later and so on.

While making his rounds, he cuts through the room that connects the OU Student Congress office and the Student Program Board.

"Did you know this is back here? It's where all your tuition goes," Martz jokes.

He knows where everything is — including the campus's tunnels.



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

Pat Martz, who is known as "The Mayor" of the lower level of the OC goes about his daily routine as a "custodian 2."

Martz explains that there are tunnels running from North Foundation Hall to South Foundation Hall, and he said there are plans to build another one from NFH to Wilson Hall.

They're locked, but they're not secret escape hatches, they just run water and electricity from one building to the next.

"Used to have problems with bums," Martz said, explaining why they're so secure.

Radio, radio

If being the face of the OC's lower level wasn't enough, Martz was also its voice for two hours every week. He and Anderson used to host a radio show every Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon called, "The Banging On A Trash Can Show."

They haven't been able to do it in a while though because of Anderson's busy schedule.

"We just did a radio show," Anderson said. "Took calls, played classic rock, had a lot of fun."

And if the lines weren't ringing, Martz said they would utilize their slogan, which was: "If you don't call us, we'll call you."

"We used to call people we knew just out of the blue and put them on the radio," Martz said.

He said they'd discuss current events, play a wide variety of music and have a good time.

Looking out for the students

Martz is known for looking out for the student organizations located in the OC basement.

"He's kind of like my eyes when I'm not here," Anderson said. "One pair of eyes, anyway."

Martz also makes sure the table outside the OUSC office has Scantrons in the morning and helps students with the copy machine.

"I always help the kids around here," Martz said. "If they need something fixed, if I can do it, I do it."

Outside of a fight he had to help break up a few years ago, Martz said there's usually no trouble.

"Every three to four years it's different because you get different kids in," Martz said.

When Martz is off duty, he said he likes to spend time with his three kids and go fishing. He also likes to attend campus events, such as Greek Week, the WXOU birthday bash and other various events he sets up for.



Photo Courtesy of Carly Rouston

A group of students who participate in Making Friends Fridays pose outside of the OC. The students hang out and do activities in and around the OC each week. They say the group's main focus is helping students — especially commuters — get involved on campus.

Making Friends Fridays

By ANNIE STODOLA
You/Local Editor

It's a Friday afternoon outside the Oakland Center and, out of nowhere, a group of students run up to a stranger, asking her to join their group.

The girl, although reluctant at first, joins the group and gets to know the people involved. This is the mission of Making Friends Friday.

Making Friends Friday, or MFF, started as a competition between Paige Golinske and Ryan D'Silva, two of the "original friends." The third original friend is Carly Rouston.

"We came up with this brilliant idea to see who could make more friends in the OC, since Ryan is such a social person, as am I," Golinske said. "So, while Ryan made more friends, we realized how rewarding it was to meet so many new people and help people's days."

Rouston agrees the original competition sparked a strong friend-making mission for the group of students. She also said the friendships are long-lasting.

"It's been really awesome because we have made friends that I know I will have forever and we have seen some people gain a ton of confidence as well," Rouston said.

For the past three months, the group has met in the OC around 1 p.m. each Friday. Activities for the group so far include playing spoons, Taboo, Twister and other games outside.

Although the group tries to think of special events or activities to do each week, Golinske said the group's focus is on making friends, regardless of the activities.

"The idea is mainly just to get people connected," Golinske said. "With OU being a commuter campus, people don't always hang around and get involved, so we're giving them a reason to get involved, and stick around campus."

One regular participant in the group's Friday activities is sophomore Emily Cutlip, who said she has become close to the other students, especially the three original friends.

"It's a great way for commuters to feel included on campus," Cutlip said. "It really helps people break out of their shells and develop better social networking skills, and understand other, different people."

Since the group's inception, Golinske said the response from the Oakland University community has been outstanding. The group's Facebook page has gotten about 100 members in the past three months.

"People are so open to meeting people and becoming a part of something," she said. "A lot of people have said that they feel something like this was needed on campus, and that's why people are so responsive."

Rouston said the students get together outside of the Friday happenings as well.

"The people from MFF hang out throughout the week and will get together for lunch throughout the week and hang out," she said.

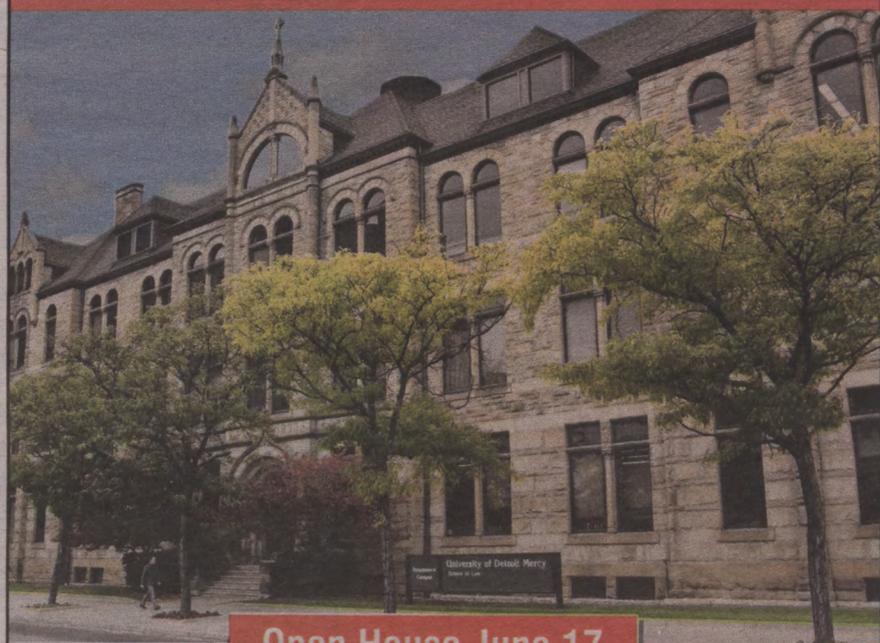
Golinske also said she hopes more students, especially commuters, will continue to get involved with Making Friends Fridays and meet in the OC at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Students who are interested in joining can also find out more information on the Facebook group, Making Friends Fridays at OU.

"It's a judgment free zone for people to just come and enjoy themselves. As long as you give it a chance, you'll make great friends and really get involved with something fun and laid back on campus," Golinske said. "All I would say is that people should give it a try. It may sound corny, it may sound dumb — anyone can have their opinion on it — but it's worked."

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FACT: Coffee was introduced to Europe when Turk invaders brought it with them. Coffee — Helping people do things like invade Europe since 1522.**FACT:** Energy drinks are a market estimated to reach \$10 billion in value this year. The Oakland Center cafeteria sells 16 oz. energy drinks for \$2.49, just under the price of a gallon of gasoline. Thirty miles in a car, or 30 minutes of twitching?

BEST FIVE ENERGY DRINKS

Lo-Carb Monster — This version of Monster is the closest any energy drink has gotten to tasting like the real thing without inducing diabetes. Without the sugar holding you back, Lo-Carb Monsters can be imbibed by the case full, assuming you don't mind your heart exploding from your chest.

Full Throttle — Coca-Cola's flagship energy drink tastes like lightning struck a tree bearing all the right fruits and they conveniently fell into a big black can. Somewhere between a lemon-lime flavor and liquid amazing, Full Throttle tantalizes the taste buds, titillates the tongue, and slaughters the sleep cycle.

Amp 88 Special Edition — I never thought I would say this, but I love a product associated with NASCAR. The official drink sponsor of Dale Earnhardt Jr. is a mix of orange, berry, and lime flavors, proving that Amp's flavor inventing process involves locking a guy in a room and telling him not to come out until he mixes three things together and he gets something tasty.

Bawls — I love the taste of Bawls in my mouth. The bottles are designed with specials bumps, so when condensation forms, you can easily grab your sweaty Bawls. The sugar free kind comes in a clear bottle but doesn't taste the same, so make sure to grab your blue Bawls. You can stay up all night if you've got the Bawls for it.

Coffee — Nothing beats a classic. Energy drinks for grown ups. Found in every office and at any restaurant, coffee has been the backbone of the all-nighter for ages. As simple as hot water run through ground beans and as complex as a seven word order from a pretentious café, coffee is the gruff old guy required in any action movie as the time-tested badass.

WORST FIVE ENERGY DRINKS

Rip It — Named after what you do to a fart, this energy drink is the Wal-Mart version of an energy drink, and it tastes like it. More than one person I know says the only drinkable version is the orange, which is only because not even a dollar-store attempt at energy drinks could possibly mess up the awesome flavor of oranges.

Rock Star Cola — The inventor of this drink clearly hates people. Imagine if someone left off-brand cola in their trunk over the summer. Add some flat root beer and the taste of Jagermeister but without the alcohol and you have this abomination. I choked down one can of this for the sake of journalism.

Monster Khaos/M-80/Mixxd — This is what happens when Monster tries to add natural fruit juices to their drinks. Except whatever fruit they squeezed for these drinks must have been rotting, covered in fungus, or maybe just cabbage in disguise. No amount of cool alternative spelling will make these not taste like krap.

Drank — This one is actually an "extreme relaxation beverage" and while it tasted great, the herbs and extracts in it gave me a raging headache while at the same time I couldn't keep my eyes open and suddenly couldn't feel my elbows or knees. You know what else makes people relax? A nap. And those don't make people look drunk in their office.

Coffee — Yes, this one is both good and bad. Start adding milk, chocolate, flavors and creams to coffee and it becomes a fattening sugar bomb. Start drinking the really good coffee and you give up on low end instant coffee, like a junkie finding a better fix. A Venti quad-esspresso soy no-whip cinnamon dolce is not an energy drink, it's stupid in a cup.

FACT: The closest two Starbucks cafes are three ft. apart. One is a story above the other in an Oregon mall, where there is nothing better to do but drink coffee.

THE CAFFEINE CHRO

AN ADDICT'S ACCOUNT

My name is Dan and I'm addicted to energy drinks.

With finals coming up and college students needing every bit of energy they can get to work jobs, do homework, study and do stupid things they can later cover up by saying "Hey, it was college," energy drinks will flow like rivers on our campus and students tell their internal clocks to kiss their ass and tell sleep to go to hell.

If anyone knows about energy drinks, it's me.

I have slayed many Monsters, I have tamed many Red Bulls. I have partied harder than a Rockstar and I've destroyed a few Amps in the process. The back seat of my car looks like an aluminum can recycling plant exploded.

It's not like I need a drink when I wake up, or I get the shakes after a while — I'm more of a binge energy drinker. I'll go a few days without them and then drink two or three and bounce off the walls and stay up late to do absolutely nothing productive at all. Some people drink them every day and

thus the chemicals don't affect me. Where is the fun in that? Do you want to re-arrange furniture just because?

I can tell you the difference between an energy drink buzz and a hangover. Too much coffee and I can't concentrate, like there is this high pressure cloud of nothingness right between my eyeballs that stops me from concentrating clearly but allows me to kill people in video games. Energy drinks feel like some sort of drug that has spawned in my brain stem and wants out, and that's why I'm convinced stealing shopping carts from one into each other is an awesome idea.

The energy drink vending machine is right outside the office of The Oakland Post. I've seen more of my money being collected than I've seen in a bookstore. I've collected dime coins, nickles off the floor and in collections to feed that machine so it can give me more.

So sit back and crack open a can. Don't worry, the shakes go away after a while.

FACT: Coffee was discovered when an Ethiopian herder noticed his goats were jumping after eating the shrubs coffee comes from. Don't ask how he discovered Horny Goat Weed.



FINE MONICLES

WRITTEN BY DAN SIMONS. DESIGNED BY JASON WILLIS.

YOU ARE GOING TO DIE: HOW CAFFEINE WORKS

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Caffeine is found in plants and is used to prevent bugs from eating the plant. The same bugs that crawl on feces won't touch this stuff, and yet you buy cans of it at a time. Good job, nature.

Every second you're alive, your brain is sending signals to your body that everything is fine and dandy. It's only when the signal stops that the body part takes action. Kind of like when your significant other stops texting you back and you freak out.

Caffeine blocks the signal from the brain to the adrenal glands, right above your kidneys. Ever see a movie where someone cuts the phone line to a building? Caffeine is that guy.

Like a mother who hasn't heard from her kid in a while, the adrenal glands go berserk and release adrenaline into the body, thinking that there is something wrong going on. It's part of our body's natural fight or flight response.

Caffeine is literally convincing your body that you are going to die and your body is trying to stop that.

It is not the caffeine that gives you

energy, it's just the catalyst to your own release of energy. Adrenaline makes the airways open up to accept more oxygen, it makes the heart pump faster to get that oxygen to the rest of the body, and it increases reaction time and dilates the pupils so you can see what is about to kill you so you can avoid it. This also makes you play video games better and allows you to stay up later to study for finals.

Roller coasters, a fist fight, drowning, being shot at and crashing your car result in the same chemical reactions as a can you find in the convenience store.

With energy drinks, all those added goodies like B vitamins, taurine, carnitine, and other chemicals are there to aid the caffeine to get into your system faster, stronger, and longer. If caffeine is the spy cutting the phone line, the extras in energy drinks are his tool kit.

So, to recap: A substance that not even bugs will touch convinces your body that you are about to freaking die and energy drinks helps this happen a lot faster. Drink up kids!

THE MONSTER MISTRESS

BY KAITLYN CHORNOBY

Craving coffee comedy? Check online for an online exclusive about coffee from Web Editor, Bryan Culver

A day for me without caffeine is like a cone without ice cream; a robot without a battery; a newsroom without frantic, overworked reporters — it just doesn't work. Actually, a day for me without caffeine just doesn't exist, so I'm not sure why I'm wasting my word count talking about it.

While caffeine comes in various forms, the most obvious choice to make a sleep deprived college kid feel awesome is energy drinks. Despite the way-too-high price, they really do the trick, and after filtering out the few that taste like cat piss and drainage juice, you end up with maybe three or four that top your personal liquid list. While Amp and Rockstar might take bronze and silver in this competition of sorts, it's pretty clear which takes gold.

It's one of the few splendors of slurp that has lasted through the test of time: Monster Energy. It's pretty much a given that any 7-Eleven or gas station will be carrying the product in its glorious rainbow of colors, and the giant, kickass Monster truck shows up just about everywhere it can. The truck is a regular at the annual Van's Warped Tour and I even saw them giving away free Monsters in the Cobo Center's basement during the 2010 Auto Show.

For some, it's just a nice drink to give that extra kick to your day. For others, it goes awesome mixed with some sort of alcohol. And for a considerably smaller group, it's a necessity, pushing its way in between soda products and the five hour (headache inducing) energy shots.

Conveniently for these people, Monster Energy has a taste for just about everyone, offering fruity flavors from orange to purple. Monster gives a kick in the butt to ol' Starbucks with a Java and tea line. They even released a few limited edition cans for avid collectors and fans. Each brand shoves 10 mg of caffeine per ounce into each cold can, but I myself prefer just the original.

If you're going to speed up your death clock, you might as well do it in a way that you enjoy and doesn't involve scorching the inside of your throat. A friend who had an unsupported dislike for Monster allegedly had her first can the other day and sent me a text to say, "Hey, this stuff is pretty darn good!" Yes it is, Lisa. Welcome to the freakin' world.

I and the others like me should probably go to rehab for a caffeine/Monster addiction at some point. And you know, it might just be cheaper than this whole college thing.

FACT: Things people have added caffeine to: Soap, lip balm, gum, body wash, brownies, beef jerky, cookies, lollipops, chocolate and of course, booze.





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The park officials drip fire across a line with a drip torch, wearing flame-retardant gear as protection from the heat and smoke. Stony Creek Metropark users continue hiking and biking in the trail next to the field, but are warned not to come too close because of the fire and smoke.

Stopping the spread

Park officials work to curb invasive species

By MAS RAHMAN
Contributing Reporter

The fire blazes through the prairie field, burning the grass and shrubs in its way.

Is it a wild fire? A malicious prank?

No. It's a weed management method.

Every year, park officials around the U.S. employ this method, called controlled burn or prescribed burn, to get rid of invasive alien plants and help native plants thrive.

With the help of professional fire experts, park officials did controlled burns of parts of Stony Creek Metropark on Thursday, April 1, to kill off an invasive alien plant called autumn olive.

"If we did nothing at all, in four, five years, this would just be a shrub field," said Paul Muelle, chief of natural resources at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, which manages Stony Creek and 12 other metroparks. "All this grass would eventually disappear."

Autumn olives are a big problem in many parks in Michigan, and parks try to manage these plants so that the native flora can flourish.

"There's so much of it that we have a hard time keeping up with it," Muelle said.

Other methods of managing the autumn olive situation include mowing the field, pulling out the plants and spreading herbicide, but Muelle said the more effective method is mowing down the field and burning it the next year.

Many measurements are taken to ensure safety. Before doing a prescribed burn, officials must inform law enforcement officials. They also take weather readings, and if the conditions aren't favorable, the burn is delayed.

If it's too windy, they don't do a burn because the wind could carry the fire to where officials can't control it.

He said fields usually go through a three to five year burn rotation.

"We'll leave this field alone now for another three or four years, take a look at it, and if it needs it, we'll come through and put fire across it again," he said.

To see color pictures from the burn, visit oaklandpostonline.com



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The green-yellow prairie grass at Stony Creek and other parks is what the officials are trying to protect from the tall, brown shrubs called autumn olives. The other, red plants survive the burns, and although they can be a problem at times, officials don't worry about them too much because "they're just a part of the system."



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The "harmful" autumn olives are burned away, as is the prairie grass. Paul Muelle, chief of natural resources at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, said the grass will grow back all green in a couple of weeks, but the autumn olives won't be a problem for three to four years.

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Suiting up for spring and summer

By ALEXIS TOMRELL
Scene/Mix Editor

Midwest fashion is so neurotic. My closet is a ragbag of seasonal clothes I never store away, racked with the severity or surprise of Michigan's sporadic weather patterns. Despite all that cramped closet space, it's taught me to be ready at a moment's notice (and never take for granted) to toss on that fun spring dress at a few signs of ... 60 degree weather.

Looking at upcoming reports though, it seems spring will be hanging around. This is fabulous news for wardrobes because 2010's spring looks invoke early indications of the relaxed, carefree nature of days off — days spent in gardens, parks, beaches and flower beds. Time to get lost in the liberty print.

The premise is effortless: girlish, blithe skirts and dresses in lively prints and patterns complemented with edgy, but light-colored blouses and jackets, like the Nom de Plume Yaya moto jacket from Urban Outfitters or Gap's pale denim choices. Even for straightforward



Collage made via Polyvore.com
Pastels, florals and light denims mix with bold splashes of color like the pink patchwork clutch and Karen Walker sunglasses.

solid color ensembles, there lies a great selection of chunky and layered statement jewelry that's sure to liven up more muted looks, like J. Crew's crystal rock necklace or Betsey Johnson's multi-illusion necklace in pinks and greens (pictured left).

I'm not the most dainty of dressers — my weekly fashion forecast always incorporates black — but this year's fresh take on femininity has inspired me to store away some of those glum winter shades and try my hand at pastels.

I think I'll pair this new lightness of being with bold color splashes of teal and orange with accessories and shoes, like Karen Walker's hippie-chic sunglasses (pictured left) and Florio stand-out loafers.

The resulting getup should solicit whimsy and comfortable motion. Like the leisure of days ahead, spring and summer 2010 fashion is a call to step away from stress and replace it with mellow interpretations on femininity.

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By KEVIN ROMANCHIK
Columnist

Collaboration has never been an issue with super producer Brian Burton, also known as Danger Mouse. His resume includes "The Grey Album," which is a mix of Jay-Z's *The Black Album* and The Beatles' *The White Album*, working with Cee-Lo Green of Gnarls Barkley, The Black Keys and countless others.

Now, Danger Mouse's newest endeavor is a project called *Broken Bells*, a partnership with Portland indie band The Shins' vocalist James Mercer.

The two met at a Danish music festival in 2004 and discovered they were both fans of each other's work.

The result is exactly what we assumed: Danger Mouse creates an experience of sound with a wide range of influences from techno to classical music.

"The High Road" opens up the album with mellow keyboard notes mixed with simple acoustic guitar chords and up-beat drums. What really brings the song together is Mercer's vocal harmonies.

For anyone who has listened to The Shins' work before hearing *Broken Bells*, Danger Mouse's music style fits Mercer's similar style, which is rooted in indie-pop perfectly.

"A Ghost Inside" showcases Mercer singing at a high octave with a beat that is primarily drum and synthesizer. The chorus features a harmony of other vocalists

that tie together verses without being too choppy. While other songs use guitar solos, Danger Mouse uses various electronics as the breakdown focus.

"Sailing to Nowhere" is a track which can be compared to Radiohead, with Mercer's vocals sounding similar to Thom Yorke. It is primarily an instrumental track that constantly changes like the ocean waves of its namesake.

Although *Broken Bells* isn't a groundbreaking act in today's music industry like when Gnarls Barkley first started bringing the soul genre back into the mainstream, that doesn't take away from what Mercer and Burton were able to achieve.

Broken Bells will please prior fans of Danger Mouse, as well as Shins fanatics. Their pop sound will definitely be a future mainstream radio favorite.

The duo will start a nationwide tour starting in the middle of May, stopping by Detroit's St. Andrews Hall on June 1st, as well as playing other various small venues.

They have already started working on their next record that has yet to be announced.

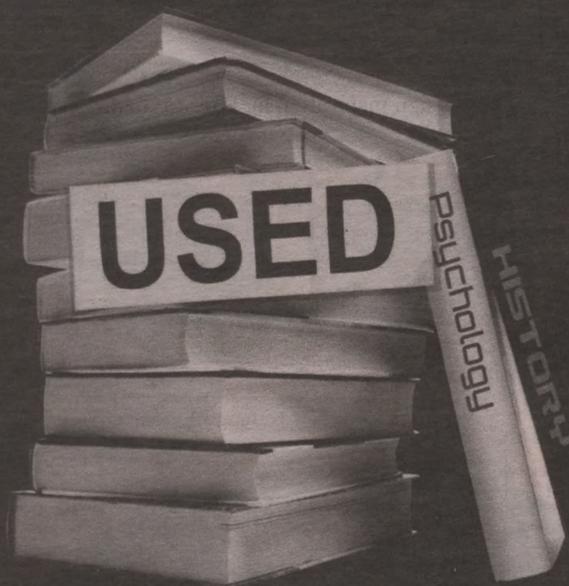
Their self-titled album is a great, entertaining record that highlights the talents of two big name musicians, and solidifies Danger Mouse's place as one of the greatest producers of our generation, and James Mercer as one of music's most underrated vocalists.

Check out *Broken Bells* at brokenbells.com.



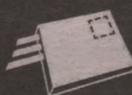
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The Shins' vocalist James Mercer (left) teams up with Brian Burton, aka Danger Mouse (right) in the project *Broken Bells*.

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Last Friday, April 2, was a night of revelry, performance and celebration at Oakland University's annual drag show. Themed as "fantasy and fairytale," the bill included performances by local performers and favorites DeAngela "Show" Shannon, Sabin "the bald headed beauty," Diva, Crystal Harding, Innocente, Sydney Charles and Tori Lynn. Over 200 guests attended the seventh annual Gay Straight Alliance Drag show, one of the largest turnouts the show has seen.

Intermission at the free event featured performances by OU dance group Xpressiv B.T.Z., and a hula hoop spectacle by Olivia Pizzo, student founder of Harmonic Hoops.

A lively crowd cheered on performers' routines throughout the show, which ran from 7-11 p.m., and mingled with sexy bartenders serving up non-alcoholic cocktails and volunteers dressed as princes or princesses.

— Alexis Tomrell



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Above: Crystal Harding performs at the annual drag show.



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Right: Kierstan Hansen, the liaison between the GSA and other organizations, GSA member and Gender and Sexuality volunteer, shares a moment with drag performer Sabin.

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Baseball brings victories home

By **ROSS MAGHIELSE**
Senior reporter

Oakland University baseball coach John Musachio is a hard-working man. And his team shares that characteristic.

Immediately following a 12-4 victory over Concordia, Musachio marched to the bullpen with a couple of his pitchers to get in some extra work. Musachio and the Golden Grizzlies hope that mindset will help lead to more results like the ones they had last week.

Oakland played its first home games of the season last Friday, April 2, and came away with two victories, sweeping Concordia in a double-header. The Grizzlies (5-14 through April 5) held on to win the first game, 9-7,



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Mike Carson contributed a home run to a 12-4 win on Friday.

before trouncing Concordia in the nightcap (12-4).

"This was huge," said Musachio, while still keeping an eye on his pitchers' workouts. "Winning breeds winning. Nothing builds confidence more than getting wins, especially with this being our home opener. It was definitely important for us to build some momentum today and get two wins, and we accomplished that."

In the first game, the Grizzlies scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 9-6 lead. Concordia rallied to score one run in the top of the seventh, closing the margin to 9-7, but Oakland got a pickoff and a strikeout to end the game.

Sophomore Aaron Cieslak went 3-for-3, hit a home run, scored three runs and had two RBIs to pace Oakland offensively and sophomore pitcher Kyle Teague (2-3) picked up the win, allowing three hits and three runs, none of them earned, while striking out four batters in five innings of work.

Concordia got off to a quick start in the nightcap, posting three runs in the first inning before eventually falling behind the Grizzlies.

In the second inning, Oakland quickly scored two runs and junior Tommy Jablonski knocked in another with an RBI-double to tie the game at 3-3. Later in the inning, junior Aaron Wick came to the plate with runners on the corners and launched the ball over the outfield fence for a three-run home run and a 6-3 Oakland lead.

The Grizzlies lead only grew from there.

Freshman Mike Carson hit a no-doubt-about-it home run that scored two runs in the fifth and senior Brett Geschke went yard as well in the sixth to put Oakland up 12-4.

Another Grizzly who had a productive day at the plate was freshman Todd Dunham, who went 3-for-4, scored two runs and drove in a run.

"I think the six spot (six runs) in the second inning was key for us," Musachio said. "We're getting better offensively and our guys stayed relaxed and composed which allowed us to do some good things today."

Sophomore Matt LaMothe started the game on the mound for Oakland and pitched into the third inning. LaMothe, who had a strong season as a freshman, has



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Junior Tommy Jablonski stops a Cardinal from sliding into base.

struggled thus far this season (8.26 ERA) but Musachio liked the progress he saw in his latest outing.

"He's definitely going to be one of our top pitchers," Musachio said. "It was good for him to overcome some adversity today. It's been a while since he's been out there so we expected a little bit of rust to be there. But Matt really battled today, he's one of our top three pitchers, and he'll be starting for sure when we get to Oral Roberts next weekend."

Oral Roberts (11-12) is typically among the front runners in the Summit League and Oakland knows it will be in for a challenge in Tulsa, Okla., this weekend.

"Oral Roberts is the team to beat in the league and I think we'll be prepared and go down there and be ready to play good baseball," Musachio said. "I think we're battle tested and I think that will be a fun series for us."

After its four-game series at Oral Roberts, Oakland will return home for 11 straight games beginning April 14 against Eastern Michigan.



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Softball

4/2 at 3 p.m. IUPUI 6, Oakland 1
4/2 at 5:30 p.m. Oakland 3, IUPUI 1
4/3 at noon Oakland 4, IUPUI 2
4/7 at Western Michigan (doubleheader)
4/9 vs North Dakota State at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
4/10 vs North Dakota State at noon

Baseball

4/2 at 1 p.m. Oakland 9, Concordia 7
4/2 at 4 p.m. Oakland 12, Concordia 4
4/6 at 5 p.m. Notre Dame 13, Oakland 6
4/10 at Oral Roberts (doubleheader)
4/11 at Oral Roberts
4/14 vs Eastern Michigan at 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

4/1 at 2 p.m. Oakland 0, Oral Roberts 7
4/2 at 2 p.m. Oakland 6, Centenary 1
4/3 at 2 p.m. Oakland 1, IUPUI 4
4/5 at 2 p.m. Detroit 7, Oakland 0
4/10 vs Valparaiso at 2 p.m.
4/13 vs Cal State Bakersfield at 3 p.m.

Duke grabs victory in close game

By ZINA KUMOK
IU Final Four News Bureau

During the 2010 Final Four, banners reading "The Road Ends Here" decorated Lucas Oil Stadium.

On a memorable Monday night in downtown Indianapolis, two teams came to the end of that road. Only one reached it happily, and that wasn't the team from

six miles away, the team that played amid the embrace and emotions of hometown fans.

Rather, the happy ending came for the school located 655 miles away.

Duke beat Butler 61-59 for its fourth national championship — its total as a university and under head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The title wasn't for the host city of

Indianapolis that watched its local school lose in its first Final Four appearance.

It was for the Blue Devils.

It was for senior guard Jon Scheyer, who went 22-11 as a freshman and ended his collegiate career as a national champion.

It was for junior guard Nolan Smith, who added to the family legacy that began when his father — Derek Smith —

won his own national championship with Louisville 30 years ago.

And it was for a coach who overtook his mentor and added to his already legendary collection.

Duke is now sixth in total national championships and only one behind its rival, North Carolina, and IU. Krzyzewski is No. 1 in tournament victories, though, with 77 total.

This game marked a homecoming. Not in the way the Bulldogs competed only six miles away from their campus, but in the sense that it brought Duke basketball back to where it now has been four times in 20 years — the top of college basketball.

In the award presentation immediately following the game, Krzyzewski was hoarse. When asked if this was the best championship game he had ever been a part of, he said yes.

"We've been fortunate to be in eight, and this was the best one," he said.

As far as the outcome in that best one, it was largely due to a trio of Blue Devils.

The group of Kyle Singler, Scheyer and Smith — the same three that stepped up on Saturday in a national semifinal victory over West Virginia — led their team on Monday. Singler and Smith both played all 40 minutes, while Scheyer was in for 37. Singler was named most outstanding player of the Final Four.

They combined for 47 points on 17-of-40 shooting for 42.5 percent. The points represented 77 percent of Duke's scoring in the title game.

"I don't think any one of us could have predicted the four years we had here," Scheyer said.

Krzyzewski also credited defense and rebounding. Butler out-rebounded Duke by seven in the first half, but the Blue Devils came back in the second to win the rebounding edge by two (37-35).

"We were able to win because of our defense and rebounding in the second half," Krzyzewski said. "We brought our defense back."

Until the buzzer sounded, it was a cat-and-mouse (or Devil-and-Bulldog) game, with each team switching baskets. Duke got a five-point lead with 3:16 left on Smith's two made free throws, but the Bulldogs fought their way back within one point with 54 seconds left.

Butler fouled Duke's Brian Zoubek and the center made one of two free throws.

"He really elevated our team to the last few weeks," Krzyzewski said of Zoubek.

Zoubek responded to his coach, saying "All the players on the team had to elevate their games to win."

Gordon Hayward missed Butler's last chance for a win.

As the red lights on the glass lit up the Blue Devils were able to relax and celebrate.

OU Lacrosse dominates GVSU 19-9

By SHAWN MINNIX
Copy Editor/LAX Beat

The OU women's lacrosse team got back on track with a 19-9 victory over Grand Valley State University on Saturday morning at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac.

The Grizzlies took control of the game early and scored the first four goals of the match, prompting a GVSU timeout which was to no avail. At halftime Oakland held a 12-3 edge.

In the second half, things started differently as the Lakers started to come alive and cut the deficit to 13-8. However, OU found their game and finished off GVSU, scor-

ing six out of the next seven goals.

Head coach Towbey Kassa was pleased with the victory but would like to see more consistency on the field.

"I told them we had to play about 60 minutes of lacrosse, I think we played about 50," Kassa said. "As long as they stay with it, they'll be fine."

With the victory, OU raises their record to 9-1. Their final home game of the season comes on Thursday night as MSU, which has been ranked in the Top 20 for most of the year, comes to Pontiac.

Following that, the women go on the road for their final three games in Illinois, and then continue on to the WCCL playoffs at the University of Toledo on April 17.

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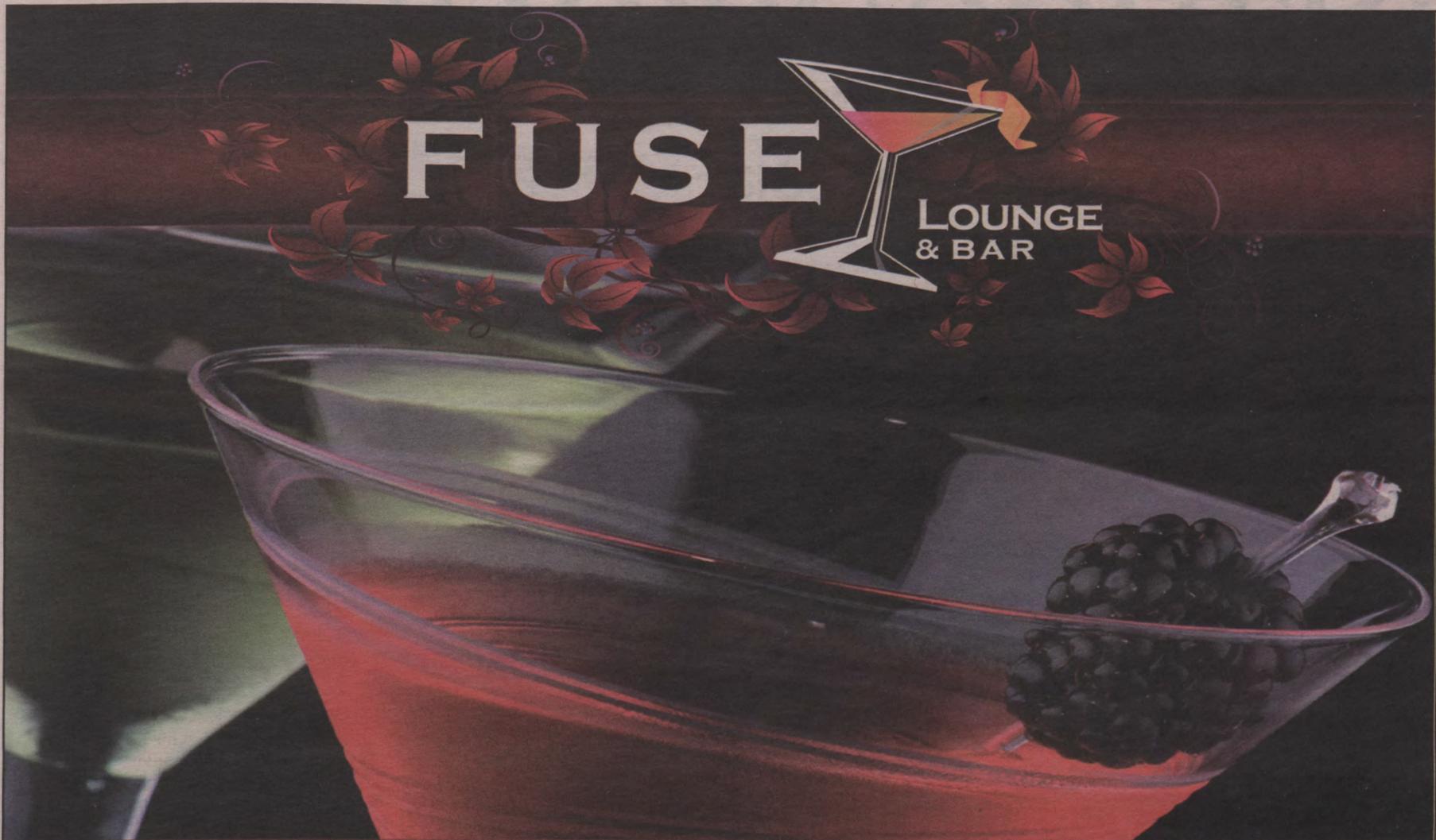
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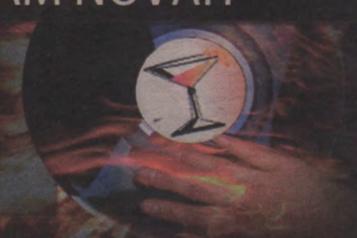
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7.7 quake hits Indonesia

Associated Press report

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A 7.7 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra early Wednesday, prompting a brief tsunami warning and sending residents rushing for higher ground. There were no immediate reports of widespread damage.

The quake struck at 5:15 a.m. (2215 GMT) and was centered 125 miles (205 kilometers) northwest of Sibolga in Sumatra at a depth of 28.6 miles (46 kilometers), the U.S. Geological Survey said. It had earlier said the quake measured 7.8.

The Indonesia Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu issued tsunami warnings following the quake, but lifted them two hours later.

"So far no damage or casualties have been reported and the situation is under control," Governor Irwandi Yusuf said.

At least five strong aftershocks measuring up to 5.2 were recorded, the meteorology

agency said.

The quake, which struck as people in the region were preparing for morning prayers, caused panic in North Sumatra's capital of Medan and other cities in the region.

Electricity was cut in Medan and Banda Aceh, provincial capital of Aceh. People in several cities along the southeastern coast of Sumatra as well as Sinabang on Simeulue island and Gunung Sitoli on nearby Nias island poured into the streets and rushed to higher ground after the quake.

"Rumors about a tsunami panicked villagers living near the beach," said Eddy Effendi, a resident in Nias district of North Sumatra province.

"They ran away on motorbikes and cars or by climbing the hills. There was panic and chaos everywhere, but I don't see serious damage or injuries in my village."

Residents in Sibolga said the shaking lasted more than a minute and utility poles in the area were knocked down.

A 2004 tsunami triggered by a magnitude-9.2 earthquake in the same region.

NIW BRIEFS

Source: Associated Press

4-6 | SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea says it has sentenced an American man to eight years' hard labor for entering the country illegally and unspecified hostile acts. The North's official Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch Wednesday that Aijalon Mahli Gomes acknowledged his wrongdoing during a court ruling Tuesday. North Korea announced last month that it had arrested Gomes for entering the country illegally. Gomes is from Boston.

4-6 | WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the U.S. will continue to try to seek common ground with Russia on missile defense despite the Kremlin's fear that such systems are aimed at crippling its nuclear arsenal. She told a Pentagon briefing she understands reservations being voiced by Moscow about a new nuclear arms reduction treaty to be signed later this week. Russia unsuccessfully sought to include limits on missile defenses during months of negotiations on the new arms treaty and on Tuesday said it reserves the right to withdraw from the pact if it deems U.S. missile defense systems in Europe as a threat. Clinton said that position is "no surprise."

4-6 | NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Three Massachusetts teenagers pleaded not guilty through their lawyers Tuesday in the bullying of a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide after what prosecutors call months of threats and harassment. The teens were not required to appear at the hearing in Hampshire Superior Court. Sean Mulveyhill and Kayla Narey, both 17 and from South Hadley, and 18-year-old Austin Renaud, of Springfield, will remain free on personal recognizance on the condition that they stay away from the family of Phoebe Prince, the girl who died. Mulveyhill and Renaud are charged with statutory rape. Mulveyhill and Narey are also charged with violation of civil rights resulting in bodily injury, criminal harassment and disturbance of a school assembly. They are among six teens charged in what prosecutors said was the "unrelenting" bullying of Prince, who hanged herself Jan. 14. Prince, who had emigrated from Ireland last summer, was a freshman at South Hadley High School. Authorities said she was harassed and bullied after having a brief relationship with a popular boy. They have not identified the boy, but friends said it was Mulveyhill, who was a star football player at South Hadley High School.

4-6 | LONDON — An official with Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour Party says the U.K. leader will confirm Tuesday that Britain's first national election in five years will take place May 6. Brown will travel to Buckingham Palace to ask Queen Elizabeth II for permission to dissolve Parliament and call the first national vote since 2005. The official demanded anonymity to discuss the announcement in advance. The election could end in Brown's ouster three years after he succeeded Tony Blair as leader. The main opposition Conservative Party — which leads in opinion polls — hopes to win power for the first time in 13 years. Several polls suggest Britain could have a hung Parliament, in which no party has an absolute majority, for the first time since 1974.

4-6 | LONDON — Police have arrested two women at a British airport after they reportedly tried to smuggle a corpse onto a flight. Police said Tuesday the women were detained at Liverpool's John Lennon airport "on suspicion of failing to give notification of death" of a 91-year-old man. The BBC and other British media reported that the women placed the man, a relative of theirs, into a wheelchair and covered his face with sunglasses in a bid to get him aboard a flight to Berlin. The women, aged 41 and 66, were detained Saturday and have been released on bail. They have not been charged and police say inquiries are continuing.

4-6 | AMMAN, Jordan — A Jordanian newspaper's April Fool's Day report chronicling a late-night visit by 10-foot-tall aliens in flying saucers sparked public panic and almost led to the town's emergency evacuation, officials said Monday. The Al Ghad newspaper published a front-page article April 1 about the fake UFO landing near the desert town of Jafr, some 185 miles (300 kilometers) from the capital, Amman. The report said the UFOs lit up the whole town, interrupted communications and sent fearful residents streaming into the streets. Jafr's mayor, Mohammed Mleihan, got caught up in the paper's prank and said he sent security authorities in search of the aliens.

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