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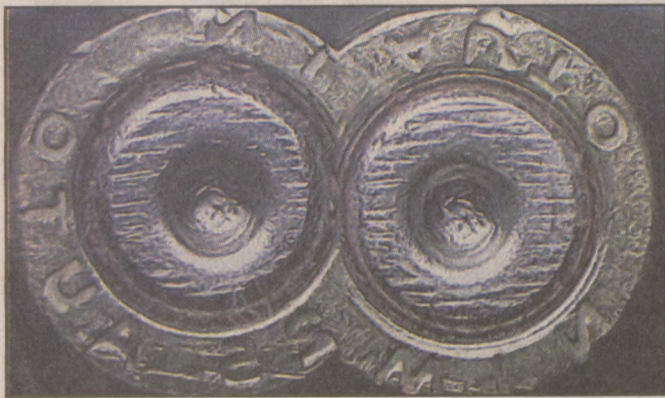


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Deal may increase funding for OU

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State funding for Oakland, Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley State universities would increase by at least 7 percent in the budget year that begins in a few weeks, according to a spending breakdown obtained by The Associated Press.

The \$1.73 billion higher education

budget to fund the state's 15 public universities for 2005-06 was among the spending items hashed out late last week by Republican legislative leaders and Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration.

According to an analysis of the higher education spending agreement by the nonpartisan Senate Fiscal

Agency, the top three funding increases for universities range from 7.1 percent for Saginaw Valley State in University Center to 7.5 percent for Grand Valley State in Allendale. OU would receive 7.2 percent more under the agreement.

However, it remains unclear how this possible increase may affect stu-

dents. At last month's board of trustees' meeting, board members said they would wait for the final state budget — expected later this month — in order to make decisions about OU's budget.

"First we have to see the state budget," said Ted Montgomery, OU's media relations director.

Then, OU President Gary Russi and his cabinet meet to discuss all possible scenarios, he said.

"But we are a little bit away," he added.

Next year's higher education budget is intended to give each university at

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Students, faculty remember Sept. 11



By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Four years later, Oakland University students, faculty and staff gathered outside Kresge Library, Friday at 8:46 a.m. — the exact time the first plane hit the World Trade Center — to remember the events of that day, as well as the events of Hurricane Katrina.

Oakland University students say they will never forget where they were at the time the first plane crashed on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I was in school, in French class actually," said sophomore Stefanie Sliva. "I was really shocked and scared. I'll never forget that."

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Left: Staff Sargent Dawn Stephens, 338 Army Reserve Band performs "America, The Beautiful."

Right: U.S. Army Honor Guard, U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Pontiac present the colors in front of Kresge Library.

Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post



OU tackles e-mail spam

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
Campus News Editor

Spammers beware, because Oakland University is pulling out the stops when it comes to ending what some are finding to be annoying and offensive e-mail.

"Complaints and requests for help about Spam rank among the top problems reported to our technology Help Desk," said Terry Rowe, assistant vice president of University Technology Services.

"Just recently, maybe the past six or seven months,

I've gotten a lot of spam," said junior Jameelah Muhammad, who uses her OU Webmail account regularly.

"I'd get like 20 or 30 spam messages and it was crazy," she said.

Please see SPAM on A11

Program hikes to Macomb

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Oakland University is bringing education much closer to home for Macomb County residents.

OU announced a new partnership with Macomb Community College, called OU at Macomb, on Aug. 29.

The program will allow students joint admission at OU and Macomb beginning in the fall 2006 semester.

"Oakland University is making an unprecedented commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for residents of Macomb County," said OU President Gary Russi.

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The Associated Press

Oakland County Sheriff Explorers participant Scott Wymer, 19, demonstrates how a dog-training sleeve is used while Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Sherry Locher, not seen, restrains her police dog Rocko, Sept. 1, 2005, in Pontiac, Mich.

Experience on the force

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A routine ride-along with an Oakland County sheriff's deputy took an intense turn when Scott Wymer witnessed a drug search and suspect chase led by a police dog.

"I'm into the canine stuff — the training the dogs have, what they can do and how the officers interact with the dogs," said Wymer, a 19-year old student at Oakland Community College.

Wymer, of Commerce Township, aims to become a deputy, with a canine partner.

A member for nearly three years, Wymer credits the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 649 for inspiring him to work in law enforcement.

The Explorer program, affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, is designed to introduce components of law enforcement through training sessions with experienced officers to young

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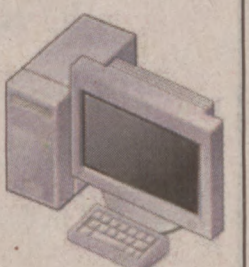
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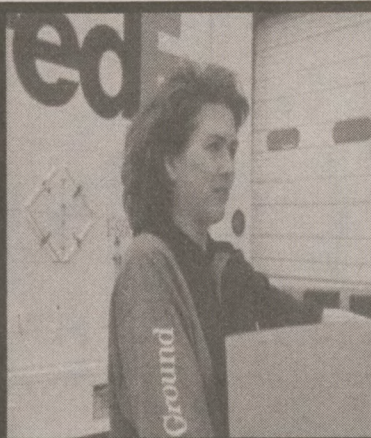
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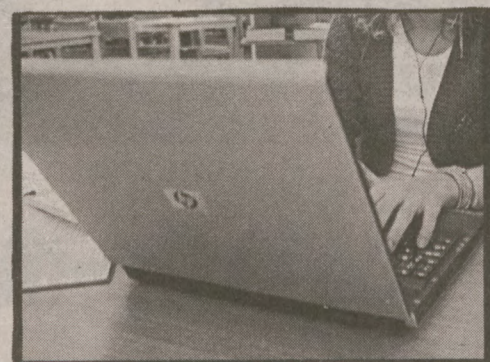
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Students open hearts by opening pockets

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
Campus News Editor

Senior Courtney Youngblood had family in New Orleans.

"But they were fortunate enough and had money to get out of there," she said. "I just know that others were not so lucky."

Going down in history as the worst natural disaster to hit the United States, Hurricane Katrina has left a \$125 billion price tag, more than 1 million people displaced and at least 360 dead.

However, the devastation caused by Katrina goes beyond numbers.

"They went from having houses and clothes, and now they have to start from scratch, all over," said senior Lauren Bates.

Bates was one of the students who donated time, money and hope during last Friday's "Oakland University Cares and Shares" fundraiser.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., OU teamed up with the Salvation Army and set up a drop-off station in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge.

Phone lines allowed for people to call in donations while volunteers asked those who passed by for whatever they could give.

The event raised more than \$3,000.

"There was no financial goal in mind," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities.

"It was to get the univer-



Students stopped by the Fireside Lounge to participate in the "Oakland University Cares and Shares" fundraiser.

sity community to rally together, unite together, to care and share about what's happening in relation to Hurricane Katrina," she said.

"Most of the students that have walked by have donated. We rarely get somebody that doesn't donate anything," said junior and volunteer Toya Robson.

Freshman Relando Thompkins opened his pockets when he walked by, giving what he could.

"I know I won't be able to help out a lot, but the

smallest thing can help," he said. "As individuals, they may not be able to do a lot, but if everyone gives a little bit it will make the situation better."

The decision for Bates to give was a no-brainer, she said, despite having financial pressures of her own.

"I'm struggling. I'm a college student. But I still have a home to go to. I still have my car, and I still have my job. These people don't have anything," she said.

Phase two of the efforts to help Katrina victims is

now underway as a box for toiletry items is located in the CSA office and at all Delta Week events all week long.

"Locally, there are some evacuees here in the Southfield area. So, I've called the Ramada Inn and the Howard Johnson at the Southfield Civic Center, and got a list of things they need," Youngblood said.

"More so, what they are asking for is towels, wash clothes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, just toiletries. The only clothes that they really need are infant clothes,

along with kids toys," she said.

"If you anything, if you have money, words of encouragement, toiletries that you don't use and haven't opened, just donate it," Robson said. "Just always consider yourself and think about if it was you, how would you feel."

To find out how you can help, get contact information for charities and find links to the latest news, please visit OU's Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort Web site at <http://www.oakland.edu>.

Volunteers called in for action

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

The fourth annual volunteer fair brought students and organizations together to help make a difference in the metro Detroit community.

More than 30 local charities and organizations gathered in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge Sept. 7 to inform students that their spare time could be spent as a volunteer.

Lured in by free water, office supplies and pamphlets, students came into the lounge simply to find out what all the fuss was about. By the time they left, many were already contemplating how they could donate their time and to what cause they would.

One organization, Lighthouse PATH, provides housing for the homeless for up to two years while they stabilize their families and job training or education.

Liz McLachlan, the community relations manager for the organization, said this is the second year Lighthouse PATH has been at the fair.

"We probably receive about 30 to 40 percent of our volunteers from OU," said McLachlan.

Depending on the student's interests, Lighthouse PATH places students in positions that they have concerns about.

Although all are welcome, Lighthouse

PATH mainly targets education, counseling and psychology majors to volunteer.

Senior Diana Cheruvil browsed the organizations at the fair before picking which one she wanted to help.

"I need to mainly just start doing something," Cheruvil said. "I'm just taking a look-see. I want to focus on children, homeless or women's shelters."

Linda Morrell, of the Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit, attended the fair for the first time to recruit volunteers.

"There is definitely a need for women to help Girl Scouts, but men can be adult volunteers too," Morrell said.

Young girls usually stop participating in Girl Scouts when they get to middle school, according to Morrell.

College students can help prevent this early dropout by being someone that girls will feel comfortable talking to.

"I'm a psychology major, and I figured it'd be a good experience," senior Beth Eslinger said. "I think I might help the Big Brothers Big Sisters or the Girl Scouts."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit had several volunteers signed up within 20 minutes of the start of the fair.

Anybody can be a mentor and they don't need prior experience, said Michelle Soucy, partnership development director with the organization. "They just have to want to be a friend to a kid."

College students of all majors are encouraged to be a big brother or sister to local kids.

They can show their little brother or sister that higher education is not a scary thing, according to Soucy.

Some of the recruiters at the fair were also volunteers.

Gerald Thomas, a volunteer for the Red Cross, was on hand to find others like him.

"Basically, what we're here to do today is to raise people's awareness of preparing for disasters," Thomas said.

He was collecting donations for the victims of Hurricane Katrina as well as asking others to help the organization.

Senior Tara Finn, president of the Social Work Club, which is located on campus, was hoping to recruit new members as well as get some volunteers.

"We encourage participants to volunteer in their own community and also here on campus," Finn said.

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Tara Finn
Social Work Club president

Dragsterday revs up Detroiters

NASCAR isn't the only gig in town with pit crews. Two OU teams participated in the Red Bull Dragsterday, held last weekend at Campus Martius Park in Detroit. Amateur drivers and their pit crews raced down Woodward Avenue. The groups designed, constructed and raced the human-powered dragsters and were judged based on creativity and showmanship. Morgan Kollin's team "Super Asurada 01" (Rochester, Mi) lost in the first round to a team from Genoa City, Wi.; Tim Dedrick's team "Matador" (Canton, Mi) also lost in the first round to a Hazel Park team.

— Alicia Sossi,
Senior Reporter

Team "You're doing what on my due date" (left) beats OU's team "Matador" in the first round of Red Bull's inaugural Dragsterday.

Photo courtesy of Francois Portmann



POLICEFILES

■ After a bout of physical sickness, a student was transported to Crittenton Hospital from Pawley Hall by the Auburn Hills Fire Department. The student was complaining of feeling lightheaded and nauseated.

■ OUPD answered a fire alarm call at 5000 building of the student apartments last Thursday. Two students admitted to pulling the alarm after the soup they had been cooking caught on fire. The vent above the stove in their apartment was damaged in the fire.

■ A cell phone was stolen from Vandenberg Hall last Thursday. The student reported leaving the phone on her microwave in her dorm and had her door open. The estimated value of the Nextel phone is \$300.

■ A male and female student were walking outside Van Wagoner hall around 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday when

they were approached by another male who was sitting on the benches out front. At first the man approached look as if to high-five the male walker, but instead punched him in the face. After defending himself, two other males from the bench got up and began hitting the victim. After knocking the victim to the ground, the three attackers left without saying a word. The male victim received several abrasions from the confrontation. The female also received minor injuries. Both walkers say that they did not know the men nor would they be able to recognize them if seen again. Neither wanted to press charges.

■ Police officers were dispatched after someone reported a loud party in the 6000 building of the student apartments last Friday. Upon arrival, the officers detected the smell of marijuana and issued the resident a citation.

■ While on foot, an OUPD officer passed a group of students at

Hamlin Circle. The officer recognized one male in the group as someone who is restricted from campus grounds. The officer confirmed this with dispatch and cited the male for trespassing. The male was released to leave campus.

■ Two officers were walking when they noticed a female student sitting on the stairs of the 2000 building of the student apartments. The student had a pint of Bacardi rum with her and admitted to taking four shots. She told officers that she was 22 years old but was soon discovered to be only 19 years old. The officers gave her a Breathalyzer and issued her a MIP.

■ Early Sunday morning, OUPD responded to a fire alarm in the 5000 building of the student apartments. Officers smelled and saw smoke on the second and third floors and sent the Rochester Hill Fire Department in to inspect the building. After gearing up, the RHFD found a female student passed out in her apartment

with sausage burning on the stove. Her room and the hallway were filled with smoke. The student stated that she had been drinking "Jack and Cokes" at her sister's wedding and was hungry after returning home. She began to cook the sausage when she passed out. The student was unaware that her room had filled with smoke and remained sleeping, despite the alarm going off in the building, the building being evacuated and the fire department entering her room. The officers also noticed a bottle of liquor on her counter and smelled a strong smell of alcohol on her. The student was given a Breathalyzer to make sure she was in no need of medical attention and registered a blood alcohol content of more than twice the legal limit. She became hostile toward the officers after being told that she was being issued a MIP. She questioned how OUPD could issue the citation since she had been drinking at her sister's wedding. She then hurriedly asked the officer to write the ticket and leave.

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UP AND COMING

Wednesday, Sept. 14

According to the new tuition and fee refund policy effective fall 2005 semester, students dropping classes on today and beyond will not be receiving refunds.

Stay "well" throughout the year by gaining information on sleep, nutrition, exercise and other topics at the first annual Wellness Fair. The fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Gold Room.

Thursday, Sept. 15

Do you have an important interview coming up? A DaimlerChrysler representative will discuss how to be successful in behavioral based interviews. See this presentation in Gold Room C in the OC from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

This is the last day that students can drop classes without having a "W" grade, for withdrawal, put on their transcripts as a result of the drop.

Friday, Sept. 16

Support your school by going to the Oakland University men's Soccer vs. Michigan game. The game will start at 5 p.m. and be located on OU's Soccer Field.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18

Golf at the Westwynd Golf Course on Sept. 17 and 18 and a portion of the green fees and beverage cart will be donated to OU Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter to help those affected by poverty.

Monday, Sept. 20

Feel stereotyped? "Fight the Types" is a chance for students to see our organizations and club sports and to get a feel for the different stereotypes that they have to face on a daily basis. Join others from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the OC Gold Rooms.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

As part of the events for Anti-Hate Week, OU Student Congress presents a free showing of the highly acclaimed movie "Hotel Rwanda." Viewing will from noon to 2 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Judy Shepherd, the mother of hate-crime victim Matthew Shepard, will come and speak about the dangers of hate and the power of acceptance at 7 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre.

SEHS welcomes students

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Upon entering college, every student is inevitably asked the same thing. What are you majoring in?

For nearly 11 percent of Oakland University students, answering this question is still on their list of things to do.

Some students, such as the more than 2,000 students attending class in Pawley Hall, already have the goals in mind. They are the students in the School of Education and Human Services, OU's third largest college.

Academic advisors Sandra Deng and Paul Battle from SEHS recently sat down with The Oakland Post to give students a glimpse into what the school has to offer.

What majors are offered?

SEHS students can earn a bachelor's degree in two programs, Elementary Education or Human Resource Development.

Elementary Education is the largest, with around 1,600 students. This program

usually takes five years to complete.

Graduates will be qualified to teach all subjects in grades K-5 and can earn endorsements to teach sixth through eighth grade classes.

Endorsements are given in language arts, math, integrated science, social studies or modern languages.

"People who come into our major knew they wanted to be a teacher at a young age," Deng said. "We do have a lot of people from other majors transfer in."

The second major is Human Resource Development, with just more than 300 students enrolled.

Graduates in HRD will be prepared to pursue a career in any field involving interpersonal interaction.

This includes jobs such as guidance counselors, consultants and professionals in the human resources field.

HRD has "been around pretty much from the beginning. It's changed a lot. There were several tracks before and now there's just one, and you can pick your specialization," Battle said.

Students can also enroll themselves into HRD classes which meet at the Macomb University Center in Clinton Township.

How is the job market for graduates?

"Right now it's not the best, because the state budget cuts and all the school districts are combining schools," Deng said of the elementary education field.

"We encourage students to go to other states to find jobs. If they are willing to travel, we encourage them to go," she said.

Are there any special programs or clubs students can join?

Those with an education major can join the Student Michigan Education Association.

This organization helps form connections between students and faculty, create a support system for students and help students gain insight on the education profession.

Students in HRD can become members of the HRD Honor Society at OU.

Are there any other programs offered in the SEHS?

Along with numerous programs to earn a master's degree, students interested in secondary education can enroll in the Secondary Education Teaching Program.

This is generally a fifth-year program.

What are the GPA requirements for admission to the majors?

Students seeking major standing in elementary education need to complete the required classes with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8

HRD students need at least a 2.5 GPA to be granted major status.

Students interested in enrolling in one of the programs in the SEHS, or those who still need some questions answered, are encouraged to attend the advising week on October 17 to 21.

For more information, contact the Education Advising Office at (248) 370-4182 or the New Student Programs office at (248) 370-2100.

NEWS IN SHORT

OUSC plans ahead for AMU conference

The Oakland University Student Congress announced that OU will host, for the first time, the annual Association of Michigan Universities conference in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center and the Pioneer Rooms or the Rec Center. Welcome Week plans for 2007 are already underway as the theme "Welcome Week 007" was considered by congress. Representatives from the Student Programming Board stated concerns that students didn't have as much interest in the activities as previous years. Student Body President Mike McGuinness expressed that he thought the activities went well and they did the best they could with the abbreviated amount of time. The topic for discussion at next week's meeting will be Anti-Hate Week. The OUSC will meet next Monday at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

— Kelly Reynolds,
Assistant Money/Health Editor

Michigan chief nurse lectures on campus

Michigan's Chief Nurse Executive is coming to OU on Sept. 22. Jeanette Klemczak will lecture in the Banquet Rooms of the OC at 5 p.m. Klemczak will examine the chief concerns and possible solutions for the nursing profession in Michigan. She will also cover the options that are available for nursing students and current nurses. The event is free for nursing students and \$10 for RNs. For more information, contact Amy Johnson at (248) 370-4065.

— Kristin Sommer,
Senior Reporter

AMC seeks energized members and leaders

The Association for Women in Communications will be having an organizing meeting on Sept. 19 in room 125 of the OC at 4 p.m. Students can sign up for the club, as well as fill one of six leadership positions. Those positions include vice president of membership, vice president of programming, secretary, chair of diversity, treasurer and Web master. The association helps women in the communication and journalism fields learn networking, vital skills and obtain leadership experience in the communications and journalism fields. For more information, contact Valerie Palmer-Mehta at vpalmer@oakland.edu.

— Kristin Sommer,
Senior Reporter

Penny wars brings stiff competition

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
Campus News Editor

Stiff competition and the change in your pocket can work wonders for those who are in need.

Sophomore Nicole Cupphert felt obligated to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina and is doing so in an unusual way.

"Penny wars always seemed to work well with other things and it benefits the floors because they will get a reward also," said Cupphert.

This unique fundraiser takes different floors of the OU dorms and pits them against each other.

Each floor is given their own jar. People can add to their floor's score by putting pennies in their jar. However, silver coins and dollar bills placed in by students of other floors can deduct points.

Senior Tia Jenkins is the resident assistant for six south. She meticulously chose which jars to place her change in, but ultimately just wanted to give.

"I'm really for the cause,"



Julie Swidwinski/The Oakland Post

Senior Eric Bergeron's weapon of choice are nickels as he participates in OU's Penny Wars.

said Jenkins, "plus I wanted to participate in the penny wars."

No specific goal is in mind, but volunteer Rachel Leas shows excitement for what they are getting.

"We are just trying to donate as much as we can,"

Leas said. "It's only been the second day and it looks like we are getting a lot. We are pleased with the outcome so far."

The floor that gets the highest score from the end of this week will be rewarded \$50 and have a group photo

showcased outside of the Vandenberg cafeteria.

You can find the penny wars tables inside the cafeteria during lunch and dinner hours from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will run this week through Friday.

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Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Michigan Renaissance Festival (Through Sept 23)
- Miss Saigon (Sept 24)
- DSO Pops: Toast to Ole Blue Eyes (Oct 6)
- Norma (Oct 12 & 14)
- Late Night Catechism (Oct 18)
- Peter Pan (Oct 18 & 23)
- The Kirov Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty (Oct 21)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers (Nov 2)
- DSO Pops: The Best of the Tonys (Nov 3)
- Menopause: The Musical (Nov 6)
- The Flying Karamarov Brothers (Nov 6)
- La Boheme (Nov 9 & 11)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (Nov 10)
- Cats (Nov 13)
- Golda's Balcony (Nov 20)

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OUSC Anti-Hate Week September 19-23, 2005

"Fight the Types"

Monday, September 19
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Gold Rooms, OC

OU Student Organizations will showcase information fighting typical stereotypes they face

Movie: "Hotel Rwanda"
Tuesday, Sept 20
noon, Oakland Room, OC

Judy Shepard
Tuesday, September 20
7 p.m.

Meadow Brook Theatre
The mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard and equal rights activist will come and speak about the dangers of hate and the importance of acceptance.

Sorority Recruitment Orientation (College Panhellenic Council-CPH)

Interested in joining or learning about CPH sororities at OU?

Attend one of the following Recruitment Orientations:

Friday, September 16 @ noon
Sunday, September 18 @ 1p.m.
Oakland Room, OC

Student Organization Officers Training

Saturday, September 17, 2005
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Banquet Rooms, OC

The President and Treasurer must attend!

Sign up in the CSA Office

Anti-Hate Candlelight Vigil
Wednesday, Sept 21
8:30 p.m.
@ the sundial outside the OC

Hispanic Celebration '05 "Let's Celebrate Latino Cultures" September 12-30th

Wednesday, September 14

What is Spirituality?

Enjoy refreshments and the company of other OU students as we discuss our thoughts on the idea of spirituality through Missionary work
7-9 p.m.
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Monday, September 19

Free Salsa Lessons!

Lessons provided by the Swing & Salsa Club
7-9 p.m.
Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Tuesday, September 20

Rio De Janeiro: Yesterday & Today - A Slide Lecture
Presented by Mary Karasch, Professor of History
noon-1 p.m.
Room 126-127, Oakland Center

iCelebremos nuestras culturas latinoamericanas!

After renovation, DIA preps to open its doors

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

After taking August off, the Detroit Institute of Arts is back open for the public's regular viewing pleasure.

The museum closed as part of its renovation, a six-year, 77,000 square feet addition.

The project is almost complete, and the museum will be ready for the November 2007 grand re-opening of the art museum, said DIA Media Relations Manager Pamela Marcil.

The Detroit Free Press reported that construction will total over \$158 million.

The construction began in 2001,

and will add more gallery space, a new dining facility, an expanded museum shop and an upgraded infrastructure.

The renovations will also add what the DIA considers to be an improved traffic pattern.

Marcil said that there isn't another planned museum closure during the construction.

"I think the people that have come here in the past might have been frustrated trying to get around easily. They will be happy, and that probably will spread by word of mouth," Marcil said.

"New signage will make things easier to navigate, that will definitely help," she said.

The museum's extensive collection

is going to be moved and repositioned, and the museum will be putting objects in context instead of relying on dry labels, Marcil said.

"It's the way that we're going to tell stories that's going to be different. That will be much easier for people to relate to," she said.

"We've done a lot of research on visitors through our focus groups," she added. "We're really visitor-focused."

The DIA attendance figures for 2000-'03 show the museum averaged almost half a million visitors annually.

The closure of the DIA was chosen for the month of August, which is typically the slowest month of the year, Marcil said.

It gave time for the staff and construction crew to gain ground on the renovation schedule.

Marcil said the crews found walls smeared with an abundance of asbestos — its removal added a year on to the length of the project.

Marcil anticipates some of the upcoming events hosted by the DIA will include Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter, about a French sculptor, his student and their love affair.

The African American Art from the Walter O. Evans collection is also expected.

The work of famed rock 'n' roll photographer Annie Leibovitz will be coming as well.

The DIA was founded in 1885 and

was moved to its current location at 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit in 1927.

The north and south wings were later additions to the building.

The museum has hosted such exhibits in the past as Degas and the Dance (2003), the Splendors of Ancient Egypt (1997) and Van Gogh: Face to Face (2000).

The DIA is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There is a recommended donation of \$6 for all visitors.

Contact the DIA at (313) 833-7900 for more information on the upcoming shows or for questions about the renovations and donations.

Groups fight possible food stamp cuts

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Paula Crigger makes a little more than minimum wage at her full-time job as a shift manager at a Flint-area fast food restaurant, but she needs some help to pay for groceries every month.

The 33-year-old mother of two young girls receives \$290 a month in food stamps to supplement her income.

But she'd be among 26,000 Michigan residents, mostly the working poor, who would lose that assistance under a spending cut being considered by Congress.

And Crigger is worried. "With the kids packing lunches every day, just the three meals a day for two kids alone, that is quite a bit a month," she said.

U.S. House and Senate agriculture committees are expected to decide in the coming weeks which of its programs will lose \$3 billion over five years.

Food stamps are among those being considered for a cut.

Michigan Department of Human Services Director Marianne Udow and several advocacy groups have vowed to fight the possible food stamp cut, in part by emphasizing the number of state residents who rely on the benefit to feed their families.

With fewer people receiving food stamps, Udow and others are worried about the strain on food banks and other services already stretched to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"We're pretty sure we're going to have less available in our state because we have to divert it to the South," Jane Marshall, director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan, said during a Friday news conference at an American Red Cross food distribution center in Lansing.

The food warehouse was packed Friday with pallets of canned food, juice and paper products.

But the warehouse will have far fewer products in a few weeks because of demand from the Gulf Coast states damaged by the hurricane and others that have taken in evacuees, Marshall said.

The loss of food and other supplies at the Lansing distribution center comes as more people are using food stamps, running out and heading to local food banks and emergency food providers for their snacks and meals, Marshall said.

The number of Michigan residents receiving food stamps went up from nearly 603,000 per month in 2000 to nearly 944,000 in the last fiscal year, a 56 percent increase, according to a report released Friday by a coalition of advocacy groups, including the Center for Civil Justice.

May's caseload represents a 75 percent increase in the number of food stamps cases since 2000, the report said.

A little more than 1 million people received food stamps in July, according to the most recent data from the Department of Human Services.

Michigan is one of 10 states allowed to use a federal option to offer food stamps to families who have incomes slightly higher than the poverty line.

The state considers other expenses, such as housing and utility costs, when determining eligibility for food stamps.

The Bush administration has proposed eliminating that option to save money.

The change would mean 26,000 Michigan residents who are working low-wage jobs or receiving Social Security benefits would lose their food stamps, according to the Department of Human Services.

Udow said a family of four that brings in \$36,000 a year is eligible for food stamps under the federal option.

They would no longer qualify

under the proposed reductions.

"They've got many expenses. Housing costs are going up, energy costs are going up," she said.

"These are people who are literally going to be making a choice in terms of how they spend their money between housing, heat and food. Those are all basic necessities."

Udow emphasized that food stamps are intended to help low-wage families with high costs.

The minimum wage and welfare benefits have stayed about the same for the past nine years, while housing costs have gone up dramatically.

The cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Michigan has gone up more than 21 percent since 1996, the advocacy report said.

And the cost of a one bedroom home has gone up more than 24 percent in that time, according to the report.

The state no longer would be able to consider housing costs when determining food stamp eligibility if the so-called federal "categorical eligibility" is removed, the report said.

Nearly three-quarters of Michigan households receiving food stamps are getting them because their housing costs are large enough to be considered when applying for food stamps, it said.

Amy Stitt, 26, of Flint receives nearly \$200 in food stamps per month to help cover groceries for her and three children, all under five years old.

She makes money by watching her sister's four children a few times a week, but it's not enough to cover all the bills.

"I don't know what we would do without it. That's how I feed my kids," she said.

"I could see them cutting it if there were some jobs here, but they can't take something away if they're not giving something in return."



The Associated Press
Paula Crigger, of Flint, is seen in Flint, Mich., Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005. She receives \$290 a month in food stamps to support her two young girls. In a spending cut proposed by Congress, Crigger could be one of the 26,000 to lose the state assistance if approved. The proposal would cut \$3 billion in five years.

MICHIGAN'S FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: THE NUMBERS

\$237.40 The average amount in food stamps for a family of three for a month

602,857 The monthly average of food stamp recipients in 2000

943,713 The monthly average of food stamp recipients in the 2004 fiscal year

1.07 million The average number of food stamp recipients in July 2005

26,000 Michigan food stamp recipients receiving other income who would lose their food assistance under a spending cut proposed by the Bush administration and considered by Congress

\$896 million The amount the food stamp program pumped into the Michigan economy last year

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There's still time to register for the Learn to Swim program. Classes begin September 28 and registration is open until that date.

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Contact Liz Groth, 248-370-4532, for additional information.

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Tuesday, September 27, Walt Disney Presentation

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House Dems want to require approval to bottle, ship water

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Businesses that want to sell Great Lakes water by bottling it or sending it to thirsty states through pipelines would have to get legislative approval under a package of bills announced Tuesday by Democrats in the Michigan House.

Water bottling companies and other private entities would have to certify that nearly all of the water they are selling — 98 percent of it — will stay in the Great Lakes basin under the

Democratic legislation. Certification would mean obtaining a state permit.

Those that want to send more out of the basin would have to get legislative approval under the bills, House Democrats spokesman Dan Farough said Monday.

"Our water is our most precious natural resource," Rep. Herb Kehrl, a Monroe Democrat, said in a statement. "This legislative package will not only create much-needed standards for private water sales, but also

will create tough penalties for those who violate our standards."

Kehrl is sponsoring a bill that would set a civil fine ranging from \$25,000 to \$3 million for violating the water sales standard. Violators also could have their facility shut down temporarily or permanently under Kehrl's bill.

Other bills in the package would allow residents to petition the governor to request a ban on the diversion or exportation of water. The governor

would have to set up a public comment period regarding a proposed water diversion or exportation if asked by a Michigan resident, another governor or another state under the bill.

The Democratic bills are a response to the growing threat of water diversion to other states as the arid Southwest's population surges and the global fresh water crisis worsens, Farough said.

The measures could affect the Ice Mountain Spring Water plant in

Mecosta County, which is opposed by local residents and property owners who say groundwater withdrawals are bad for the environment because they drop water levels and flows in neighboring lakes, streams and wetlands.

Rep. David Palsrok, chairman of the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment Committee, said he will review the bills, but wants more information about the health of state's aquifers before moving ahead.

Michiganders respond to Katrina

Local cities band to help hurricane victims

KEEGO HARBOR

■ A Detroit-area attorney wants to help victims of Hurricane Katrina mend their financial matters.

"A lot of individuals are going to need bankruptcies," Blakely Slater told The Oakland Press of Pontiac for a story published Monday.

She and attorney Melonée Monson-Holley of Detroit's Metropolitan Law Center will offer discount bankruptcy assistance to flood victims in Michigan.

After the hurricane hit, Slater, who practices law in the Keego Harbor area, said she called the state to put her name on a list of volunteers but was told it could be days or weeks before she was called.

"I literally couldn't sit and look at the news any longer without getting up and doing something," Slater said.

DETROIT

■ Joyce Wells heads a four-generation New Orleans family and was uprooted by Hurricane Katrina.

She had a warm welcome Sunday at Detroit's New Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ.

"I want you to turn around," said the Rev. James Tharrington, a guest preacher. "You went through hell and high water, and you're still standing."

Other religious institutions also opened their doors to hurricane evacuees last weekend, the Detroit Free Press said.

At Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, about 25 evacuees from New Orleans were welcomed at a Sabbath service.

Great Faith Ministries in Detroit hosted about 50 hurricane survivors on Sunday.

The church had ferried them from a shelter in Baton Rouge, La., last week to a Comfort Inn in Detroit.

Beacon Light Full Gospel Ministries provided breakfast and gift

bags with school supplies and Bibles on Sunday to refugees living at the Ramada Inn in Southfield.

LANSING

■ Veterinarians, veterinary technicians and students from Michigan State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital plan to head south on Sept. 19 to assist in animal care and rescue in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The group is seeking donations of veterinary supplies such as IV catheters, IV fluids, oral

and injectable antibiotics, bandage materials, flea and tick products, dog and cat food, large animal feed, leashes, collars, cages and carriers, cat litter and disposable litter pans.

The items should be dropped off by Sept. 18 at the reception desks at the hospital's Small or Large Animal clinics.

■ Gov. Jennifer Granholm is encouraging Michigan residents to observe the National Day of Prayer on Friday to honor those effected by Hurricane Katrina.

President Bush declared the

National Day of Prayer in a proclamation last week.

"For more than a week, we, in Michigan, have joined together to open our hearts, our wallets and our communities to support our brothers and sisters in the gulf region," Granholm said in a written statement.

"Next Friday, we will offer prayers for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and for the thousands of relief workers who are coming to their aid," she said.

ORCHARD LAKE

■ Hockey fans were given the chance to get their picture taken with the Stanley Cup on Tuesday in exchange for a monetary donation for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Cup was at St. Mary's Ice Arena from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., along with Johnny Wilson, who played for the Detroit Red Wings in 1955.

BATTLE CREEK

■ A second group of Hurricane Katrina refugees has made it to Michigan.

A flight carrying about 50 refugees landed at the Michigan Air National

Guard base Friday night.

Approximately 50 people, including four children, got off the plane shortly before 10 p.m. EDT and were given food, water and other staples by American Red Cross volunteers.

With the arrival of the 50 new evacuees, about 274 people remain housed at Fort Custer.

No additional evacuees are expected to arrive at the training center.

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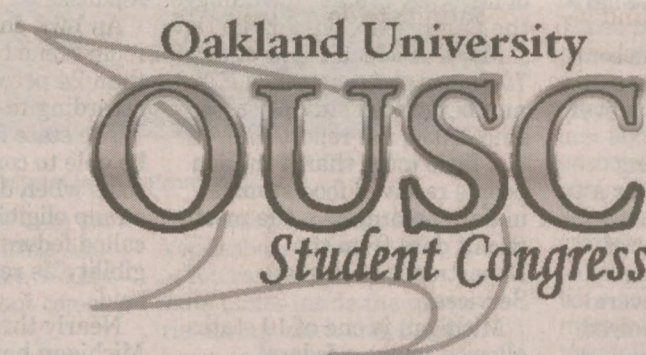
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EDITORIAL

State Court of Appeals strikes down Post's claim over OMA violation

After years in the battlefield, the lawsuit between the Oakland University board of trustees and The Oakland Post has come to a fork in the road.

Last week, the Michigan Court of Appeals turned down The Oakland Post's allegations that the OU board of trustees violated the Open Meetings Act in Jan. 2003.

Since the OU budget was discussed at the meeting, The Oakland Post maintained that it should have been open for students, community members, staff and faculty.

The OMA stipulates that public bodies must meet in open sessions. There are exemptions to this rule, and the current court dispute concerns the nature and specifics of those exemptions.

In this case, the Court of Appeals decided that the board of trustees met informally and therefore, did not have to open the session to the public.

That decision troubles us.

Any meeting where financial matters that affect the students and faculty are discussed should be open. This is a state university, run with public funds.

Your tax dollars are at work. Don't you want to know what is being done with them?

We worry that the appellate court's decision will give OU's board the sense that it can hold closed, informal meetings whenever it wants, with little regard for the public's right to know how decisions were reached on the spending of taxpayers dollars.

In the past, the university's leaders have vowed to do their business in the sunshine. We encourage them to do the right thing now.

Although we still do feel that the meeting should have been open, we have not come to a decision whether to appeal to the next level in the court system.

We do, however, have the option, and will continue to be the students' watchdog.

We are here to inform students on campus and to let their voices be heard.

We are here to advocate the student body and to hold the powers over us accountable for their actions.

This is our mission, and we will continue to do so as long as we are here.

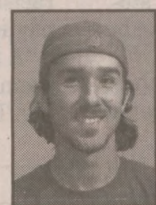
— The Oakland Post

STAFF COLUMN



Nature week is a sweeping disaster

Environmental student organizations host a campus cleanup, but no one shows



By DAN WILKINSON
Photographer

Last week was the kick-off for "Environmental Explorations," a special theme for the College of

Arts and Sciences.

Throughout the week, there were special events ranging from lectures and discussions, to interactive workshops, to guided nature walks and a campus cleanup.

As a photographer for The Oakland Post, I was assigned to cover these events.

The room was full of information tables, offering information and activities from various organizations such as SPIN Students Promoting Interests in Nature, Whole Foods, Sierra Club and SOCRRA.

I will be the first to admit that I am not Mr. Environmental. I was only there to take pictures. The extent of my environmentalism usually consists in picking up trash on the sidewalk on the way to class.

As I walked around the room, organization representatives ask me to sign up on their e-mail list, but I thought to myself, 'I am not so sure I want to be getting tree-hugger e-mails.'

Despite my own environmental ignorance, I was shocked at the lack of interest in this event. I stopped by probably about five times over the three-hour period hop-

ing that there would be more students so I could take pictures. Unfortunately, there were no more than five students in the room while I was there.

An image that sticks in my mind from that Tuesday is the bio-diesel presentation, where a man gave a presentation about bio-diesel to one student. With at least 30 chairs set up in the room, only one was occupied.

There were, however, 50 to 60 students who entered the room throughout the day. Yet, most of the students were getting food from the Whole Foods table and then leaving.

On Wednesday, SPIN hosted a three-part campus cleanup day. I thought to myself, 'Okay, here's my chance to get some good pictures.' But the campus cleanup crew was virtually impossible to find.

I showed up at the first cleanup and met a girl who seemed to be in charge and was waiting for people to show up.

I'm not sure if anybody showed up or not, but it wasn't quick enough for me. After waiting about 15 minutes, I left, figuring that I would catch the next cleanup.

Later, I tried to catch both times that afternoon and could not find anybody at either cleanup. There was no one to be found at the scheduled meeting place or the location of cleanup on campus.

There were three environmental discussions planned for Friday. The first two discussions were no-shows. And the only

thing preventing the third one from becoming a no-show was me.

As some members of SPIN and I waited for students to show up, a SPIN member summed up the whole week: "What a disaster."

After waiting a half an hour, they started their discussion, hoping to at least convince me that the environment is important, if they couldn't convince the other 16,000 OU students.

For me, this week was a sobering look at the student body — myself included — that doesn't care about our environment. If I were not assigned to take pictures of the events, I would probably just have walked by.

I think a lot of us say we care about the environment, but we have not done anything to prove it. We do whatever we want without thinking about the environment or the people around us.

My goal in relating my experience as a photographer is not to proclaim some apocalyptic end to the world if we don't start caring about our environment, but rather challenge the student body to think about how our actions affect the rest of the community and the world.

Think about what affect you are having on the people around you.

And one last thing. Next time you show up at a student organization event just for the free food, take time to actually find out about what they are all about.

Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Football: not the only fantasy game



By GARY BAKER
Columnist

A new football season is upon us, which means

Sundays on the couch with friends, wings and obsessively following statistics in order to keep up with your fantasy league.

Fantasy sports are just that — an obsession. They offer the everyday fan an opportunity to play general manager, make 'risky gambles' on players, and talk some fantasy smack with their friends and co-workers until the cows come home.

Sometimes there are some pretty high stakes on the line, depending on what the buy-in is for an office pool. Sometimes, it is simple bragging

rights for grabs, as ESPN and Yahoo! offer free leagues.

Either way, if you've taken part in a fantasy league, you know just how addicting these things could be.

But fantasy sports haven't been around forever. Nearly a decade ago, they were virtually nowhere. Now, you can't get away from them. So what are we to expect next? What if fantasy sports extended into every aspect of life?

What if there was a fantasy rapper draft? What if you took Kanye West with the first pick overall before his new CD came out, then he accumulated massive amounts of negative points for his comments about the President? Would you try to trade him for two lesser picks, say Will Smith and LL, guys who might not bring the same star power, but fewer headaches? Is Kanye the Terrell Owens of fantasy rap?

How about fantasy comedians? If there was a fantasy comedian draft a year ago, wouldn't everyone be crossing their fingers for the first pick of Dave Chappelle, just because he is guaranteed to get you Peyton Manning type points?

What would be the football equivalent of what happened to Chappelle? If you drafted Manning, then he checked into rehab in South Africa, how would you recover from that loss?

Comedy Central is that fantasy owner, and they scrambled and picked up Carlos Mencia and D.L. Hughley from the free agent market, kicking themselves and cursing their star quarterback Chappelle every minute in the process.

Can you imagine a fantasy draft of professors at Oakland University?

Think of how much you may have prepared for your fantasy football

draft this year. You probably checked QB ratings, running backs fumble tendencies and who the top receivers were in the last eight weeks of the '04 season.

There's a good chance you spent more time studying for a fantasy draft than you did for any of your finals last year.

Now translate that into professor rankings. How great would it be if there were rankings for 'most generous grading curves'? Would that be factored in more than 'Professor X lets his class out of class early 75 percent of the time'? Other educators would surely watch their stock plummet miserably for negative points in the areas of scoring areas such as strict attendance policy, 15-page essays and lack of multiple-choice tests.

Wouldn't having access to all this information make registering for

classes much more fun? You would see freshman trying to pull off ridiculous trades in order to move ahead of seniors in line at the Registrar's office.

So as this year's football season and school year unfold, follow the stats as close as you can on Sundays to try and take home your fantasy football title.

Then, from Monday through Friday when you are sitting in class, instead of doodling on the side of your notebook, evaluate your professor from a fantasy sports standpoint.

Just try not to cuss them out loud if they keep you in class until 9:50 at night.

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Ethnic news organizations finds a new angle on the Katrina story

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — "Black general takes charge in New Orleans." "Undocumented won't be allowed to receive help from FEMA." "1,700 Koreans in New Orleans yet to be located."

With passion and pride, ethnic news organizations in the United States are sending reporters, photographers and TV crews to the disaster area and covering the Hurricane Katrina story from angles not seen in many of the nation's major metropolitan newspapers.

At times, the ethnic media have been more opinionated and outspoken, and in many cases have taken a more activist approach than mainstream news organizations and tried to help members of their ethnic groups who have suffered from the storm.

For example, they have been reuniting families and finding housing for refugees, said

Daffodil Altan, associate editor of New California Media, a nationwide association of more than 700 ethnic media groups.

"I'd have to say the tendency to both really cover and interact with their communities seems to be one of the biggest differences," Altan said.

The NCM estimates that ethnic media reach 51 million people in the United States.

For many of them, the ethnic media are their only source of information.

The Korea Times, based in Los Angeles, is dedicating much of its coverage to motivating Korean-Americans to help their own.

"There are so many Koreans who had been living in the New Orleans area ... and they lost their houses and businesses and had to evacuate from where they had been living, so Koreans have their own stories, and we're focusing on the

Korean victims," Managing Editor Yoon Cho said.

But reporter Euyhun Yi added: "We are also trying to help African Americans."

Koreans and blacks were antagonists in the 1992 riots that followed the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles. Now the Times is using the disaster to show they can work together.

In one story, the Times cited a Korean shopkeeper in New Orleans who was trusted with \$12,000 of his black neighbors' money as they all fled the storm. He later tracked them down and returned the cash.

"I am so thankful to have been trusted in that way by my neighbors," the Korean told the Times.

Radio Saigon in Houston, the city where about half of Louisiana's Vietnamese population of 30,000 has taken refuge, spends two hours a day on hard news, and devotes

much of the rest of the time to helping fellow Vietnamese-Americans.

"Having been a refugee myself years ago, I know exactly what it's like to be a refugee, and I know what needs to be done to help them," said the station's chief executive, Thuy Vu. "Some of us really have to relive the nightmare of being refugees all over again. It's very hard to be professionally journalistic about it. I believe sometimes a journalist has to put down their camera and their pens to help people."

La Opinion, a Los Angeles-based newspaper with 500,000 readers, sent a reporter and photographer to cover the storm's effect on Hispanics living on the Gulf Coast.

"We get the big-picture stories from the wire services, but what we needed was the Latino community, more than 200,000 Latinos in Louisiana,"

said Executive Editor Pedro Rojas.

One major story in La Opinion noted that illegal immigrants will not receive help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Rather than criticize the Bush administration, the story offered options for those seeking assistance. "We included a box with what they can do and telephone numbers where they can call," Rojas said.

In the black media, the coverage has promoted racial pride, for example, with headlines like the one in The Afro-American Newspaper about the black military commander in New Orleans, Army Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré and explored what some have branded racism in the mainstream media.

"A lot of the cable channels seemed obsessed with the looting. They'd say the blacks are

looting, and the whites found some bread. Those kinds of things really strike a chord with African-Americans," said George E. Curry, editor in chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service and BlackPressUSA.com.

The black media, he said, have focused not on the looting and the violence, but on the future of New Orleans' black population.

"The mainstream media is so predictable, it's so fill-in-the-blank kind of journalism as opposed to black journalism," Curry said. "We're far more concerned about their plight rather than whether we're going to have National Guard troops bringing in guns. Here you have a city that's two-thirds black and half are below the poverty line. What's going to happen to these people?"

Court rules for BOT in open meetings lawsuit

POST STAFF REPORTERS

The Oakland Post lost its appeal last week in a lawsuit against Oakland University's board of trustees.

The Oakland Post sued the board and challenged the legality of a meeting held in January 2003 by the board in a closed session.

The State of Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that the board's meeting was legal and did not violate the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as the student-run newspaper claimed.

The OMA requires public bodies to meet in open sessions, except for a limited number of exemptions.

The newspaper said the board should have conducted an open meeting because the meeting discussed financial matters that would affect students and faculty.

However, in the present case, the court said the meeting falls into an exemption for holding a closed meeting because the meeting pertained to budget issues.

The court stated, "the meeting was informal, (therefore) the Legislature is constitutionally precluded from requiring compliance with the OMA."

The Oakland Sail Inc., corporate owner of The Oakland Post, is currently considering an appeal, said

Jane Briggs-Bunting, board member and former advisor of the newspaper.

"The university has been hiding behind closed doors, and it's a disgrace to taxpayers and students," she said.

Ted Montgomery, OU media relations director and media liaison to the board of trustees, said otherwise.

"This board of trustees does not operate behind closed doors, never has, never will. We conduct business of the university in open meetings," he said.

The dispute began on Jan. 15, 2003 when three Post editors saw six of the eight board members

meeting behind closed doors in the Oakland Center.

The editors were not allowed in and were told the meeting was a briefing about budget issues affecting the state and higher education.

After the incident, Media Attorney Herschel Fink, who represented The Oakland Post, filed suit.

On Feb. 29, 2003, OU's General Counsel and Secretary to the board Victor Zambardi sent a letter to some members of The Oakland Sail, Inc., saying OU would sue for defamation if The Oakland Post continued to publish stories about the meeting the BOT held on Jan. 15 and the ongoing OMA dispute.

Fink sent a letter to Zambardi on March 6, giving him one week to respond and offer "some satisfactory explanation for the closed session ... and unambiguous declaration from the board of trustees that it will obey OMA and the mandate of the Legislature to do so."

The case lost in the trial court, and the newspaper appealed to the State of Michigan Court of Appeals, where it has recently lost.

The Oakland Post can appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, but no statement has been filed.

"I think it is a shame that the court did not address the issue," Briggs-Bunting said.

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Nominee Roberts rebuffs Democrats' questions in confirmation hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice nominee John Roberts repeatedly refused to answer questions about abortion and other contentious issues at his confirmation hearing Tuesday, telling frustrated Democrats he would not discuss matters that could come before the Supreme Court.

"I think nominees have to draw the line where they are most comfortable," said Roberts, who also sidestepped questions about civil rights, voting rights and the limits of presidential power in a long, occasionally antagonistic day in the witness chair.

He did say past Supreme Court rulings carry weight, including the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973. But the principle of court precedents allows for overturning rulings, too, he said.

Over and over, he assured lawmakers his rulings would be guided by his understanding of the facts of cases, the law and the Constitution, not by his personal views.

"My faith and my religious beliefs do not play a role," added Roberts, who is Catholic.

"I will be my own man," he said later.

The 50-year-old appeals court judge and former Reagan administration lawyer fielded questions about dozens of legal precedents without benefit of notes.

His wife, Jane Roberts, also an attorney, sat behind him, flanked by a delegation of aides the White Houses assembled to assist him.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and the committee chairman, raised the question of abortion moments after the hearing began, and the issue reverberated again and again.

"The right to privacy is protected

under the Constitution in various ways," Roberts said at one point.

Hours later, he said he agreed with a 38-year-old high court ruling in a case involving contraceptives for married couples, a decision often cited as the underpinning for abortion rights.

He said that if confronted with an abortion case — as seems likely in the high court's upcoming term — he would give full weight to the precedent of the landmark ruling that established a woman's right to end her pregnancy.

The legal principle of "stare decisis" requires that, he said — but he also said the same principle allows past rulings to be overturned.

Roberts struck sparks when he indicated his refusal to answer certain questions was based in part on a precedent of "no hints, no forecasts, no previews" that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg set at her hearings a dozen years ago.

"That is not true, judge," interrupted Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., telling Roberts that Ginsburg had been far more forthcoming, particularly about abortion.

Specter broke in at that point — one of several times he did so during the day — telling Biden to let Roberts finish his answer.

Biden said Roberts wasn't answering at all, then said to the witness seated a few feet away: "Go ahead and continue not to answer."

Despite the Democratic unhappiness, it appeared Roberts' had done nothing to diminish his strong chances for confirmation to replace the late William H. Rehnquist before the high court convenes on Oct. 3.

"We're reliving the '80s," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., muttered during one break, a reference to numerous questions from Democrats about conservative views Roberts expressed in memos he wrote as a young lawyer in the Reagan administration. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said he was glad Bush had picked Roberts for the job — and happy, too, that the nominee had rebuffed Biden's questions.

If approved, Roberts would become the nation's 17th chief justice and the youngest in more than 200 years.

President Bush originally named him to replace Sandra Day O'Connor when she announced her retirement earlier this summer.

She has been a pivotal vote in recent years on cases that upheld abortion rights and affirmative action, and Roberts is seen by supporters and critics alike as a young, conservative successor with the potential to move the court rightward.

That changed with Rehnquist's death.

Unlike O'Connor, the late chief justice dissented in rulings that upheld a woman's right to abortion, for example. As a result, some of the intensity seems to have been drained from Roberts' confirmation proceedings, likely to resurface when Bush names a new successor to O'Connor.



The Associated Press
Judge John G. Roberts raises his right hand as he is sworn in before the Senate Judiciary Committee to testify on his confirmation to become the chief justice of the United States, in the Caucus Room of the Senate's Russell office building on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday.

Confronted by Democrats with memos he wrote as a Reagan lawyer, Roberts stepped carefully: "In some instances they were consistent with personal views, in other instances they may not be."

Roberts sparred briefly with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who referred to some of the memos in asking about the views expressed in some that have been made public.

"If your position prevailed, it would have been legal in many cases to discriminate in athletics for girls, women. It would have been legal to discriminate in the hiring of teachers," Kennedy said.

"You have not accurately represented my opinion," Roberts replied.

"Those are your words," Kennedy retorted, but Roberts was unrelenting. "Senator, you did not accurately represent my opinion," he said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the senior Democrat on the panel, asked about the limits of presidential power, specifically if the chief executive would be obligated to heed a law calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from foreign soil by a fixed date.

"I don't want to answer a particular hypothetical that could come before the court," Roberts replied.

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least \$3,650 per student, said Sen. Mike Goschka, a Brant Republican and head of the Senate Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee.

Despite the large increase for Grand Valley State, Goschka pointed out that the school would receive only \$3,302 per student, the lowest amount among the public universities. OU and Saginaw Valley would receive \$3,713 per student, slightly more than the \$3,650 minimum.

"Parity has not yet been achieved, but we moved in that direction," Goschka said.

The University of Michigan and Michigan State University each would see their state funding increase by 0.4 percent under the new agreement, and Wayne State University would receive 0.2 percent more.

Despite the smaller increases, all three universities would get at least \$8,139 per student.

The spending agreement would provide about \$79 million more for higher education

than this year's budget, an increase of 5 percent.

It covers funding for university operations and scholarships, including the Michigan Merit Award for students who perform well on state standardized tests.

Mike Boulus of the Presidents Council, which represents the 15 state universities, said the budget agreement is the best universities could have hoped for in another tight budget year.

"There are some (universities) that are grouching and some that are pleased. Overall, the budget basically is flat," Boulus said.

Giving a few of the growing mid-sized public universities a larger percentage increase while providing smaller percentage increases to the more well-known research institutions was a compromise between a proposal Granholm laid out earlier this year and those approved by the House and Senate.

The House and Senate, both controlled by Republicans, approved plans that would have given a bigger boost to schools that have traditionally received fewer state dollars,

including OU and Grand Valley State.

But they also would have cut funding for Wayne State and Northern Michigan universities by at least 5 percent.

Granholm sharply criticized the Republican-approved plans.

Members of her administration said the plans were politically motivated and would have taken away funding from universities in areas represented by Democrats and given boosts to those in areas represented by Republicans.

Greg Bird, state budget office spokesman, called the budget agreement a solid compromise.

The governor was able to avoid large cuts for Northern Michigan and Wayne State, he said.

The House was able to win approval for its university funding formula based on enrollment, research activities and the number of degrees granted.

But the formula will not go into effect until July 1, 2006, and details about how it will be used to distribute state funding were unclear Monday.

— Editor in Chief Roqaya Eshmaui contributed to this report.

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For one, it offers the state's first dual-degree program, meaning that students would receive an associate degree from Macomb as they work towards a bachelor's degree from OU.

This allows students to make a seamless transition as they transfer credits from Macomb to OU.

According to Ted Montgomery, OU media relations director, the program is "a win-win all the way around" and a great way to hasten the time it takes students to earn a degree.

This helps Michigan work toward Gov. Jennifer Granholm's goal of doubling the amount of college graduates in Michigan over the next

10 years.

Other benefits to students include cost and convenience.

For the first two years, students will pay for their education at Macomb's rate, which is currently \$65 per credit hour.

The next two years will be paid at OU's rate — all on the way to earning a bachelor's degree from OU.

The partnership also makes earning a degree more convenient for Macomb residents who would normally have to commute to OU.

"Macomb County is the largest county in the United States, in terms of population, without a four-year public university," Montgomery said.

"This program fills a real need there," he said.

OU currently offers bachelor's degrees at Macomb's University Center, including degrees in computer science, engineering and elementary education.

The new partnership will make it possible to expand course offerings and to add more classes in other high-demand career fields.

Mike Lewis, director of the department of journalism at OU, who is teaching a class at Macomb this semester, said he believes offering more classes at Macomb's University Center will be very beneficial for students.

"In a survey, Macomb students said resoundingly that they would like to see journalism classes there," Lewis said.

"We hope and expect more students will study journalism by offering the major at Macomb University Center," he said.

To make room for the new degree programs, Macomb will build the third phase of its University Center.

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People gather for a Sept. 11 memorial on the campus of James Madison University Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, in Harrisonburg, Va.

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Gathering to remember 9/11

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"Whenever I hear '9-11,' I always think about where I was," said Junior Chrissy Markey. "It's just the fact that the term '9-11' always reflects back to that; it's not 9-1-1 anymore."

Terrence Adderley, Jr. and Lisa Marie Terry, both Oakland County residents who were victims of the attacks, were given a special remembrance by their loved ones.

Gregory Steven, a local resident, spoke in remembrance of his cousin, Lisa.

He recounted her accomplishments, which included playing a major role in both the opening of the Northwest Airport terminal at Metro Airport and the opening of the Bluewater Bridge, and then told of the last telephone call she made to her mother from the 101st floor of the World Trade Center.

"Oakland County suffered as well with the loss of Terrence and Lisa," said Michael Zehnder, director of public services for Oakland County.

For OU students, stories like Terry's have an effect. "You always know someone that was somehow connected," said freshman Chris Cerrini. "Remembering 9-11 with firefighters and the military is what the day has come to."

The ceremony began with a drum procession by the U.S. Army Honor Guard.

After OU student Salathiel Palland's singing of "Amazing Grace," Zehnder spoke about Oakland County's response to the most recent national tragedy.

"Unfortunately, it takes disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and 9-11 to bring us together as a country," he said. "But, boy, do we come together."

In response to the hurricane, Oakland County has come together, Zehnder said.

According to Zehnder, the county is doing everything it can to make the transition easier for new residents coming from devastated areas.

It is finding support for relocated families, as well as making housing available.

"It's a giant effort, and it involves every layer of government service at both local and county levels," he said.



Spectators watch as Dr. Gregory Steven delivers a remembrance of his cousin, Lisa Marie Terry, who died in the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11, 2001. In attendance at the remembrance were students, faculty and staff, as well as Michael Zehnder, Oakland County's Director of Public Services, and representatives of the Salvation Army.

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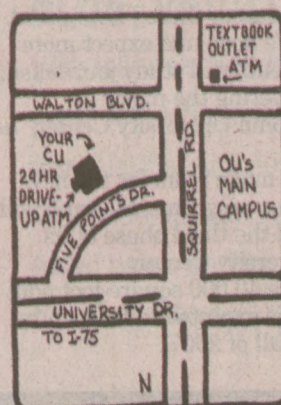
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Study: Journalists face long delays with FOIA requests

WASHINGTON (AP) — After badgering the Environmental Protection Agency for days to learn where dangerous chemicals were leaking after Hurricane Katrina, Mark Schleifstein still couldn't get a clear answer.

The top hurricane reporter of The Times-Picayune of New Orleans filed a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act, asking for any reports on spills, accidents or fires.

More than a week later, he has received no response.

"On one hand, they need time to make sure the information is accurate, but if they are sure enough to release to the public, they should release all information as quickly as possible," he said.

This sort of delayed non-response to a FOIA request is becoming commonplace, according to a report released Monday by the Society of Environmental Journalists.

"The most disturbing thing is that information that was once routinely accessible without a FOIA, now various agencies are requiring journalists to file a FOIA," said Elizabeth Bluemink, a reporter with The Juneau (Alaska) Empire and co-writer of the report.

The reporters surveyed, all members of the journalism trade group, reported signifi-

cant delays — some up to a year — before receiving the information they requested under FOIA.

Many reported that the information was of poor or incomplete quality, with paragraphs or entire pages blacked out. They also reported difficulty monitoring the status of their requests and delays due to waffling over fees.

With some exceptions, federal agencies are mandated under the 1966 law to provide responses to public requests for information in a timely manner.

In the report, the Labor and Defense Departments, the Food and Drug Administration and the Mine Safety and Health Administration were most frequently cited as sluggish in their response times.

Ken Ward, a mine safety reporter at The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette, has filed numerous FOIA requests to the MSHA, an arm of the Labor Department.

One request was related to a January 2002 methane explosion that killed three miners. Ward asked for copies of the mine's prior inspection reports, a request that had previously been filled within a quick fax after the agency received his phone call, but didn't receive information until almost a year after.

MSHA spokesman Dirk

Fillpot said, "The information Mr. Ward requested was part of an ongoing investigation and specifically exempted from under FOIA and was released immediately after the investigation's conclusion."

Bluemink said he delays are causing many reporters not to file FOIA requests.

"They have heard the horror stories and say, 'I'm not going to do this anymore,'" she said.

It can also affect the relationship between a reporter and sources.

"It's another reason for journalists to feel distrustful of the people and the agencies they are working with," she said. "This really undermines what newspapers are there to do."

How this affects you:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, all federal agencies are required to reveal records requested by the public.

As journalists face longer delays with FOIA requests, the public is less likely to become informed of important issues in a timely fashion.

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adults, ages 16 to 21.

There are numerous Explorer Posts throughout the state, which specialize in various careers.

Sgt. Dan Toth, an Explorer's adviser, said his group of 24 comes from throughout the county for bimonthly meetings and training at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Marine Division in Auburn Hills.

"It's important for the Explorers to get a real-life vision of what we do.

The knowledge they gain about police work is through television — on CSI, they solve crimes in 20 minutes, DNA is analyzed and prints come back instantly, people volunteer information.

"It's not high-speed chases everyday. There's a lot of paperwork, policies, procedures and regulations," Toth said.

Explorers have a formal uniform, similar to that of a police officer, and a training uniform comprised of either a T-shirt or polo shirt, slacks and a hat.

There's a command structure similar to a police department — with a captain, lieutenant and sergeants.

"They do ride-alongs, and we train them in all layers of the department — corrections, Special Response Team, alcohol enforcement, traffic, crime labs, Marine Division and aviation units,"

Toth said.

Toth said about 20 percent of Explorers advance to law enforcement-related careers. Currently, there are 12 full-time, certified officers employed with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office that started as Explorers.

"Some go into criminology, work in labs, get interested in forensics, go into the secret service and FBI," said Officer Terry Harrison, a detective and adviser to the Troy Police Department Explorers Post 1950.

Steve Tersigni, a 17-year-old Clarkston High School senior and member of Explorer Post 649 for six months, aims to be a helicopter pilot for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be an Explorer. It's like we get a backstage pass, to see what cops really do," Tersigni said.

"I've met pilots and later they'll give me time in the chopper with a pilot, since that's what I want to do," he said.

The program is supported by fund-raisers and community support.

Harrison said the program creates big changes in young adults.

"We get them to express themselves and gain confidence in talking to people they don't know, telling someone what they're thinking in a respectful way and how to work as a team.

"No matter what career you go into, you've got to

have those skills," Harrison said.

Explorers also volunteer at various community events and participate in a statewide annual competition.

Both posts brought home second place last year. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said the Explorers have assisted with child fingerprinting programs at large events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise and community fairs.

"They fingerprint the children and parents get to keep the card, in case there was a situation where we would need to locate the child.

"The Explorers help provide a community service that would ordinarily be difficult for us to provide," Bouchard said.

During the two years Chris Wintz has been an Explorer, his Post 1950 has lifted fingerprints, taken photos of a crime scene, rappelled down a three-story building, used radar and learned the proper schooling and job application process to work in law enforcement, among other things.

"We learn so many different topics, they're all interesting in their own way," said Wintz, a 17-year-old Troy Athens High School senior.

"Explorers is a great way to give back to the community and have fun," he said.

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"There were German e-mails that just randomly showed up," said sophomore Ashley Ellerbe.

"They were about 500KB worth and it was just horrible," she said.

Rowe warns for students to be careful with certain e-mails, because they could contain viruses and worms or lead to identity theft.

"We have had a couple reports of people responding to authentic-looking e-mail, sending their personal identity information, only to learn later that they were victims of scam," Rowe said.

Most recently, in light of Hurricane Katrina, Web sites and Spam claiming to be legitimate donation sites have appeared.

The Associated Press reports that the FBI is working to eliminate these fraudulent sites, but that they are popping up too quickly.

"Never donate based simply on an e-mail or a click in an e-mail," Rowe said. "Check out any organization before you donate by verifying the organization."

She recommends checking out any online charity at <http://www.give.org>.

UTS has been reviewing anti-spam solutions and, later this fall, will offer students, faculty and staff ways to cut down on the intruding e-mails.

The system will include individually set up filters along with a system that can scan for viruses, search for Spam and automatically delete any problem e-mails.

To learn how to protect yourself, look for CyberSecurity Awareness week starting Oct. 24.

Stop the Spam

To stop spam dead in its tracks and to protect your computer, Rowe offers these tips.

- Don't sign up for mailing lists without asking first if the collected e-mail addresses are open to the public or are sold to third parties.
- Don't give out your e-mail address to people or organizations without verifying if they sell or give out e-mail addresses.
- Don't put your e-mail account address on a Web site without investigating how that Web site stores and distributes your e-mail address.
- Make sure that you have a current anti-virus software solution installed on your computer and that your anti-virus software is up-to-date.
- Rid of instant messaging or file-sharing technologies, as these technologies can also transmit viruses.

FALL CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Engineering, Technical, Nursing,
Health & Science Candidates

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Business & Liberal Arts Candidates

LOCATION: OC Banquet Rooms

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FEMA director steps down, replaced by firefighter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Brown, the subject of blistering criticism after Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast and overwhelmed the government's response, quit Monday as director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The White House moved quickly to replace him, installing a top agency official with three decades of firefighting experience as acting director. Some of Brown's critics agreed

with his decision, saying it would put the focus on efforts to manage the aftermath of the disaster, including helping the thousands of people left homeless.

Bush named R. David Paulison to replace Brown.

The president was told of Brown's resignation earlier Monday and spoke to Homeland Security Secretary Mike Chertoff, who was Brown's boss, from Air Force One in the afternoon as he flew back to

Washington from an overnight visit to the region.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the White House did not seek Brown's resignation.

McClellan praised Brown's work but left out any reference to his contribution to the Katrina efforts.

Paulison has led the U.S. Fire Administration, a division of FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, since December 2001, according to a biography posted on

FEMA's Web site. He led FEMA's emergency preparedness force from 2003-2004. He also is a certified paramedic.

He is a career firefighter from Miami who was among the emergency workers responding to Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and the crash of ValuJet Flight 592 in the Florida Everglades in 1996.

Paulison also was chief of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, leading 1,900 person-

nel and a \$200 million operating budget.

In an interview, Brown said he feared he had become a distraction.

His resignation came three days after he was sent back to headquarters from the Gulf area, where he had been the government's disaster point-man. It also came a little more than a week after Bush, on his first on-the-ground visit to the region after the storm, said, "Brownie, you're doing a heckuva job."



The Associated Press
Members of America West Airlines' flight attendants and mechanics unions protest a proposed merger with USAirways outside its corporate headquarters Tuesday, in Tempe, Ariz. Shareholders for America West approved the proposed merger with USAirways.



The Associated Press
Alejandro Jauregui Garcia rests as he and a team removed boats off of Atlantic Beach, N.C., Tuesday, to protect them from arriving Tropical Storm Ophelia.



The Associated Press
The home in Clarksfield Township, Ohio where 11 children were removed from the custody of Michael and Sharen Gravelle, is seen Tuesday. Sheriff's deputies removed the children from the home where some of them were made to sleep in cages less than 3 feet high.

NATION

Residents take measures as Hurricane Ophelia approaches

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N.C. (AP) — Vulnerable islands were evacuated and mainland schools were closed Tuesday as Ophelia again strengthened to a hurricane and wobbled closer to land with a threat of flooding rain. The National Hurricane Center upgraded the storm's status Tuesday evening, saying maximum sustained winds had reached 75 mph, with higher gusts. The storm was graded a Category One hurricane, but the center said further strengthening was possible in the hours ahead.

Two defendants convicted in transgender teen killing

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — Two men who had sex with a transgender teen and then discovered she was biologically male were convicted Monday of her murder, but cleared of hate crime charges. Michael Magidson and Jose Merel, both 25, face mandatory sentences of 15 years-to-life in prison for second-degree murder in the killing of Gwen Araujo, who was beaten, tied up and strangled. The jury was deadlocked in the case of a third man, Jason Cazares, 25, marking the second time a mistrial was declared in his case. The victim's mother, Sylvia Guerrero, expressed satisfaction with the outcome. "Nothing is going to bring Gwen back. I know that. But this is at least a step toward closure," she said. Araujo, 17, was born a boy named Edward but grew up to believe her true identity was female. The defendants, who knew her as Lida, met her in the summer of 2002. Magidson and Merel had sexual encounters with her, experiences that fueled suspicions about Araujo's gender. The issue boiled over in the early hours of Oct. 4, 2002, in a confrontation at Merel's house in the San Francisco suburb of Newark.

Parents force eleven adopted children to sleep in cages

WAKEMAN, Ohio (AP) — The children seemed ordinary enough to neighbors, who hired some of them to help bale hay and watched as they spent their apparently carefree days playing in a yard filled with toys. But at night, the 11 children — all with conditions ranging from autism to fetal alcohol syndrome — were not treated like ordinary children, authorities say. Their adoptive

parents allegedly forced several of them to sleep in homemade cages about 3 1/2 feet high. "We're still trying to figure out what happened in that home," said Erich Dumbeck, director of the Department of Job and Family Services in Huron County. No charges have been filed, and parents Sharen, 57, and Michael Gravelle, 56, have denied in court that they abused or neglected the children. The parents said the children, including some who had mental disorders, needed to be protected from each other, according to a search warrant filed by authorities. After authorities discovered the cages last week, the children, ages 1 to 14, were placed with four foster families and were doing well.

Couple charged with elderly deaths in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In a day of reckoning across battered New Orleans, the owners of a nursing home were charged in the deaths of dozens of patients killed by Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters. The death toll from Hurricane Katrina climbed more than 50 percent in a single day Tuesday to 423, including last week's grisly discovery of 34 dead patients and staff members at St. Rita's nursing home in the town of Chalmette in hard-hit St. Bernard Parish. In the nursing home case, Louisiana Attorney General Charles Fott charged the husband-and-wife owners of St. Rita's with 34 counts of negligent homicide. "The pathetic thing in this case was that they were asked if they wanted to move them and they did not," Fott said. "They were warned repeatedly that this storm was coming. In effect, their inaction resulted in the deaths of these people." Salvador A. Mangano and his wife, Mable, were released on \$50,000 bond each.

Utility workers' error blamed for L.A. blackout, 2 million without power

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An error by utility workers caused a blackout across major portions of Los Angeles on Monday afternoon, trapping people in elevators and snarling traffic at intersections, authorities said. About 2 million people were affected by the resulting power surge and outages, which were reported from downtown west to the Pacific Coast and north into the San Fernando Valley. Much of the power, which failed at about 12:30 p.m., was restored within less than 2 1/2 hours.

WORLD

Japan probe to bring asteroid fragments back to Earth

TOKYO (AP) — Bringing Japan's most complex space mission near its climax, a probe is within 12 miles of an asteroid almost 180 million miles from Earth in an unprecedented rendezvous designed to retrieve rocks from its surface. The Hayabusa probe, launched in May 2003, will hover around the asteroid for about three months before making its brief landing to recover the samples in early November. The asteroid, informally named Itokawa, after Hideo Itokawa, the father of rocket science in Japan, is only 2,300 feet long and 1,000 feet wide, and has a gravitational pull one-one-hundred-thousandth of Earth's. Though it took two years to get there, the asteroid is among the closest neighbors to Earth other than the moon. When Hayabusa moves in for the rendezvous, expected to be over in a matter of seconds, it will pull up close enough to fire a small bullet into the asteroid and collect the ejected fragments in a funnel-like device.

U.S. scientist to vacation among the stars for \$20 million

STAR CITY, Russia (AP) — A U.S. scientist paying \$20 million to hitch a ride to the international space station said Tuesday he hoped to do some research in optics and medicine while in orbit, and he had no anxieties about his mission. Greg Olsen is scheduled to blast off Oct. 1 from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in a Russian Soyuz ship with cosmonaut Valery Tokarev and astronaut William McArthur. Olsen will spend a week aboard the station, orbiting 250 miles above Earth, then return with the current space station crew Oct. 11. Olsen's flight was pushed back after Russian doctors found an unspecified medical ailment that since has been cleared up. Olsen was cleared for flight in May. The cash-strapped Russian space program has sought to supplement scarce government funding with revenues from space tourism. California businessman Dennis Tito paid the agency about \$20 million for a weeklong trip to the space station in 2001, and South African Mark Shuttleworth followed suit a year later.

North Korea's nuclear program still an unresolved problem

BEIJING (AP) — North Korea insisted Tuesday it will not give up its right to civilian nuclear programs, raising questions about the possibility of

a breakthrough as six-nation talks aimed at persuading Pyongyang to abandon its atomic weapons resumed after a five-week recess. Envoys from China, Japan, Russia, the United States and the two Koreas clasped hands together at a state guesthouse in Beijing before continuing the fourth round of talks since 2003 that have so far failed to resolve the standoff. Last month, negotiators took a break after a record 13 days of meetings ended without agreement. The main U.S. negotiator said it would likely be shorter than last time.

Crowd blocks Belfast roads, police prepare for rioting

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Crowds of Protestant protestors blocked key roads in Belfast and rioted for a third straight night Monday in a long-building explosion of frustration at Northern Ireland's peace process. At least 50 officers were wounded over the weekend when rioters fought riot police and British troops in the worst Protestant violence in a decade. The British governor and the territory's police chief said two outlawed Protestant paramilitary groups mounted machine-gun and grenade attacks on police. The rampage followed British authorities' refusal Saturday to permit the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's major Protestant brotherhood, to parade as it usually does each year along the boundary of Catholic west Belfast. Monday's road blockades, formed by men, women and children, caused traffic jams that lasted for hours.

U.N. summit to tackle poverty, burdened by disagreements

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The outcome of this week's U.N. summit to tackle poverty and overhaul the United Nations administration was thrown into question Monday because of serious disagreements over the document that world leaders are supposed to adopt. After a weekend of talks by a group of about 15 countries, several ambassadors said there definitely would be a document — but it would be less ambitious than the blueprint called for by Secretary-General Kofi Annan last March. With some leaders already in New York for Wednesday's opening of the summit, ambassadors were still wrestling with the text of the latest 39-page document on revamping the United Nations to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

In this photo released by the Mexican Federal Environmental Protection Agency, PROFEPA, on Tuesday, people watch as thousands of newly born olive ridley turtles are returned to sea near the town of Ixtapilla, Mexico on Saturday. At least 15 thousand turtles were released into the ocean.

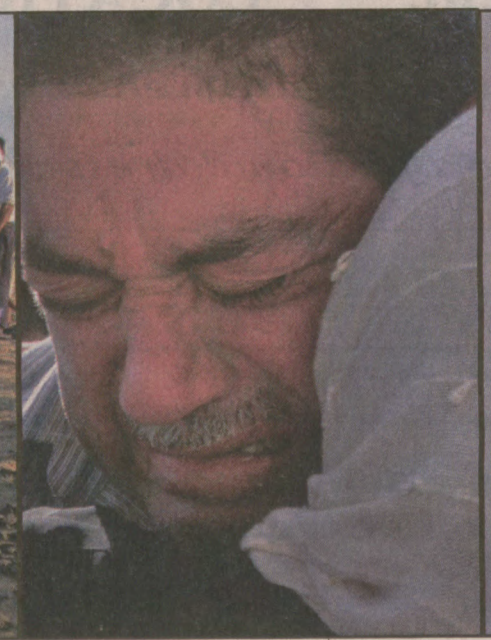
The Associated Press

Abdel Raouf Sekik hugs his daughter, as he meets her for the first time since 1996, a day after Israel's withdrawal from the Palestinian area Gaza Strip after a 38-year occupation.

The Associated Press

Petrol pumps at a Shell filling station in Manchester are locked Tuesday, as panic buying led to fuel shortages ahead of proposed fuel protests. Many petrol stations have reported mass panic buying with fears of a fuel shortage.

The Associated Press



life (lif) n., The physical, mental and spiritual experiences that constitute existence.

The Grizz dances at OU

By ZENNA SYEDA
Assistant Life Editor

Attention Oakland University students interested in film production, the first annual Grizz Dance Film Festival is being held.

"This is a chance for students who go to Oakland to express their creativity through using video or film by utilizing new technologies that are out there," said Tim Atwood, promotions director of student video productions.

This competition invites any OU student to submit their work for a chance to win \$1,000 in cash prizes.

The entered films will be presented at a banquet on Nov. 18 and then scored by a panel of judges.

The judges consist of five faculty members and four students who have experience in film making.

"My production crew and I directed a feature a couple years ago and it premiered at the Main Art Theater. They contacted me and wanted me to judge



the upcoming festival," said Josh Corbin, a student judge.

The idea came from Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs. She was observing other schools around the nation doing simi-

lar events and brought the idea to OU.

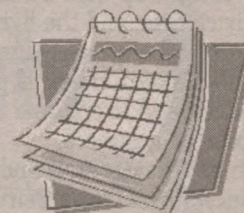
The festival now has sponsors such as the office of the vice president of Student Affairs, the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, the Student Program Board, WXOU Radio and the Center for Student Activities.

"I'm really excited about having a chance like this at Oakland University to show everyone my production team called DJ 'Wan's, work," said Dawan Thurmond, a student looking forward to entering a video.

Not unlike other competitions, there is a set of rules to follow in order submit a film. These guidelines can be found at www.oakland.edu/org/hcsa.

"Often, film makers will look for a chance to show off their work, and I definitely feel that it is a great idea for an educational institution to grant their students this great opportunity. Hopefully the film festival will become a yearly event at Oakland," freshman Sarah Gothamy said about the festival.

Life is full of choices



Wednesday, Sept. 14

A ribbon-cutting ceremony happens today from 1-2 p.m. for the Student Technology Center in room 40 of the Oakland Center.

Thursday, Sept. 15

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta sorority are hosting hip-hop aerobics at 7:13 p.m. in rooms 126-127 of the OC.

Saturday, Sept. 17

'Chip In' for Habitat is this weekend at Westwynd Golf Course in Rochester Hills on N. Adams Rd. A portion of the green fees and beverage cart will be donated to OU Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter to help those affected by poverty, especially those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Schedule your tee time soon.

Monday, Sept. 19

From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. OU Student Congress hosts in the Gold Rooms "Fight the Types," which is a chance for students to see organizations and club sports and get a feel for the different stereotypes that they have to face on a daily basis.

Greek life starts up this week

By ZENNA SYEDA
Assistant Life Editor

It is hard to miss the colorful A-frames on campus near the Oakland Center. Oakland University has four national College Panhellenic Sororities that advertise themselves with these signs: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma.

Panhellenic is the governing body for the sororities at OU.

Orientation dates are going on now to help interested women get

familiar and prepare for the formal recruitment process.

CPH suggests that interested students attend one orientation session, but it is not required to go through recruitment.

The remaining orientation dates are Sept. 16 at noon and Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

The recruitment parties begin Tuesday, Sept. 20 and end Monday, Sept. 26 with a Bid Day party for new members.

The location for all recruitment events is the Oakland Center.

Requirements to join include being of the female sex, a full-time student, and having a 2.5 GPA or higher. There is also a \$5 fee for recruitment.

Formal Recruitment is held every fall semester and is open to all



Photo by Allison Brunner/ The Oakland Post
A-frames including the ones pictured above are up around campus to promote Greek life at OU.

female students.

For more information visit <http://www.oakland.edu/org/cphsororities/>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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*Flip over
B-section
for Sports*

Middle Eastern eatery offers unique cuisine

By MINEHAHA FORMAN
The Oakland Post

In the glittering summer night of downtown Royal Oak, the warm air seems to light up with a buzz of friendly chatter, and the light scent of flavored tobacco sweetens the air.

Middle Eastern music is played in the background to create a unique and social atmosphere.

With its friendly staff and trendy ambiance, Royal Oak's Beirut Palace has become one of the top hangouts for young people in the metro Detroit area.

Located on Main Street, it is the perfect place to convene with

friends, offering a large menu of Middle Eastern dishes and drinks, as well as a hookah bar, which includes up to 10 different flavors of tobacco and come with large extravagant glass hookahs to add to the fun.

In the summer, outside seating

Review: Beirut Palace

105 S. Main St.

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Phone (248) 399-4600

provides the feeling of being almost transported to a far away place.

The popularity of Beirut Palace attracts an eclectic group of customers from Birmingham blondes to biker girls. From preppy guys in Diesel to emo boys in their Dickies nametag shirts, there's room for anyone and everyone at this hot spot.

They're waiting for you with hookahs, raw juices and yes, hummus and pita. Even if you are unsure of the food or don't smoke at hookah bars, Beirut Palace is the answer to "What is there to do?" on any night. It is definitely a great way to kick off a weekend with group of friends.



Photo courtesy of wustl.com

Students from Washington University of St. Louis sit at a hookah bar similar to Beirut Palace in downtown Royal Oak.

Hollywood unsure about film future

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Americans' love affair with movies is far from over. Yet like many relationships, it seems to be suffering from a case of familiarity breeds contempt.

Summer 2005 was the worst since 1997 for movie attendance, which dropped sharply and rattled the complacency of studios.

For the 18 weeks from early May through Labor Day, domestic movie grosses are expected to total \$3.6 billion, down 9 percent from summer revenues of \$3.96 billion last year, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations. Attendance figures are even bleaker. Factoring in higher admission prices, the number of movie tickets sold should come in around 562.5 million, down 12 percent from summer 2004.

What went wrong?

"What didn't go wrong? That's the question," said Paul Dergarabedian, Exhibitor Relations president. "This was a summer that really could be characterized as under a cloud from the beginning. Usually, the first weekend in May, you have a big film that kind of kicks off the summer. It didn't

happen that way this time, and that was sort of an indicator of things to come."

Some movies did score big, but the overall downturn lingered and then worsened, prompting gloom-and-doom predictions that audiences were growing tired of rising ticket prices, concession stand costs, pre-show advertising and other movie theater hassles.

With so many other entertainment choices — video games, limitless TV programming, home-theater setups — audiences may be edging away from moviehouses.

In an Associated Press-AOL News poll in June, nearly three-fourths of adults said they would prefer to stay home and watch movies on DVD, videotape or pay-per-view rather than traipse to a theater. Almost half said they think movies are getting worse.

For years, Hollywood has thrived with an if-you-film-it-they-will-come mentality, relying on an assembly line formula of explosive action films, low-brow comedy and dippy romance.

That approach failed in summer 2005, which had far more flops than usual, among them the action thrillers "Stealth" and "The Island," the comedies

"The Honeymooners," "The Bad News Bears" and "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" and the historical epic "Kingdom of Heaven."

Martin Lawrence could not give tickets away to his basketball comedy "Rebound." Extreme-sports fans who seemed an obvious audience for the skateboarding flick "Lords of Dogtown" failed to show. Family crowds who made Robert Rodriguez's "Spy Kids" movies a success generally passed on his "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D."

Horror remakes once enjoyed a virtual can't-miss record, yet Paris Hilton was unable to pack people in for "House of Wax." Even the man who created the flesh-munching zombie subgenre could not bring in crowds, as "George Romero's Land of the Dead" dug itself an early grave.

Ron Howard reteamed with his "A Beautiful Mind" star Russell Crowe for the class-act of summer. But "Cinderella Man," the uplifting story of Depression-era boxer Jim Braddock, was a box office lightweight despite good reviews.

Summer 2005 did produce its share of big hits, led by "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of

the Sith" at almost \$380 million. Films at or near the \$200 million mark included "War of the Worlds," "Batman Begins," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "Wedding Crashers" and "Madagascar."

There also were a few independent hits, such as the ensemble drama "Crash" and the surprise documentary smash "March of the Penguins."

It's unclear whether such breakout hits or the success of character-driven comedies such as "Wedding Crashers" and "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" will prompt studio executives to seek fresh ideas, or whether they will fall back on the safe old summer formulas.

"In an ideal world, people would say 'OK, we have to think more creatively, we have to think outside the box and come up with new and different things,'" said Steven Friedlander, head of distribution for Warner Independent Pictures, which released "March of the Penguins."

"But I'm afraid what's going to happen is, we're all going to sit in a room and say 'We need more penguin movies.'" So I don't really know what lessons we're going to take out of all this."

Image courtesy of navy.mil

Online communities stifle human interaction amongst college students

By MINEHAHA FORMAN
Oakland Post

These days Oakland University students socialize at home, at school and sometimes on their cell phones. It is no wonder that, in under a decade, the way people meet, interact and communicate has been renovated to accommodate the great success online social networks such as Facebook, Myspace, and Friendster.

It seems apparent that the Web has quite a lot to offer as a recent study by leading consumer technology research company Odyssey L.P. indicated. They said the average student spends 20 hours per week for personal purposes online.

One of the goals of most online communities is to keep people connected and gather people with common interests to create a network of friends or even intimate relationships.

The growing popularity of these Web sites has had a positive effect on college students and the way they meet and communicate.

One of the hippest new Web hotspots, Facebook, hosts over 3.2 million users from 800 different schools and counting. The Facebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks at schools.

Why are these sites so popular among students?

"We're broke, and they're cheap ... no, better than cheap, they're free," sopho-

more Nicolas Haneš said. "And, let's face it, I'm addicted."

Because of their easy access and speedy services, online social networks are giving old methods of communicating such as telephone conversations or snail-mail is run for their money — literally.

Friendster.com has more than 20 million members, and they claim to be the best way to stay in touch with your friends and to discover the people and things that matter to you most.

MySpace is an online community that lets you meet your friends' friends and has over 30 million users.

Phone companies and postal services are sweating the competition and going as far as installing Internet connections to their mobile devices and allowing shipping and mailing deals on commercial Web sites.

The rapid turnover of communication styles has a bit further to go when convincing more traditional customers.

"I remember when people would meet face to face or talk on the phone more often instead of sitting at the computer," sophomore Stephanie Lewis said.

"Online you never know who you might be talking to or if these people are lying."

The traditional methods of dating and interpersonal communication are changing, so Web sites like Facebook are even used for dating. For some, the impersonal feel of online communication makes it easier to say things they really mean or to talk to people they may never have approached in person.

"There are people I would not be friends with if it wasn't for Facebook," admits sophomore Christina Stock. "I love reading people's profiles and finding out things I might never have known about them otherwise. A new form of voyeurism I guess."

Starting with Friendster, a successful Web network that began its wildfire effect in big cities like Boston and San Francisco, the idea of gathering groups of young people with online profiles expanded to sites like Facebook, which added a chapter at Oakland University last semester creating a buzz around campus on and offline.

Facebook, like Myspace and Friendster, is used by students to plan dates, throw parties, and to keep in touch with old friends. Unlike its competitors is geared exclusively for college students.

Facebook has the lead in popularity second only to Myspace because of its target to less specific audiences. The only criticisms for Facebook are that it is not as blogger friendly as Myspace and other sites it only allows people to view the profiles of student who attend their school.

Myspace claims to let you see who knows who or how you are connected and more importantly to "find out if you really are six people away from Kevin Bacon."

Although some students may choose to remain traditional, the success of Web sites that are geared towards students have done nothing but flourished.

Graphic by Dante Ciullo/ The Oakland Post

www.facebook.com

www.myspace.com



www.friendster.com
www.blogspot.com



Photo courtesy of <http://www.firearmsid.com>.

Can you tell if it's a match? Forensic technicians would say these two cartridge casings have the same breech marks.

She went ballistic

By **BLYTHE A. SIMMONS**
Money/Health Editor

Tune in to any crime drama on television these days, and you'll probably see a shot of a forensic technician analyzing DNA or lifting fingerprints from the handle of a murder weapon as the detectives check out the scene.

Forensic science and the role it plays in crime analysis is big business in Hollywood.

But the hype isn't just about juicy story lines; forensics has changed police work and the outcomes of trials for more than a decade.

Many investigators and attorneys rely on the science to make or break their cases.

Along with all of the importance placed on forensic science, the field offers many career options for interested students — you just have to know where to start.

The Oakland Post interviewed OU alumna Becky Forster on her job as a forensic technician in order to give students an inside scoop.

The Post: What kinds of things do you do in your job as a forensic technician?

Forster: My job title is forensic technician, but more specifically, I work in the firearms and toolmark unit of the Michigan State Police as an Integrated Ballistics Identification System technician. I am responsible for using imaging systems to take digital images of fired bullets and cartridge cases. Then, I enter these photos into a large database in hopes of returning a list of "hits." If I get a hit, it means that the shooting we're investigating may be connected to another event already in the database.

The Post: So, you're looking for signature markings on bullets and cartridges?

Forster: Yes. Bullets and cartridges from a fired gun will sometimes have specific markings — breech face marks, firing pin impressions, ejector and extractor marks, to name a few. These are what

help us to determine if a bullet or cartridge may have come from a specific firearm.

The Post: What was your major here at Oakland University that prepared you for this kind of job?

Forster: I graduated this past spring from OU with a bachelor's in medical laboratory science.

The Post: That's an interesting major. How different were your classes from what you're doing now?

Forster: Medical laboratory science does relate to what I'm doing now, however, it probably relates more so in a forensic unit like DNA or toxicology.

The Post: How did you make the switch from a more biological study to ballistics?

Forster: I still work with stereoscopes to examine bullets, and I also do some serial restorations on firearms using acids. I still deal with aspects

of biology and chemistry — all of the important classes a medical laboratory science student would have to take.

The Post: Is forensic science something you've always wanted to do?

Forster: I have always had an interest in forensic science, but I didn't really begin to look into options of pursuing a career in the area until the end of my senior year.

The Post: Did you intern in the field at all?

Forster: No, I did not. However, I know that there are college students who intern with the Michigan State Police labs throughout the state.

The Post: What advice would you give to OU students who might be interested in being a forensic technician?

Forster: Do some research. Decide whether or not forensic science actually interests you. If so, it's important to have a strong background in biological sciences or criminal justice. See if you can contact a mentor in the field to acquaint you with what the field entails.

Contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250 or contact the Advising Resource Center at (248) 370-3227 for help deciding whether a job in forensic science is for you.



Photo courtesy of <http://www.michigan.gov/msp>

Integrated Ballistics Identification Systems like this one are used to analyze and compare firearm evidence retrieved from crime scenes.



Photo courtesy of Becky Forster
OU alumna Becky Forster works as a forensic technician with the Michigan State Police's firearms and toolmark division.

Job Profile

Think you might like a job as a forensic technician? Here's the lowdown:

Job Description:

Forensic technicians investigate crimes by collecting and analyzing physical evidence. They can work in different specialties like ballistics, DNA, drug analysis, fingerprinting, polygraphing and trace evidence analysis.

Education: Bachelor's degree relating to chemistry, biology or forensics.

Earnings: Median hourly earnings were \$19.72 in 2002.

Employment Facts: In 2002, 8,400 people were employed with state or local governments as forensic technicians.

Hours: "I work 40 hours a week," Forster said. "Some techs are needed on call for crime scene work, so it isn't unusual for them to put in overtime."

— Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics

How much sleep are you getting?



Photo courtesy of National Sleep Foundation

Waking up tired every morning? Students need an average of eight hours of rest each night.

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
Money/Health Editor

School is getting into full swing, and let's be honest: College is great.

Everything you've heard about it being the best years of your life is true.

But when you try to balance all this fun with academics, clubs and sports, time for sleeping often gets cut to a minimum.

You may think you're doing ok on four hours of sleep, but if you are too drowsy to pay attention in class or work, you probably need some pointers on getting more sleep.

And you're certainly not alone — 63 percent of college students are not getting enough sleep, according to a 2004 study by the National Sleep Foundation.

"Sleep deprivation is a problem prevalent throughout most college campuses. (Students) are influenced by college culture, and sleep is not a high priority," said Bela Chopp, director of the Oakland University Counseling Center. "They really need to understand how important it is."

The NSF recommends seven to nine hours of sleep for the average adult. Everyone is different, so some students may need more or less.

Students often think they can survive on little or no sleep — especially when exam time rolls around or "the party of the year" is at stake — but when you get less than six hours of sleep, your brain releases stress hormones that leave you irritable and unable to concentrate.

Although it may seem virtually impossible to do in college, establishing a regular sleep schedule is a crucial step in getting the most out of your "zzz's."

"Students like to wake up at 7 a.m. for class on Monday and then sleep in until noon for their class on Tuesday. This is an irregular sleep cycle," Chopp said. "The best way to feel rested is to

wake up at the same time every day, including the weekends."

Chopp also cautions students to not let schoolwork pile up and get in the way of their much-needed rest.

"Pulling all-nighters is not as effective as you may think," Chopp said. "The truth is your brain is not retaining information as effectively as it would had you been well-rested."

Students sometimes think they can make up for lost sleep by taking naps in the middle of the day. They're wrong, Chopp said.

"Naps disrupt the sleep cycle and may make it harder for you to fall asleep at night," she said.

Adequate sleep is not only a vital part of a healthy physical lifestyle, but it also affects your emotional state.

"Lack of sleep can trigger depression and anxiety in some students, making it even more difficult to fall asleep," Chopp said.

Sleep deprivation is also the cause of many car accidents among students.

Dr. Joyce Walsleben, director of the New York University Sleep Disorders Center, said that you perform as if you had a blood alcohol level of .05 — almost legally drunk — when you don't get enough sleep. This can make driving and other tasks difficult and unsafe.

A recent article in Redbook magazine gave a few ways that students can do to get better sleep. It suggests that students schedule workouts earlier in the day; exercising within two to three hours of bedtime can keep sleep at bay. It also suggests a hot bath or shower, as warm water may make it easier to fall asleep.

For those living in the dorms, using your bed strictly for sleeping may be difficult, but it may be the key to getting more shut-eye. Students shouldn't use their bed to study, read, eat or watch television — reserving your bed for sleeping helps train your body to fall sleep when you're in bed.

Other considerations for improving

Sleep Tips

1 Find your bedtime by counting back eight hours from when you need to wake up — and stick to it. Try to go to sleep at that time every night.

2 Prioritize the things you have to do before bed and then make good choices: what could you give up? (Maybe tape Real World and watch it later? Can this phone call wait until tomorrow morning?)

3 Cut out caffeine, smoking, eating and watching television close to bedtime, as they all stimulate your mind and body, making it harder to fall into a sleep.

4 Make sure that your room is as comfortable as possible. Keeping the room cool, quiet and dark is usually the most conducive to sleep. Consider ear plugs or eye shades if these conditions aren't possible.

your sleep quality include making your bed as comfortable as possible and creating a bedtime routine that includes a short relaxation technique such as breathing or imagery.

This can help clear your mind of daily stress and get you ready for a good night's sleep. Most likely, you'll find a sleep routine that works for you in a couple of weeks.

If you try these tips but find you are still run down or have other physical or emotional symptoms, you may want to contact your doctor to make sure there are no underlying causes of your fatigue.

Contact the Graham Health Center or the OU Counseling Center at (248) 370-2341 if you are having trouble sleeping or for more information on sleep deprivation.

Sixty three percent of college students are not getting enough sleep

NFL teams help bring normalcy

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A dozen weary police officers, on duty since before Hurricane Katrina hit, clustered around a police car for a rare break Sunday — and listened to the New Orleans Saints beat the Carolina Panthers.

"Man, this is what we needed," said James Porter, a patrol officer. "This almost makes you feel normal again."

Porter claimed to bleed the Saints' colors of black and gold.

"When he was born, he was wrapped in a Fleur d'Lis blanket," another officer said, referring to the Saints symbol.

Porter said he lost his house and all his possessions in the flood that followed Katrina.

"It's all gone," he said. "I'm homeless."

At the police staging area under the downtown Harrah's Casino canopy, officer Derek Brunfield was listening to the game on the radio of the Mobile Police Command Center.

"LSU won last night, and now the Saints are up," Brunfield said. "Things are definitely looking up."

Flood waters still cover Brunfield's house.

"My family's safe, so things aren't as bad as they could be," he said.

Bud Hawkins, a truck driver who had just delivered a load of ice, sat on the steps of Harrah's listening to a small portable radio.

"It's LSU on Saturday and the Saints on Sunday," Hawkins said. "Man, those Tigers gave everybody a shot in the arm last night. Now, the Saints are capping it off."

JaMarcus Russell passed 39 yards to Early Doucet for a last minute touchdown that handed the No. 5 Tigers a 35-31 victory over No. 15 Arizona State.

In Houston, Saints fans got a chance to watch their team open the NFL season on large TV screens in the Astrodome and Reliant Center, which are housing more than 4,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

At the Texans-Bills game in Orchard Park, N.Y., white doves were released after a moment of silence in remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Outside Dolphins Stadium in Miami, Dolphins coach Nick Saban's wife, Terry, led a collection effort to aid Katrina victims that included cheerleaders, Dolphins alumni, staff, and players' and coaches' wives. Saban joined the Dolphins after coaching at LSU in Baton Rouge, where the Saints are expected to play some home games this year.

Appearing on Fox's pre-game show, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said beginning Monday the league will look at LSU's stadium as a future home of the Saints. He is hopeful of announcing something this week about where the Saints' next three home games will be.

"Every team represents its city and the state where its team is," he said. "When we've had tragedies in the past — earthquake in San Francisco, wildfires in San Diego — we've kept the team close to home, and they've managed to stay there for the long term."

Back in Houston, there was some good-natured jawing among fans, some rooting for the Saints, others sure they would lose. There were even a few bets laid on the outcome.

"This is good. It brings back the Mardi Gras spirit," said David Spears, who said he was holding onto his cash until next week. He wanted to size up the team in the first game before risking any money.

"I lost \$20 on just about every game last season," Spears said.

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Perfect timing?

(AP) — The coast couldn't be much clearer.

The nation's attention is still riveted on New Orleans, the NFL just kicked off in earnest, BALCO is an all-but-forgotten acronym, and Rafael Palmeiro's recent turn as the villain in baseball's long-running steroids drama has quenched some of the audience's thirst for revenge.

What better time for Barry Bonds to make his comeback?

Only a cynic would suggest the timing of the San Francisco slugger's return Monday, after three knee surgeries since Jan. 31 and an extended stay on the disabled list, is anything but coincidental.

After all, Bonds' rehab schedule often played out like a comedy of errors, characterized by stops and starts, shifting locations, too many doctors, even more unsolicited medical opinions and an infection that left him hooked up to an IV for

weeks in May. And even that seemed downright orderly compared to the flow of information.

Club officials inquiring about Bonds' condition couldn't always find him, often couldn't get phone calls returned and eventually found themselves, along with everybody else, logging on to his official Web site, <http://www.BarryBonds.com>, and trying to decipher one cryptic update after another.

Fortunately, the confusion was cleared up over the weekend when, after a handful of workouts and a simulated game, Bonds announced he was cleared to play.

The final twist was that the decision came not from anybody in the Giants' organization, but after a phone call to Dr. Lewis Yocum, the Angels' team orthopedist who worked with Bonds for more than two months in Los Angeles.

But no one in San Francisco registered so much as a peep of protest.

Told that Bonds left the decision about where to play and when to bat up to his manager, Felipe Alou's first response was, "Up to me?"

But that was quickly followed by Alou penciling Bonds into left field and the cleanup spot with the NL West-leading Padres coming to town for three games. Like he actually had a say in the matter.

"I expect a lot with the bat," the manager said.

As for the sideshow almost certain to accompany Bonds' return, Alou added, "I wonder what's going to happen tomorrow in his at-bat, the reception."

As mentioned earlier, it's hard to imagine Bonds dealing himself a better hand. He makes his debut in front of a home crowd, and the Giants' best chance in a long time to get back in the playoff picture staring them in the face.

In any division except for the stunningly bad NL West, San Francisco would have



The Associated Press

Barry Bonds' return from several knee surgeries is sooner than expected, but manager Felipe Alou expects production right away.

been finished weeks ago. The starters have been inconsistent and closer Armando Benitez missed 96 games with a hamstring injury, but even those deficiencies pale beside Bonds' absence.

With him in the lineup last season, the Giants finished second in the NL in run production; without him, they're second from the bottom.

"We need a lift, and Barry brings expectations when he comes to the plate," Alou said.

Ultimately, though, the only expectations that matter are those that matter to Bonds.

He wasn't going to risk returning, at age 41, to

embarrass himself.

"Right now, I'm just trying to keep my mind clear, that's it," Bonds said Sunday, briefly holding court from his familiar black recliner in the corner of the clubhouse, and he's got plenty to think about.

Making the Giants competitive is one subject, hitting the dozen home runs he needs to pass Babe Ruth's 714 on the all-time list is another, and finding enough momentum to carry him over into the 2006 season, the last on his five-year \$90-million deal, might be the most important of all.



Pemberton

Detroit Lions

FACT or FICTION



Frucci

The Detroit Lions have the best receiving core in the NFC.

Frucci: It's hard to not pick the Rams right here, but I'm fascinated with what the Lions can put across the board. Either Kevin Johnson or Mike Williams as the third receiver and the addition of Marcus Pollard make this the best group in the NFC.

Pemberton: The Lions' receivers have the potential to be, but they have not proven it on the field yet. After using three straight number one picks the Lions better hope their potential stars turn into wins this season.

The Lions will put at least one offensive player in the Pro Bowl.

Pemberton: Kevin Jones was an alternate on the NFC team last year, and he was injured to begin the season. With ultra conservative Mariucci calling the plays, Jones will get a huge amount of carries and be on his way to Hawaii this year.

Frucci: Not this year, unless of course your counting return specialist Eddie Drummond. Individually, the receiver position is to deep and I don't think this offensive line is good enough to get Kevin Jones to Honolulu.

Kevin Jones will rush for more yards than Julius Jones this season.

Frucci: No. Since the two seem equal in ability, I'll take the Cowboy's offensive line to lead Julius Jones to more yards. The addition of Marco Rivera at guard and a more steady passing game with Drew Bledsoe will be keys to how that offense gels.

Pemberton: The answer to this question lies in who isn't laying on the bench with an injury. The back that stays healthy will win this contest of two of the most talented up-and-comers in the NFL. My money is on Kevin.

Any out-crying to bench Joey Harrington will be silenced by mid season.

Pemberton: Joey could lead the Lions to the Wild Card, and people would be mad they didn't win the division. Lions fans enjoy running guys out of town. For the sake of the franchise, I hope Joey works out, because if he doesn't the 3-13 Lions will be back.

Frucci: No. Not that I think Harrington won't perform, but my answer speaks to how whiny Lions' fans can be. The reaction to the next statement is the true reason I think fans will keep quiet about Harrington — he'll win.

The Lions will win the NFC North and earn a playoff berth.

Frucci: Like a guy in a pink polo and a popped collar, how can you take me seriously? But yes, they will win the NFC North. Did you see the rest of the division this past Sunday? It's a two-team race between Minnesota and Detroit.

Pemberton: If they defeat the Bears next week, they will have a nice 2-0 record against division opponents, but the Vikings will still win the North. Daunte Culpepper will not play like he did against Tampa again this year.

Goalie prides himself on team results

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Typically, Jeff Wiese is trying to stop goals, but he and his Grizzly teammates have a large goal to shoot for this season.

The men's soccer team is aiming for a Mid-Continent Conference championship, and the senior net-minder knows that setting lofty goals and hard work are the way to get things done.

"We set high goals for ourselves, we set high goals and expect a lot," Wiese said.

He said the team lost a few players off of last year's squad, but the goal is for this young squad to get better game-by-game.

Wiese started at OU after playing high school soccer back in his hometown, Omaha, Neb.

At Millard West High School, Wiese was captain of the soccer team, and an all-state selection both his junior and senior seasons with a 0.53 goals against average.

He has collected more than a few awards in his time at OU, including last season's Mid-Con defensive player of the year, as well as awards for academic achievement.

Wiese is quite humble regarding the praise that his talents have earned him. "I don't try to be someone who gets these awards, my goals are for the team, and not for myself," he said.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Senior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese in action in a game last year. Wiese is the defending Mid-Con Defensive Player of the Year.

He prides himself on the things that he does to maintain an edge, such as arriving early to practice and doing all the little things in the off-season that make him better every day.

Right now, Wiese splits his time between five weekday practices, three days of weight lifting, weekend tournaments and his classes.

"My life is consumed with soccer and school," Wiese said. He says that the fast pace never really slows, because he plays soccer for the Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League when finals are over in the spring.



Wiese

"If you don't have the work ethic, then you're not going to make it," he said.

Wiese was named to the 2004 Fall Academic All-Conference team. He was also tabbed a Golden Grizzlies Excellence student for his work in the classroom.

Wiese is double-majoring in accounting and financial information systems, and he would like to get a job with a public accounting firm.

Wiese said that his father's background in securities is what intrigued him to go into business.

His parents reside in North Carolina, and he keeps steady communication with them.

"They are very supportive. They attend as many games as they can," Wiese said.

When Wiese was eyeing potential colleges, he was considering the University of Nebraska and Creighton University, along with his final choice.

"I came up here for a visit, I liked it, I knew Gary (Parsons) was one of the best coaches as far as records. I kind of fell into place — it was the opportunity that I liked," he said.

Wiese's work ethic and dedication suit his role as co-captain of the Grizzlies. Those same qualities could position him for a rare opportunity.

"If I ever have the opportunity, or if someone gives me a look, I'm definitely going to pursue it — I'll just go wherever soccer takes me," he said.

The Grizzlies will continue their season with their home opener Friday at 5 p.m. against the University of Michigan.

Last year, the Grizzlies and Wolverines played to a 0-0 tie after double overtime in Ann Arbor.

OU out shot the regionally ranked Michigan team 22-15 in the game, and Wiese stopped both scoring chances Michigan had.

SPORTS

Frezza takes individual crown at Valpo

Senior Adam Frezza finished 12 seconds ahead of the rest of the field to earn a first place finish at the Crusader Invitational. Frezza was one of the three Grizzlies to finish in the top five. Senior John Cook finished in fourth and freshman Kenny Wassus finished in fifth. As a team OU finished in second place behind Notre Dame and ahead of conference foes Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Chicago State.

Tennis team dominates St. Francis

The Golden Grizzlies tennis team opened their season with a 6-1 victory over St. Francis. OU swept the doubles matches to earn the doubles point. OU's Michelle Maxfield defeated Eva Keresztes 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles and Lisa Pellafone defeated Eva Keresztes 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3 singles. The Grizzlies next match is against IPFW on Sept. 21 at home.

Nobody golden in women's soccer tie

The Golden Grizzlies and the Golden Flashes battled to a 1-1 tie at the Northwestern Tournament on Sunday. Senior Kristi Swaving scored her fourth goal of the season in the tie. OU fell to host Northwestern 3-2 in overtime on Friday. The Wildcats Kelsey Hans scored the game winner with two seconds left in the extra period. Junior Marianne Samdal and freshman Kristi Vandenberghe each scored for OU. The Grizzlies (3-1-1) will head to Illinois for the Loyola Marymount Tournament this weekend.

Men's soccer winless at Panther Invite

OU is still searching for its first win this season after falling to UW-Milwaukee 1-0 and to Wisconsin 2-1 over the weekend. Craig Mallace scored the game winning goal in the Panthers victory over OU. The Badgers' Reid Johnson knocked in the game winner with less than five minutes to play in Wisconsin's victory over OU. Senior Chris Edwards scored the Grizzlies lone goal. OU (0-4) will look to turn things around when the host Michigan at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Volleyball drops four at Bradley

The Grizzlies were unable to escape the Radisson Hotel Invitational with a win. OU fell to Northern Illinois 3-0 in its opening match and then fell to host Bradley 3-1. Senior Heather Lippert led OU with 17 kills in the loss against the Braves. On Saturday, Belmont defeated OU 3-0 and Southeast Missouri State sent the Grizzlies home winless by defeating them 3-0. The Grizzlies (1-9) head to St. Louis for three matches this weekend at the Billiken Invite.

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