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How to Blog - Mozilla Firefox

Professional blogging revolution

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

By CARRA PAYNE  
Contributing Reporter

We at the Post are willing to bet that you — yes you average Joe/Josephina — have a blog. This, of course, must mean that you must aspire to be a world renowned author extraordinaire.

What's that? You have no desire, what-so-ever to join the throngs of us who have bought into the hype of becoming the next wildly successful, rich and famous writer? Well, however you choose to make your fortune, you can get your self off to a great start by supplementing your resume with a professional blog.

Blogging is one of the most prominent forms of self-expression found on the Web. Sites such as Myspace.com have blogging tools so that along with seeing all of PartyBoyee24-7's pics from Mardi Gras, you can also take a deeper look into his thoughts and revelations.

While there are tons of communities and sites across the Web that are dedicated to the expres-

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### Some professional blogs to check out

- The Cyberjournalist  
www.cyberjournalist.net
- Engadget  
www.engadget.com
- Footnoted  
www.footnoted.org
- Global Voices  
www.globalvoices.com
- Land and Living  
www.landliving.com

### Where to go to start a blog

- Blogger  
www.blogger.com
- Word Press  
www.wordpress.com
- Blog Easy  
www.blogeasy.com
- Blog Savvy  
www.blogsavvy.com
- Blog Thing  
www.blogthing.com

## Sexuality center offers help

By GABE OUZOUNIAN  
Contributing Reporter

Some people react to homosexuality with misguided hate, or fear, and it is common to hear "gay" used as a derogative term towards anything met with disapproval. A student group at Oakland University is trying to change the way people see homosexual lifestyles.

The Gender and Sexuality Center, located in the basement of the Oakland Center, provides information to those seeking to understand more about gay and lesbian lifestyles.

They offer pamphlets ranging from information on churches who accept gays and lesbians, to information and assistance on the best way to "come out" to family and friends.

Along with newsletters about the center and a calendar outlining events, the GSC has a wealth of information for those interested. It also provides a safe haven to those who are questioning their own sexuality.

"Nowadays, for a campus not to have a center like this

Please see **GSC/A2**

## Overcoming my own obstacles

By RENA PETRASHKO  
Contributing Reporter

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Rena Petrashko, and I am sophomore journalism major. I consider myself a non-traditional Oakland University student for a number of reasons. First, there aren't many 38-year-old sophomores out there. I am also Canadian, born and raised in



Petrashko

Toronto. I moved to Michigan with my husband Michael 10 years ago. We love it here!

I was a certified esthetician and makeup artist in Toronto. The immigration process prevented me from working in the U.S. for the first four years of our stay. Ironically, it wasn't long after I was able to work that I had my son.

I chose to stay home with William for the first few years of his life. What a great time we had! We played, took art classes, and made new friends.

Those new friends had children the same age as William and we all became playmates.

However, William wasn't like the other children. He didn't use the playground equipment the same way the other kids did. He didn't speak more

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## Blair to announce Iraq withdrawal plan

*BBC: Blair to announce the withdrawal of some British troops from Iraq*

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair will announce on Wednesday a new timetable for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq, with 1,500 to return home in several weeks, the BBC reported.

Blair will also tell the House of Commons during his regular weekly appearance that a total of about 3,000 British soldiers will have left southern Iraq by the end of 2007, if the security there is sufficient, the British Broadcasting Corp. said, quoting government officials who weren't further identified.

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## Prosecutors: Libby 'not credible'

By MATT APUZZO  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors told jurors Tuesday that former vice presidential aide L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby concocted an implausible story in the CIA leak case, while defense attorneys said it would be unfair to convict Libby in a case with so many memory failures.

Libby, the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, is charged with lying and obstructing the investigation into the 2003 leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity. Libby told authorities that he learned about Plame from Cheney, forgot about it, then learned it again a month later from NBC reporter Tim Russert.

In closing arguments of the monthlong trial, prosecutor

Peter Zeidenberg said it's hard to believe that Libby would forget about Plame since he was eagerly trying to discredit her husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who had accused the Bush administration of doctoring prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Please see **LIBBY/A2**



DANA VERKOUTEREN/AP Photo  
In this artists rendering, District Judge Reggie Walton, center, speaks to Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, left, and Theodore V. Wells, right, attorney for L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, lower right seated, former chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, in Washington.

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■ What do people on campus think about Britney Spears' decision to shave her head and get tattooed?

—A2



## BLOGS

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sion of the individual, those blogs may contain some content that you're not very comfortable with your future boss, or even your mother, seeing. That is where the "professional blog" becomes your viable alternative. Many politicians, news anchors and other such unlikely candidates have blogs now. The difference between PartyBoyee24-7's blog and WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian's is the content.

Joe Grimm, Recruiting and Development editor for the Detroit Free Press, is responsible for bringing new talent to the Free Press staff. "Ask The Recruiter" is a blog Grimm maintains on Poynter.org, a Web site for journalists.

Grimm said content is the most important component of your blog. "Ask yourself 'What am I blogging about?' And of course it should be about a subject that is of interest to a

circle wider than your family."

Because of the way communication media across the planet is progressing, it's easier for anyone to say whatever they want to whoever has a simple modem connection or access to one. This, of course, means that the credible and content-driven is thrown right in with the incredulous. But this also means that there are plenty of blogs on the Web to read.

Bearing this in mind, Grimm said to remember, "If it's on the Internet, anybody can read it."

Thus, "Everything I drank this weekend" or "Who's going out with whom" may not be blog topics that gain you the type of notoriety that will appeal to your new boss. Sorry PartyBoyee24-7.

Many professional blogs are written and edited by a professional in their field who have lots of tools and help at their disposal. But your professional blog doesn't have to suffer because of a lack of skills.

"I would make a pact with somebody to edit the thing," said Grimm. "Maybe you edit each other's blogs

and form a dynamic duo."

ProBlogger.net is dedicated to giving those who want to use their blog to earn money all the necessary tips on the do's and don'ts of blogging.

The Australian site creator, Darren Rowe, is currently making his living off of pro-blogging and has been a professional blogger since 2002. His site is dedicated to helping individuals make the best blogs in cyber-space based on the methods he has been capitalizing on in his several professional digital photography, news and technology blogs.

In an entry titled, "9 Ways to Screw Up Your Professional Blog," Rowe lists blending in with the crowd as a major pit-fall of unsuccessful blogs. "One strategy to ensure your blog remains unsuccessful is to work hard to blend in and be inconspicuous ... you can enhance this by surfing around and choosing the most popular topics to write on and trying not to say anything original," wrote Rowe.

As far as the design of your blog is concerned, most sites have standard tools that will give it a clean and styl-

ish, professional look. For a special touch, Grimm also suggests adding podcasts and pictures to a blog you edit about twice a week for sufficient upkeep.

If you're not exactly technically savvy, there is still hope for you. If you need help adding pictures or graphics to your blog, ask a friend to lend a hand in teaching you the necessary know-how. "If you have a blog with pictures but you didn't put them there, that's not as good as if you learn how to do it yourself."

When it comes to showing off all of your hard work to your future boss, Grimm said including a link in your resume is an acceptable presentation as well as attaching a couple of pages from your blog.

Being proficient in professional blogging is a learning process. Grimm notes, "As you learn how to do it, you will learn how to do it better and better."

The ultimate test of your blog's success is its readership.

Rowe wrote, "...if I were starting a new blog today I'd be focusing more

upon a style of blogging that is 'helpful' in nature as it's the type of blog that not only draws people in, but that develops loyalty among it's readership."

Readers' comments on your posts can be an indication of an audience, and an audience means you're doing something right. Your future boss will see that too.

Do you have a professional blog? Let us know. E-mail editor@oakpostonline.com with your blog address and your contact information.

## PETRASHKO

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than one word here or there by his second birthday. He never called me "mama." In August of 2005, a month before William turned three, he was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, with sensory issues on top of that. That was a sad day.

For a week, I grieved. I grieved because I had confirmation that something was different about my son. I grieved because I saw the end of some dreams for us before we had even dreamt them. I grieved for the day when other children would leave their parents' homes for college; I feared William wouldn't be among

them. I grieved because I saw myself getting lost in a world where autism would always be front-and-center. If I didn't do something for myself quickly, I would never be bold enough to try again. I applied to OU.

OU accepted me as a transfer student. That was a great day! I was so scared on my first day of school. I asked myself, what was I thinking? I was 20 years older than all my classmates were. I thought I would embarrass myself because I wouldn't be able to keep up.

Boy, was I wrong! I have loved every moment at OU. My classmates are wonderful. I don't feel out of place at all. My GPA is above 3.5. The professors are first class, particularly John Simecek, who in my first semester at OU told me I could do this.

Now that I'm in my second year, I

look to my future as a journalist and all the possibilities ahead. Sure, life is tough. Every day is a challenge to find a balance between schoolwork, parenting William, and various therapies. William is doing well in a special education preschool and I have become an unwilling expert on autism.

I start every day excited to come to OU to learn. I accept whatever challenges each day will bring for my family. I am a happier wife and mother because I now have a path to meaningful work. Everyone is winning. Who knows, I just may get something to write out of all of this!

In school, I see others that appear to be non-traditional students, too. I am interested in writing their stories, and the stories of other students who have to overcome challenges.

If you consider yourself a non-traditional OU student, or know someone who is, contact me at repetras@oakland.edu

## GSC

Cont. from A1

could mean a lower student body" said Joann Bautti-Roche, a graduate student intern working for the GSC. "If L.G.B.T.Q. (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, questioning) students don't feel welcome, or feel uncomfortable, many will simply search for another school. Many universities have organizations similar to GSC, and many have the same connections to outside organizations just like we do."

Some of these organizations are homosexual friendly churches, the OU chapter of S.A.F.E. (Students, Administrators, and Faculty for Equality), and on-campus colleges such

as Cooley Law School.

Not only does the center provide help to students who subscribe to alternate lifestyles, but they offer information to those who don't understand homosexuality.

"We had one case where a student began visiting in order to write a paper in which he was instructed to choose a topic outside his comfort level" said Bautti-Roche. "He ended up getting more than enough information, and I think that he had a greater understanding of L.G.B.T.Q. lifestyles."

The center also organizes presentations and other group activities, with seven such meetings in the month of February alone. They recently invited Professor Ashley Lowe of Cooley Law School to talk about domestic

violence, a meeting that saw healthy attendance in the Huron room of the Oakland Center. Other meetings focus on topics ranging from self defense for woman, to knowing your limitations regarding alcohol during spring break.

The GSC was originally a group of students who saw the need for the center, and began lobbying for it late 2004. In autumn of 2005, the GSC was officially opened, and it has enjoyed a steady stream of visitors since, with over sixty visitors since mid January.

For more information regarding the GSC or its activities, you can find the center in the basement of the Oakland Center, on the opposite wall from the TV lounge, next to the Center for Student Activities office.

FROM A1

Q: What do you think about Britney Spears' new hair-do and recent behavior.



A: "She's just looking for attention."

Rachel Crouch  
Grad Student



A: "It's all for the attention. Nobody cares about her anymore."

Jordon Twardy  
Junior



A: "She's got a crazy new look."

Kasey Kearcher  
Freshman



A: "She had to be on drugs or something."

Chad Yinger  
Freshman

## LIBBY

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"It's simply not credible to believe he would forget this information about Wilson's wife," Zeidenberg said. "It's ludicrous."

On a TV screen, Zeidenberg displayed a flow chart showing the faces of several Bush administration officials who testified to telling Libby about Plame. From Libby, Zeidenberg drew arrows to people who said Libby talked to them about Plame.

"Is it conceivable that all these witnesses would make the same mistake, the same error in their memory?" Zeidenberg asked.

Defense attorney Theodore Wells portrayed the case as one of competing recollections. Russert says the conversation about Plame never occurred. Wells said it did happen, noted several inconsistencies in Russert's statements and told jurors that the men may simply have different recollections about the same conversation.

"You cannot convict Mr. Libby solely on the word of this man," Wells

said. "It would just be fundamentally unfair."

Prosecutors believe Libby feared being fired and prosecuted for discussing official government information about Plame with reporters.

"He had to come up with a story that was innocuous," Zeidenberg said.

So, Zeidenberg said, Libby concocted a story about learning it from Russert rather than Cheney. Russert says that conversation never happened. For that to be believed, Zeidenberg said, Libby had to forget nine conversations about Plame and invent two others.

"That's not a matter of misremembering or forgetting," Zeidenberg said. "It's lying."

Wells told jurors that the prosecution's theory made no sense. Why, he asked, would Libby pin his entire story on Russert? Libby could easily have told investigators he learned about Plame from others who knew about her, Wells said.

"There's no reason, if Mr. Libby was a crook, when he'd make up a lie, he'd ever pick Tim Russert," Wells said.

Zeidenberg also rejected the idea that Libby was made a scapegoat by the White House to protect Karl

Rove, Bush's top political strategist. It was just one aspect of a broad defense strategy, but Zeidenberg seized on it almost at the onset of his closing.

"Did you hear any evidence about a conspiracy, a White House conspiracy to scapegoat Mr. Libby?" Zeidenberg asked. "If you think back and draw blank, I suggest to you ladies and gentlemen, it's not a problem with your memory. It's because there was no such evidence."

Wells touched on the idea that Libby was being made a scapegoat for Rove. Wells has described how White House spokesman Scott McClellan publicly declared Rove's innocence in the leak case but failed to do so for Libby. Angered, Libby appealed to Cheney, who intervened and had McClellan exonerate Libby, too.

Fitzgerald says Libby felt guilty about discussing Plame with reporters and was trying to cover his tracks. The Rove theory allows defense attorneys to say that Libby felt wronged by the White House and was acting as an innocent man trying to clear his name.

Associated Press writer Michael J. Sniffen contributed to this report.

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| 2. What shouldn't you try to negotiate on Spring Break?<br>a. Cab fare<br>b. Hotel room rates<br>c. Food service<br>d. Alcoholic drinks | 4. Where is Joe Grimm's blog Hosted?<br>a. Poynter Institute<br>b. Society of Professional Journalists<br>c. The Detroit Free Press<br>d. The Cyberjournalist | 6. What is the state's projected deficit for this fiscal year?<br>a. 900 Million<br>b. 300 Million<br>c. 90 Million<br>d. 200 Million |



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Lisa Ling

The Importance of a Global Perspective

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

7:00 p.m. in the

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This lecture is free. No tickets are required.

Seating is on a first come basis.

Lisa Ling is the host of *National Geographic Ultimate Explorer*, the flagship television series of National Geophaphic that airs weekly on MSNBC. She also serves as a special contributor for *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Lisa gained national attention as the co-host of *The View* and as a reporter for *Channel One News*.

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## Fashion flares at OU Mardi Gras



CHARLES GRASKI/The Oakland Post  
Models strut across the stage during the business wear portion of the fashion show. The event included a wide spectrum of clothing. Mardi Gras masks carried the show's theme from pajamas to pinstripes, and everything in between.



CHARLES GRASKI and CARRA PAYNE/The Oakland Post  
Casual wear, formal wear, and sleepwear were three of many categories of clothing modeled with theatrical spark.

By CHARLES GRASKI  
Contributing Reporter

The Mardi Gras Fashion Affair brought together new names in high fashion, talented performers and the spirit of New Orleans in Varner Recital Hall Friday.

The Association of Black Students and The International Students and Scholars Office chose Mardi Gras as the theme for this year because of the cultural diversity and dialogue that the actual celebration facilitates, according to fashion show director and model, Angelica Proffett.

Clothing lines in a variety of genres, such as urban wear, casual wear, business wear, sleepwear and formal wear, were showcased by student models to the beats of DJ Phrikshun. "Suga Rae" from Hot 102.7FM hosted the show.

Oakland University alum-nus Jamar Lockart featured his clothing line, Jamar Artistic Designs, urban apparel with style. The featured collection included original hand-painted t-shirts and jeans.

Shelia West, specializing in evening gowns, was also a featured designer, contributing pieces in a variety of styles and colors.

During intermissions guests were entertained with a step demonstration, dance ensemble performances by OU Images Dance Group and F.Y.I. Dance Group, a rap performance, merchandise giveaways, and refreshments. A VIP area offered a full spread to select ticket-holders after the show.

### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Q: If you had money, what non-profit organization would you donate to?

A: World Vision. They do a lot of compassion work around the world.



Courtney Vagaski  
Junior  
Elementary Education

A: I'd donate money to an organization that fights poverty. Most violence is caused by fighting over wealth and resources, and that isn't right.



Alex Gamble  
Junior  
Computer Science

A: Diabetes Association, to honor my father's memory and to help those suffering to be better informed.



Sheila Brooks  
Senior  
Accounting

## Mr. Smith goes to Oakland

ESPN's Stephen A. Smith scheduled to hit OU's Oakland Center



Photo courtesy of ESPN

By ROB TATE  
Senior Reporter

He's sometimes brash, often times controversial and 100 percent of the time he has a strong opinion pertaining to the sports world.

Stephen A. Smith, a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer who has become famous over the last couple years as a National Basketball Association analyst on ESPN, is scheduled to join Oakland students tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. The event, postponed from last semester, will be a

lecture about current sports news and is presented by the Student Program Board.

Smith is known for his boisterous outbursts and entertaining style of delivering information as well as a moniker "Screamin' A. Smith" that was given to him by several of his colleagues for his delivery of arguments. Smith currently appears on such ESPN shows like the "NBA Shootaround" and "NBA Coast to Coast" and works as a regular contributor to "Sportscenter." In the past, Smith had his own show, "Quite Frankly," as well as roles on other ESPN programming such as "Dream Job," "First and Ten," and "Pardon the Interruption."

On top of ESPN duties, Smith covers the Philadelphia 76ers and is an NBA columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Smith, who grew up in the Bronx, is also an avid New York Yankee fan and has a good knowledge of all sports beyond the NBA.

The event is free and open to students. For more information, call (248) 370-4295.



CHARLES GRASKI/The Oakland Post  
Lehto's book is available at the OU bookstore for \$19.95 + tax.

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI  
Campus News Editor

Author, attorney and Oakland University graduate Steve Lehto visited the Oakland Center Monday to present his book, "Death's Door: The Truth Behind Michigan's Largest Mass Murder" to an audience of students, faculty and history buffs.

While the title may spark thoughts of serial killers and gruesome crime scenes,

## Knocking legends

OU grad writes book to dispel myths

"Death's Door" spends more time chronicling the politics of a 1913 mine town than it does describing individual deaths in detail.

"I have known about the story since I was a little kid," Lehto said. "It's one of those stories that I'd always heard growing up."

Lehto said he was initially inspired to write "Death's Door" because of the lack of coverage the 1913 Massacre had received over the years. The event is well-known among the locals, but, prior to Lehto's book, there was little in print to document the facts.

The story goes that 73 people were crushed to death at the Italian Hall in Calumet, Mich. on Christmas Eve 1913. There is speculation that the tragedy was the result of a plot intended to wreak havoc in the midst of a town holiday party. Some say it was a

grave error but nothing malicious.

Lehto uses extensive research to clear the blurred lines between urban legend and fact.

According to Lehto, many Michiganders who are familiar with that fateful day's events have been perpetuating false information for years. He says he still meets with resistance when talking to natives of the Calumet area who are firmly rooted in their generations-old stories.

The "door" referenced in the title is one particular source of controversy, as many still believe that the doors of the Italian Hall played a key role in the mass death. Lehto suggests otherwise, disproving with a 3-dimensional, to-scale model of the structure the myth that the double doors of the main entrance opened into each other, thus creating a

clumsy barrier to those trying to escape the building.

Lehto holds the press partially responsible for the misconceptions paraded as facts. Calling the newspapers of the day "wildly inaccurate—often on purpose," Lehto cautions students of the subject to begin their investigations elsewhere.

According to the book, the mass murder at the Italian Hall is still an open case, and therefore, someone could be charged with the crime.

Nearly a century after the 1913 Massacre at the Italian Hall, many questions remain unanswered, but Lehto offers comprehensive and well-researched coverage of the events before, during and after the Christmas Eve that rocked a Michigan town.

"Death's Door" can be purchased at the OU bookstore for \$19.95.

## OU sponsors relay to fight cancer

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Contributing Reporter

In 2007, about 560,000 people are expected to die of cancer. That's over 1,500 people a day. Scary, huh?

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for one out of every four deaths. Only heart disease kills more people a year.

But there is some good news. The five-year survival rate for people diagnosed with cancer between 1996 and 2006 is 66 percent, up from 51 percent between 1975 and 1977. A large part of that can be attributed to funds raised by the American Cancer Society's

Relay for Life.

Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid marathon runner, spent 24 hours circling the track at Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. The goal was to raise money for Klatt's local American Cancer Society office, to which he donated \$27,000.

Determined to get others involved, Klatt formed a relay team to participate in the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer. Nineteen teams participated in that first relay, which later expanded into the Relay for Life.

Oakland University has raised over \$80,000 the past

two years and is looking to significantly add to that number this year. Last year, 18 teams participated and the goal is to get at least 31 this year.

Senior journalism major Rachael Biermann is a new participant to Relay for Life. She co-captains team FUZE with her cousin Sarah Chisholm, a student at Saginaw Valley State University. The two were motivated to form a team after Chisholm's aunt passed away from cancer last year. In addition, Biermann is an intern at ACS.

"I was driving home from school and was literally thinking about how much fun participating in a Relay For Life would be," said Biermann.

"When I got home, I had an e-mail from the Associate Executive Director, inviting me to be a part of Oakland University's Relay For Life. It was meant to be!"

They wanted a team name that would honor Chisholm's aunt, so they chose FUZE, after an energy juice drink that she introduced to Chisholm before she passed away.

"We felt it represented power and determination," said Biermann.

The Relay for Life will be held March 30-31 at the Oakland University Recreation Center. If you are interested in participating or making a donation, please see Oakland's page at [www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/oakland](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/oakland).



# Student musicians, live and in concert

The Tenth Annual David Daniels Young Artists' concert, held at Varner Recital Hall Sunday, featured the musical stylings of three of Oakland University's finest. Piano performance major, Sara Young; music education major, Christopher Napier; and voice performance and conducting Master's student, Tara Sievers headlined the show as the winners of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance concerto competition. The concert was sponsored by the Vivian Vivio Stolaruk and Steve Stolaruk Foundation.

## POLICE FILES

■ An OUPD officer was dispatched to the Graham Health Center where he met with a female complainant. The female was upset because she felt her doctors didn't understand her. According to the complainant, several times a month she feels as though she has the powers of God and is capable of committing acts of violence such as "wiping people off the face of the Earth." The complainant was transported to Crittenton for further evaluation.

■ While doing a building check of Vandenberg Hall, an OUPD officer was contacted about a possible sexual assault in Hill House. According to the alleged victim, an outside employee who was doing maintenance work in a Hill House bathroom grabbed her buttock twice with an open hand. After the alleged victim slapped his hand away, repeatedly telling the alleged offender to stop, a student walked into the room and told the outside employee to leave. The alleged victim then exited the bathroom and immediately contacted help.

■ An officer was dispatched to the Recreation Center on Feb. 17 in response to a reported larceny. A female student said she put a sweater and her Spirit Card in an unlocked locker around 10 a.m., and when she returned an hour later, they were gone. The student was advised to cancel her card. No witnesses or suspects were found at the time of the report.

■ An officer issued citations for a Minor in Possession of Alcohol to three students on Feb. 12. An RA in Hamlin Hall said she discovered three underage students drinking in a dorm room, as well as one 21-year-old non-student. Two of the students admitted to drinking; the third did not. Breathalyzer tests detected the presence of alcohol in all three students. The non-student told the officer that he had left alcoholic beverages in his bag with the students while he visited with other people, and hadn't expected the three students to drink them.



Photo courtesy of Joni Hubred-Golden.



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The Oakland Post



CHARLES GRASKI/  
The Oakland Post

## Sara Young

piano, voice

**Daily practice:** 6 hours

**Favorite style of music to play:** Romantic/Impressionistic

**What I listen to:** Hip hop, Ludacris, Christina Aguilera, Ben Folds, Maroon 5

**OU's role:** "Oakland has provided me with the opportunity to solo with an orchestra twice. Also, I was able to attend the ninth annual Prague International Piano Masterclasses in Prague, Czech Republic."

**Future plans in music:** "In the fall of 2007, I plan to attend graduate school. I'm in the process of auditioning at five schools throughout Texas, Illinois and Ohio."

**Thoughts on music:** "Music fills our lives and inspires us to achieve the impossible. To quote the great Neitsche, 'Without music, life would be a mistake.'"

3 songs that would play in a movie of your life:

1. "Livin' La Vida Loca" -Ricky Martin
2. "Let's Go Fly a Kite" -Mary Poppins
3. "Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine" -Eric Whitacre

## Chris Napier

trumpet

**Daily practice:** 2-3 hours, plus rehearsals

**Favorite style of music to play:** Classical orchestral

**What I listen to:** "It's pretty eclectic, but mostly classical and jazz."

**OU's role:** "OU has been a great place for me. I have been given many opportunities here that I would not have got at a larger school. I have really grown as a musician here."

**Future plans in music:** "I would like to play and teach music as much as possible."

**Thoughts on music:** "To me, music is like food or water. It's something I need."

3 songs that would play in a movie of your life:

1. "Fifth Symphony" -Tchaikovsky
2. "Quiet City" -Aaron Copland
3. "Mr. Blue Sky" -ELO

## Tara Sievers

voice, piano

**Daily practice:** 2-3 hours

**Favorite style of music to play:** Classical, opera

**What I listen to:** "I usually don't listen to 'classical' music outside of work or study."

**Mostly I listen to:** 95.5 FM and 96.3 FM.

**OU's role:** "Oakland has allowed me to take all of the musical techniques, skills and knowledge I learned at Oberlin and learn how to make it my own and express it as such."

**Future plans in music:** "After I graduate, I'm planning on auditioning for doctorate programs in voice. I want to pursue a performance career, but I really love the academic/pedagogical side of singing as well. It would be fabulous to eventually be able to teach in a university or conservatory."

3 songs that would play in a movie of your life:

1. "Anything But Ordinary" -Avril Lavigne
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## EDITORIAL

# Lives are damaged while we bicker

Americans sure like to argue, don't we? Between all the talking-head news commentary in the media and our divided government, it seems that the fact that we like to argue is the only thing that all Americans can actually agree on.

Abortion is — many would probably say deservedly so — the one topic that we like to argue about more than anything else.

The debate is poised to stick around for quite some time, and while it is extremely important — and often incredibly engaging — it might be time to address the problem of unwanted pregnancies with a decrease in the amount we argue over abortion and an increase in the amount we educate our

citizenry about sex and reproduction.

The Bush administration jumped all over that agenda as soon as it took office by devising a wonderfully comprehensive federally-funded "abstinence-only" sex education program for public schools (please note sarcasm).

We have a favorite saying at The Post: "Get real."

The problems related to unwanted pregnancies need to be dealt with long before the pregnancy is discovered and abortion becomes an option.

People have sex. Especially young people. We couldn't get back to the blissfully naive 1950s way of doing things (as it seems Bush intends) even if we wanted to — because we're no longer naive.

No, we're headed some-

where much more dangerous: denial.

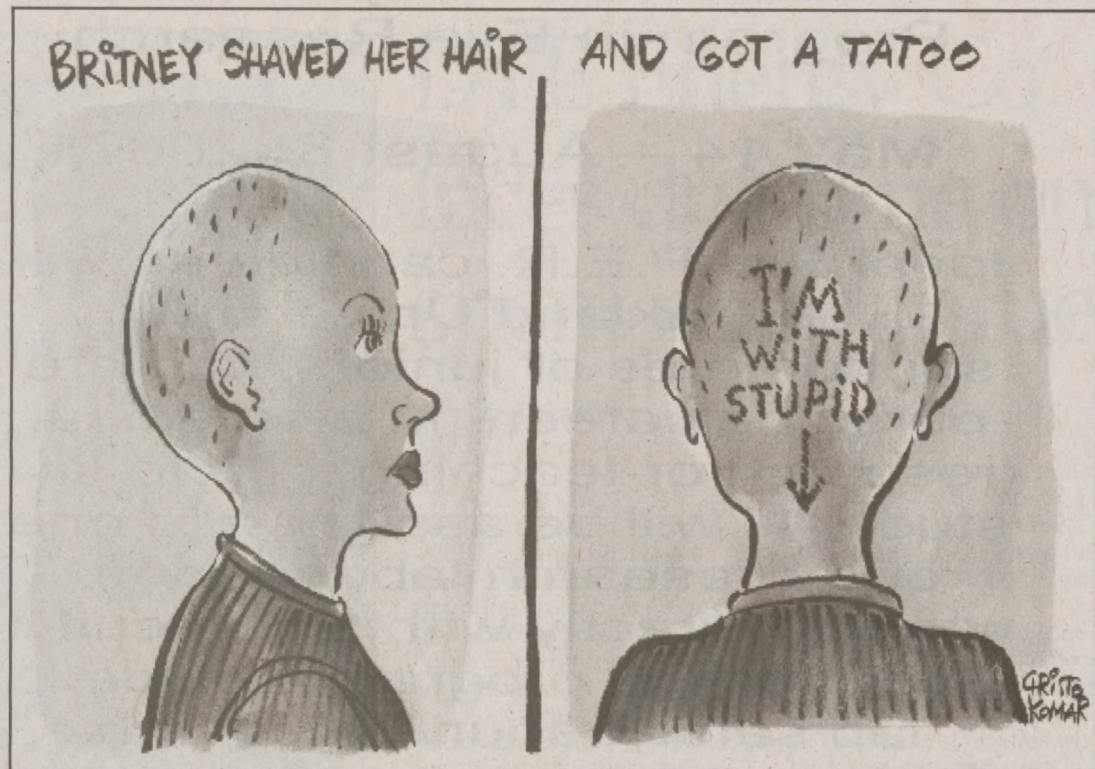
Instead, let's try to embrace our given reality. In a world where a lack of education can cause ignorance and negative consequences powerful enough to destroy lives, let's work on getting people educated.

Did you know that the FDA has approved approximately 20 birth control methods? How many people have heard of Lea's Shield, a NuvaRing or an Ortho Evra patch?

According to FDA, NuvaRings and patches are between 98 and 99 percent effective in preventing pregnancy — but many still don't even know they exist.

Learn more about birth control methods at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) and spread the word.

— The Oakland Post



Uh-oh...Has she been hanging out with Sinead O'Connor? Hopefully rehab will do her some good. Or next we'll be seeing her on Saturday Night Live tearing up a photo of Kevin Federline.

# Increasing use of 'bio-fuels' should be a no brainer

**Dear EarthTalk:** What are the environmental pros and cons of switching to plant-based "bio-fuels" to reduce our reliance on oil?  
— Jim Dand, Somerville, MA

There are many eco-benefits to replacing oil with bio-fuels like ethanol and biodiesel. For one, since such fuels are derived from agricultural crops, they are inherently renewable — and our own farmers typically produce them domestically, reducing our dependence on unstable foreign sources of oil. Additionally, ethanol and biodiesel emit less particulate pollution than traditional petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuels. They also do not contribute to global warming, since they only emit back to the environment the carbon

dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) that their source plants absorbed out of the atmosphere in the first place.

And unlike other forms of renewable energy (like hydrogen, solar or wind), biofuels are easy for people and businesses to transition to without special apparatus or a change in vehicle or home heating infrastructure — you can just fill your existing car, truck or home oil tank with it. Those looking to replace gasoline with ethanol in their car, however, must have a "flex-fuel" model that can run on either fuel. Otherwise, most regular diesel engines can handle biodiesel as readily as regular diesel.

Despite the upsides, however, experts point out that biofuels are far from a cure for our addiction to petroleum. A wholesale societal shift from

gasoline to biofuels, given the number of gas-only cars already on the road and the lack of ethanol or biodiesel pumps at existing filling stations, would take some time.

Another major hurdle for widespread adoption of biofuels is the challenge of growing enough crops to meet demand, something skeptics say might well require converting just about all of the world's remaining forests and open spaces over to agricultural land. "Replacing only five percent of the nation's diesel consumption with biodiesel would require diverting approximate-

ly 60 percent of today's soy crops to biodiesel production," says Matthew Brown, an energy consultant and former energy

program director at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "That's bad news for tofu lovers."

Another dark cloud looming over biofuels is whether producing them actually requires more energy than they can generate. After factoring in the energy needed to grow crops and then convert them into biofuels, Cornell University researcher David Pimental concludes that the

numbers just don't add up. His 2005 study found that producing ethanol from corn required 29 percent more energy than the end product itself is capable of generating. He found similarly troubling numbers in making biodiesel from soybeans. "There is just no energy benefit to using plant biomass for liquid fuel," says Pimental.

There is no one quick-fix for weaning ourselves off of fossil fuels and the future will likely see a combination of sources — from wind and ocean currents to hydrogen, solar and, yes, some use of biofuels — powering our energy needs. The "elephant in the living room," however, that is often ignored when considering energy options is the hard reality that we must reduce our consumption, not just replace it with something else. Indeed, conser-

vation is probably the largest single "alternative fuel" available to us.

**CONTACTS:** Ecology Center Biofuel Factsheet, [www.ecologycenter.org/factsheets/biodiesel.html](http://www.ecologycenter.org/factsheets/biodiesel.html); Earth911 Energy Conservation Factsheet, [www.earth911.org/master.asp?s=lib&a=Energy/energy.asp](http://www.earth911.org/master.asp?s=lib&a=Energy/energy.asp).

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## EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

# Big brother is still watching you

## Guest Column

**Chuck Kanouse**  
17 / Web site Director  
WJOU Radio



The one thing that most people never think of when they are using a computer is the possibility that they are being watched. This is becoming more of a reality with proposed legislation such as the "Stopping Adults Facilitating

the Exploitation of Today's Youth" (SAFETY) act. This federal act would require all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to keep records of all activities conducted by their subscribers. This information is saved just in case the government needs it; anyone's online activity can be introduced in a civil case, as well.

Due to an increasing number of lawsuits against employees conducting illegal or inap-

propriate activities on their employers' computer systems, companies have been tracking where users visit. Employees have been fired or even brought up on criminal charges for looking at pornographic materials at their jobs.

Julie Amero is a teacher who was arrested because children in her classroom were looking at pornographic pop-ups on a computer that was infected with spyware. According to CNN, she could face up to 40 years in prison.

The most widely used method of keeping tabs on a

computer user is through the use of a keystroke logger. A keystroke logger is a program or physical device that keeps track of every-

thing that a user types, including, but not limited to, Web sites visited, passwords and IM conversations. The easiest version of the keystroke logger is a little device that connects between the computer and the

keyboard to store all the keys that a user types in. Other keystroke loggers use rootkit technology to hide the logger itself so that users will not be able to detect it.

Packet sniffing is another popular technique that employers use to keep track of employees. Packet sniffing is a method of scanning all traffic on a network to see what the employees are sending and receiving. It is also possible for an observer

to find what kind of operating system and network devices the user is working on.

Every computer has an Internet Protocol (IP) number that is unique to that computer. An IP number is four numbers, called octets, which are divided by periods; an example would be 127.0.0.1. Every Web site you visit can log and track this number — they can even find out what city you live in. So, in this day and age it is important to understand who is watching you and to be careful what you put out on the Internet.

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# Blair to announce withdrawal plan

## BLAIR Cont. from A1

The announcement comes even as President Bush implements a surge of 21,000 more troops for Iraq.

But Blair said Sunday that Washington had not put pressure on London to maintain its troop numbers. The BBC said Blair was not expected to say when the rest of Britain's forces would leave Iraq. Britain currently has about 7,100 soldiers there.

Blair's Downing Street office refused to comment on the BBC report.

Blair said last month that

he would report to lawmakers on his future strategy in Iraq following the completion of Operation Sinbad, a joint British and Iraqi mission targeting police corruption and militia influence in the southern city of Basra.

On Sunday, Blair told the BBC that the operation was completed.

Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett said in January that Operation Sinbad offered the prospect of a "turning point for Iraq, hopefully in the near future."

Treasury chief Gordon Brown, who is likely to succeed Blair by September, has said he hoped several thousand British soldiers would be

withdrawn by December.

As recently as late last month, Blair rejected opposition calls to withdrawal British troops by October, calling such a plan irresponsible.

"That would send the most disastrous signal to the people that we are fighting in Iraq. It's a policy that, whatever its superficial attractions may be, is actually deeply irresponsible," Blair said on Jan. 24 in the House of Commons.

Blair, who has said he will step down as prime minister by September after a decade in power, has seen his foreign-policy record overshadowed by his role as Bush's leading ally in the unpopular war.

# Student Congress Elections

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## INTERESTING FACT ...

Former President Bill Clinton is scheduled to speak at the Detroit Branch of the NAACP's annual dinner. Past speakers include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas.



TYLER SIPE/The Associated Press/Traverse City Record-Eagle  
First graders recite a song under the instruction of music teacher Carol Bachmeyer on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Northport Public Schools in Northport, Mich. Michigan schools face unknown cuts because of unresolved budget issues. Republicans and Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm are at a standoff in the debate over how to deal with the projected deficit of \$900 million for this fiscal year.

## Schools left in limbo

*Unresolved budget issues leave Michigan schools with uncertainty about cuts headed their way*

By TIM MARTIN  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The state's unresolved budget situation has left Michigan public schools uncertain about the kinds of cuts that could be headed their way.

Republicans and Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm are at a standoff in the debate over how to resolve a projected deficit of nearly \$900 million in budget deficits for this fiscal year.

Last month, schools were bracing for possible budget cuts that could equal more than \$200 per pupil in every district in Michigan.

That would have been deducted from the minimum \$7,085 per pupil districts expected this school year.

Granholm — banking on a budget that included some tax increases — this month proposed to resolve the state's budget crunch without cutting school aid. But her executive order aimed at balancing the budget was rejected by the Senate Appropriations Committee, leaving as unresolved the budget situation for the fiscal year that started Oct. 1.

"I have never been involved in a situation as unclear as this one," said Tom White, executive director of the Michigan School Business Officials, a nonprofit aimed at helping improve management of school business and operational services. "What do we do? It's really hazier than it has ever been."

Schools would face cuts unless there is some other agreement reached to resolve an estimated \$377 million hole in the school aid budget.

Some school districts would be better equipped than others to handle an across-the-board reduction in state financial aid.

A state report says 23 Michigan public school districts and charter schools ended the 2006 fiscal year in a deficit. That's up from 20 the year before.

According to a survey from the Michigan School Business Officials, a full cut of more than \$220 per student could force about 120 districts — one of every five in the state — into a budget deficit by the end of this school year.

Schools might not have many options other than spending their fund reserves if per-pupil aid were cut this late in a school year. Some schools have far healthier fund reserves than others.

The Michigan School Business Officials group recommends that districts keep at least 15 percent of their annual operating budgets in a fund reserve.

According to a state survey from late last year, slightly more than half of the more than 700 traditional K-12 districts, charter schools and intermediate school districts reporting had fund balances of 15 percent or less.

Nearly one-fourth of school districts had fund balances of 25 percent or more. Both Democrats and Republicans say they would prefer to not cut school funding.

But it remains to be seen if a cut can be avoided without raising taxes.

With only a few months left in the school year, White said districts need to know soon what their financial situation will be.

"Time is of the essence," White said.

## DTE Energy Co. faces deadline on spent nuclear fuel

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)

— DTE Energy Co. faces a deadline for dealing with the mounting problem of storing spent nuclear fuel from its Fermi 2 reactor in southeastern Michigan.

In about three years, the Detroit-based utility will run out of room in a fuel storage pool next to the reactor vessel and expects it will have to store the fuel bundles on the Fermi plant's grounds in heavy concrete and steel casks designed to contain radiation.

"We have received some bids from a number of vendors and those are under evaluation," DTE spokesman John Austerberry told The Monroe Evening News. "We're also looking at the option of forming alliances with other plants to obtain the storage containers."

Storage of spent nuclear fuel has been a controversial issue at plants across the country

due to environmental and security concerns.

DTE will begin a \$9 million "re-racking" of Fermi's fuel pool this month, allowing a tighter pack of the spent fuel assemblies to extend the pool's capacity to 2010.

It will be the second time the plant has re-racked the pool.

The federal government initially vowed to take used fuel off the hands of utilities with nuclear plants and store it deep underground in Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

But that plan is years behind schedule, due to planning, political and safety concerns.

DTE officials have said that because of the buildup of waste at other nuclear plants, the chances of any Fermi waste ever being transported to Yucca Mountain are slim.

Spent fuel already is stored in casks at Consumers Energy's Big Rock plant near Charlevoix, the Palisades plant near South Haven and more than two dozen other locations around the country.

### LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Former President Clinton to speak at NAACP dinner

DETROIT (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton will be the keynote speaker at the 52nd annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner held by the Detroit branch of the NAACP, the group said Tuesday. "Bill Clinton has been and continues to be a staunch, active supporter when it comes to issues that are facing our community," the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the civil rights organization's Detroit chapter, said in a statement. The theme for this year's April 29 dinner at Cobo Center in Detroit will be "We Fight Until We Win."

#### 2nd fire in a week at Central Michigan dorm

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Investigators may be searching for an arsonist after two suspicious fires in less than a week at Central Michigan University. The first fire at Wheeler Hall was in a sofa on the seventh floor last Wednesday. The latest blaze happened Monday in a sixth floor hallway, where a rolled up rug was ignited next to some trash bags, WJRT-TV in Flint reported. None of the approximately 400 students who live in Wheeler were injured in either fire. Mount Pleasant Fire Chief Gregory Walterhouse thinks a student who lives in the dorm is responsible.

#### Police seek man released from jail by mistake

MOUNT CLEMENS (AP) — Police are searching for a 21-year-old man who was being held on drug-related charges after mistakenly releasing him from the Macomb County Jail. Alexander Sinishtaj, of Clinton Township, was released Feb. 11 after jail officials mistook him for another inmate with the same last name. Sinishtaj was originally arrested in Sterling Heights and charged with delivery of marijuana, maintaining a drug house and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony. The error was discovered minutes later when relatives of the other inmate showed up.

#### Man's hand severed after argument with girlfriend

DETROIT (AP) — A 27-year-old man's left hand was severed after he was dragged down the street by a minivan driven by his girlfriend, police said. The man was in critical condition Monday at St. John Hospital, where his hand was reattached, police said. The man was standing on the passenger side of the minivan, arguing with his 24-year-old girlfriend as she sat behind the wheel Sunday night, police said. She sped off, hitting another vehicle, a sign and a fence. The man was thrown from the vehicle and his hand severed, police told The Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News, while the girlfriend was arrested nearby.

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Professional photographer John Stormzand will give hints on how to take and display photographs for the contest.



## Trio of climbers saved by electronic beacon and 4-year-old dog

By SARAH SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. (AP) — Thanks to a high-tech electronic gadget and a big warm dog named Velvet, three climbers rescued after a harrowing fall and a night in the wind and cold high on Mount Hood are expected to be fine.

They were found at about the 7,400-foot level on Monday and hiked down the mountain with their rescuers.

"I'm really glad they were there for us," Matty Bryant, one of the three climbers, said of the rescue teams. "They did an incredible job. They were amazing."

Searchers credited the group's rescue to two things — Velvet, a black Labrador mix who provided warmth as the three climbers huddled under sleeping bags and a tarp, and the activation of an emergency radio beacon the size of a sunglasses case that guided them to the group.

"The most important part

of this rescue is that they did everything right," said Lt. Nick Watt of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

The three climbers set out on Saturday with five other friends — all in the 20s and 30s and from the Portland area — to scale the 11,239-foot mountain, Oregon's tallest.

However, a storm moved in and on Sunday they started their descent in blowing snow.

"You had no visual reference around you to determine if you were going up or down," said one member of the group, Trevor Liston. "You could make out a climber at 30 feet at best."

Then he saw the group of three — all roped together with Velvet — disappear over an icy ledge.

Liston and the four others used a rope to lower one of their climbing party over the edge in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the trio.

Then they used a cell phone to call for help as the wind howled at up to 70 mph.

Liston, who described him-

self as a veteran of Mount Hood climbs, said all eight had experience at either rock climbing or mountaineering.

They'd known about the Mount Hood disaster in which three climbers died in December. But Liston said that wasn't the reason the group decided to take Mountain Locator Units, the small beacons that can send out radio signals to rescuers.

"We've been up on the mountain for many years," Liston said. "With the group we were going up with this time, we just wanted another extra level of security, just in case something happened, especially with winter conditions."

In addition to Bryant, 34, a teacher in the Portland suburb of Milwaukie, the rescued climbers included Kate Hanlon, 34, a teacher in the suburb of Wilsonville.

The other woman, whose name was not released, was being treated for a head injury in Portland, said Jim Strovink,

spokesman for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. "She's going to be fine," he said.

Velvet, owned by Bryant, had minor cuts and abrasions on her back paws and legs from prolonged exposure to the snow, but she was cleared to go home.

"The dog probably saved their lives" by lying across them during the cold night, said Erik Brom, a member of the Portland Mountain Rescue team.

Liston said he felt that he and his companions were well-equipped for climbing Mount Hood in the winter with cell phones, global positioning system gear and the locator beacons.

"We'd been in those conditions up on this mountain before," he said. "We've walked out in white-outs before. We didn't know it was going to be that bad. But we were prepared that it might be snowing and blowing."

Liston said he understands critics who say people climbing Mount Hood during the winter are putting not only their own lives at risk, but also the lives



AP Photo/Courtesy Dove Lewis Animal Society

After spending the night on Mount Hood with three stranded climbers, Velvet, a 4-year-old German Shepherd mix, is tended to Monday at DoveLewis animal hospital in Portland, Ore. X-rays show she has no internal injuries but does have some minor cuts and abrasions on her back feet and legs caused by prolonged exposure to the snow. Thanks to a high-tech electronic gadget and a big warm dog named Velvet, the three climbers rescued after a harrowing fall and a night in the wind and cold high on Mount Hood are expected to be fine.

of rescuers dispatched when something goes wrong.

"It's a kind of delicate balance," he said, "about doing winter climbing, and pushing some of those limits, and not doing it, and only climbing in the sum-

mer in shorts and T-shirts.

"It's kind of a point of pride you might say for a lot of climbers — that you can take care of yourself out there."

Still, Liston said, "Things happen."



JAE C. HONG/AP File Photo

Show attendees walk past the Sirius Satellite Radio booth at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in this file photo. Federal regulators warn that combining rivals Sirius Satellite and XM Satellite Radio will be a tough process, since there's already a provision barring both satellite radio licenses from being owned by the same company. Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. announced an agreement to combine on Monday, in a move aimed at reducing costs.

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP Photo

President Bush attends the ceremonial swearing-in of Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell, not pictured, Tuesday at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington.

REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP Photo

Soldiers man a checkpoint separating the city center from the suburbs in Conakry, Guinea Tuesday. Two waves of violent anti-government protests and rioting in Guinea since mid-January have left at least 115 dead in the capital. President Lansana Conte declared martial law a week ago, saying a military crackdown was the only way to prevent a civil war.

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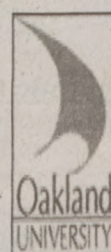
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## Hold the fries, and pass the veggies



MATT SLOCUM/The Associated Press

DENTON, Texas (AP) - University of North Texas students work their way through the Mean Greens Cafe and past the dessert counter, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, in Denton, Texas. Desserts are all 150 calories or less — one day offerings included brownies, peanut butter cookies and a mini chocolate tort with strawberry sauce. The cafe is only the latest in a national trend to correct unhealthy eating habits in schools and work.

### Britney Spears checked herself into a rehab, magazine's Web site says

PACIFIC, Mo. (AP) —Britney Spears entered rehab Tuesday after a bizarre weekend that including shaving her head. Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, told People magazine's Web site that Spears, 25, had voluntarily checked herself into an undisclosed treatment facility. "We ask that the media respect her privacy as well as those of her family and friends at this time," Rudolph was quoted as saying. Spears' name had been popping up quite a bit in the news lately, in light of some recent lewd behavior with new gal-pal Paris Hilton.

### N.M. orders 500 talking urinal cakes

RIO RANCHO, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico is hoping to keep drunks off the road by lecturing them at the last place they usually stop before getting behind the wheel: the urinal. The state recently paid \$21 each for about 500 talking urinal-deodorizer cakes and has put them in men's rooms in bars and restaurants across the state. When a man steps up, the plastic device says, in a woman's voice that is flirty, then stern: "Hey, big guy. Having a few drinks? Think you had one too many? Then it's time to call a cab or call a sober friend for a ride home." The recorded message ends: "Remember, your future is in your hand."

### 'Goodfellas' actor arrested for DUI

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) — Actor Ray Liotta was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after crashing his car into two parked vehicles in Pacific Palisades, authorities said. Liotta, 52, was taken into custody just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday and booked on a misdemeanor DUI charge, said Los Angeles Police spokesman Mike Lopez. He was released after posting \$15,000 bail and ordered to appear in court next month, Lopez said. No one was injured in the collision. Liotta was alone in his car, Lopez said. Liotta stars with Tim Allen and John Travolta in the buddy comedy "Wild Hogs," set for release March 2. He is best known for the 1990 movie "Goodfellas."

## NOTABLE NUMBERS

1,400,000,000

Dollars awarded by the federal government Tuesday, in grants to support local homeless programs.

5,300

Minimum number of programs supported by local agencies across the nation that will compete for those grants.

17.6

Weight, in pounds, of cocaine found by Chilean police when they arrested an Argentine woman trying to smuggle the drug to Spain in chocolate cookies.

## to say the LEAST

"I think that Donald Rumsfeld will go down ... as one of the worst secretaries of defense ever."

— Rep. Presidential Candidate JOHN MCCAIN telling an audience in Arizona that America was paying a "very heavy price" for the mismanagement of the Iraq war

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Now that you've decided business is your future, it's time to explore the myriad of career options available. This session introduces you to Bridges, the new Web-based program available at SBA's LDC. The program provides a database of career-related information such as job descriptions, salary ranges, required training and education, and many other helpful functions for career planning. During this session, you'll learn about the program and obtain a log-in ID so you can continue to access it.

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The SBA's Leadership and Development Center (LDC) is hosting the following workshops to help SBA undergraduate students succeed in business.

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Feel like you are constantly beating the clock? Do you ever find yourself asking: "Where has the day gone?" It's no secret that college success requires balancing your time and commitments. This session will help you analyze your time management and present methods to improve your habits.

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Tuesday, March 20  
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Tuesday, March 27  
3 – 4 p.m., or  
Thursday, March 29  
3 – 4 p.m.

Ever walk out of a lecture or lab feeling like you didn't get the whole picture? Are your notes messy and hard to follow? This seminar will help you remedy this and make the most of your class time. Effective listening, note taking and other areas to improve your skills will be discussed.

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Tuesday, April 3  
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Thursday, April 5  
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## It's no Cancun

How to make the most of a Motown Spring Break



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MOTOWN'S MYRIAD OF MAGNIFICENCE

So you're not hopping on an airplane to spend a week in sunny Cancun this spring break. There's no need be jealous of those soaking up the sun somewhere down south, there are plenty of fun things to do in the metro Detroit area.

Take a drive to downtown Detroit to dine at the Hard Rock Café and see memorabilia from music legends such as Diana Ross, Jimi Hendrix, Madonna and Gene Simmons.

After dinner, walk to Campus Martius and spend an evening ice skating. Admission to Campus Martius is \$7 and skate rental is \$3.

Get a taste of Chicago style pizza at Pizza Papalis in Greektown and try your luck at the Greektown Casino in downtown Detroit.

If you're looking to get away from the big city, drive to Holly and hit the slopes at Mt. Holly. Spend the day skiing or snowboarding and grab a hot chocolate at the end of the day in the cafeteria.

An all area chairlift pass is available for \$27 on weekdays and is \$33 on weekends. Mt. Holly also provides ski and snowboard rentals for \$22. For more information call 248-634-8269.

While spring breakers in Cancun spend the week poolside, you can spend the day at a water park.

Splash Village Hotel and Water Park in Frankenmuth has an indoor water park that features a splash play area, dump buckets and four story tube slides. For those looking to relax, soak in a hot tub or float on the lazy river. A snack bar, as well as a bar and gourmet coffee station are adjacent to the water park for refreshments.

An all day pass to the water park at Splash Village is \$32 or spend half the day at the water park for \$25 and the rest of the day shopping in Frankenmuth. For more information on Splash Village call 800-863-7999 or visit [www.zehnders.com](http://www.zehnders.com).

Looking for something with a little more edge? Kart to Kart in Sterling Heights is an indoor go-kart facility where you can race your friends at 30 mph on an eight-turn road course that is nearly one-fourth of a mile long.

A ten minute race is \$20, Tuesday through Saturday and \$15, Sunday and Monday during Kart to Kart's open practice. For more information call 586-997-8800.

Even if you're not jet setting to the tropics, the metro Detroit area offers a wide range of entertainment and activities to make spring break enjoyable. Now, we can only hope that we don't get snowed in.



TOURISTS ENJOY THE BEACH NEAR THE MAYAN RUINS OF EL CASTILLO, OR THE CASTLE, THE MAIN TEMPLE IN THE ANCIENT MAYAN CITY OF TULUM IN MEXICO'S YUCATAN PENINSULA, DEC. 30, 2004. (Israel Leal/AP Photo)

## Heat things up

Without burning a hole in your wallet

By KAYLA JEROME Contributing Reporter

Spring Break is just around the corner and most students are on a college budget, but that doesn't mean you have to eat ramen noodles in the cold. There are plenty of great deals available specifically to students. There are plenty of opportunities for students who want to bring their whole O.C. lunch table with them. Group rates on the Web site, [springbreakbargains.com](http://springbreakbargains.com) offer packages that include both flight and hotel to Florida, Cancun and even Cabo for as little as \$600 per person for a seven-day trip.

Another great site for sun seekers, is [studentcity.com](http://studentcity.com) where they offer many six-night, seven-day vacations to Acapulco and the Florida Keys for as little as \$749 per person. Amateur

paparazzi can hunt down celebrities including MTV's Steve-O and Flavor Flav, who are making guest appearances closer to the equator. These packages include more amenities than a semester's tuition: flight, hotel, a car to and from airport, 14 free meals, many happy hour specials and 24 hour on-site staff as well as emergency assistance.

If being stuck on a tropical island isn't your kind of vacation, there are many places right here in Michigan where you can have just as much fun. Boyne Mountain located up-north in Boyne Falls, Mich. is a perfect getaway. They offer packages as low as \$100 per person, that includes a weekend lift and accommodations at one of the 17 lodges. Activities

at Boyne Mountain include tubing, dog sledding, ice skating, skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing and carriage rides.

Not every spring break has to be filled with warm weather indulgences. There are plenty of opportunities to make a difference during your spring break. The United Way has promoted its volunteer opportunities through [www.think.mtv.com](http://www.think.mtv.com), asking students to join the "Storm Corps," where spring break becomes giving a gulf coast resident a break of their own. Do-gooders can expect to build friendships while rebuilding communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Upside of an alternative spring break? No hangover.

## Volver

Up for an Academy Award

By GABE OUZOUNIAN  
Contributing Reporter

Movie-goers may find it difficult categorizing "Volver," Pedro Almodóvar's critically acclaimed, Oscar-nominated film. In the two hour film, one finds a drama, a ghost story, a comedy and yet the film is unique. To the attentive viewer, "Volver" presents an interesting and sometimes horrifying look into the life of a lower class Spanish family.

Unfortunately, due to somewhat awkward scene changes and the fact the film is completely spoken in Spanish, any deeper meaning in the film, for English speakers anyway, is difficult to unearth.

Set in contemporary Spain, the story focuses on the relationship shared by the main character, Raimunda (Penélope Cruz), her daughter, Paula (Yohana Cobo) and her sister, Sole (Lola Dueñas). They are visiting their Aunt Paula, who has recently been acting oddly, causing the women to believe she is insane. Soon after their visit, Aunt Paula dies. Sole goes to Aunt Paula's funeral, and Raimunda, who is occupied with monetary issues and her abusive husband Paco, stays behind to clean up her own life.

At this point, the story splits into two different plotlines, following Raimunda as she copes with her financial situation due to the death of Paco and Sole's story which encapsulates her reunification with her long-lost mother. Sole grows ever closer to her mother, and Raimunda takes over a local restaurant unbeknownst to the owner who has left

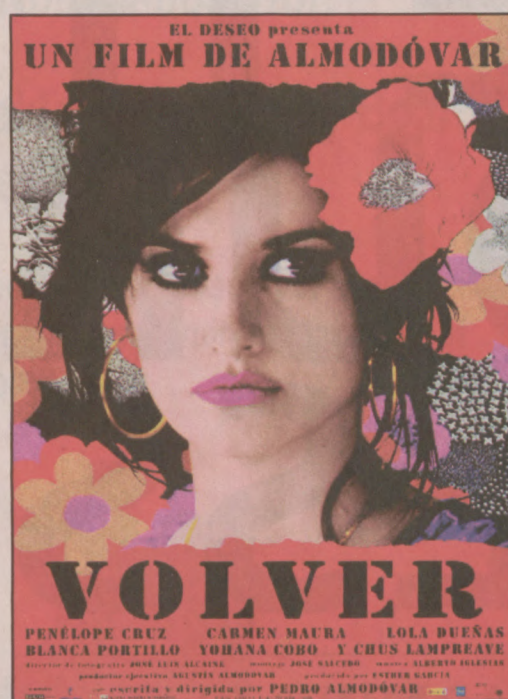


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IF THEY MADE A "BEST LOOKING" CATEGORY, SHE WOULD BE A SHOO-IN

the keys in her possession while on vacation.

The sudden transitions between the two plots, hinders the split storyline. Taking away from the obvious importance in the "Sole" story, lacking in Raimunda's. Coupled with hard-to-read white subtitles, and the speedy dialogue, inattentive watchers may soon find themselves lost in the ever evolving plot.

Still, for the avid film watcher, or to those looking to experience something different, "Volver" offers a fresh experience that no other recently released movie possesses. Although wonderful to watch on the big screen, viewing the movie on DVD, complete with frequent pauses and a rewind button, may offer a more coherent tale.

## Orange: The New Tan

A Postie shares her experience with a spray on tan

By AGATHA WOLKOWICZ Contributing Reporter



Agatha Wolkowicz self-documents her spray-on tanning experience

"Mystic tan gives you the look of confidence...you'll turn heads as you pass by with the perfect tan," writes [www.mystictan.com](http://www.mystictan.com). As I read this promotion before embarking on my new tanning journey, I felt a sense of relief- mystic tanning was going to turn me the golden shade of bronze I'd been wishing for all winter. Right?

With spring break right around the corner, many students are anticipating their one week excursions to places with sun, beaches, and water. They'll arrive back to Michigan's snow-covered winterland with tans that will be the envy of many. So, what about the rest of us that will stay home to endure spring break in the cold? There are a few options, one of which is mystic tanning.

Mystic tanning is the safer alternative to sunless tanning, coating you in a skin-dyeing product. The tan lasts from four days to a week and ranges in prices, starting around \$10 for a low-level booth.

Crazy Joe's Tanning was happy to provide me with detailed instructions on how to acquire the perfect tan: strip down, rub recommended lotion on, and hold your

breath as the machine begins to spray. I did as instructed and allowed full-powered nozzles spray what looked like brown water at me.

The session lasted no longer than 30 seconds and soon I was outside the booth, ready to dry the chemicals off. But as I caught a glimpse of myself in the mirror, I began to panic. Instead of a golden glow radiating off my body, it looked like I had rolled around in a pig pen with farm animals. I vigorously rubbed the liquid off, trying desperately to reach a natural color. However, my futile attempts brought me nothing more than a curiously orange tinge.

For the next half week, mystic tanning did indeed help me turn heads, but not for the right reasons: I looked like a circus act. My recommendations for students looking for a tan without burning under unhealthy light bulbs? Skip the mystic and try something a little less extreme, like Neutrogena's Sunless Tanning Spray. This low-volume mist is perfect for reaching a level you're comfortable with- and prevents you from matching your skin with the color of a pumpkin.

## Spring Break DON'TS

1. Don't go somewhere with a casino. Drinking + Peer Pressure = bad idea.
2. Don't expect that what happens on spring break, stays on spring break.
3. Don't drink and dive. The fish will confuse puke with food.
4. Don't try to negotiate cab fare with a language barrier.
5. Don't drink the water - and remember that ice is made from water.
6. Don't win the Mardi Gras bead contest.
7. Don't urinate in public.

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WHAT ROBIN WILLIAMS MIGHT SAY ABOUT  
MOVING AWAY FROM HOME ...

"PHENOMENAL COSMIC POWERS! Itty bitty living space."  
— "Genie" in the 1992 Disney animated film "Aladdin"



CHARLES GRASKI/ The Oakland Post

# Living space meets learning space

Room Type/ Size	Furnishings	Residence Hall	University	Cost Per Semester	Bathroom Type
Oakland Wayne State MSU U of M	Hamlin The Towers Armstrong Mary Markley	quad suite 11' x 12' quad suite 11' x 14' quad (no suite) 13' x 13' double 11' x 12'	\$3,040 (including meal plan) \$2,380 (meal plan not included) \$3,022 (with cheapest meal plan) \$3,904 (including meal plan)	private private community community	bed, dresser, desk w/chair, blinds, carpet bed, wardrobe, desk w/chair, couch for living room bed, dresser, desk w/chair, smoke detector, linen bed, dresser, desk w/chair, recycling tote, drapes

CELESTE FILIATRAULT/ The Oakland Post

## Not all dorms are created equal

By VICKY LEFEBVRE  
Contributing Reporter

College is the time for people to break out, find themselves and meet new people. This includes living on your own for the first time, and often your first place is a dorm room.

For some the idea is exciting: come and go as you please, sleep and eat when you want. For others, it's a nightmare: small rooms, cafeteria food, and — gulp — community bathrooms!

But every college has its perks, and some dorms are better than others. So how does Oakland University stack up against Michigan State, the University of Michigan and

Wayne State University?

Most dorms are small, no matter where you go. Here at OU, the average dorm room is 11 feet by 12 feet. In Hamlin Hall, the dorms are suite style, with four to a suite and two to a bedroom. The four suite mates also share a bathroom.

In a four person suite at The Towers Residential Suites at WSU, the rooms are about 11 feet by 14 feet. They have two bathrooms in each suite; one with the shower and the other with the toilet. The suite also has a small living room.

Michelle Awe, an art major, lived in the Towers the first year they opened in 2005. "They had big bedrooms, but

not a big living area. But they were really nice," Awe said.

Most of the residence halls at WSU are newer. Before 2002, when the first halls were built, many students commuted.

MSU, however, requires freshmen to live on campus. Armstrong Hall in the Brody Complex is primarily for freshmen, and the rooms are about 13 feet by 13 feet.

Ashley Fitzpatrick, a hospitality business major, stayed in a quad room in Armstrong her freshman year. There are four quads to a floor, two in each wing. They have community bathrooms. This doesn't sit well with some, like Fitzpatrick, who said commun-

nity bathrooms are "sick."

Mary Markley Hall at U of M, also has community bathrooms. Like Armstrong at MSU, Markley is a hall mainly for freshmen. Markley's double rooms are the same size as the rooms in Hamlin Hall.

As far as furniture goes, all of the universities are alike. Residents are provided a bed, desk and chair, some sort of wardrobe unit and a wastebasket. U of M and MSU provide smoke detectors for their rooms, and U of M provides a recycling tote for environmentally conscious residents.

"We just got a lot of new furniture this year. There are all new lofts so students don't have to buy or build their own," said Avery Neale, a sophomore biology major at OU who is also a Resident Assistant in Hamlin Hall.

But the choice to live in campus housing is not always about furniture or bathrooms. Sometimes it's about the experience of living in the dorms.

Fitzpatrick said life at the Brody Complex at MSU "was nonsense."

"Every night of the week people partied and you could hear it because the courtyard in the middle of all the buildings made the echo very clear."

Despite the partying, she says the dorm had positive qualities, like a large cafeteria where students can order take out and have food cooked to order.

Fitzpatrick wasn't the only one to mention the eating facilities at her dorm. Erin Hathaway at U of M mentioned The Underground, an eatery in Mary Markley that's open late for midnight snacking and for those who don't

want to eat at the cafeteria.

At WSU, Awe had only nice things to say about the veggie burgers at The Towers Cafe, and here at Oakland Neale likes the Oakland Center for its variety and "really good pizza."

Whether you have three roommates or just one, or a bathroom you share with one person or an entire floor, some students, like Neale, say living on campus has its advantages.

"Living on campus really gets students out of their comfort zone," said Neale. "It allows students to be exposed to different events, activities and projects that they otherwise might not know about."

"It's communal living, so you have to be courteous of other people and sometimes share a not-so-big room. Otherwise, it's a good time."

# Stay warm, all the cool kids are doing it

## Layering correctly for winter sports means more playing, less shivering

By ERIN MALLARD  
Features Editor

Frequent visitors to local ski hills may be familiar with a particularly awkward character, the object of much ridicule from snow bunnies and old pros alike. You may know him as skis-in-jeans-man.

Watching him from the chair lift, you feel a mix of horror and pity as you imagine the crunchiness of the thick, cotton fabric next to his skin. You wince in agony as he tumbles down the hill, leaving a trail of florescent 1980s equipment behind him.

If you happen to know one of these painfully under-prepared folks (because you certainly could not be one), consider a few of these tips from Nora Tavalieri, a footwear and clothing specialist at REI in Troy.

**Next-to-skin or base layer**

The cardinal rule for winter sports layering is crucial at this level: stay away from cotton! "Think about how long a t-shirt or a pair of jeans takes to dry in the dryer," said Tavalieri. Cotton holds moisture next to skin, and wet + cold = bad.

Instead, embrace the polyester. "Polyester is not bad!" said

Tavalieri. The purpose of the base layer is "not just warmth... it's also a 'wicking' layer, to keep moisture moving away from your skin so it evaporates on the surface of the fabric rather than your skin." There are polyester base layers available to cover every inch, from long underwear to balaclavas (the head cover, not the Greek pastry). Alternatives to polyester include silk and merino wool.

**Appropriate base layer**

Appropriate base layer thickness depends on activity level. Lightweight is appropriate for high activity level sports like cross country skiing, mid-weight for downhill skiing or snowboarding, and "expedition" level for ice fishing or mountain climbing.

**Insulating or mid-layer**

This is what you are depending on to keep you warm," said Tavalieri. Fleece, which comes in 100, 200 and 300 weight, is the most popular mid-layer. 100 weight is appropriate for most activities. For added warmth, consider a heavier fleece jacket or a sweater.

**Shell or windproof layer**

This layer is not heavily insulated, and could include a ski jacket or windproof rain

jacket and windproof pants.

An alternative to the traditional stiffer shell is the newer "soft shell," which has some insulation as well as windproof properties, giving you the option of wearing a less bulky mid-layer.

The no-cotton rule applies to feet as well. Tavalieri said boots or shoes should be roomy enough to wear wool or synthetic socks. Wool insulates the best, especially if you're going to get wet.

Reasons for staying warm while participating in cold-weather activities go beyond comfort. After extended periods of exposure to very low temperatures, your body goes into survival mode to protect essential organs. "In order to keep the core warm, the blood flow will get withdrawn from your extremities," explained Tavalieri. This results in cold fingers and toes at best, and frostbite at worst, which may or may not make for a good après-ski Jacuzzi story.

While an outfit change probably won't have an effect on the number of tumbles by isn't-my-camouflage-cool-man, it can certainly keep him warmer and drier as he tries, tries, tries again.



CELESTE FILIATRAULT/ The Oakland Post

Layering appropriately for cold-weather sports is crucial to staying comfortably warm and avoiding frostbite, as well as avoiding looking like an idiot. Your ensemble should include a non-cotton base layer, an insulating mid-layer and a windproof outer shell. Shoes or boots should allow enough room for wool or synthetic socks.

# Survey says everyone slacks

## Younger workers spend the most time on personal tasks

By J.W. ELPHINSTONE  
AP Business Writer

(AP) — BORROWED TIME: Do you sneak a call to your doctor's office or tax accountant while on the clock? You're in good company, according to a recent survey from OfficeTeam,

a staffing service company. Employees estimate they spend on average 36 minutes per day, or three hours a week, attending to personal business, while their bosses estimate staffers spend 43 minutes each day on these activities. Men admitted to spending 44

minutes each day on non-work errands, 15 minutes more than their female counterparts, who clocked in an average of 29 minutes each day.

Younger workers spend the most time on personal tasks. Employees ages 18 to 34 estimated spending 45 minutes a day on personal duties, whereas those ages 35 to 64 used 32 minutes a day. Workers 65 years old and older only wasted 17 minutes each day.

"There are only so many hours in the day to meet job

requirements and personal obligations, and employers are aware that not all of the work is spent on business," said Diane Domeyer of OfficeTeam. "The best employers take steps to accommodate the need by staff for work-life balance."

Domeyer pointed out that some companies offer onsite daycare or concierge services like dry-cleaning and personal shopping.

OfficeTeam polled 559 office workers and 150 senior executives.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK ...

"A quick glance of his living space confirms the worst nightmares of those close to him — it is littered with Baseball America magazines, stat-sheets pertaining to the last pitcher on his sixth fantasy team and the smell of burnt hotdogs stings the nostrils."

# Return of spring training

*Baseball junkies get their fix*

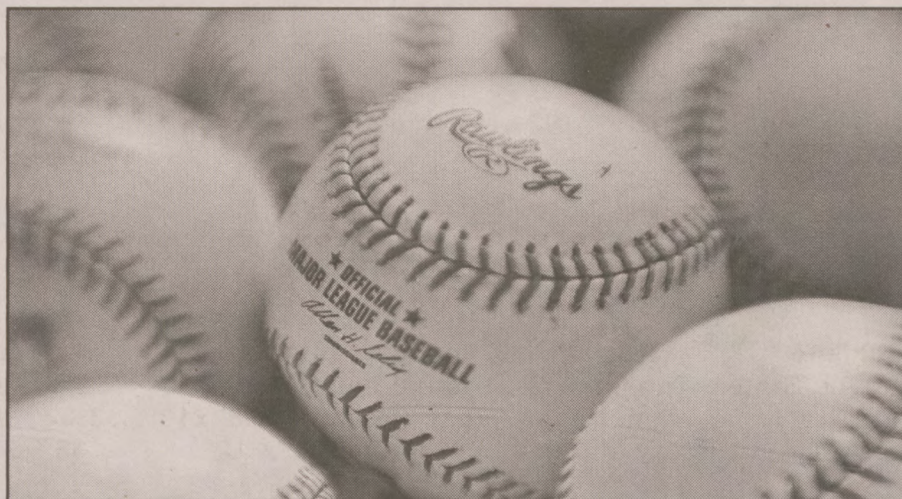
By KYLE MAGIN  
Special Projects Reporter

During the last four months, an addicted segment of the population has done without their drug of choice. Recovery has taken place, people have reconnected with families and other hobbies have been nurtured. The wounds of an old lifestyle were being healed, and although the strung-out longed for days past, they were settling into a bright future.

Then, last week, pitchers and catchers reported. Baseball junkies everywhere got the fix they needed and the old habit resurfaced. Feeding spring training to seam-heads is like giving caffeine to a coke-fiend: it will only tide the beast over and, ultimately, whet his appetite.

His foray back into addiction starts innocently enough in late February, by following his favorite team on ESPN.com and maybe starting a fantasy baseball team. Its end, however, is unsightly at best and not fit for the eyes of children at worst.

The fanatic is often found by a loved one, wearing the jersey of a little league team he played on 10 years and 90 pounds ago, exasperated from a morning of throwing the ball with anyone he can find — women, other men, or children. His eyes are crusty



MORRY GASH/AP Photo

and bloodshot from watching 12 games a day for weeks on end thanks to DirecTV, rolling into the back of his exhausted head because night games on the West Coast don't finish until 2 a.m. A quick glance of his living space confirms the worst nightmares of those close to him — it is littered with Baseball America magazines, stat-sheets pertaining to the last pitcher on his sixth fantasy team and the smell of burnt hotdogs stings the nostrils. Two TV's will be hooked up, each displaying the picture-in-picture of two games. The radio will blare over the televised racket, creating a cacophony of noise, punctuated ever so often by a "He's OUTTA THERE," or a "Back, Back, Back, GONE."

His existence, sadly, is commonplace. During the season, families will suffer, girlfriends will go dateless and places of employment will be abandoned. The junky is a creation of history and modernity, of past and present. He generally inherits the love from the game from progeny — a father, uncle or

grandfather. His obsession stems from the availability of information that the 2000s fostered, from the advent of fantasy baseball to the comprehensive nature of the Internet, he is a victim of the times.

Social responsibility is being eschewed for the addict, as publishers kick out magazines, books, and update Web pages constantly to keep him riding his base-path high. Lawn technicians groom fields without care for the hours of quality time they are stripping from families everywhere. Cable and satellite CEO's rake in money while he loses sleep, night after night following the obscure updates offered to him on MLB TV. Peanut and sunflower seed companies ruin his teeth while infield dirt tears at his skin.

The lone hope of his family rests in the four months that he goes without the game, the four months he may be reached and possibly cured. This is the plight, and the challenge facing the baseball addict today.

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# Hit and miss

## Women shine, men falter on road

By SAMANTHA FRANZ & ROB TATE  
Sports Editor and Senior Reporter

The Great Chicago Fire was put out in 1871. But the Oakland University Women's Basketball team's fire continued this past weekend and has been blazing since early January.

A new team record was set Monday night, a 12 game winning streak, the longest streak in school history since joining NCAA Division I in 1998.

A streak, a milestone and a season high in points was the story this past weekend. Oakland defeated Southern Utah and UMKC with ease over the weekend with a 65-52 defeat of the Thunderbirds on Saturday and an 82-55 thumping of the Kangaroos on Monday night.

Head Coach Becki Francis earned her 150th career win with the victory at Southern Utah.

Leading the way for Oakland was sophomore Jessica Pike with a game high 14 points and senior Bonnie Baker who hauled in nine rebounds.

Monday night's game at UMKC wasn't even close as Oakland dominated from start to finish. Senior Nicole Piggott scored a season high 28 points.

Baker and freshman Hanna Reising both added 12 points and freshman Melissa Jeltrema netted 10 points off the bench.

Oakland also became the first team in 13 years to go undefeated on the road in the Mid-Con with the two victories, going 7-0 on the season. The last team to accomplish that feat was Western Illinois back in 1993-94.

Oakland wraps up the regular season with a home tilt against Oral Roberts on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Centenary College visits Monday night at 7 p.m.

If the women's fire is raging more than ever, then the men's team blaze was snuffed out in the worst possible fashion.

Detroit newspapers reported that if Oakland University won their last four games, there would be an excellent chance that they would land a possible first or second seed in the Mid-Con.

Perhaps the media should have knocked

on wood.

The men's basketball team dropped their last two road games of the season in two overtime losses to UMKC and Southern Utah Thursday and Saturday.

Things were looking promising in the first half against the Kangaroos as they took a 31-21 lead going into the first half.

Coming out of the locker room in the second half, OU ran away with 9-3 scoring run and took their largest lead of the night, 40-26.

Then, with about eight minutes left in the game, everything began to unravel.

Under the lead of Dee Ayuba, UMKC battled back and tied the game 58-58 with about two minutes remaining. In fact, Ayuba scored all of the Kangaroos final points in regulation.

Johnathon Jones missed what would have been the game-winning shot with 0.7 seconds left on the clock and the game went into overtime. The Grizzlies couldn't hold onto their first half thunder and ended up with their first "L" of the road trip.

The Golden Grizzlies hoped to shake off the loss to UMKC and defeat the fourth-ranked SUU Thunderbirds for the second time this season.

But a Hail Mary shot buried the Golden Grizzlies' hopes of gaining the first seed in the Mid-Con rankings and they lost to Southern Utah 87-85.

Just like Thursday's game, the Golden Grizzlies led at the half and also like Thursday, they had a chance to win the game with a final shot.

But the normally sure-fire sophomore Erik Kangas missed a trey in the final seconds and the game once again advanced into extra minutes.

The overtime action see-sawed and neither team gained an edge and it came down to one basket, in a very "Hoosiers" like fashion.

With three seconds remaining, Justin Allen threw up a prayer from the sideline and confirmed their victory, much to OU's dismay.

Hoping to repent from the weekend, the Golden Grizzlies will finish out their season at home against Centenary tomorrow and first-place Oral Roberts Saturday.



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post

Senior Will McMahon certainly made his presence known during his final three regular season games in a Golden Grizzlies uniform.

# Sweet finish

## McMahon steps up in last game

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Contributing Reporter

Will McMahon is undoubtedly the best player to ever suit up for Oakland University's hockey team and he capped off his fifth and final regular season with a three goal night, leading the Golden Grizzlies past Penn State, 4-1 last Sunday.

The win was a perfect transition into the National Championship Tournament, as Penn State reclaimed the top position in the most recent coaches' poll. An upset by 10th-ranked Oakland would've had the Icers packing their bags.

Lucky for Penn State, this wasn't Nationals.

The Grizzlies, who split with the University of Delaware on Friday and Saturday, were able to put those games to rest and focus on the bigger picture.

After not playing up to their full potential in Friday's 9-5 win and Saturday's 7-5 loss to the Blue Hens, Head Coach Sean Hogan was prepared for the worst.

"The team took it upon themselves to be ready to go," said Hogan. "This is the best game we've played all year, especially when it came to puck coverage, puck possession and penalty kill."

It was McMahon who got the Grizzlies on the board in the first period, after falling down by a goal. He then gave the Grizzlies a 2-1 advantage in the second, so it was only fitting that McMahon secured the win with an empty net goal with 56 seconds left in the game.

"You can't say enough about Will McMahon," said Hogan. "As far as I know, he's the best

player to ever play at this level. I'm gonna miss the kid so much."

Freshman Matthew Burke netted the third goal for the Grizzlies in the second period. With Oakland on the power play, Burke took a feed from junior Steve Piccoli and had a partial breakaway on Penn State goalie Nick Signet, beating him stick side with a wide open shot.

At the opposite end of the ice, it was freshman Collin Chase who got the start between the pipes for the Grizzlies. Chase made 35 saves, including several in key situations to keep his team ahead.

"There was a lot of talk before the game about how big they were and I wasn't quite sure what to expect," said Chase. "Once we got out there and everyone was doing their jobs, I knew we would fare pretty well."

The win surprised everyone, including Hogan. He predicted the team would lose by 15 goals, given their performance the previous two nights. McMahon echoed his coach's sentiment, but chose a much closer margin.

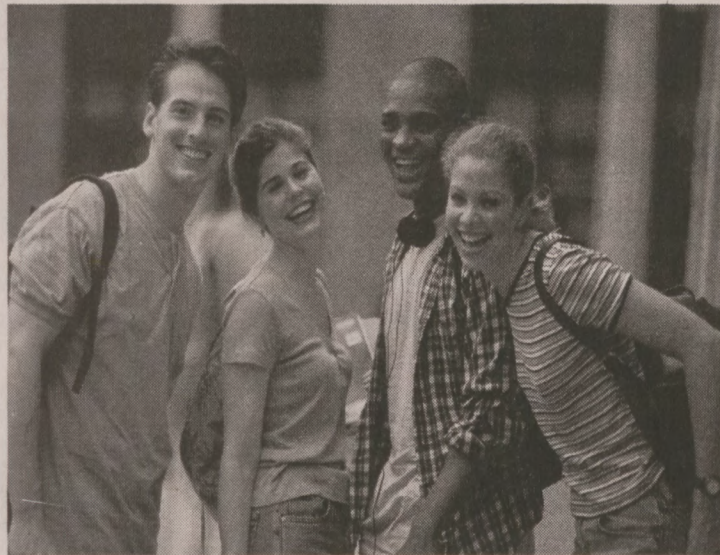
"I thought it was going to be 4-1 the other way," said McMahon. "As soon as we got the one goal and then the second one, we just seemed to roll. The confidence grew with every shift that we hung in there with them."

The last thing on the Grizzlies' agenda in their first season in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division 1 is to make a strong push at the National Tournament, which begins Feb. 28 in Youngstown, Ohio.

But for Hogan, the tournament couldn't start soon enough.

"I wish they'd drop the puck for Nationals tomorrow."

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# We are the champions...again

## Swim takes home eighth straight title

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Contributing Reporter

The motto that Oakland University's swimming and diving teams live by is, "Nobody ever said our sport was easy. If swimming was easy, they'd call it football."

But you'd never know the difficulty involved in the sport by looking at the Golden Grizzlies' track record.

Last weekend, both the men's and women's teams remained undefeated in the Mid-Continent Conference Championships, as they claimed victory for an eighth consecutive year.

The men accumulated 928 points while the women compiled a score of 902 points. The nearest competitor for either team was at least 370 points behind the Grizzlies.

Junior Zoltan Horvath and senior Amanda Burwell garnered the Swimmer of the Year awards, while freshman Marcin Unold was named Newcomer of the Year.

Horvath began the three-day championship by breaking a meet record in the 200 IM and continued to dominate the competition over the next two days. Horvath also finished first in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke.

"We've had some of the best breaststrokers in the United States who have attended Oakland over the years and he now is following in their footsteps," said Head Coach Pete Hovland.

Burwell pushed through the pain of swimming with a tear in her right shoulder and was still able to come out on top, winning the 200 and 400 IM, and the 200 backstroke.

"In effect, she was swimming with one arm this weekend and was still able to win three events," said Hovland. "They were grueling events, so it's really a testament to her fortitude and the fact that she could practice and compete in that kind of pain."

Unold broke school records in the 50 meter

freestyle and 100 back, while setting a Mid-Con record in the 100 back and a meet record in the 200 back. In addition, Unold's times in the 100 and 200 back qualified him to compete in the NCAA Championship in March.

"The NCAA Championship is an invitation thing, they only take 275 men from around the country, and with his time in the 100 and 200 backstroke, hopefully he will get invited," said Hovland. "He's going to be the next great swimmer and we're excited about his addition to the team."

Though the Grizzlies breezed through the Championship, there was a lot of preparation leading up to those three days. The teams will take two weeks off and will start back up for training for next season after spring break.

"With swimmers nowadays, they don't take much time off. It's very important to keep them in shape 12 months out of the year," said Hovland. "It's an awful lot of work and a huge sacrifice in both time and commitment, but fortunately it paid off for the majority of them this weekend with good swims and best times and personal bests."

**The NCAA  
Championship  
will be  
March 15-17.**



# The Final Countdown

*Grizzlies are down to the wire before Mid-Con Tournament*

By SAMANTHA FRANZ  
Sports Editor

Two games. That's all that stands between the Golden Grizzly basketball teams and a flight to Tulsa, Okla. for the Mid-Con basketball tournament March 3 to 6. The winner of the tournament earns an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

But as far as story lines go, these two Oakland University teams couldn't be any more different and where they stand now can have a huge effect on where they will fall on the bracket for the tournament.

First, consider the high-flying success of the women's team. Coming off a school record breaking 12-game winning streak, the Golden Grizzlies are at the top of the Mid-Con leader board, with a 10-1 record in the conference and 15-10 overall.

Even better is that they clinched at least a share of first place in the conference and will more than likely take the number one seed when the tournament kicks off.

The men's team, on the other hand, has had their fair share of woes these past two games.

After coming off a strong victory over long-time rival Valparaiso, the Golden Grizzlies needed to win their last four games to contend with Oral Roberts for the first place spot in the Mid-Con.

But with two surprising overtime losses this past weekend, the men's team is looking down the barrel of what could be a disappointing season's end.

Assuming they win one game this week, they will have the second seed in the tournament.

Mind you, this isn't a bad ranking by any means. But the fact that they could have had a good chance at the first seed and lost three of their last four outings

## If the Mid-Con Tournament Were Today...

### Men's Basketball

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Oral Roberts  | 5. IUPUI            |
| 2. Oakland       | 6. UMKC             |
| 3. Valparaiso    | 7. Centenary        |
| 4. Southern Utah | 8. Western Illinois |

### Women's Basketball

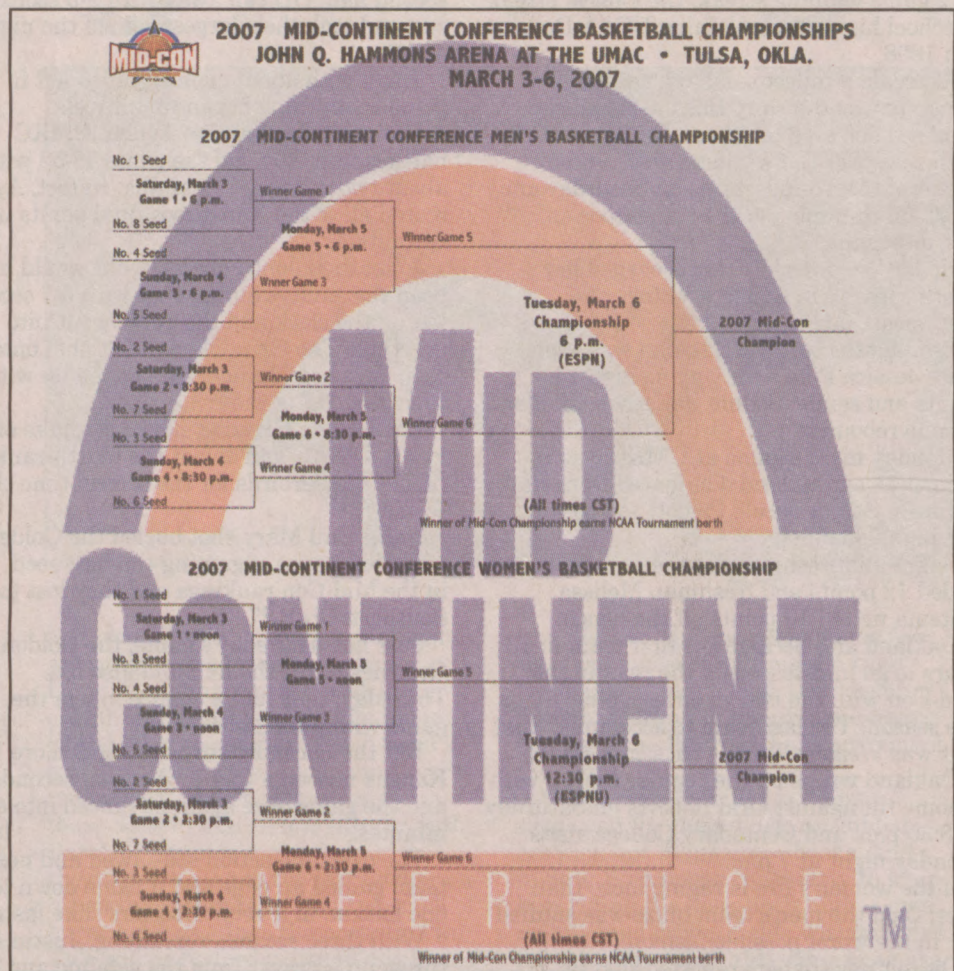
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| 2. Valparaiso   | 6. Western Illinois |
| 3. Oral Roberts | 7. UMKC             |
| 4. IUPUI        | 8. Centenary        |

Final rankings will be announced after this week's games.

is sure to leave a bitter taste in their mouths. You can follow your Golden Grizzlies at their official Web site at [www.ougrizzlies.com](http://www.ougrizzlies.com). You can also listen to all games live at [www.wxou.org](http://www.wxou.org). Look for full tournament results in the March 7 issue of the Post.

## ALL STAR GAME? NOT SO MUCH ...

Sunday's NBA All-Star game is supposed to be a battle of the best. In the past, games have gone into as far as triple overtime and even then, the margin of victory is minute. But this year, the glitzy Vegas-themed event could hardly be called a game. The West walked all over the East with a 153-132 win.



# Who's your Grizzly?

*Meet and greet your tournament-bound Golden Grizzlies*



**Sean Hogan**  
Position: Head Coach  
Hometown: Waterford  
Age: 28  
Years at OU: 4  
Stats: 18-14-1



**Brent Cooper**  
Position: Right Wing  
Number: 6  
Hometown: Washington  
Township  
Age/Class: 23/Junior  
Stats: 28 G, 25 A, 48 PIM



**Nick Ranck**  
Position: Defense  
Number: 20  
Hometown: Clarkston  
Age/Class: 21/Sophomore  
Stats: 1 G, 10 A, 71 PIM



**Jon Paul Ferrari**  
Position: Center  
Number: 27  
Hometown: Sterling  
Heights  
Age/Class: 21/Senior  
Stats: 5 G, 17 A, 42 PIM



**JR Dunn**  
Position: Asst. Coach  
Hometown: Waterford  
Age: 28  
Years at OU: 2



**Jordan Ingram**  
Position: Center  
Number: 8  
Hometown: Troy  
Age/Class: 23/Senior  
Stats: 2 G, 14 A, 32 PIM



**John Parrish**  
Position: Center  
Number: 21  
Hometown: Sterling  
Heights  
Age/Class: 20/Sophomore  
Stats: 7 G, 5 A, 26 PIM



**Andrew Hansen**  
Position: Goalie  
Number: 30  
Hometown: Oxford  
Age/Class: 20/Junior  
Stats: 5-4-0; 3.83 GAA



**Gordie Schaeffler**  
Position: Asst. Coach  
Hometown: Rochester  
Hills  
Age: 28  
Years at OU: 2



**Derek Baker**  
Position: Right Wing  
Number: 9  
Hometown: Waterford  
Age/Class: 19/Sophomore  
Stats: 3 G, 2 A, 24 PIM



**TJ Schaeffler**  
Position: Left Wing  
Number: 22  
Hometown: Washington  
Age/Class: 22/Senior  
Stats: 3 G, 5 A, 38 PIM



**Jarrett Samp**  
Position: Defense  
Number: 41  
Hometown: Troy  
Age/Class: 19/Sophomore  
Stats: 2 G, 10 A, 70 PIM



**Collin Chase**  
Position: Goalie  
Number: 1  
Hometown: Grosse Pointe  
Woods  
Age/Class: 21/Freshman  
Stats: 10-7-0; 3.52 GAA



**Jeff Einheuser**  
Position: Left Wing  
Number: 12  
Hometown: Leonard  
Age/Class: 21/Junior  
Stats: 3 G, 3 A, 39 PIM



**Steve Piccoli**  
Position: Right Wing  
Number: 23  
Hometown: Highland  
Age/Class: 23/Junior  
Stats: 5 G, 4 A, 35 PIM



**Kyle DeMaggio**  
Position: Center  
Number: 44  
Hometown: Rochester  
Hills  
Age/Class: 23/Sophomore  
Stats: 6 G, 7 A, 34 PIM



**Adam Chornoby**  
Position: Defense  
Number: 3  
Hometown: Farmington  
Hills  
Age/Class: 21/Senior  
Stats: 4 G, 23 A, 10 PIM



**Tim Michaels**  
Position: Defense  
Number: 14  
Hometown: Grand Blanc  
Age/Class: 22/Sophomore  
Stats: 2 G, 11 A, 51 PIM



**Matthew Burke**  
Position: Left Wing  
Number: 24  
Hometown: Shelby  
Township  
Age/Class: 18/Freshman  
Stats: 12 G, 8 A, 59 PIM



**Mike Bertolo**  
Position: Left Wing  
Number: 55  
Hometown: Clinton  
Township  
Age/Class: 19/Sophomore  
Stats: 5 G, 0 A, 12 PIM



**Scott Elder**  
Position: Defense  
Number: 4  
Hometown: Brampton,  
Ontario  
Age/Class: 21/Senior  
Stats: 4 G, 8 A, 59 PIM



**Will McMahon**  
Position: Left Wing  
Number: 18  
Hometown: Sterling  
Heights  
Age/Class: 23/Senior  
Stats: 39 G, 25 A, 88 PIM



**Garrett Kondratek**  
Position: Defense  
Number: 25  
Hometown: Sterling  
Heights  
Age/Class: 22/Sophomore  
Stats: 4 G, 12 A, 66 PIM



**Jim Sardelli II**  
Position: Goalie  
Number: 71  
Hometown: Rochester  
Age/Class: 19/Freshman  
Stats: 3-3-1; 4.88 GAA

Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Jeremy Bachusz

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