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OU women's soccer advances to the NCAA Tournament after taking down Southern Utah and Western Illinois. The Golden Grizzlies will face Notre Dame Thursday.

By ROB TATE
Senior Reporter

It wasn't really pretty, but it certainly wasn't ugly either. Oakland University women's soccer team prevailed this past weekend to win its fifth Mid-Con Tournament championship.

To capture the title, Oakland defeated the Southern Utah Thunderbirds last Thursday in the opening round of the tournament by a score of 2-1. They followed that up with a thrilling victory over the fourth seeded Western Illinois Westerwinds Saturday.

Regulation and two overtimes couldn't solve Golden Grizzly-Westerwind grudge match. OU handed Western Illinois the loss 4-3 on penalty kicks.

The tournament kicked off Thursday with a bang. Western

Illinois pulled off a huge win as they defeated the number one seeded Valparaiso Crusaders. After seeing who they had to play in the first round and their potential opponent for the finals, Oakland had to feel pretty confident about this opportunity. During the regular season, Oakland had defeated Southern Utah hand-



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
A Golden Grizzly weathers the snow in the Nov. 2 game against Southern Utah. OU went on to win the game 2-1 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

ily, 5-1 on Oct. 16 and then five days later beat Western Illinois, 6-1. But tournament play showed the best of Southern Utah and Western Illinois.

Thursday's game against Southern Utah featured frigid weather and gusty winds at field level. Before the game, Head Coach Nick O'Shea and his staff tried to keep warm by drinking hot

beverages from Caribou. Little did they know that the game winning goal would come from their player named Karibo, junior Kali Karibo that is. Karibo netted her first goal of the season off a free kick from sophomore midfielder Kristi Evans in 57th minute that would eventually send Southern Utah home.

Prior to the game winning goal, Southern Utah showed a lot more toughness than their prior meeting with the Golden Grizzlies. Thunderbird Catherine Johnson scooted past two Oakland defenders and beat sophomore goalkeeper Kim Herbst to take an early 1-0 advantage in the 24th minute in the first half. Oakland would have an answer of their own 15 minutes later, when Sophomore Jessica Boyle

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beat Southern Utah goalkeeper Holly Davis off a pass from senior Marianne Samdal to tie the game up heading into the second half.

Oakland fended off Southern Utah the rest of the game, allowing no shots for the final 12 minutes of action. Herbst made three saves for the victory.

The Mid-Con finals would be a memorable one for the Oakland's players and coaches. The weather was a lot better on Saturday and the action on the field was at a lot better than on Thursday.

The match up between Oakland and

Western Illinois had a good pace, as a lot of time was spent in the neutral with each teams accounting for three shots apiece in the first half.

Scoring opened up in the second half as Oakland struck first with a pretty goal by Jessica Boyle for her second of the tournament that was set up by Marianne Samdal.

"Jessica Boyle is a tireless worker, she just goes and goes and goes," Coach Nick O'Shea said of his sophomore midfielder. "Great players make great plays and she made two great plays. She's made outstanding plays all year long," O'Shea added.

Western Illinois did not back down. Three minutes later Westerwind Bess Rapp tied the game 1-1, beating Herbst

to her right.

The first overtime saw Oakland and Western Illinois exchange shots with a couple nice scoring chances, but nothing came about them. During the second overtime, Marianne Samdal set up a couple nice opportunities early on but nothing to show for it. When the two overtimes couldn't determine the winner, the match turned to penalty shots.

In a somewhat surprising move, Nick O'Shea turned to his back-up goalkeeper, freshman Marky Jenkins to take on the Westerwind shooters.

"Marky had looked a little bit sharper on penalties, she just looked sharper throughout the week (in practice) so we went with her and it paid-off," O'Shea said of the decision.

Oakland and Western Illinois exchanged goals up until Marky Jenkins stoned Caitlin Barrett, Western Illinois fourth shooter. With the penalty shots tied 3-3, Freshman Marlie Lieberman beat WIU goalkeeper Samantha Clark. Oakland's tournament championship dreams came down to Katelyn Wisner of WIU. Wisner shot wide of Jenkins, provoking a big celebration on the field for the Golden Grizzlies.

Coach O'Shea was extremely happy about winning the tournament and getting the chance to play in the NCAA tournament for the first time in three years.

"We haven't been there in a couple of years so it's nice to get back in the NCAA tournament," O'Shea said. "Our

seniors were there once, juniors haven't been there yet so that's one of the reasons that some of our players that came here choose to come here because we have the chance to get to the NCAA tournament. They're excited about it, I'm excited about it."

Jessica Boyle was named tournament MVP, scoring two goals. Making the All-Tournament team from OU was Marianne Samdal, who had two assists, as well as senior defender Cat Panabaker and junior defender Kristi Mitchell.

Oakland will take on first-seeded Notre Dame in the NCAA Women's College Cup on Friday on the campus of the Fighting Irish in South Bend, Indiana.

Lieberman, Dems challenge for control of Congress

By DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Resurgent Democrats swept toward control of the House and grabbed Republican Senate seats in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Rhode Island Tuesday in midterm elections shaped by an unpopular war in Iraq and scandal at home.

Aided by public dissatisfaction with President Bush, Democrats won gubernatorial races in New York, Ohio and Massachusetts for the first time in more than a decade and added Colorado to their control.

Charlie Crist was a bright spot for Republicans, keeping the Florida gov-

ernorship now held by the president's brother Jeb in GOP hands.

By 11 p.m. EST in the East, Democrats had picked up 16 House seats in Republican hands. They needed 15 to end a long turn in the minority, and a final result would depend on dozens of races yet uncalled.

A loud cheer went up in a Washington D.C., hotel ballroom a few blocks from the Capitol where Democrats had gathered in hopes of celebrating an end to a dozen years in the minority.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California — in line to become the first woman speaker in history if her party wins control — said early in the evening, as the returns rolled in, "We are on the brink of a great Democratic

victory."

With the polls still open in the West, Republican Party chairman Ken Mehlman conceded nothing about the House. "I think we will hold control of the Senate," he added.

In a comeback unlike any other, Sen. Joe Lieberman won a new term in Connecticut — dispatching Democrat Ned Lamont and thus winning when it counted most against the man who had prevailed in a summertime primary. Lieberman, a supporter of Bush's war policy, ran as an independent, but will side with the Democrats when he returns to Washington.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton coasted to a second Democratic term in New York, winning roughly 70 percent of the

vote in a warm-up to a possible run for the White House in 2008.

Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania became the first Republican senator to fall to the Democrats, losing his seat after two conservative terms to Bob Casey Jr., the state treasurer.

In Ohio, Sen. Mike DeWine lost to Rep. Sherrod Brown, a liberal seven-term lawmaker.

Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, the most liberal Republican in the Senate and an opponent of the war, fell not long afterward to Sheldon Whitehouse, former state attorney general.

That left a fistful of heavily contested races uncalled.

In Virginia, Republican Sen. George Allen and Democratic challenger Jim

Webb were locked in a seesaw race, neither man able to break ahead of the other.

In Tennessee, former Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker held a narrow lead over Democratic Rep. Harold Ford Jr., campaigning to become the first black senator from the South in more than a century.

Republican Sen. Jim Talent also took an early lead in Missouri over Democrat Claire McCaskill, the state auditor.

Among incumbents who coasted to re-election were liberal Democratic lion Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts West Virginia Sen. Robert C. Byrd, who has spent more than half of his 88 years in the Senate.

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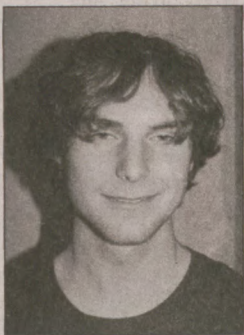
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Last week's winner: Jessica Henry

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True
False
2. What proposal dealt with Affirmative Action?
a. Proposal 1
b. Proposal 77
c. Proposal 2
d. Proposal A
3. Who was elected to the US Senate from Michigan

4. Who stars in the movie Harsh Times Christian Bale and who?
a. Sarah Michelle Gellar
b. Nicole Kidman
c. Emma Thompson
d. Eva Longoria
5. What CD was reviewed this week?
a. Exploding Hearts
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6. Name 4 artists whose work is on display at the "New York Narratives: Works on Paper" Exhibit _____

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Lebanese Club President Rami Haddad talks to students outside of the showcase his club has on display in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Lebanese Club founded on passion

Nasty e-mail leads to union between orgs

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

Student organizations are founded for a wide variety of reasons; to unite people with a common interest, to provide a social outlet or just for something to do.

When Rami Haddad founded the Lebanese Club, it was for a much more profound reason.

"When I saw the pictures of the war this summer, of children holding dead mothers in their arms, I cried, and I knew that I had to do something about it," said Haddad. What the 23-year-old Electrical Engineering and Math major did was create a group for his embattled country.

"I didn't care if I was in the middle of campus waving the Lebanese flag, I was going to let people know about my country and represent it proudly."

The war, between Israel and the Lebanese group Hezbollah over the summer prompted the feelings from Haddad. "I felt like my people needed a voice, but more importantly I felt like we needed to break down some of the stereotypes that face Lebanese people. The group is just as much about educating everyone else about Lebanon as it is to unite us," said Haddad.

Some of the stereotypes Haddad refers to are sad but true. "A lot of people think we live in a desert and ride camels still," said Haddad.

In truth, Lebanon is an extremely progressive country. In fact it is the only country in the Middle East without deserts, and most Lebanese use cars or busses.

Another stereotype centers on religion and race. Antoine Abboud is the perfect example of the antithesis shattering the stereotype. The 24-year-old engineering major is tall, over 6 feet, and has red hair, many are surprised that he is from Lebanon, and a Christian.

"Lebanon has had visitors for thousands of years, French, Turks, Europeans, everyone, it is a great mix and people

are very different," Abboud said. Another interesting point Abboud addresses involves religion. "Many people think we are all Muslims, but it's not true. The country is 50 percent Christian, many of whom are Greek Orthodox or Roman Catholic.

The Lebanese club hasn't had an easy inception. October 19, Haddad, who is the president of the club, received a disturbing Facebook message.

"You are all terrorists," read the message, sent from Adam Wolf.

Wolf is a Sophomore Performing Arts major at OU. Wolf's affiliation on Facebook with JSO (Jewish Student Organization/Hillel) raised concerns, but JSO President Joey Abrin wrote in an e-mail that Wolf has no official affiliation with the group.

"I want to stress that this gentleman was out of line — but in no way were his views those of ours, nor a representative from the Jewish Student Organization at Oakland University," said the e-mail.

"I was very displeased with the message, and chose not to respond to its juvenile content," said Haddad. He sent

the message along to Facebook as harassment, to the Center for Student Activities and to the Dean of Students.

Abrin apologized to Haddad, and mentioned that Wolf's statement was not at all in line with his organization's feelings.

Haddad said that he was grateful for the apology, but would have preferred to have had direct dialogue with Wolf.

It turns out that Wolf's e-mail may actually serve to bring both groups closer together.

"He (Abrin) mentioned a willingness to have some co-sponsored events, to have some organized dialogue between the two groups, and I thought this is great, its what we are about," said Haddad. "I think that (Abrin) brought up a good point when he said that we don't talk unless we have a problem, so I think that developing some relationships would be a good thing."

"It's great to be able to support our culture and show it to the U.S.," said Haddad. "Also, I think it helps a lot to unite all Lebanese here, Muslim and Christian, you feel much closer to everyone in your country."

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

Q&A session with Kal Pen (Taj from "Van Wilder") begins Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court, followed by special acoustic performances from Jonny of Jorihy Lives! and Art from Everclear. After talking to the star, stay for a special screening of "Van Wilder," followed by exclusive scenes from "Van Wilder 2, The Rise of Taj."

WRITING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Awards recognize talents in writing

By NINA GOJCAJ
Contributing Reporter

Got writing skills? Want to get paid?

For more than 20 years, the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism has been sponsoring The Writing Excellence Awards to recognize students who possess outstanding writing skills.

Winners receive cash prizes, a chance to have their writing read aloud during an awards banquet and ultimately get to see their essays published in two OU writing handbooks at the end of the year.

Chairperson of the Writing Excellence Committee Kasia Kietlinska is hoping faculty will encourage students to participate in this university wide writing competition.

"We need entries! Instructors should let students know about these awards," said Kietlinska. "If instructors see great writing in their classroom, they could provide that student with a signed entry form so that he or she can submit that paper."

The awards are divided into six categories that recognize the various styles of writing generated by OU students.

"This is not just for students in Rhetoric courses. We want to see many students from many different spectrums participate," said Alice Horning, Director of the Rhetoric Program.

"Students should really get their feet wet by exploring different avenues to support their topic. We want to see good narrative with coherent organization, beautiful language and a clear lucid view. Show the reader the world is not just black and white," said Kietlinska.

Award recipients are given cash prizes at an awards banquet held at the end of the calendar year. The prizes range from \$50 for third place, \$75 for second place and \$100 for first place winners in each category.

"In an increasingly competitive marketplace, winning the writing award might be the deciding factor in getting the job or getting passed over," Mehta told The Post.

The deadline for entries is no later than Aug. 20, 2007 and must be delivered to the RCJ Department in 316 Wilson Hall.

To find out more information about this year's theme, the RCJ department's Web site which can be found at www.oakland.edu.

News in Brief

More Parking, More Smiles

The Oakland University Board of Trustees made the decision to begin two new parking projects on campus during their Nov. 1 meeting. The board-approved projects include the renovation of the parking lot near Kresge Library and the expansion of the P-3 lot near the Graham Health Center. The expansion of the latter, which already features 384 parking spots, would increase the number of available spaces by 140. With the student population just over 18,000 students, the board hopes that projects like these will relieve students of the some of the problems they face parking on campus.

New Majors added at OU

Oakland University introduced two new bachelor programs this week bringing its total number of programs to 116. The Art Department will now be offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art that focuses mainly on new forms of media, including the Internet and digital imaging. The second new major is a secondary teacher education program (STEP) in K-12 studio art. The program, which certifies students to teach art for grades K-12, involves 14 weeks of student of teaching and takes five years to complete.

Grizzly Hoops Droppin Buckets for Library

Oakland University basketball is teaming up with local citizens and businesses to raise money for Kresge Library. As part of the team's "Shoot Three for Kresge" program, those that make \$300 dollar contributions to OU's library will have their name mentioned after every Golden Grizzly three-pointer made in the O'Rena. The team will open their season at home this weekend when they play Defiance Friday at 7 p.m. and Wisconsin Green Bay Sunday at 5 p.m.

OU Art Featured in State Congress Buildings

Post-baccalaureate student Rachel Adler and 2006 College of Arts and Sciences graduate Sara Masters are two OU students that currently have their art on display in state capital buildings. Through the "Art in the Senate" and "Art in the House" programs, Adler, Masters, and students from 15 different Michigan universities were selected to have their art showcased in Michigan capital buildings. Adler, who graduated from Wesleyan University, is currently taking art classes at OU and did her featured drawing as an assignment for a class. Master's painting was used to represent all of the work from the exhibits and was featured at the program's unveiling. Her painting, a large oil work entitled "CultureBloom", was used in her master's thesis last spring at OU.

Hospital Honors OU Student

Beaumont Hospital honored Oakland University student Staci Allen this October for her donation of an organ to her brother. Allen, who is a senior in OU's education program, decided to donate her kidney three years ago after watching her brother go through dialysis for a year. After several tests, it was confirmed that Allen's organ was a match for her brother and on the day before her 25th birthday the two went under the knife. Beaumont honored Allen and others in a ceremony that recognized the work of transplant doctors and others that made organ contributions.

— Compiled by Contributing Reporter Eric Allen

OUSC finally agrees - No on 2

Decision ends months of divisiveness

By OWEN SEXTON
Senior Reporter

Hours before election day and after months of discussion, Student Congress voted to officially oppose the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Legislator and Multicultural Affairs Co-Chair, Samir Hanna, presented a resolution which opposed Proposal 2, The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, on the statewide ballot.

MCRI would amend the Michigan Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to

individuals or groups based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

The proposal applies to public education, employment and contracting.

Oakland University does not use affirmative action as a basis for student admission. Although, Hanna said that every student benefits from affirmative action.

All of Michigan's public universities use affirmative action funding for their scholarships, grants and outreach programs. Oakland uses these funds to support their diversity programs.

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives, the Gender and Sexuality Center and academic programs including Women's Studies all receive funding.

Hanna worked together with students to circulate a petition that asked OUSC to oppose MCRI. The petitioners gathered

341 verified signatures, enough to gain support from Student Body President Madalyn Miller, Student Body Vice President Mia Evans and Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director Jameelah Muhammad.

Hanna cited the OUSC mission statement in his support.

"Oakland University Student Congress strives to represent the student body," he said. "We aim to meet the needs and address the concerns of our fellow students and encourage students to voice their ideas."

The agreement over the protection of affirmative action will help OUSC decide what to do on behalf of the students when similar concerns need to be addressed. Hanna said that OU was the last public university in the state to take a stance on Proposal 2.

POLICEFILES

■ A student reported items missing from her car on Tuesday, Oct 31. The student parked her car in lot P-5 on Oct. 29, and when she returned to her car on Oct 31, she found that some of her items were missing. The student reported her car stereo stolen and all of the contents of her center counsel were spread out on her front seats. She also noticed that approximately 30 CDs were missing as well as 20 men's neckties that were hanging in the back seat. There was no physical evidence of

a break in and the student said that she might have forgotten to lock the vehicle.

■ Breaking up proved to be more difficult than average for one woman at Oakland University. The victim told OUPD that she was in a relationship with a man that was controlling and verbally abusive. When she broke up with the man, he threatened to kill her and any one that she may date. The suspect has continued to stalk

her via phone calls and e-mail, as well as following her to class. The victim has asked the suspect many times to leave her alone, to which he refuses each time. The victim is considering obtaining a Personal Protection Order (PPO).

■ A student noticed a large dent on the driver side door of her car, which was parked in the P-24 lot. Upon closer inspection, the student noticed a shoe print in the center of the dent,

leading her to believe that her car was kicked. There are currently no suspects at this time.

■ A student received a two-inch laceration on his hand when he slipped, walking down the second floor stairs in Kresge Library. The cut was caused by the student's keys, which he was holding while he fell. The student was taken to Crittenton Hospital for treatment.

Raising cultural awareness with fun and cooperative effort

Weeklong activities bridge gaps in cultures

By HEATHER HOLM
Contributing Reporter

Some of the most famous artistic masterpieces were created out of no more than simple color mixtures. Just as these colors unite, so do all of the different cultural aspects of our campus during the "United Colors of OU", this year's theme for Cultural

Awareness Week.

Kicked off Monday, this week has been focusing on giving students the opportunity to gain experience and understanding in the distinct and unique qualities of our university that many may not know about.

It allows those who participate a chance to confront serious issues in a "positive, uplifting and inspiring kind of way," said Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller.

Oakland University is home to 24 different diversity and multicultural organizations and over 350 international students from 60 different countries. The week not only celebrates ethnic diversity, but also lifestyle choices and recognizes the challenges overcome by those who live with a disability.

For those who haven't yet had the chance to attend any events, there are still plenty of opportunities.

Formerly known as the International Café, the Global Market is the week's largest event.

Global Market is a multicultural fair meant to "promote each country's and cultures uniqueness," said Petra Knoche, Assistant Director of the International Students and Scholars.

The event includes the chance to view different students' heritage and traditions, and features food, music, fashion shows and crafts. It will be held Thursday evening from

5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

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Jean Ann Miller
Director
Center for Student Activities

During the course of the Global Market, students can also participate in the OU Passport Contest. By collecting stickers passed out at each of the different tables, students fill up their "passports" giving them the chance to win a variety of prizes from around the world.

The official Closing Ceremony will take place Friday from noon-1p.m. in the Oakland

Center's Fireside Lounge, facilitated by Director of the Honors College, Dr. Jude Nixon. The ceremony will include an open forum discussing our commitment to cultural diversity and the unveiling of the OUSC's Unity Mural.

Rounding off the week will be the 9th Annual Diverse Voices Conference on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. The event is an ability for the "students, community and faculty come together and discuss together issues today," said Dr. Chaunda Scott, Associate Professor of Education.

This year's topic, "Diversity Today: A Moral Perspective" will feature speaker Dr. Juanita Johnson Bailey of the University of Georgia. According to Scott, this event gives the students an "opportunity to learn something and immerse themselves in culture."

Question of the Week

"HOW WILL SADDAM HUSSEIN'S PENDING EXECUTION AFFECT THE SITUATION IN IRAQ?"



"It'll make things worse because he'll become a martyr and he'll be a hero."
John Parrish
Sophomore
Undecided



"They're gonna turn him into a martyr. He'll become the posterchild for ludacry."
Irma Hayes
Sophomore
Communications



"I think if the execution goes through, they'll never stop fighting in Iraq."
Laquana Conley
Cafe O'Bears
Employee

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Perspectives

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Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio?

Previous generations have always had a voice. That voice has usually manifested itself in music, writing and/or political activism — that gave a common identity to the masses.

The 60s had musical icons like Bob Dylan, The Beatles and James Brown. There were political leaders like John F. Kennedy and Malcolm X.

The 70s saw a more socially conscious Marvin Gaye and the emergence of Bob Marley and Bruce Springsteen.

There's no denying that the "Man in the Mirror" era Michael Jackson — circa 1987, following up "Thriller" and before any criminal accusations — captured that voice on an unprecedented global level.

Even the Nirvana-led Seattle sound and the explosion of hip-hop that culminated with the peaks of Tupac Shakur and The Notorious B.I.G. also heavily influenced

and helped to define an era for a whole generation of young people in the 1990s.

Who is leading the march today?

There have always been Britneys and Justins, but for all the 15-minute sensations and socialites that currently dominate our popular culture, who among them has been able to keep their finger on the nerve connected to the collective consciousness of young people?

What makes this all the more disturbing is that it's happening during a time when we're faced with just as many significant and scary local and far reaching issues as ever before.

Thousands of young Americans — and tens of thousands of civilians — have been and continue to be killed in a conflict that many are calling unwarranted and unjust.

Technological advances

have heightened the threat from rogue terrorist groups who, once they have the capabilities, are likely to use nuclear or biological weapons against civilian populations.

Issues like abortion, affirmative action and the rights of homosexuals continue to cause divisiveness and remain unresolved.

It's going to take a brilliant and progressive mind(s) to articulate these concerns in a way that brings cohesion to the masses. This is what's needed to bring about greater awareness and inspire more activism from ordinary, every day citizens.

Whose voice today is capable of resonating so deeply?

Who is going to help guide our movements and shape our legacy?

How is this generation going to be defined?

— The Oakland Post



"No More Commercials"
By Bob Englehart

STAFF COLUMN

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

Great butchers of the 20th century, Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot and Slobodan Milosevic all had one thing in common: they pretty much got away with it. Hitler did himself in. Stalin was allowed to live out his natural life. Pot faded into obscurity and Milosevic apparently died of natural causes. None of them were brought to justice, sentenced to death by a judge and jury and executed for their crimes against humanity.

On Monday, the butcher of our generation, Saddam Hussein, has apparently bucked the trend. The Mustache of the Middle East was sentenced to hang pending an appeal, bringing justice to Kurd, Sunni, Shiite, Kuwaiti and American alike.

Hussein has hovered as a vile specter for almost as long as most OU students can remember. His actions not only killed vast amounts of people, mostly innocent, but it also killed goodwill and tolerance towards people here of Middle Eastern descent.

It will never be a casualty that appears on a memorial, or in a list of the deceased. It's a casualty that cripples our nation and that we will have to fight to forget about. For a lot of Americans who grew up without much interaction with Arabs, Hussein was the first introduction to the people of the Middle East. Many of us started school during or shortly after the first Gulf War, seeing a defiant Saddam battling our own troops in a foreign place. His reputation undoubtedly caused irreparable harm to relations here in the United States.

To an extent Hussein had the same effect on Arab-Americans as Mafia bosses had on Italian-Americans in the last century. It was assumed that almost every Italian "knew a guy" in the mob or that they were in some way connected to an evil empire that included only a very small minority of the population.

In addition to the mass-character assassination Hussein committed are the very tangible lives he took during his reign. Some estimate the numbers into the millions, numbers horrific in their existence and even worse when the manner of death is considered.

Lethal agent-orange gas, secret police murders in the middle of the night and arbitrary executions of government officials, including family members, classify

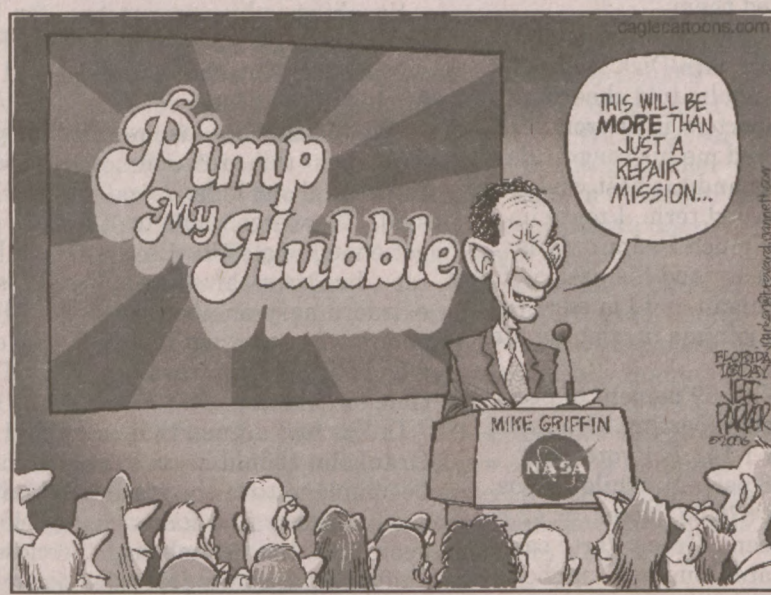
Saddam as an all-time sicko.

Capital punishment is the very least Saddam deserves. He owes Arab-Americans for years of discriminatory setbacks; he owes the mothers of soldiers sent back in body bags.

Mostly though, Saddam owes the world for the massive loss of life his supreme stupidity caused.

His limp body can't atone for the loss of all of those people, possibly the doctor that would have found the cure for cancer was among those dead. Possibly the person who could have unified Iraq through peace, or someone destined to write a novel that promoted peace was among those who fell under the devilish hoof of Hussein.

His death will be refreshing only because it proves that the system does work.



"Hubble Makeover"
By Jeff Parker

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Money can't buy Gov.

Granholtm wins second term as governor

By SARAH KARUSH
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm overcame widespread anxiety about the state's stagnant economy to win a second term Tuesday, defeating Republican Dick DeVos, who spent tens of millions of dollars out of his own pocket to convince voters that Granholm had failed them.

"A few minutes ago I spoke with Dick DeVos," Granholm told cheering supporters in Detroit. "He offered me his congratulations and his best wishes for a second term. I told him how much I admired his tenacity and his passion for Michigan and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him well."

With 59 percent of precincts reporting, Granholm had 1,141,141 votes, or 55.8 percent, while DeVos had 875,581 votes, or 42.8 percent. Green Party candidate Douglas Campbell,

U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Bhagwan Dashairya and Libertarian candidate Gregory Creswell each had less than 1 percent.

"We are zealous and passionate about transforming this state. Our work begins tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.," a hoarse Granholm said. "Two campaigns ended today at 8 o'clock. One Michigan is moving forward with all of us together."

Speaking to his supporters in Lansing, DeVos said he wished both Granholm and Michigan the best.

"We did this because we care about this state, our future and our kids," he said. "We weren't able to get enough votes to win the race, but we received an extraordinary number of voters who stood with us, who believed that it was time for a change."

DeVos had argued that Granholm should have been able to turn the state around in her first four years. But the incumbent shifted attention to DeVos'

role in cutting Michigan jobs when he headed Amway, the direct-marketing firm co-founded by his father, and portrayed his positions on abortion and stem cell research as out of the mainstream.

Granholm enjoyed the support of union members and their families by a 2 to 1 margin and also ran well in big cities, according to an exit poll conducted for The Associated Press by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International. DeVos was strong among people who attend religious services more than once a week, people who said they are getting ahead financially, and supporters of President Bush.

"The governor did a great job of making our case, and we also told voters the truth about Mr. DeVos and his record," Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer said, speaking before all of the polls had closed. "I think that was the combination that prevailed."



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/Paul Sancya)

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Governor John Cherry raise their arms to supporters at an election night rally in Detroit, Tuesday.

OTHER RACES TO NOTE

Keego Harbor City
City Property Proposal 1
Passed

City Property Proposal 2
Passed

Ray Township
Library Tax
Passed

Rochester Hills
City Pathway Millage
Did not pass with 30 of 32
precincts reporting.

Sterling Heights
Proposal 1 - Police Facilities Bond
Did not pass

Proposal 2 - Fire Stations Bond
Passed

Sylvan Lake City
Sylvan Lake City Community
Center Bond Passed
City Hall Bond Proposal
Did not pass

Proposed Amendment of
Section 13.5 of Article 12 of the
Charter of the City of Sylvan
Lake
Did not pass

Proposal A
Did not pass

Utica
Municipal Facilities Bond
Did not pass

Village of New Haven
President
One 2-year term
Brett Harris

Clerk
One 2-year term
Marguerite Kunert

Treasurer
One 2-year term
Trustee
Three 4-year terms
Annette Sheadrick Higgins

Waterford Township
Treasurer
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Parks and Recreation Millage
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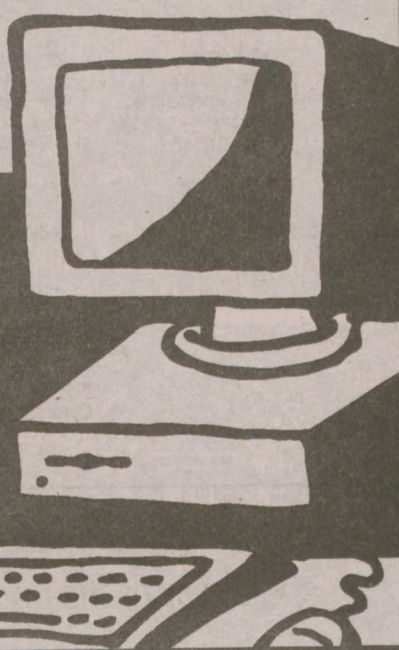
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Nov. 10, 1908 - 1st Gideon Bible put in a hotel room
Nov. 13, 1952 - False fingernails 1st sold
Nov. 14, 1851 - "Moby Dick," by Herman Melville, published

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Fired evangelist apologizes for his 'sexual immorality'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Members of the New Life Church were stunned and brought to tears by the Rev. Ted Haggard's confessions of "sexual immorality," then accepted his plea for forgiveness with open arms. Haggard apologized Sunday in a letter read from the pulpit of the 14,000-member church he founded. Some in the standing-room-only crowd wiped away tears and embraced each other as they heard Haggard's words read by a member of the board that fired him a day earlier. "The fact is I am guilty of sexual immorality. And I take responsibility for the entire problem," Haggard wrote. "I am a deceiver and a liar. There's a part of my life that is so repulsive and dark that I have been warring against it for all of my adult life." After services, Patty Erwin kneeled near the back of the 8,000-seat auditorium and said a prayer for Haggard.

Climate conference convenes as mercury rises

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Facing rising temperatures and flagging efforts to control greenhouse gases, thousands of delegates from around the world opened a U.N. conference Monday on next steps to ward off the worst effects of climate change. Many at the two-week session will look for signs the United States might ease its stand against mandatory reductions in emissions that scientists blame for global warming. Few expect to see such a change, however, while the Bush administration is in power. "We are all gathered this morning on behalf of mankind, because we acknowledge that climate change is rapidly emerging as one of the most serious threats humanity will ever face," Kenyan Vice President Moody Awori told delegates in an opening speech. Over the next two weeks, the delegates will get a closed-door preview of the latest scientific findings on a warming world, to be published next year in a comprehensive U.N. assessment by the world's leading climate scientists.

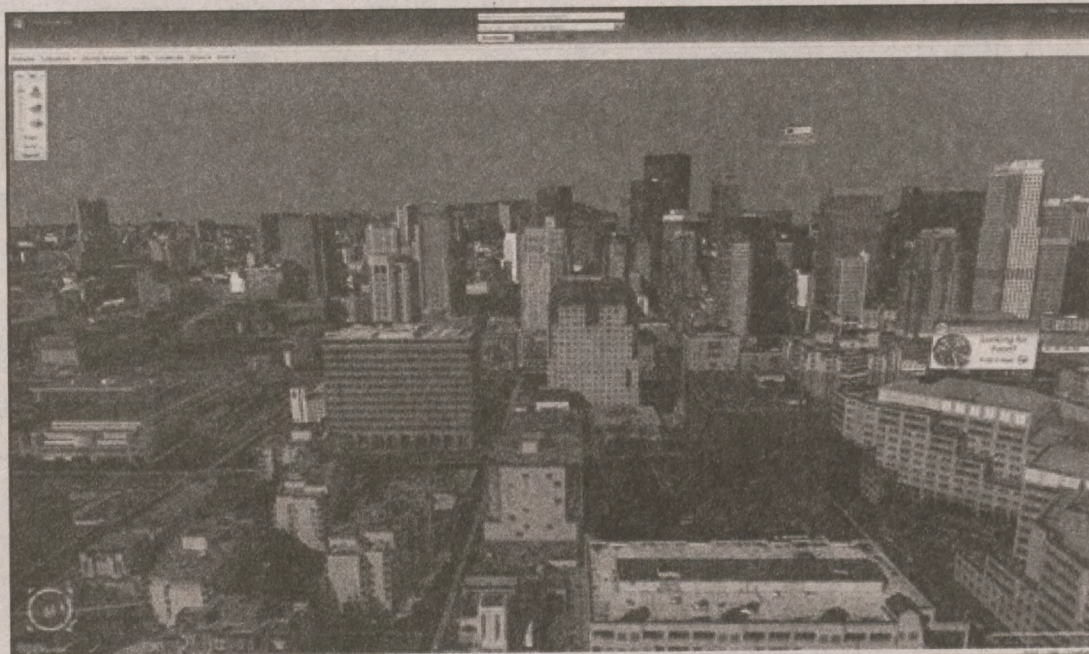
Firefighters say final goodbyes to 5 who fell battling wildfire

DEVORE, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters at a memorial for five colleagues killed in an arson fire expressed their feelings in the unique language of firefighting. As thousands grieved Sunday in an outdoor amphitheater surrounded by soaring mountains, firefighters said they always could trust the fallen members of Engine 57 when they said it was OK to "bump up" — slang for moving ahead along the fireline. "Can we bump up? The answer from Mark and Jess, from Jason, from Pablo, from Daniel and from a loving God who now holds them in his hand is clear," said Tom Harbour, director of fire and aviation management for the U.S. Forest Service. "They are watching this piece of line, they can be trusted. Bump up, bump forward, move ahead," he added. "This next section of line looks tough and we wish Engine 57 could be with us." The five were killed Oct. 26 when the wind-driven blaze started by an arsonist overtook them as they tried to save a house in the rural community of Twin Pines, about 100 miles east of Los Angeles.

Oil prices slip on doubts of OPEC

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Oil prices slipped Monday but were off earlier lows after OPEC President Edmund Daukoru said the oil cartel may need to cut production further this year to deal with an oversupply in the market. In Nigeria, a government official said armed protesters overran and shut down an oil facility run by Italian oil company Agip, the latest violence to hit Africa's biggest crude producer. Light, sweet crude for December delivery dropped 42 cents to \$58.72 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by midday in Europe, after earlier trading as low as \$58.50. December Brent crude on London's ICE Futures exchange fell 33 cents to \$58.82 a barrel. Daukoru described the current price of oil as "low." Regarding OPEC's decision last month to cut production effective Nov. 1, he said the effects of the reduced output have yet to be seen, but would be soon.

Microsoft maps out the competition



MICROSOFT CORP./Associated Press

In this undated handout image released by Microsoft Corp, a screen shot of the San Francisco cityscape is shown. Microsoft Corp. has upgraded its online mapping service to include three-dimensional tours of 15 U.S. cities, marking another step in its dogged pursuit of Internet search leader Google Inc.

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Microsoft Corp. has upgraded its online mapping service to include three-dimensional tours of 15 U.S. cities, marking another step in its dogged pursuit of Internet search leader Google Inc.

With the improvements unveiled Monday, Microsoft is hoping to upstage Google's popular "Earth" software, which enables about one-third of the world's population to obtain an aerial view of their homes and neighborhoods.

Google says it has distributed more than 100 million free copies of the Earth software since its June 2005 introduction.

Microsoft, the world's largest software maker, is touting its 3-D version of "Virtual Earth" as a more compelling alternative that provides "photorealistic" images of the 15 targeted cities: San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Detroit, Phoenix, Houston, Baltimore,

Atlanta, Denver, Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas.

Additional cities are expected to be added in upcoming months.

"We think this is going to open a new dimension in search," said Stephen Lawler, general manager of Virtual Earth. "It's the beginning of the 3-D Web."

To celebrate the upgrade, Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft will host a Monday evening party in San Francisco, about 35 miles north of Google's headquarters Mountain View headquarters.

Google so far has been able to brush aside Microsoft's competitive threats during the past two years to maintain its wide lead in Internet search and generate earnings growth that has mesmerized Wall Street. Google's stock price has increased by more than fivefold since its August 2004 initial public offering; Microsoft's shares have inched up by just 6 percent during the same period.

Executives from Microsoft and Google are among a long list of prominent Internet leaders scheduled

to appear at a three-day industry conference called "Web 2.0" that begins in San Francisco on Tuesday.

Many of the conference presentations are expected to highlight gee-whiz technology like Microsoft's 3-D maps.

The Virtual Earth service, available at Microsoft's live.com site, is designed to work in a Web browser without opening another application — a convenience that Google Earth doesn't currently offer.

Microsoft also is offering online advertisers a chance to place marketing messages on artificially manufactured billboards dotting the 3-D landscapes. Google also shows ads in its mapping service, but those appear in more mundane thumbnails pointing to a specific location.

In a statement, Google welcomed Microsoft's mapping improvements while signaling its intention to protect its turf. "We will continue innovating to provide users with the fastest and easiest search experience on the Web," Google said.

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IRAQ GOV'T PREPARES DRAFT LAW

Hussein supporters may be reinstated



SCOTT NELSON, POOL/The Associated Press
Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein listens to testimony during his trial inside the heavily fortified Green Zone Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two days after Saddam Hussein was sentenced to hang, the country's Shiite-dominated government offered a major concession Monday to his Sunni backers that could see thousands of purged Baath party members reinstated in their jobs.

With a tight curfew holding down violence after Saddam's guilty verdict and death sentence, the government reached out to disaffected Sunnis in hopes of enticing them away from the insurgency, which has killed tens of thousands of Iraqis and is responsible for the vast majority of U.S. casualties.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five more American troops, two in a helicopter crash north of Baghdad and three in fighting west of the capital. The deaths raised to 18 the number of U.S. forces killed in the first six days of November.

Relentless sectarian killings also persisted despite the extraordinary security precautions, which eased late Monday. Fifty-nine bodies were discovered Sunday and Monday across Iraq, police officials said.

Nevertheless, Sunday's verdict and Monday's opening to the Sunnis were seen as a welcome break for the United States, which had recently called for the Iraqi government to stop purging members of Saddam's Baath party from their jobs. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, however, has balked at U.S. requests to set up an amnesty for insurgents.

NOTABLE NUMBERS

26.5 MILLION
Borat's opening weekend at the box office

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this year's economic growth rate in the U.S.

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'Harsh Times' arrives in theaters after a harsh journey

Directorial debut of established screenwriter builds anticipation

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

Justice is often defined on an individual basis, relative to the way we're all socialized and the type of environment we are forced to adapt to and survive in. These are boundaries that established screenwriter and new director David Ayer loves to explore.

Most people probably won't recognize his name, but his scripts will certainly sound familiar. "U-571," "The Fast and the Furious" and "Training Day" — which nabbed Denzel Washington the Academy Award for Best Actor — are just some examples.

His latest film, "Harsh Times," starring Christian Bale, Eva Longoria and Freddy Rodriguez (Six Feet Under), marks his directorial debut, and to say that he faced a few challenges in the process would be an understatement.

"I had to do this movie on spec, which means I didn't have a studio to finance the production," Ayer told The Post during an interview at The Townshend Hotel in Birmingham. "It's just plain dumb. One of the first rules in Hollywood is that you don't spend your own money. It's a wise caveat."

To finance the film's \$2.4 million budget, Ayer laid it all on the line by taking out a \$2 million mortgage on his own home in the Hollywood hills.

"Now that I'm winning the war and the movie is getting a wide release, and it's getting the attention it deserves - it's easy to look back and say, 'I made it.'"

Ayer said that the film's dark and gritty subject matter scared off the Hollywood studios, which forced him to become his own financier.

"It was epic," Ayer said with a look of relief on his face. "I think the toughest part was not knowing how the situation was going to resolve, because it's a daily fight — you're in the trenches every day."

The film provides a character study for an aggressive Gulf War veteran (Bale)

who returns home to South Central L.A. after the war and ultimately gets caught up in the turmoil that only the insane streets of South Central can offer.

Ayer said that he took the Welsh actor Bale around the old neighborhoods to help him gain a better understanding of life in Los Angeles.

"He's seamless. You'd think he'd have grown up in L.A."

The dialogue is very L.A. specific, Ayer said. He characterized it as "street Spanish" instead of the "formal Spanish" usually heard in movies and on television.

"That's how people talk in the neighborhoods. And Christian did a lot of research...and met real players down there - and soaked everything up. I mean, the guy is — he's a mimic."

Bale's research included meeting Vietnam veterans suffering from combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Ayer said.

"I also took him around to meet some gangsters and some homeboys, so he could kinda see L.A. and Chicano culture in all its glory."

Ayer grew up in South Central, L.A. in what he calls an "insane neighborhood." He served in the Navy after dropping out of high school. The navy saved him from the streets, he said, and taught him the discipline that he's needed to build his career as a writer. He has never attended film school.

"It was a definite vocational program. Learn by doing."

Next up for Ayer is a story about a CIA office in Mexico City that is trying to capture a drug lord. The film was initially intended to be a modern interpretation of the Sam Peckinpah class western, "The Wildbunch," but it eventually morphed into something different.

"It was inspired by the 'Wildbunch' — but it's not 'The Wildbunch' — and it's definitely not a remake."

"Harsh Times" opens nation wide this Friday.

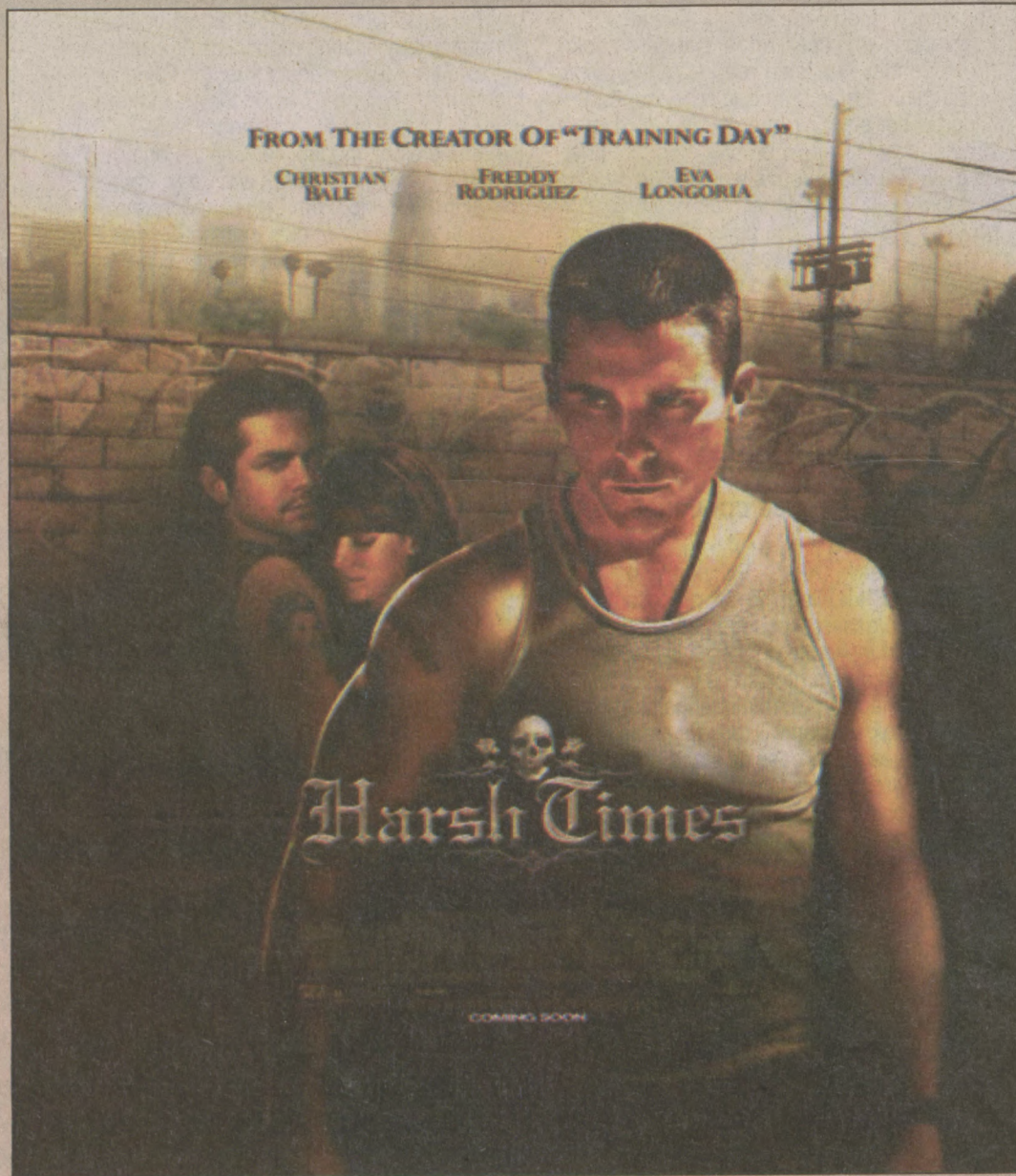


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From Left: Freddy Rodriguez, Eva Longoria and Christian Bale star in "Harsh Times" a film about a friendship in South Central L.A. and the violence that occurs between them.

THE EXPLODING HEARTS ARE BURSTING WITH SOUND

The message of their music outlives a tragic accident

By ERIC ALLEN
Contributing Reporter

The Exploding Hearts were going to be the biggest band in the world. Their debut record "Guitar Romantic" featured a blend of bubblegum pop and hook filled punk rock that left everything else that came out in 2003 behind in a cloud of dust.

However, shortly after the records U.S. release, the band's guitarist/vocalist Adam Cox, bassist Matt Fitzgerald, and drummer Jeremy Gage died as a result of

a horrible car crash while driving home from a tour date in San Francisco. Guitarist Terry Six was the sole band member to survive the crash and has gone on to form the power pop band The Nice Boys.

While The Exploding Heart's left behind only one full-length album and several very rare singles, the band's label Dirtnap Records has finally released some fresh material in "Shattered". The record label has compiled all of the band's singles, b-sides, covers, and some alternate takes of songs

from "Guitar Romantic" onto one CD for the pleasure of ears around the world. Aside from the music, the release features a book full of pictures of the band and the disc contains video footage of 5 songs from the band's last show before their tragic accident.

The music held within the confines of "Shattered" is without a doubt some of the catchiest music to ever grace plastic or vinyl. Every song on this collection of material gives you that gleeful feeling you get like when you fell in love for the first time or like

being a kid on the last day of high school all over again.

Much of this release relies on the magic of early demos and alternate takes of what would eventually become the band's debut record, "Guitar Romantic." The freshness and vibrancy of these songs are still there even after hearing them thousands of times. Classics such as "I'm a Pretender," "Thorns in Roses," and "Modern Kicks" remind listeners why The Exploding Hearts were going to be such a huge force in the music industry.

While "Shattered" is meant to be no more than a collection of fond memories from a truly missed band, it honestly blows away

everything else in today's musical lexicon. The band shines above others as even though they wore their influences (The Clash, Nick Lowe, The Ramones, and many others) on their denim jacket sleeves, their music was discernibly original and stood out in a crowd of millions.



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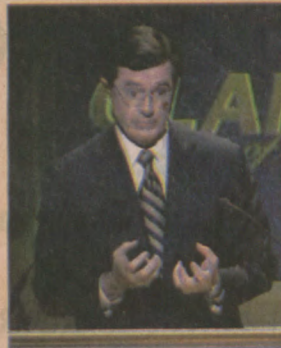
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Cruise takes charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise and his producing partner are taking charge of United Artists, restoring the venerable but moribund film outfit to its roots as a Hollywood shingle run by superstars looking to control their own careers.

United Artists owner MGM announced Thursday the move to put Cruise and Paula Wagner in control of the film company founded in 1919 by Charles Chaplin, Mary Pickford, D.W. Griffith and Douglas Fairbanks.

It's poetic symmetry that United Artists, generally mothballed amid recent corporate changes at MGM after a short period as an art-house film banner, should come back in the hands of a Hollywood giant.

The move comes after Cruise and Wagner's fallout with Paramount Studios, which severed its 14-year producing deal with the pair in August. Paramount had blamed Cruise's odd antics over his romance with Katie Holmes and his Scientology preaching for undermining box-office returns on the actor's summer release, "Mission: Impossible III."

Press can't 'Let it Be'

NEW YORK (AP) — The ugly divorce battle between Paul McCartney and Heather Mills. McCartney was put on hold this weekend at their daughter Beatrice's third birthday party, according to news reports.

McCartney, 64, and Mills, 38, announced they were separating in May after four years of marriage. McCartney filed for divorce in July.

Their marital breakup has stirred a sensation not seen in Britain since Prince Charles and Princess Diana parted ways a decade ago, sparking immense rivalry in the British press for the best scoop.

Her lawyers said last week she is suing two newspapers over "false, damaging and immensely upsetting" stories surrounding her divorce from McCartney. She had been vilified in the media and was now being stalked by photographers, the firm said.

Associated Newspapers, the publisher of the Daily Mail and London's Evening Standard, said the stories about Mills and McCartney in both papers "were obtained by proper methods and in accordance with good journalistic practice."

Colbert gets his wish

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — The junior hockey club has TV host Stephen Colbert to thank for the sudden interest in the team's jerseys and hats, which now are selling in places as far and wide as California, Ireland and Scotland.

"Our hat sales are up 25 percent over last year, and Stephen Colbert has helped us in a big way by talking about us every week," Craig Goslin, the Spirit's managing partner, told The Saginaw News for a story this week.

When the team announced it was seeking a name for its new eagle mascot, Colbert — host of "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central — began pleading on the air for the Spirit to name it after him.

The team obliged in September, and Steagle Colbeagle the Eagle was born. Colbert showed the mascot's debut on his program and has given weekly updates on the team's progress ever since.

Goslin said a man recognized a Spirit pullover he was wearing in the Atlanta airport recently and told him he was enjoying hearing about the team on the show.

TOP GROSSING FILMS

@ the box office last weekend

1. Borat, \$28.5 million
2. The Santa Claus 3, \$19.5 million
3. Flushed Away, \$18.8 million
4. Saw III, \$14.8 million
5. The Departed, \$7.7 million
6. The Prestige, \$7.5 million
7. Flags of Our Fathers \$4.4 million

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"My work is a regurgitation of emotions driven by the nervous tension of New York City."

— Carlos Osuna, an artist whose work is currently on display at the Oakland University Art Gallery

Can't we all just get along?

By VICKY LEFEBVRE
Contributing Reporter

Everyone has heard at least one roommate horror story in their lifetime. There's the one about the roommate that never takes a shower, or the one about the crazy neat freak. There have been stories about roommates who take people's things without asking, and who hog all the space.

Yes, these people exist. And there's nothing more frightening for a college student than moving into a dorm or apartment and realizing after a few months that he or she got the roommate from Hell.

There are, however, ways to make living with a difficult roommate manageable.

The important thing to remember, according to Susan Fee's book "My Roommate is Driving Me Crazy," is that small conflicts are normal and inevitable when sharing a small space with another person. Borrowing things without asking and forgetting to flush the toilet are common issues that roommates have conflicts about.

The key in resolving these little problems, Fee says, is to openly communicate with each other, and to focus on the person's behavior rather than their personality. Asking someone to change who they are is a bit drastic. Rather than asking an outgoing roommate to not be perky, ask them to tone down the chattiness while you're trying to study.

Johns Hopkins University's website, www.jhu.edu, also encourages open communication.

They stress going to the roommate

first when there's a problem; talking behind their back isn't going to solve anything. They say that the fear of hurting each other's feelings, which can result in not talking to one another, actually causes more problems than it solves.

Of course, not all roommate situations are nightmarish. Some roomies, like Oakland University freshmen Jenny Lewis, a biology major, and Gabriele Gogas, a health science major, live together harmoniously.

"We're basically like sisters now," Lewis said.

The two knew each other briefly before moving into Hamlin Hall at the beginning of the semester. They say that things have been great, despite the few differences they have.

"I'm a little messy sometimes," Gogas said, and Lewis confirmed with a laugh and a story about how she regularly has to vacuum up Gogas' Crispix cereal when she spills it on the floor in the mornings.

"I wake her up with my excessively loud snoring," Lewis said, "but we never actually get mad at each other."

Lewis and Gogas both hate arguing, and said that they try to come to a general agreement when conflict does arise.

"I try to just laugh it off," Gogas said.

They said that instead of getting mad at each other, they resolve conflicts by making fun of one another's bad habits to the point that the person is too embarrassed to do it again.

"It works for us," Lewis said.

But what happens when a roommate's problems go beyond forgetting



Jenny Lewis (top), a freshman biology major, and her roommate, Gabriele Gogas (bottom), a freshman health science major, have managed to live together peacefully in their Hamlin Hall dorm room so far this semester, despite their differences. They both hate arguing and try to come to an agreement when conflict does arise. "We're basically like sisters now," Lewis said.

to turn the TV off or being messy? What if a roommate has a more serious problem like alcoholism, or an eating disorder?

Fee's book says that being judgmental of a person with a serious problem, or trying to stop them from doing things that are self destructive,

can backfire. They can end up becoming more secretive about their condition, which doesn't help anybody.

Fee suggests encouraging the roommate to seek professional help, and to assure them that they are not alone and can talk about their problems without judgment.

Even when things start to go sour, Fee says to look at the positives in an otherwise difficult roommate.

Lewis agreed, saying that it's important to keep an open mind when living with another person.

"People have certain ways of living together and are just trying to adjust."

ART EXHIBIT REVIEW

Exhibit offers commentary on NYC life



This mixed media piece, "Untitled," by Jeffrey Beebe is one of 69 on display at the Oakland University Art Gallery as part of the current exhibit, "New York Narratives: Works on Paper."

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI
Contributing Reporter

If pictures are measured in worth by words, then it's a

wonder this many stories fit into the Oakland University Art Gallery.

The current exhibit is titled "New York Narratives: Works

on Paper." The show includes 69 selections from eight New York-based artists.

From scrap paper to envelopes to poster-sized pieces

of paper, the mediums vary among artists. Some use watercolors, pens and pencils. Others incorporate magazine clippings, glue and price tags.

William Cordova, one of the showcased artists, said that the random materials "reference the reality" of lived experiences versus the "spectacle" of culture mass-produced for constant consumption.

Bold words.

Cordova's art is similarly blunt. Each of his pieces inspires a different thought while maintaining an unpolished and recycled theme.

One series offers backgrounds of varying patterns and colors as canvases for tiny magazine clippings.

Other artists, including Carlos Osuna and Andrew Chan, chose to comment on themes of pop culture and society in their work.

"My work is a regurgitation of emotions driven by the nervous tension of New York City," Osuna said.

Osuna uses consistent characters in an absurdly whimsi-

cal setting. Picture cartoon creatures penciled with precision against a field of fantasy dotted with pop culture references.

Chan's "Focus Group," done in watercolor and ink, provides an interesting reflection of current American culture. It displays different activities performed by the same group of characters clothed in yellow jumpsuits. They eat what is fed to them and watch what is programmed on their television, all while seeming to lack individual thought.

If Huxley's "Brave New World" were a children's book, then Chan's "Focus Group" would make an excellent illustration.

Maybe that's too much reflection.

Mary Valverde's work will cleanse the contemplative palate. "Ties" and "Curve" offer simple sketches of pen on paper followed by two series of ink on paper.

She said, "Each drawing is familiar but new at the same time because we have seen

parts of it somewhere before." Those words are printed without punctuation on the wall next to Valverde's selections. It reads like a poem and so do her pieces.

While most of the artists offer pictorial commentary on society at large, Charles Koegel stays true to the exhibit's name, offering moments of what he calls "surreal New York."

Koegel's pieces use newspaper clips, watercolor, paper collage and colored pencil to achieve a human quality that is precise and imperfect at the same time.

Each artist contributes a slightly different angle in this simple, yet thoughtful showcase of the beginnings of contemplation and inspiration embodied on paper.

"New York Narratives: Works on Paper" will be showing through Nov. 12, 2006, in the Oakland University Art Gallery located in 208 Wilson Hall. Tickets are not required.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

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TODAY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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Multicultural Roundtable Discussion
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Noon-1 pm, Oakland Room, Oakland Center
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8-9 pm, Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

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Global Market
Samplings of food, crafts & music from around the world
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OU Passport Contest - Fill up your OU passport with stickers
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Closing Ceremony:
"Keep It Real" & Unveiling of OUSC's Unity Mural
An open forum, Part II, on what is yOUr commitment to cultural diversity.
Facilitator: Dr. Jude Nixon, Director of The Honors College
Noon-1 pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
International Faculty, Staff & Friends Reception
Sponsored by The Office of Academic Affairs & Provost
4-6 pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Ninth Annual Diverse Voices Conference:
"Diversity Today: A Moral Perspective" with Dr. Juanita Johnson Bailey,
University of Georgia
11 am-2 pm, Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

Key Findings from exit polls

(AP) - Key findings in an Associated Press poll of Michigan voters:

DEVOS STRENGTHS: Ran strongly among those who attend church several times weekly, born-again evangelical Christians, voters getting ahead financially, strong supporters of President Bush.

GRANHOLM STRENGTHS: Did well with women, blacks, union members, voters with a postgraduate education, those attending religious services infrequently or never. Carried all age and income groups

except those earning more than \$150,000 a year.

GENDER GAP: Women made up a slight majority of the electorate, and about three in five went with Granholm and Stabenow. Narrow majorities of men also sided with Granholm and Stabenow.

ECONOMIC WOES: Voters overwhelmingly described the Michigan economy as in bad shape, and more than half said they had just enough money to maintain their standard of living. About one in five said they were getting ahead, and

roughly the same number said they were falling behind. Most said the job situation in their area had worsened in the past two years. But the poor economy didn't hurt Granholm.

BUSH FACTOR: By about 2-to-1, voters said they disapproved of President Bush's job performance. Those dissatisfied with Bush supported Granholm and Stabenow by large margins. About one in three said their Senate vote was partly an anti-Bush statement, and most of them were pro-Stabenow.

IRAQ: About half said the war was very or extremely important to their Senate vote, and a majority disapproved of the war in Iraq and favored withdrawing at least some troops. Stabenow received most anti-war votes.

TERRORISM: Republicans emphasized the issue of terrorism, but Stabenow won a narrow majority among voters describing it as very or extremely important. She was the solid choice of those saying terrorism was only somewhat or not important.

RELIGION: "Born-again" or evangelical Christians were one of the few bright spots for DeVos and Bouchard. They supported both Republicans by small majorities. But Granholm narrowly won among Protestants as a whole and also drew a majority of the Catholic vote, despite her outspoken support of abortion rights.

LOCATION, LOCATION: Granholm and Stabenow easily outpolled DeVos and Bouchard in large cities, small towns and rural areas, while the suburban vote was almost even in both races.

EARLY DECIDERS: Roughly three-fourths of voters made up their minds in the Senate race a month or more ago, and most of those favored Stabenow. By a narrower margin, she also won among those deciding within the past week.

SWING VOTERS: Granholm and Stabenow won healthy majorities among self-described moderates and independents. Both also eroded their opponents' traditional bases of support, getting the votes of about one in five conservatives.

Nation watches Michigan's proposals

Prop. 2 making national headlines, may ban Affirmative Action

By **TIM MARTIN**
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Supporters and opponents of affirmative action across the nation were watching as Michigan voters considered a ballot proposal that would outlaw some types of affirmative action.

With 50 percent of precincts reporting, 58 percent, or 1,004,065 people voted "yes" on Proposal 2, and 42 percent, or 724,706 voters, were opposed. The measure would ban the use of race and gender preferences in affirmative action programs related to public university admissions and government hiring and contracting.

A majority of voters who said their families were getting ahead financially supported the proposal, according to a statistical analysis of the vote from voter interviews conducted for The Associated Press by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International. A majority of those who said they were falling behind financially were opposed.

Voters who identified themselves as Republicans tended to favor the proposal. Those who considered themselves Democrats tended to oppose it.

California and Washington have passed similar proposals in the past decade. Opponents worried that if the constitutional amendment passed in Michigan, the battle over affirmative action programs would spread to other states and roll back progress made toward equality for minorities and women.

But supporters said affirmative action was unfairly keeping some people from getting jobs and university admissions because minorities were being given an edge. The ballot drive was led by Jennifer Gratz, a white student from suburban Detroit who says she was turned away from the University of Michigan in 1995. She says if she had been black, American Indian or Hispanic, she would have been admitted.

Campaigns were expecting the race would be close.

"We know it's going to be a long night," said David Waymire, spokesman for an opposition group called One United Michigan.

A message was left seeking comment with the group that sponsored the proposal, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Voters reject dove hunting, approve eminent domain restrictions

By **SVEN GUSTAFSON**
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Proposals to restrict eminent domain and protect conservation funds were approved by voters Tuesday, while voters rejected a law allowing dove hunting. A proposal to guarantee annual increases in education funding was trailing in early returns.

With 51 percent of precincts reporting, 68 percent of Michigan voters rejected a law allowing dove hunting, while 32 percent supported it. The state's ban on hunting mourning doves had stood until 2004.

Supporters of the law said hunters should be allowed to pursue the game birds as they can in 40 other states. In advertisements, they alleged that opponents want to eventually stop all hunting.

Dove-hunting opponents deny the charge. They said there's little reason to hunt a bird cherished mostly as a backyard songbird.

The limited dove hunting season was suspended after the first year of a three-year trial season when opponents succeeded in obtaining enough signatures to qualify the referendum for the ballot.

With 51 percent of precincts reporting, a measure to prevent governments from claiming eminent domain to seize private property for certain private economic development projects was approved. Proposal 4, which would enact a 2004 Michigan

Supreme Court ruling into the state constitution, passed with 80 percent supporting it and 20 percent voting no.

Voters also approved a proposal to provide constitutional protection to 13 conservation and recreation funds, keeping them from being raided for other uses. With 51 percent of precincts in, the measure had nearly 81 percent support, while 19 percent opposed it.

Meanwhile, a measure to guarantee yearly funding increases for public school districts, community colleges and universities sufficient to cover inflation was trailing, with 62 percent voting no and 38 percent voting yes. With 51 percent of precincts reporting, the measure trailed, 1,068,371 votes to 642,765. The measure also would reduce the funding gap between districts and cap the costs of employee retirement for local schools and colleges.

The proposal would increase education funding by about \$565 million per year. Any deficiencies would have to come from the state's general fund.

Proponents said the measure would adequately support education after years of uncertain funding. They said it's the best way to ensure the better-educated work force necessary to boost the state's economy.

But critics said the extra funding lacks accountability for student achievement and would mostly cover employee retirement and pension costs. They also worried about its impact on other state services.

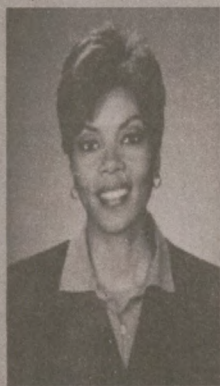
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HOCKEY

Hot streak stopped cold

Hockey team loses momentum and falls in bitter rivalry

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Contributing Reporter

Davenport University added insult to injury as it swept a two game series from a struggling Oakland team this past weekend. Oakland was looking to bounce back after losing two games to Iowa State the weekend before, but the Panthers proved to be a tough match for the Golden Grizzlies, as DU claimed a 5-1 victory last Friday night at the Onyx and followed up with a 7-3 victory on their home ice in Grand Rapids the next night.

Down 2-0 late in the second period, freshman Scott Kalinowski took advantage of a DU penalty and beat former Grizzlies net-minder Chris Joswiak to score OU's lone goal of the night. The Panthers unleashed three more goals in the final period to hand junior goalie Andrew Hansen his second consecutive loss.

Davenport's Jonah Rogowski had two goals and an assist against his former club, while Bob Collar added a pair of goals, and Adam Thomas scored once.

"We're down to three lines because of injuries, and we've had a few guys out sick this week," said Head Coach Sean Hogan following his team's defeat Friday night.

Friday's game also marked the Golden Grizzlies' first loss on home ice this season. Hogan attributes the previous success to the familiarity of the arena and the routine associated with playing in front of the home crowd.

OU had a goal in each period in Saturday's contest, but it wasn't nearly enough to keep up with the Panthers. Freshman

Trent Mitchell, sophomore John Parrish and senior Scott Elder all hit the back of the net for the Golden Grizzlies. However, DU exploded in the third period yet again, reeling off four unanswered goals, including a hat trick by Thomas.

Oakland's power play continued to suffer, going 1-14 with the man advantage this weekend and giving up six power play goals and two short-handed markers to Davenport.

Freshman Garrett Kondratek sat out Saturday's game with an injury after playing the night before, bringing Oakland's injury total to four. Also out are senior Jordan Ingram, sophomore Steve Piccoli, and freshman Shawn Rotondi.

After hitting this rough patch of ice, OU will take this weekend off to regroup. The University of Washington Huskies have called off Saturday's game, giving the Grizzlies an opportunity to prepare and reevaluate before traveling to DU once more on Nov. 19.

"The past few games, we've been playing really bad. They've just been lazy," said Hogan.

However, if Oakland hopes to continue climbing the national ranks, things need to turn around fast. The third ranking of the season was released last Friday and the Golden Grizzlies moved up a notch from tenth place to ninth in the ACHA Division I standings.

Following tournaments at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and in Buffalo, NY, Oakland returns to home ice Dec. 8 to play host to the Liberty University Flames, who currently stand at 8-3 overall.

ACHA Division I Top Ten

1. Illinois
2. Rhode Island
3. Penn State
4. Oklahoma
5. Ohio
6. Iowa State
7. Lindenwood
8. Michigan-Dearborn
9. Oakland
10. Arizona State

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Volleyball falls again

The Oakland volleyball team dropped two more home matches last weekend, losing to Western Illinois 3-1 on Friday and 3-2 to UMKC on Saturday. Oakland played well in the second game, taking a 32-30 win. Sophomore Leah Dupuie led the offensive charge for Oakland with 21 kills on the night. Sophomore Lauren Duquette played well defensively with 27 digs. The Golden Grizzlies had a little more success against UMKC than their previous meeting but still came up short. Dupuie added to her team lead with 19 kills followed by junior Monica Frechen with 17 kills. The Golden Grizzlies hit the road for final two matches of the season against Mid-Con rival IUPUI and at Chicago State. Oakland is 1-22 overall and 0-10 in the Mid-Con.

Women's swimming splits road meets

The women's swimming team defeated Cincinnati 152-134 on Friday but followed it up with a loss to Wright State 155.5 to 142.5 on Saturday. At Friday's meet, Senior Amanda Burwell kept up her dominance as of late taking three wins for the Golden Grizzlies taking victories in the 200 butterfly, 200 backstroke and the 400 individual medley. Sophomore Sophia Gustafsson took home the 200 freestyle. Results of the Wright State meet were not available as of press time. Recently, Gustafsson was recently named Mid-Con Athlete of the Week for her performance in last week's tri-meet.

Men's swimming downs Cincinnati, falls to Wright State

The men's swimming team dominated Cincinnati Friday winning the meet 171.5-122.5. The team however lost to Wright State Saturday by a score of 170-124. Junior Zoltan Horvath and Sophomore Aaron Holdsworth picked up two victories apiece. Also for Oakland, Junior Chris Tansel swam his fastest time of the season in the 100 butterfly, touching the wall at 51.67 seconds. Freshman Eddie Toro took home the win in the 200 butterfly by one second. Results of the Wright State meet were not available as of press time. The next meet for the men's and women's teams is this Friday at 5 p.m. against Eastern Michigan and Princeton at the OU Rec Center Pool.

Soccer teams rake in awards

Last week the Mid-Con announced their soccer players of the year. Junior Kristi Tomczyk took the Offensive Player of the Year honor and Senior Cat Panabaker took the Defensive Player of the Year honor. Tomczyk, Panabaker and Junior Kristi Evans were named to the All-Conference first team. On the men's side, Junior Adam Brent and Freshman Stefan St. Louis were named to the All-Conference first team.

Freshman Jones makes noise against Cornerstone

Freshman Johnathon Jones brought Grizzly fans to their feet Monday

night when he netted 24 points in Oakland's 94-75 victory. He shot 7-7 from the field and sank three treys. The OU guard also contributed three assists.

Pistons gear up for roadtrip

Our hometown Pistons begin a three game roadtrip tonight, starting with a matchup against Mike Bibby and the Sacramento Kings, with a tip-off time of 10:30. After that, Detroit travels to the Staples Center to play the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday, then its off to a game against Golden State the next day. All three games will be broadcast on Fox Sports Detroit. The Pistons are currently 2-2 overall this season and are tied with Chicago and Milwaukee in the Central Division.

Woodley named finalist for Lombardi award

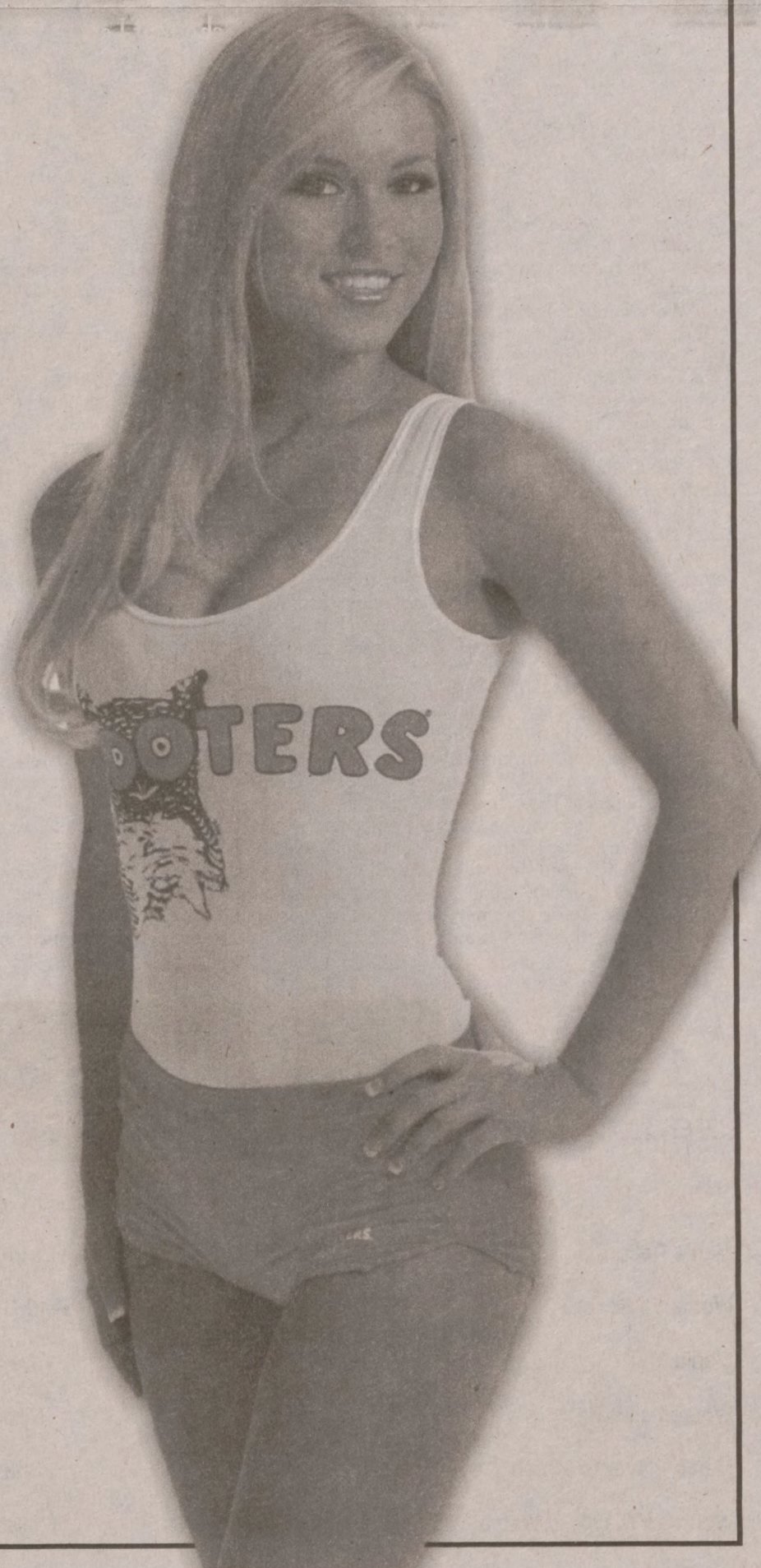
Defensive end LaMarr Woodley was named one of four finalists named Tuesday for the Lombardi Award, presented annually to the nation's top lineman. Other nominees are Texas lineman Justin Blalock, OSU's Quinn Pitcock, and Paul Posluszny of Penn State. If Woodley were to win, he would be the first Wolverine to receive the award.

—By Rob Tate and Samantha Franz
Senior Reporter and Sports Editor

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GOLDEN GRIZZLIES DOMINATE IN EXHIBITION...

The Golden Grizzlies both dominated in their exhibition games Monday at the O'Rena. The men's team defeated Cornerstone, 94-75 after trailing by two at halftime. On the women's side, OU took down visiting Western Ontario, 81-54.

The Defenders

Women's basketball hungry for second ticket to Big Dance

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

When some women go to a big dance, they pull out all the stops. They pick out a killer dress, make appointments for their hair and nails, and put on a pair of strappy heels. But for the 2006 NCAA Big Dance, our Golden Grizzlies did things a little differently. Their dancing shoes came in the form of a high-topped Nike and instead of a gown, they were in favor of donning OU's black and gold.

While they lost in the opening round of the tournament to number one seeded Ohio State, they had a taste of the national spotlight and are hungry for more this season.

Preparation for this season got underway when senior Bonnie Baker and sophomore Jessica Pike accompanied Head Coach Beckie Francis to France this summer as part of an Athletes in Action team, where Francis got into the swing of coaching early in August, instead of waiting until October.

"It gave me some experience of teaching motion again and getting in the habit of coaching the drills. It helped me refresh myself," she said.

Losing three seniors to graduation in the off season, including 2006 Mid-Con tournament MVP Anne Hafeli, certainly hasn't slowed the Grizzlies offense down. They are still fine-tuning their playbook as they prepare for their regular season opener.

"We're still running the same offense, but we're still trying to figure things out. There were an awful lot of shots taken by those three (graduates Hafeli, Jayme Wilson, and Lakeshia White)," Francis said. "I think they're very unselfish and no one's trying to fill their shoes. It's just trying to coordinate the old people with the new people and see what happens. That's how the offense flows."

On the defensive end, Francis is pleased with the team chemistry off the court, but feels the team needs to practice working together when the opposing team has the ball.

"I think we're athletic, but when you have a lot

of new players like we have, including transfers, it's all about trust and working together," she said. "It's still early so we're still working on our help and recover and getting each other's back. We're doing that as people and as friends but there are a lot of repetitions that have to be done on the court still."

Look for senior captains Baker, Nicole Piggott, and Joya Puryear to take the reigns this season, along with Pike, as voted by her teammates.

"She's very coachable and she's a 4.0 student," Francis said of her young captain. "She's a model leader."

In addition, Pike scored 16 points in their exhibition game against Western Ontario Monday.

And they will need that leadership when they take on a slew of big name teams in their non-league season, which kicks off Nov. 13.

"The non-league schedule is very tough," Francis said. "Florida State and Marquette have been in the top 25 previously and we have two Final Four teams in UConn and Auburn. We're looking to be competitive, maybe knock somebody off like we did in 2002. We played five top 25 teams and beat one and it gave us a lot of confidence going into the Mid-Con season."

And when that Mid-Con season approaches, the Golden Grizzlies look to prove their rivals wrong. Despite winning the conference tournament and earning a NCAA playoff berth last season, a Mid-Con preseason poll picked OU to finish a surprising sixth overall in the conference.

"I have to be careful with my words here," Francis said with a chuckle. "Yes, we were surprised. I'll just say that."

Polls and practices aside, Francis is very proud of her team this season, not just because of how they play but because of what kind of young women they are.

"The players we have are very good people," Francis said. "If you get to see them or meet them on campus, you're going to want to root for them. They're just fun, hard-working, good people. I'd encourage people to get to know us and come out and support us."



Sophomore April Kidd pushes the ball up the court on a fastbreak play during their exhibition game against Western Ontario. The speedy guard contributed two steals in OU's 81-54 victory.

Grizzlies ready to show new colors

Kampe: "We're going to be a very changed team"

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

After what Head Coach Greg Kampe calls "the worst season we ever had" during his 22 previous years as Oakland University's head coach, the Golden Grizzlies look to exorcise their demons from last season and start anew.

"We're going to be a very changed team," Kampe said. "If there are students who have been here for a few years and watched us play, we've been kind of a fast-paced team that scores a lot of points and hasn't been very good defensively. It's going to be a slower pace, so hopefully we'll be a lot tougher than we've been and a lot better defensively."

On the offensive end, the Golden Grizzlies are hardly concerned about the loss of Calvin Wooten to ineligibility. In fact, Kampe sees this as an opportunity for his team to really start playing as one.

"I think it's going to be committee-like and not one guy is going to average 21 points," he said. "I don't see that with this team. I see that we're going to have a lot of different guys that, on any given night, can score. And if we're going to win, that's what's going to have to happen. We have a lot of good scorers, but, not one great scorer, which I think is good."

One factor missing from last year's roster was senior leadership. Now, the Golden Grizzlies have three seniors in Vova Severovas, Shawn Hopes and Rick Billings. Kampe sees a lot of promise in their ability to lead this team.

"Most teams at the collegiate level need good senior leadership and it was evident last year and there was never a sense of urgency," Kampe said. "It was always, 'well, it (the game) didn't go very well but we'll get better. There's next year.' But now there is no next year for those three guys. Those players were part of that losing season and don't like that they were a part of that. I think all those

factors have led to what I think has been a very successful preseason."

Successful indeed. In early September, OU played in a three-game tournament in Canada and swept all three teams they played. In addition, they rolled over exhibition opponent Indiana Wesleyan, 77-56. However, Kampe doesn't want fans to get the idea that is what they should expect in the regular season.

"I don't think beating three Canadian teams and a NAIA team (Indiana Wesleyan) is any indication that we're good enough or ready to play yet," he said. "We've played very well in those games and we're becoming a pretty good defensive team, but we think time will tell if we are."

Regardless, they will need the confidence gained in their preseason for a tough non-league schedule, including a road trip from Arkansas to UCLA and Marquette.

Kampe confesses he may have overdone it this season when scheduling.

"We have a history of playing difficult non-league schedules," he said. "I might have gone overboard this year. We play two teams in the top-five in the country, as well as playing teams in major conferences."

Kampe feels that his team can handle the heat of the non-league schedule this season.

"I have a team that I think can win some games. What we have to be careful of is that in playing all these big boys, we don't get beat up and lose our confidence," he said.

Playing these games will give the Golden Grizzlies national recognition (think SportsCenter highlight reels) and prepare them for playing in front of large crowds, which if all goes well this season, they will be doing plenty of.

"I'm really looking forward to this season," Kampe said. "I like my team. I like them as kids and how hard they've worked. They get along really well and I think they're going to represent Oakland University very well."



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

Senior Rick Billings goes up for the dunk against Cornerstone Monday. Billings shot 7-11 from the field and finished the night with 16 points and two assists.

Post Panel Predictions



	Samantha Franz Sports Editor	Kyle Magin Special Projects Reporter	Rob Tate Senior Reporter	Brittany Ochtinsky Contributing Reporter	Corey Hagood WXOU Sports Director
Men's Record	14-16 (6-8 Mid-Con)	9-21 (4-10 Mid-Con)	16-14 (9-5 Mid-Con)	17-13 (10-4 Mid-Con)	13-17 (7-7 Mid-Con)
Women's Record	17-11 (9-5 Mid-Con)	18-10 (11-3 Mid-Con)	16-12 (8-6 Mid-Con)	16-12 (9-5 Mid-Con)	18-10 (9-5 Mid-Con)
Men's MVP	Vova Severovas	Vova Severovas	Rick Billings	Vova Severovas	Vova Severovas
Women's MVP	Jessica Pike	Nicole Piggott	Nicole Piggott	Nicole Piggott	Nicole Piggott
Men's Player to Watch	Brandon Cassise	Shane Lawal	Johnathon Jones	Johnathon Jones	Johnathon Jones
Women's Player to Watch	April Kidd	Melissa Jeltema	Elizabeth Sowers	Rachel Bryer	April Kidd