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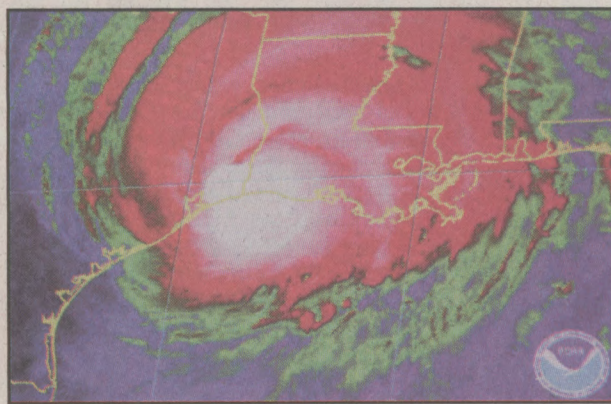
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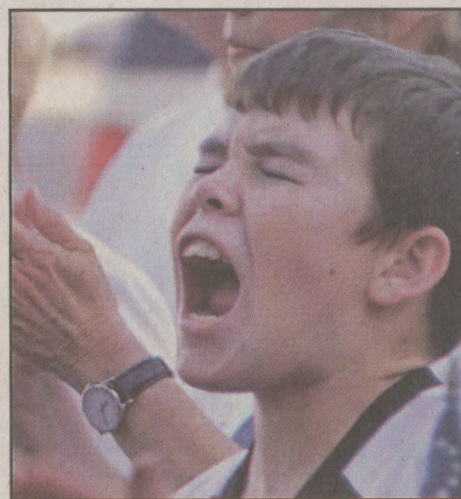
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OU's political science experts analyze the recent anti-war protests on A10.

The Associated Press

Gay couples win battle in MI

Judge rules gay couples can receive health insurance benefits

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Public universities and governments can provide health insurance to the partners of gay employees without violating the Michigan constitution, a judge ruled Tuesday. Ingham County Circuit

Judge Joyce Draganchuk said the purpose of a 2004 constitutional amendment was to ban gay marriage and civil unions — not to keep public employers from offering benefits to gay employees. "Health care benefits are not

among the statutory rights or benefits of marriage," she wrote, arguing that health insurance coverage is not limited to those who are married. "Health care benefits for a spouse are benefits of employment, not benefits of marriage."

A measure passed by Michigan voters last November made the union between a man and a woman the only agreement recognized as a marriage "or similar union for any purpose." Those six words led to a

fight over benefits for gay couples. Republican Attorney General Mike Cox issued a legal opinion in March saying the measure prohibited the city of Kalamazoo from providing

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Should same sex-couples relieve health insurance benefits? E-mail your thoughts to editor@oakpostonline.com.

Students join the fight against hate



Top: OU Senior Rachel Anderegg and friend Dan Chioreanu hold candles in honor of those who have been victims of hate-crimes.

Right: Students gather around the sundial last Wednesday as part of OU's Anti-Hate week.



State chief justice translates the limits of law

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Gay marriage and Internet censorship are just two topics that the U.S. Constitution doesn't venture into. But one thing is for sure, the government should stay out, said Clifford W. Taylor,

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice on Tuesday night.

In a lecture sponsored by Cooley Law School and Oakland University, Taylor addressed the vagueness of the Constitution and its relationship with the law to an audience of about 50 people in the Meadow Brook Theatre.

"If the constitution doesn't address something, then the federal government has no role in the area," Taylor said. "It's left to the people to elect officials to choose for them" in their states.

Taylor was nominated to the state's supreme court in 1997 by Former Gov. John Engler. When he was appointed he became the 100th

justice to be named to the court. This year, he was voted chief justice by his six colleagues.

"He's got a view of constitutional interpretation that's really at the heart of the debate in Washington," said John Nussbaumer, associate

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Katrina's stirs nation

By BRIAN DORMAN
The Oakland Post

It struck the Gulf Coast several weeks ago. It killed hundreds and left thousands displaced without homes. It has been recorded as one of the strongest storms in history.

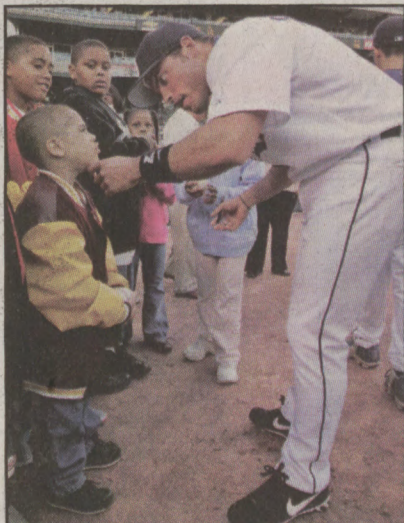
"Hurricane Katrina may be the most important event of your lives, our lives," Dale Nesbary, associate professor of political science, said at a current events panel discussion last week.

Nesbary, joined by three professors from the economic and political science fields, discussed several events in today's current news at this semester's first current events discussion.

"Financially, it was huge, just huge," said associate professor of economics Ron Tracy on the economic aftermath of Katrina.

Panelists agreed on the impact Katrina has had and will continue to have, but disagreed on President

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Detroit Tigers' Ivan Rodriguez greets Hurricane Katrina evacuee Jeremy Meilleur, 7, of New Orleans before their game against the Seattle Mariners on Friday. Rodriguez donated \$48,000 to benefit four families that have relocated to Michigan.

The Associated Press

AMU will lobby state for increased funding

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Tuition keeps hiking up. Students are protesting. And Nov. 17 just may be the day students may begin to see change, when Oakland University's Student Congress and interested students visit the capitol.

After a weekend of debate at OU, the Association of

Michigan Universities resolved to have a lobbying day in Lansing.

Student government members from the 15 state universities will unite to lobby for more money for higher education, an event that is open to all students.

No date has been set yet, but the event should take

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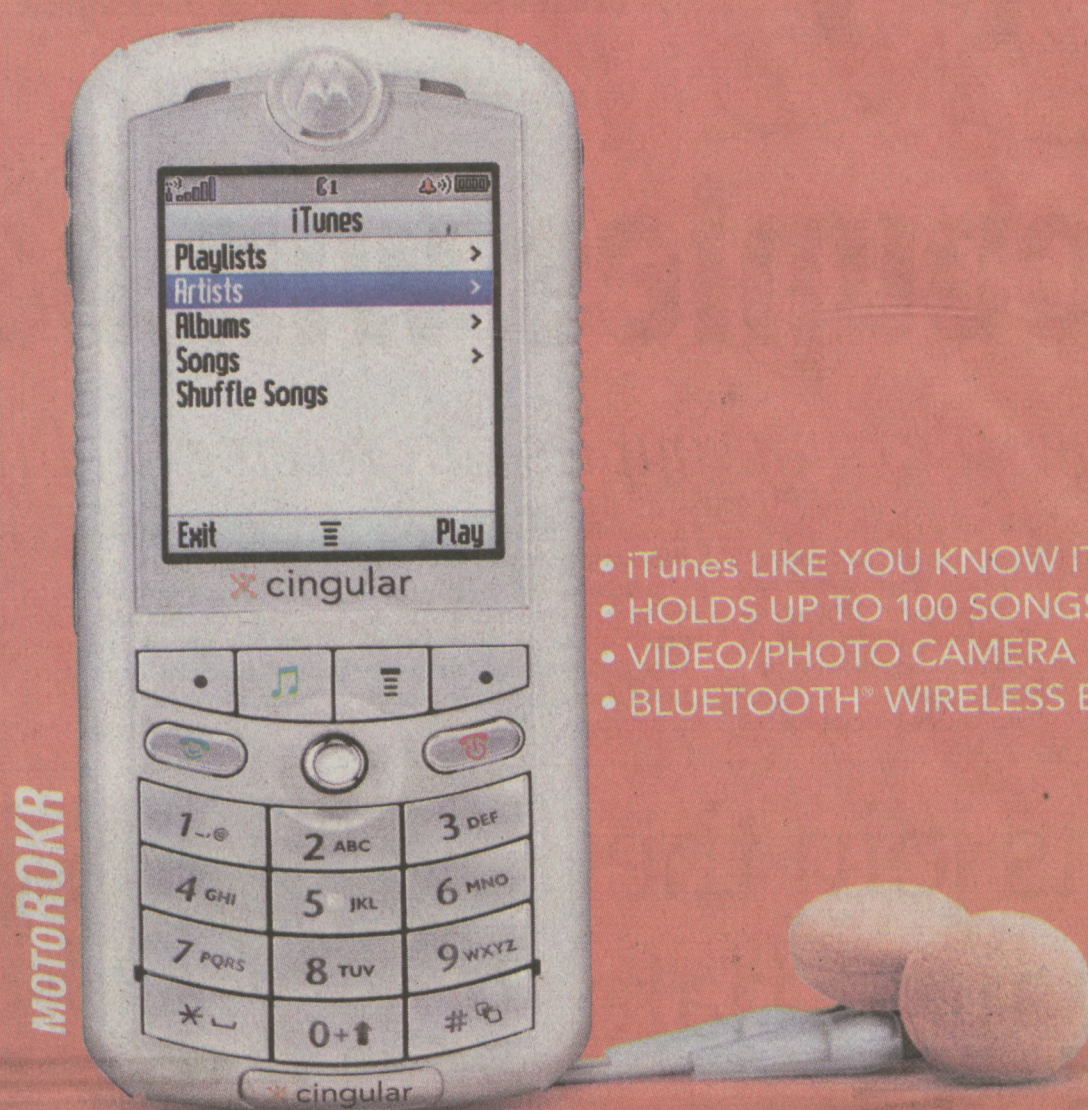
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SPIN connection lost

By **DAN WILKINSON**
Photographer

For anyone who thinks that environmentalism has nothing to do with business, think again.

Students, faculty and other community members gathered in the Banquet rooms in the Oakland Center to explore the topic of "Environmental Ethics in a Business Atmosphere," an event hosted by Students Promoting Interest in Nature and GreenConnect.

The group in attendance, about 30 in all, was comprised of people who voiced their passions on environmental stewardship.

SPIN and GreenConnect invited 40 local businesses to the event, but none of the businesses were able to attend.

Despite the setback, SPIN and GreenConnect continued on with the event.

Don Mayer, professor of manage-

ment and marketing, returned to campus as the special speaker for this event, despite being currently on sabbatical.

Mayer criticized businesses whose goal is maximizing profits at any cost, and argued that businesses that want to be successful in the long term must start thinking about how their business effects the environment.

He also explained the obstacles that businesses must face before they adopt a more environmentally conscious approach and offered strategies to deal with the tension between "profit maximization" and "stewardship."

"There's a sensitivity to the environment that needs to be there ... we need to think ahead. We need to think about it individually," he said.

"If you're going to run a business successfully you need to think about short-term profits, but you also need to think about the future," he added.

Jessica Henry, the president of SPIN, said she was disappointed with the seeming lack of interest in the student body when it comes to environmental issues, and said she was upset that none of the businesses invited attended.

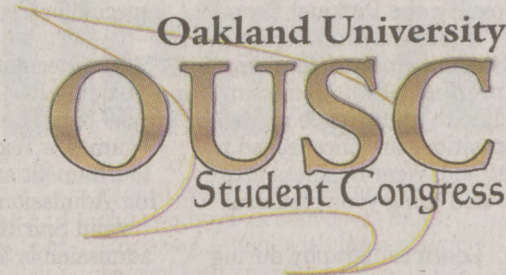
However, Henry said she was "happy that more than five people showed up ... that there are some people recognizing that you have to be able to look at what businesses are doing, and how you can make an effort to make them more community based, have ethics, and have environmental wisdom."

SPIN members said they plan to change the student body's lack of interest by making recruiting one of its top priorities this year.

"It may seem like things aren't getting better ... but there will come a time when old thinking will not work anymore," Mayer said.

"There's a sensitivity to the environment that needs to be there ... we need to think ahead. We need to think about it individually."

Don Mayer
Business Professor



OUSC pleased by outcome of AMU and Anti-Hate week

By **ALICIA SOSSI**
Senior Reporter

Thank-yous were the main theme at the Oakland University Student Congress meeting Monday, as the body discussed last week-end's successful Association of Michigan Universities Conference, as well as last week's Anti-Hate campaign on campus.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness and other members of OUSC thanked all who helped with the events and communicated the positive comments legislators from other universities made about the OU-hosted AMU conference. "This weekend was very successful," McGuinness said. "We were portrayed in such a positive light."

Madalyn Miller, Student Program Board chair, agreed, and relayed comments that the conference at OU was "one of the best, if not the best," and that participants from other universities were impressed with OU's campus and resources.

Like the AMU Conference, OUSC members agreed that Anti-Hate Week was a great success. "It was impactful," said Student Body Vice President Kori Lynn Caver. "It brought awareness and unity."

According to Katie Miller, Student Services director, a similar week with a more positive-sounding message such as Spread the Love Week will take place on campus in the winter semester.

OUSC members also discussed the possibility of participating in the National Day of Silence on April 13, 2006.

Katie Miller suggested making T-shirts for students to wear to explain their silence and then having a party at the end of the night when the silence is broken. The ideas will be given further consideration.

In other business, the discussion topic of the week was affirmative action, and members agreed that a plan of action needs to be formed. McGuinness reminded legislators that OUSC went on record last year in support of affirmative action and in opposition of any effort to eliminate it.

The next OUSC meeting will be held Monday Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

How do you feel about the student body's level of interest in environmental issues? Do you care about nature? E-mail us your thoughts at editor@oakpostonline.com.

Students take cover from rain



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Top: After rain storms pounded Southeast Michigan, a rainbow was seen rising from Vandenberg Hall.

Top Right: Rain seeped into the basement of the Oakland Center as rain pounded.

Right: Thursday evening's storm caught student's off guard as they ran to their classes and cars in the torrents of rain.



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Good cause leads to good times

By **JULIE WOJCHIECHOWSKI**
The Oakland Post

Oakland University students and a local bar teamed up on Thursday, Sept. 22 to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims.

The fundraiser was held at JD's Key Club in Downtown Pontiac.

"I got the idea because I was trying to think of a way I could help," senior Carrie Kolasa said.

She said she had seen the success of previous fundraisers from other organizations while she was employed at JD's.

"I wanted the earliest possible date for the fundraiser," Kolasa said. "It worked out well that I could get in so soon."

According to Kolasa, all of the money collected for cover charges was donated to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

In addition, half of all the beverage sales also went as proceeds.

"All we asked for is people to come out and drink and have a good time," said Kolasa.

"I think this was a great way to raise money with college students," junior O'Neil Franso said. "It was held at a location we have all been at, and we didn't have to do anything extra to have our normal good time."

"I understand OU students don't have a lot of money to donate," Kolasa said.

"My hope was for this to help the victims. Every bit will help," she said.



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Junior Adam Panchenko can now be heard over the air waves after repairs to the station's transmitter were finished. WXOU can still be listened to by accessing visiting <http://www.wxou.org>.

WXOU's back

Oakland University's student-run radio station, WXOU 88.3 FM, is back this week after being off-air for over two months. The station's transmitter was hit by lightning July 16, damaging the transmission between the studio, which is in the lower level of the Oakland Center, and the transmitter in

Auburn Hills. The phone lines between the station and transmitter were also damaged. After replacing the damaged parts, the station is transmitting to campus and surrounding communities. WXOU resumed transmission at 88.3 FM, Monday at 1 p.m. and can still be heard at <http://www.wxou.org>. "We are excited to be back," said Christine Cronauer, the faculty advisor of WXOU.

—Kelly L. Reynolds,
Assistant News Editor

POLICEFILES

■ A student reported an assault and battery incident that occurred over the weekend to OUPD on Monday. While visiting a female friend, a young male heard a knock on her apartment door. When he answered, he was struck four times in the face by a male suspect. The suspect then left the area with a group of friends. The incident occurred early morning Saturday, but the victim waited to get treatment at Crittenton Hospital later in the day. He received eight

stitches next to his left eye and was treated for facial bruises.

■ While using the first floor men's restroom in Vandenberg Hall, a student noticed two threats written in black marker on the southern most stall door. The threats, "Kill George W. Bush" and "He is the terrorist" were photographed and placed as evidence. It is unknown who wrote the threats.

■ A soccer game turned violent when two males on opposite teams exchanged blows. While both going for the ball, the indi-

viduals got into a pushing match. One male was knocked to the ground and kicked in the chest. The other claimed that he was kicked in the leg during the game and was being rushed upon at the time of the incident. OUPD noticed a red mark on the man's chest and advised him to seek medical attention. He refused, despite complaining of breathing problems. In a follow-up call, the man reported that he was bruised on the chest, but after a few hours of sleep he was feeling better. He stated that he wants to press charges against the other male.

UP AND COMING

Wednesday, Sept. 28

The Fall Career Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms in the Oakland Center. Students interested in engineering, technical, nursing, health and science related positions are encouraged to attend. Wear business attire and bring your resumes.

Learn calligraphy during your lunch. Join others in room Lake Superior B of the OC from noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

The Physics Colloquium will be from noon to 1 p.m. in room 372 of the Science and Engineering Building. The discussion will be on the use of femto-second lasers for fabrication of photonic and micro-fluidic devices.

Friday, Sept. 30

The Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall will host Friday Night Live with Tom Cotter at 7 p.m. Cotter has been voted "Best Stand-Up" at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival and has filmed his own half-hour special for Comedy Central.

The Recreation Center is holding Rec Fest from 9-11:59 p.m. There will be food, games, a Texas Hold 'Em tournament and face-painting. Admission is free with a valid SpiritCard. Guest admission is \$5 with a limit of one guest per student. Prizes, including an Xbox, DVD player, \$100 gas cards and more, will be given away.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Don't get caught up in cheating. Learn what plagiarism is and how to cite sources at this transition workshop in the Oakland room of the OC. Event takes place from noon to 1 p.m.

Sticky situation raises money for Relay for Life team



Gary Baker, a graduate student, tapes Jeff Frankowiak, Vandenberg Hall director, to the wall.

The hall director of Vandenberg Hall, Jeff Frankowiak, was duct-taped to the wall outside of Vandenberg Cafeteria Monday in an effort to raise money for Vandenberg's Relay for Life team.

Frankowiak was duct-taped to the wall from noon to 1 p.m. and raised over \$50 for the team. The money was raised by students who purchased pieces of duct tape to hold the hall director to the wall.

"There were a lot of residents that came out to participate," said Katie Miller, the Community Outreach resident assistant. "Jeff was a very good sport."

The event was organized by the 7 West Community Outreach Floor of Vandenberg Hall. OU will host the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk Oct. 7-8.

—Compiled by Kelly L. Reynolds, Assistant News Editor

New majors attract students to SECS

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Hundreds of students attend classes every week in the Dodge Hall of Engineering.

Many of them are working toward one of the eight degrees offered in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

In the fall of 2004, SECS had nearly 1,200 students earning degrees. During that semester, nearly all of those students were undecided about their majors.

Starting Oct. 17, advisors from across campus will be trying to reduce that number of undecided students.

OU is hosting an advising week, running from Oct. 17-21, to give students a chance to see an advisor without making an appointment weeks in advance.

The week will also provide information to students who wish to change majors.

Patrick Bennett, academic advisor coordinator, spoke with The Oakland Post about what the SECS offers.

What majors are offered?

Starting this semester, two new degrees were added to the six already available in the SECS. A bachelor's degree can now be earned in industrial systems and engineering, and information technology.

"We're anticipating good enrollment, especially for the IT program," Bennett said. Actual enrollment numbers for this semester are currently unavailable.

Other degrees include mechanical engineering, computer science, computer engineering and electrical engineering.

Two programs, engineering chemistry and engineering physics, are offered jointly with the College of Arts and Sciences.

How does the job market look for graduates?

"Michigan is a tough rebound," Bennett said.

However, "engineering is one of the more marketable fields. More and more engineers are going into law school; engineers are by nature problem solvers."

Even though the market in Michigan is small, the American Society for Engineering Education reports there is still a high demand for engineers.

Six of the top 10 most sought-after bachelor's degrees, according to ASEE, are offered at OU.

Two of the larger programs at OU, mechanical and electrical engineer-

ing, have average starting salaries of more than \$50,000, according to ASEE.

Are there any GPA requirements for the majors?

All students are directly admitted to major standing in their freshman year.

Students must have had a 3.0 minimum GPA in high school to be accepted to the SECS.

Students wishing to transfer to the major need to complete the first core classes with a GPA of at least 2.8.

Once in the school, students need to maintain a 2.0 GPA to graduate.

However, most students graduate with a higher GPA than that, according to Bennett.

"Traditionally, engineering gets a strong group of students," Bennett said.

Are there any special programs or clubs students can join?

"The school of engineering probably has more student organizations than any other school on campus," Bennett said.

At last count, there were more than a dozen clubs affiliated with the school.

The clubs range from the Society of Automotive Engineers, which designs and builds cars, to the Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity.

Students pursuing a degree in mechanical, electrical or computer engineering and computer science may also take the entire program at the Macomb University Center in Clinton Township.

For more information about the SECS, contact the advising office at OU at (248) 370-2201 or the office at MUC at (586) 263-6374.

FALL CAREER FAIR

TODAY

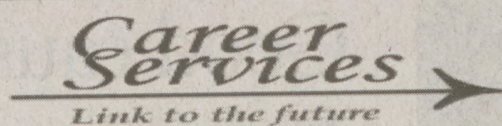
Wednesday, September 28, 2005

**Engineering, Technical, Nursing,
Health & Science Candidates**

TIME: 11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: OC Banquet Rooms

**All OU students & alumni are welcome free of charge
Attend one or both days, wear professional dress and bring plenty of resumes!**



**Companies/organizations attending are listed on the CS web site:
www.oakland.edu/careerservices**

For further information contact Career Services: 248-370-3250 or 275 W. Vandenberg Hall

TOMORROW

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Business & Liberal Arts Candidates

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CSA SERVICE WINDOW EVENTS:

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

- DSO Pops: Toast to Ole Blue Eyes (Oct 6)
- Norma (Oct 12 & 14)
- Late Night Catechism (Oct 18)
- Peter Pan (Oct 18 & 23)
- The Kirov Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty (Oct 21)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers (Nov 2)
- DSO Pops: The Best of the Tonys (Nov 3)
- Menopause: The Musical (Nov 6)
- The Flying Karamov Brothers (Nov 6)
- La Boheme (Nov 9 & 11)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (Nov 10)
- Cats (Nov 13)
- Golda's Balcony (Nov 20)
- Savion Glover (Nov 20)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular With the "Rockettes" (Dec 1, 5, 22)
- Joffrey Ballet: "The Nutcracker" (Dec 2)
- DSO: Ode to Joy (Dec 15)
- Broadway's Spirit of Christmas (Dec 4)
- Russian National Ballet Company: Swan Lake (Jan 8)

Lunch & Learn Event

Introduction to Calligraphy

**TODAY! September 28
noon-1 p.m.
Lake Superior
Room B, OC**

**The first 30 people to
attend get a free
calligraphy pen!**

**Were you a part of
Jump Start 2005?**

**Then contact Sam about
the Reunion at x2024**

**Friday, September 30
5 - 6:30 p.m., Gold Rooms**

**Did you find out what
WOCOU means yet?**

**It's the Week Of
Champions at OU!**

**Carnaval WOCOU
coming in October!**

Check out SPB's Reality Week!

September 26-30th

A week long celebration of the reality television phenomenon, with games, prizes and excitement galore!

Student Organization Advisors Training & Roundtable

**Thursday October 6
noon- 1 p.m.
Rooms 128-130, OC**

This event is open to all faculty and staff members who advise student organizations. This training will provide updated information on any new policies and procedures for student organizations.

Student Life Lecture Board Presents: Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Wednesday, October 5
7 p.m., Banquet Rooms, OC**

Noted environmental lawyer/activist and son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy will be speaking at OU. The lecture is free and seating for 600 will be available on a first come basis. The lecture will be interpreted for the deaf.

Hispanic Celebration '05 "Lets Celebrate Latino Cultures"

September 12-30th

**Friday, September 30
Closing Ceremony: Fiesta Latina**
Featuring musical entertainment by Gloria Sosa, Director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives. Hispanic vendors, FREE Latin American food and beverages.
noon-2 p.m., OC Patio

**iCelebremos nuestras culturas
latinoamericanas!**

OU student treks down Detroit



By
**MINEHAHA
FORMAN**
The Oakland
Post

In the wake of hurricane Katrina, many people have become aware of the effects of sudden destruction.

Citizens may not be able to understand the full extent of the danger hurricanes pose.

It is evident, however, that ruins of cities are closer to home than some might imagine, especially for southeastern Michigan residents.

In southeastern Michigan, things more powerful than hurricanes have tormented the city of Detroit, such as prejudice, corruption and negative attitudes.

The devastation is evident on the commute from Birmingham to Detroit, along a 15-mile stretch on Woodward Avenue.

My friend and I decided to venture on foot into the city of

degenerated glory, starting from Birmingham.

From a car window, the city looks different than to a pedestrian on a sidewalk. The grainy gray vein of sidewalk grows smaller, rippling with heat waves in the distance.

The end of our walk is neither visible nor imaginable as the midday heat elevates into the high 90's making each step more difficult. Cars on my right are flying by northbound on Woodward Ave., and I am moving steadily south under the sun.

After walking for nearly an hour and approaching 14 mile, I can tell I am still in Birmingham: a neatly manicured, small new money city in metro Detroit.

The city of Detroit and its surrounding suburbs is the classic example of suburban sprawl, known to many as "white flight" or "urban decay" as many of Detroit's white city dwellers moved in response to a growing African American population in the early 1960s.

What was once a French fur trading city and Motown, the Motor City is now a bar-

ricaded slum surrounded by suburban wealth.

Moving into the city on foot provides the graphic images that before where only facts plastered on pages of newspapers or seen on TV.

As we walk south, the grass on both sides of the sidewalk grows taller.

My eyes settle on a clump of smashed grass, and flies buzz thickly in the air above the matt of broken stalks.

On the ground rests a ripped side of a cardboard box that reads, "help. im homlis hungry."

To take my mind off the blood-boiling sun, I look at the intersection to see how far each laborious step has brought us, and a crooked sign reveals that we are at 8 mile and Woodward.

Eight mile is said to be the barrier that ends the suburbs and begins the ghetto, or vice versa. It is the point beyond which many of my friends in high school would never venture for the casual reason, "I don't wanna get shot."

In truth, I find it to be the opposite.

I feel almost welcome. Almost every person we passed after eight mile nodded with a cordial "good day," from old women loaded down with bags of groceries in tattered clothes to young children running

up the sidewalk with no shoes.

A girl sitting under the shade of a tree along the roadside with a bottle of water makes me jealous and the pangs of despotism entertain thoughts of taking the water from her.

There are people in this city who have been born into these desperate situations, and I am beginning to remotely understand or empathize with the desolate feeling of being cornered, and the choices remaining when every other option has evaporated are morality and survival.

I reach the end of my endurance. The heat, the walk, and perhaps the extreme change in scenery over the past 10 miles of walking has taken a large toll on my body and mind.

On the steps of a sturdy government building advertising passports, I sit and feel the decaying world spinning around me.

The people with blank eyes, the cracking pavement and crumbling walls, the pain and struggle of everyday life goes on.

We sit on the concrete steps for about a half hour, taking in our surroundings as we wait for a friend to come pick us up and shuttle us back to our air-conditioned lives.

Across the street a group of men sit at the corner of the building talking and laughing in their

ragged clothes. Men enter and leave the two large double doors of a Christian refuge with little plastic bags of food or trash.

"We're crazy," my friend says. "That's the only reason anyone would walk south on Woodward for miles and miles in the summer heat. Insanity."

Although insanity may have played a part, the up-front view of the city crumbling in the center of wealthy surrounding suburbs is quite disturbing.

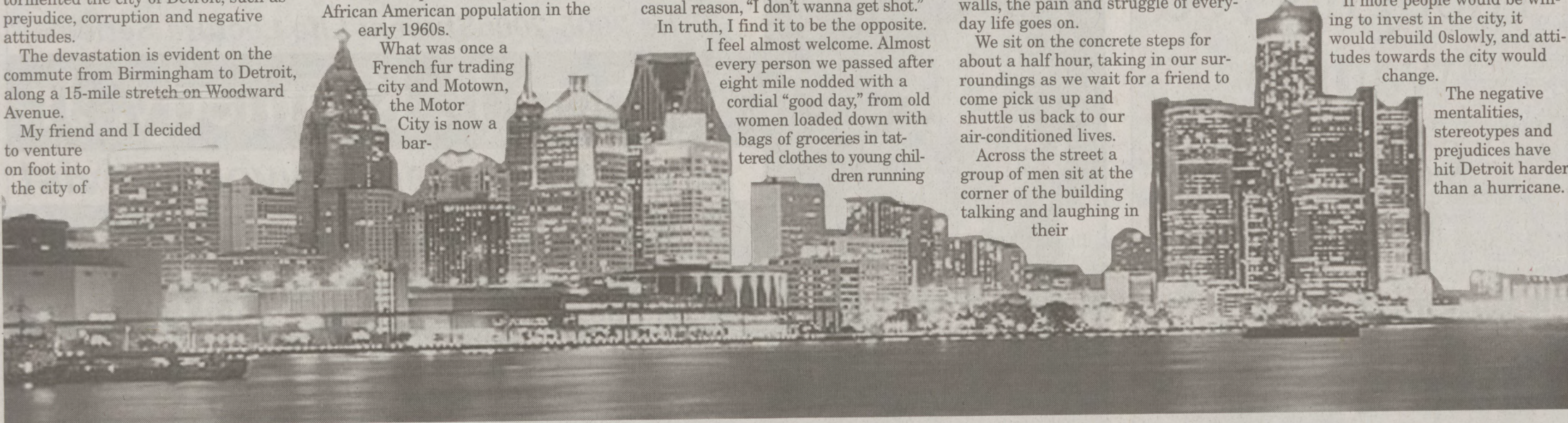
The images of destruction and abandonment that are prominent now in New Orleans have present in many cities for years; especially Detroit, which was recently named the poorest city in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Though we never make it into the heart of downtown Detroit, we get the feeling of poverty and desolation.

In downtown, it must also be understood that no matter how impoverished it is, it is still a major city.

If more people would be willing to invest in the city, it would rebuild slowly, and attitudes towards the city would change.

The negative mentalities, stereotypes and prejudices have hit Detroit harder than a hurricane.



Oakland County gets 2-1-1 to access health services

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

It can often be tricky to find out who to call for some services that don't fall into an area of expertise. A directory service called 2-1-1, a free phone database service, is going to help change that in metro Detroit.

The service, in the metro Detroit area, has been funded by six cooperative organizations led by the United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

It will resemble the current Tel-help feature that UWSEM offers. The group hopes to have the call centers up and running by the end of the year.

There are a multitude of services that can be reached using the 2-1-1 service. The UWSEM said it will include childcare needs, after-school programs, how to start a book club, family counseling and crisis intervention.

"It's a way to have a comprehensible conversation, to get them from where they are to where they need to be," said Nancy Lindman, coordinator for 2-1-1 for the Michigan Association of United Ways.

"It's a whole (different) level of quality assurance standards," she said.

Lindman added that the system doesn't discriminate based on the types of inquiries, saying the system can find drug counseling, after-school daycare and even hospice care.

"It's really expanded," said Patricia Ellis, the Director of Media Relations for UWSEM.

"We will be able to impact more lives," she said.

The line is going to be expanded most notably by the introduction of a 24-hour and seven days a week operation, whereas the previous service was open during regular business hours.

The new call centers will also feature bilingual interpreters and a much more highly publicized and easily remembered phone number.

"The value is in time saved," said Jim Gibney, UWSEM Tel-help call center Operations Manager.

He said the database will have over 2000 organizations available to assist callers.

The University of Texas studied the cost benefits of the 2-1-1 service; the study found that the service would result in less non-emergency 9-1-1 calls.

The study also drew other beneficial conclusions that they feel would save \$130 million in the first year alone, if a nationwide system was in place.

The UWSEM has been collecting public and private donations to help fund the startup and operation costs for the next three years, something that they want to have collected before the operation gets under way.

The group has raised over \$5.2 million, and still needs \$2.57 million to cover the total costs.

"We're very confident we'll have the funding in place," Gibney said.

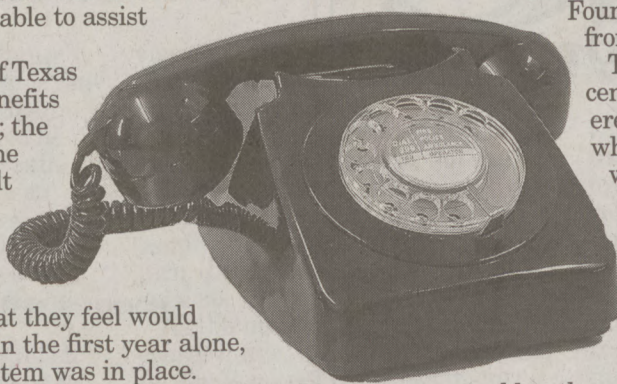
The five other organizations involved are the Common Ground Sanctuary, the Detroit Public Library, the Macomb County Crisis Center, Neighborhood Service Organization and the Information Center.

UWSEM said in a release that its corporate contributors include The Kresge Foundation, the McGregor Fund, the Comerica Charitable Foundation, the DTE Energy Foundation, the Ralph L. and Winifred E. Polk

Foundation and a grant from the state.

To date, only 14 percent of the state is covered by the 2-1-1 service, which is in place on the western side of Michigan in Kent, Calhoun, Ottawa, Jackson and Kalamazoo counties.

The coverage in the metro Detroit area would greatly add to the percentage of residents covered because of the concentrated population in the area. Web site 211.org reports that there are plans under way to have the entire state covered by 2007.



At present, 2-1-1 services 46 percent of the American population with at least partial coverage in 32 states. The service will not be able to be reached by cellular phones, only with the use of a landline phone.

The association knows that it is a priority to get cellular access because of the high percentage of cell phone users in the area.

"We're going to get there," Lindman said.

For more information on the 2-1-1 system, visit Web site, <http://www.211.org> or <http://www.uwsem.org/211/index.html>

The current Tel-help line can be reached at (313) 226-9888 or toll free at (800) 552-1183.

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Oakland University's

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL 2005 presents TOM COTTER Friday September, 20, 2005, 7 PM, Vandenberg Dining Center

If laughter is the best medicine, then prepare to be heavily medicated. Tom Cotter's high energy, rapid-fire style of comedy leaves audiences clutching their sides and rolling in the aisles. In the past year alone, Tom filmed his very own half-hour special for Comedy Central, and was voted "Best Stand-Up" at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival. Recently, he made his first appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. He has also been featured in dozens of television commercials, for products like McDonald's, Doritos, and Pepsi just to name a few!

Free refreshments and admission.

Intramural Sports
Register your IM Team for Fall!
All-star basketball-registration deadline 9/29, captain's meeting 10/2 at 9 PM
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Last Week To Apply 2006 Keeper Of The Dream Award Applications

Nomination/application form now available online at the Dean of Students website, www2.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/ under "Awards and Scholarships." Deadline is Friday, September 30, 2005

Career Services presents Fall 2005 Career Fair TODAY! September 28, 2005

Engineering, Technical, Nursing, Health & Science Candidates 11 AM-3 PM
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Business & Liberal Arts Candidates 11 AM-3 PM
VISIT THE BANQUET ROOMS IN THE OC FOR NETWORKING AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FROM OVER 100 EMPLOYERS.

Mark your calendar:

10/3 - On-Campus Recruiting begins, 156 West Vandenberg Hall.
10/20 - Entrepreneurship Forum, Noon-1 PM, Gold Rooms B&C, OC
10/26 - CAST Networking Reception, 5 PM-6:30 PM, Banquet Room B, OC
10/27 - Professional/Graduate School Fair, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
Check out www.oakland.edu/careerservices for more specific details on all scheduled activities.

Campus Recreation Happenings

Membership Opportunities

New this year the Rec Center now offers half-semester memberships at the beginning of the semester (as well as the end of the semester). Call 248-370-4732 or additional information. Take advantage of this opportunity to check out the Rec Center without paying full price!

Fitness assessments

Come let the experts assess your health. We'll help you to set goals and regiment your diet and exercise routines. It only takes 45 minutes. Students are FREE and Rec Members are \$25.

Campus Recreation Special Events Friday, September 30---REC FEST

Don't miss the chance to win an Xbox, flat screen TV, stereos, \$100 gas cards, autographed Pistons merchandise and much more! Students can enjoy food, prizes, and a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament from 9PM-Midnight FOR FREE! Students can tie dye their own t-shirts, jump on the Velcro wall, or grab cash in the cash cube. Remember your Grizz ID to get into the Rec Center. Guests are \$5 (only 1 per student please). October 7---Intramural Softball Tournament Sign-up by October 5 to play.

Test your hurricane knowledge

Circle the most correct answer. Completed forms should be placed inside the box located outside The Oakland Post in the basement of the Oakland Center room 61 no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

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| 1. What is the origin of the word hurricane?
A) from Frances J. Hurricane, the first specialist
B) from the Carib king of evil "Hurican"
C) from the Incun queen "Huricana"
D) an old saying in Japanese meaning big and loud | 2. The proper term for a hurricane?
A) a tsunami
B) a sea storm
C) a tropical tornado
D) a tropical cyclone | 3. How do hurricane names get retired?
A) catastrophic damage to both property and the economy
B) because no two hurricanes have the same name
C) no names get retired
D) by a majority vote from the United Meteorology Association |
| 4. How did the first hurricane get named?
A) by an American meteorologist in the 1800s
B) by an Australian forecaster early in the 20th century
C) by an English forecaster in the early 20th century
D) by a Canadian meteorologist in the 1800s | 5. When is the official hurricane season?
A) April 6 to Aug. 30
B) July to September
C) June 1 to Nov. 30
D) December to November | 6. Who names the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico hurricanes?
A) the President of the United States
B) the Governor of the first state the hurricane lands
C) the National Hurricane Center
D) the meteorologist who discovers the hurricane |

Last week's
winner: Junior
Greg Lacey

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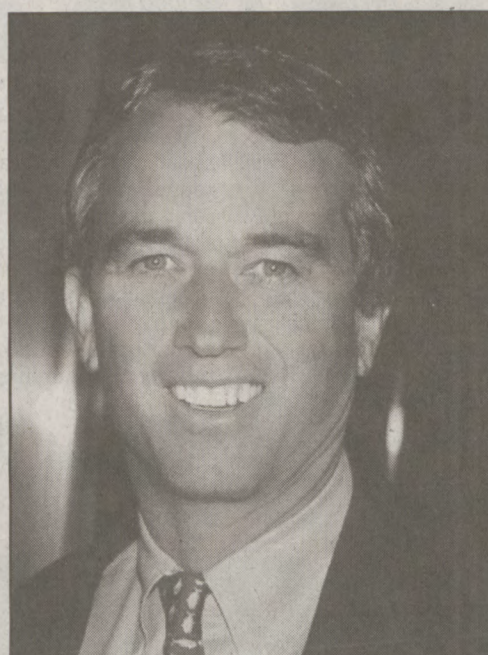
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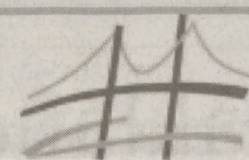
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Environmental Lawyer/Activist

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

7:00 p.m. in the
Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center

*This lecture is free. No tickets are required.
Seating is on a first come basis.*

Presented with the support of OU Students, Division of Student Affairs, Student Program Board, and the Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost. This program is funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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Awards ranging from \$2500-\$5000 will be made.

Deadline is Friday, September 30, 2005

APPLY NOW!

EDITORIAL

OU professors need a lesson on integrity

There's a great squabble going on between The Oakland Press and Oakland University. On Sept. 11, an Oakland Press editorial suggested that OU professors might be overpaid. According to the article, a full-time professor teaches about 10.5 hours a week for 30 weeks and is paid between \$40,000 to \$80,000 a year.

The editorial suggested that rising tuition costs might be slowed or reduced if professors spent more time teaching. Provost Virinder Moudgil, Jim Cipielewski of OU's American Association of University Professors and Susan Wood, chairwoman of the Department of Arts and Art History, each took the time to disagree.

Moudgil and Cipielewski assured readers that professors' responsibilities extend far beyond the classroom and require more than the standard 40-hour work per week. "Welcome to the best profession in the world. You get to choose which 80 hours you want to work," the rebuttal said, referring to what teachers are told during orientation.

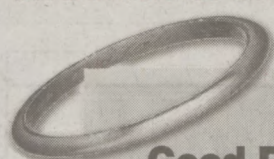
Wood pointed out that tuition dollars also pay the expenses of the "physical and administration infrastructure."

Like we mentioned before, we think this public debate is terrific. And we couldn't agree more with BOTH sides.

We know there are slackers in the faculty, just like there are in the student body. And we know there are those who are so devoted that they really make this job their life.

And guess what else? We know who you are ...

We know who the freeloaders are, and we know who the dedicated are. And this is how we can tell:

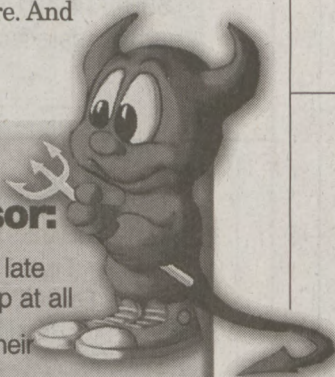


Good Professor:

- Shows up for class on time and early to answer students' questions
- Listens to students' comments in discussion
- Encourages students to become critical thinkers
- Returns assignments with notes of improvement and corrections
- Returns assignments in a timely manner
- Sees mistakes as learning opportunities
- Genuinely cares about our future and our careers
- Forms a syllabus with clear instruction of expectations and the course.
- Available to students with office hours

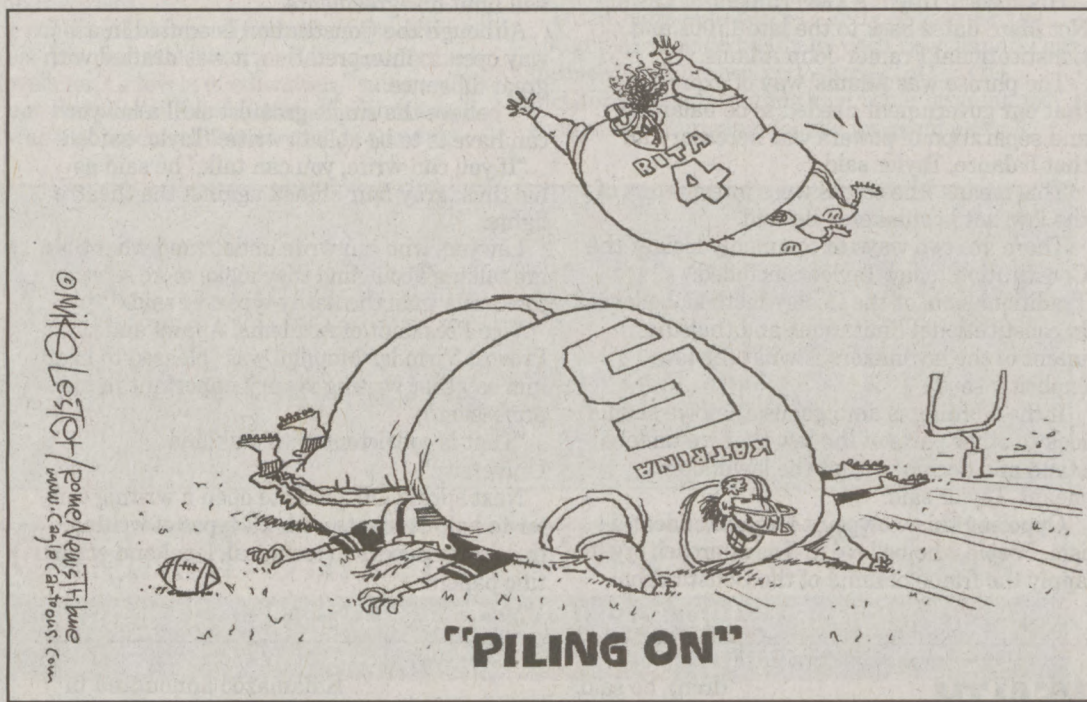
Bad Professor:

- Shows up after the late kid or doesn't show up at all
- Would rather hear their own voice instead
- Don't think or ask questions, it only creates more work for me!
- Writes a check mark
- Lucky to get the assignment back before the end of the semester
- Sees mistakes as an opportunity to show students their intelligence
- Doesn't care to know your name much less about your future career
- "My dog ate it" (the syllabus)
- Can't even return a call or e-mail



So, we know who you are and what you do and when you do it. The only other question is, why. Why do some professors live their discipline and dedicate themselves to their studies while others stop by campus for the requisite hours or just to hear themselves talk? We think it has something to do with a little old concept called integrity.

— The Oakland Post



"Piling On" By Mike Lester

STAFF COLUMN

It's not fair to brand him as a cop killer



By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Yes, when it comes down to it, Joshua Campbell, 22, of Royal Oak, is a cop killer. But what portion of blame should rest upon his shoulders?

Campbell is on trial charged with second-degree murder in the death of Bloomfield Township Police Officer Gary Davis. The accident occurred on May 13, 2004, in the south-bound lane of I-75 near Coolidge.

Campbell, after celebrating his graduation from firefighter training, spent some time in Windsor drinking, returning to the state with a 0.17 blood alcohol content.

Here is where the story gets murky. Because Davis places a man in his patrol car after pulling him over for suspected drunk driving, Davis then turns his vehicle to the left, across three traffic lanes, heads toward an emergency turnaround and then Campbell's car slams into his. However, The Detroit Free Press reported that Davis was seven seconds into his turn when he was hit.

Seven seconds. This is the sticking point for me, how long does it even take to run across the highway? In a vehicle, from a dead stop, it should not have taken him that long to cross the expressway. Take seven seconds to yourself right now...

Also, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor

Paul Walton said Campbell would have killed someone regardless of whether it was Davis or not? Really? How many people drive drunk on a daily basis? During jury selection, it was noted that many of the potential jurors admitted to speeding on I-75, and some said that they had driven while intoxicated.

Walton said a sober driver would have seen Davis' patrol car and been able to stop in time. Yet, I don't feel that it's reasonable to assume that had Campbell been sober, then he wouldn't have made it to a complete stop.

The prosecution contends that Campbell was traveling between 80-90 mph, and that he didn't step on his brakes.

The defense is countering that Davis was taking medicine used for treating bipolar disorder, which may have impaired his driving, as well as the complacency that may have plagued Davis.

The charge of second-degree murder and the possibility of life in prison are too hefty for Campbell. In this circumstance, I would see it more fit to levy vehicular manslaughter and drunken driving charges all the same. My point is still that Davis caused this accident too.

However, Campbell killed a police officer. If he had hit another car that was driving recklessly, I feel that he would be facing a lesser charge. And I won't be shocked when Campbell is convicted and sent to prison as cop killer.



Campbell

STAFF COLUMN

It's about time a newsroom welcomes both political sides



By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY
Managing Editor

Throughout the Oakland University campus, there has been a quiet murmur among students that The Oakland Post is a liberal paper.

Since Editor in Chief Roqaya Eshmawi and I took our positions in

May, it has been our goal to present both sides of any issue, whether conservative or liberal, in our paper.

The goal of newspapers is to be objective in content and presentation. Newspapers should have an unbiased presentation of news.

Objectivity is something that the majority of newspapers strive for, but they are often labeled with having some type of agenda.

Many newspapers, in fact, relish the idea that they are perceived to have an agenda. You never hear anyone at The New York Times, for example, complain about being

viewed as liberal. It is not a secret that journalists have their own biases, like every person.

Yet, The Oakland Post does not have any political agenda, but rather a desire to inform students and the OU community. The Oakland Post simply supplies the news, and, in turn, the students develop their own opinions.

As the managing editor and a conservative, I arrange the material for the Perspectives pages in our newspaper. If you look at this page, it is littered with opinion, but this is the opinions page. This is the place,

where staff, students and faculty are encouraged to express their opinions.

Opinions are expressed by those who have the motivation to articulate them. If liberals are more compelled to express themselves, then they will get more space. If conservatives take umbrage, then they should respond.

When our editor in chief wrote a column about President Bush not taking the appropriate actions during the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, it was written as a column, clearly belonging on this page.

So far, it seems that those who hold a liberal perspective have been

more inclined to write editorials. Let me remind you that these pages are forum for all.

The editor in chief leans toward liberal, and I am conservative. With that said, it is about time a newsroom embodies both sides of the political spectrum, both liberal and conservative.

If you think something in our newspaper is not objective, write us at 61 Oakland Center, Auburn Hills, 48309 or e-mail us at editor@oakpostonline.com.

"Objectivity is not 'a walk down the middle of the road' but testing an idea and coming to a conclusion. Objectivity should be a reality check: testing bias against the evidence." Readers "want something more out of us than a 'on the one hand/on the other hand' recitation of opposing side." — Daniel Okrent, former Time, Inc. editor at large

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TAYLOR

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dean of Cooley Law School at OU. "It's stuff that was discussed 200 years ago, and it's still a hot topic today," Nussbaumer added.

His speech, titled "A Government of Laws, Not Men" dates back to the late 1700s and Constitutional Framers John Adams.

The phrase was Adams' way of expressing that our government needed to be balanced, and separation of powers was necessary for that balance, Taylor said.

This means "the courts were interpreters of the law, not lawmakers," he said.

There are two ways to commonly look at the Constitution today, Taylor concluded. Traditionalism, or the Cooley method, believes in constitutional limitations and that the intent of the lawmakers is what the law explicitly says.

If the wording is ambiguous, then we should look to other parts of the law that we understand and decipher what the lawmaker meant, Taylor said.

Opposing this viewpoint is transcendentalism. People who believe in this approach try to apply the frame of mind of the Constitution

writers to today's world.

The problem with this, Taylor said, is that the outcome would depend entirely on the judge's personal views.

According to Taylor, the Cooley method is the better choice.

"It will not eliminate all debates as to the meaning of provisional law," he said, "but it will limit disagreements."

Although the Constitution is crafted in a way open to interpretation, it was drafted with great diligence.

"I believe the single greatest skill a lawyer can have is to be able to write," Taylor said.

"If you can write, you can talk," he said as his thick gray hair shined against the theatre lights.

Lawyers who can write understand what they are talking about, and they make more sense to the courts than the flashy types, he said.

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domestic partner benefits in future contracts.

But 21 gay couples who work for Kalamazoo, universities and the state filed a lawsuit challenging Cox's interpretation.

Draganchuk ruled that criteria established by employers to qualify for same-sex benefits do not recognize a "union."

"Civil unions are not recognized in this state," she wrote. "Employer-defined criteria for the receipt of health care benefits cannot create a union where one does not exist."

A disappointed Cox was reviewing the ruling and considering whether to appeal, a spokeswoman said.

Jay Kaplan, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, urged Cox to not "waste" taxpayer dollars on an appeal.

"The voters never intended to take away health insurance from families and their chil-

dren," he said.

The ruling could have an immediate impact on state employees.

Last December, Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration decided not to offer benefits to same-sex couples — which were included in new labor contracts — until a court ruled on their legality.

Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd said Tuesday the "legal cloud has been lifted" and her administration would ask the state Civil Service Commission to approve domestic partner benefits quickly.

The labor contracts are scheduled to begin in the fiscal year that starts Saturday.

Kalamazoo announced in April that it would discontinue benefits effective this January, absent a judicial ruling.

Those who wrote the amendment have said their primary intent was to define marriage as between one man and one woman.

But Gary Glenn, president of the Midland-based American Family Association of Michigan, said last month that a secondary purpose was to make sure the definition is honored for any purpose, "including the provision of taxpayer-financed spousal benefits."

Many observers expect the case to reach the Michigan Supreme Court.

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KATRINA Cont. from A1

Bush's reaction to the hurricane.

"There is no question there is blame at every level," said David Dulio, assistant professor of political science.

As Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Bush continued his vacation, visiting the Pueblo Er Mirage RV and Golf Resort in El Mirage in Arizona.

Meanwhile, 200 buses — which could have been used to evacuate approximately 13,000 people, sat underwater in a parking lot.

"A day late and a dollar short by the time the president came out and took responsibility at a federal level," Dulio said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency released a report in 2001 warning that a hurricane striking New Orleans was one of three disasters likely

to occur in the United States.

Further, "Katrina and Rita have been predicted for 30 years," Dulio said, adding it was known that New Orleans would not be able to sustain a storm of Katrina's magnitude. "These levees were built for a Category 3, well that's just dumb," Dulio said.

Approximately 40 percent of New Orleans homeowners had flood insurance. Standard homeowner insurance only covers damage from fire and wind. Flood insurance is not included and can be only be sold by the national government Tracy said.

"This should lead us to be concerned of government support," said assistant professor of political science Peter Trumbore.

Insurance has sparked a national debate over the possibility of private insurance companies covering damaged homes that ere not covered with flood insurance.

"Insurance companies are a business. This would not be possible. We would be in the red for years," Tracy said.

Early estimates expect Katrina to be the most costly storm the U.S. has faced, with insured losses of more than \$25 billion — topping insured losses of \$21 billion from Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

"Should we go building three feet under sea level is a good question to ask," Tracy said.

Tracy also questioned government spending.

In the aftermath of Rita, the White House is reviewing a plan to spend \$100 billion and the next 12 years to build a spacecraft and rockets that can put humans back on the moon by 2018.

"I'm not saying eliminate NASA but do we need to spend \$100 billion to go to the moon," he said.

The next current event panel is scheduled for Oct.

AMU Cont. from A1

place before the end of the academic year, AMU Chair Madalyn Miller said.

Delegates said they decided to pass the resolution after several years of state budget cuts and tuition increases.

The coalition is currently circulating petitions to present a proposal "that would mandate funding levels for all levels of education," said Student Body President Michael McGuinness, who was also unanimously elected as commis-

sioner of the AMU Legislative Affairs Committee.

If enough signatures are collected, the proposal would be added to the 2006 state ballot, he said.

Lauri Steeland, a representative from the USA Today, presented details of the Newspaper Readership Program that OU recently implanted. The program supplies free copies of The New York Times and USA Today to OU students.

OUSC agreed to pay \$11,250 per year for the 150 copies provided daily by each newspaper. The initiative has proven very successful for OU, McGuinness said, adding that other student governments can implement the program as well.

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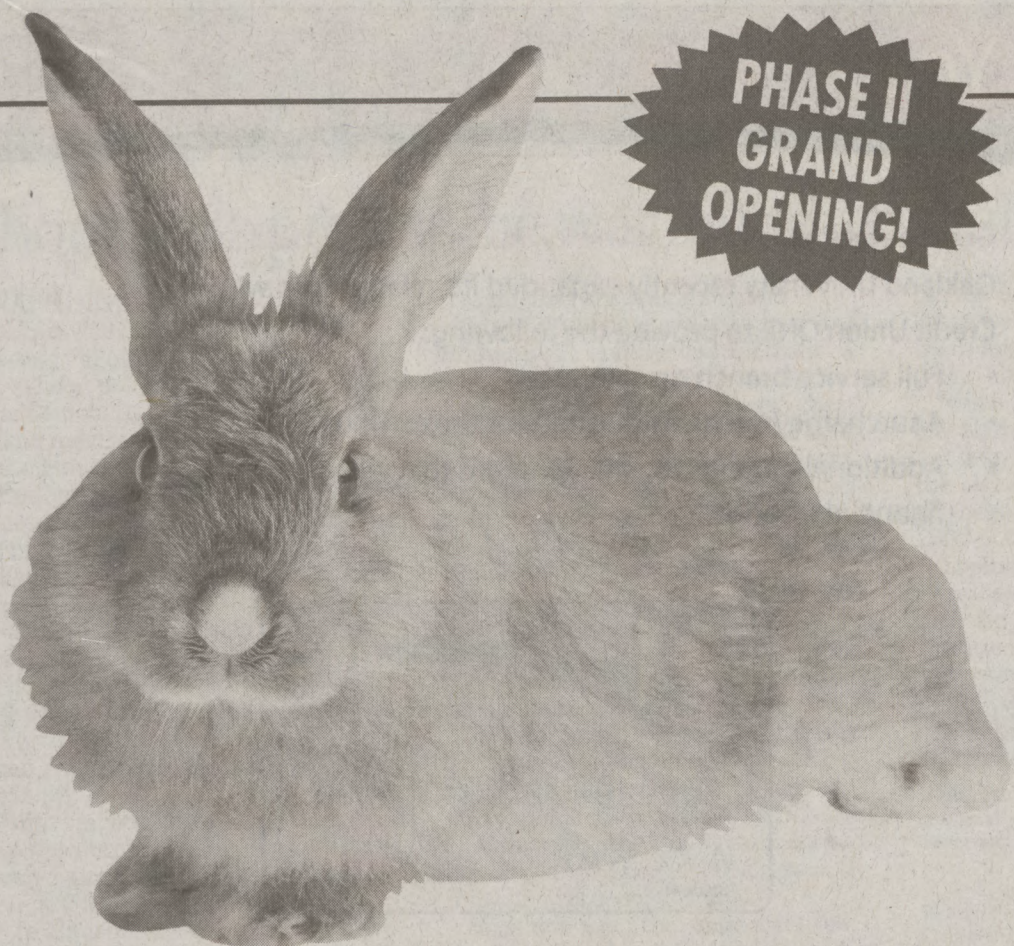
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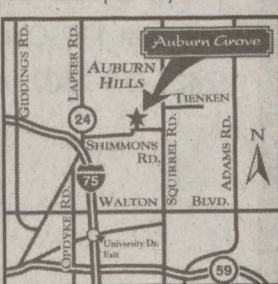
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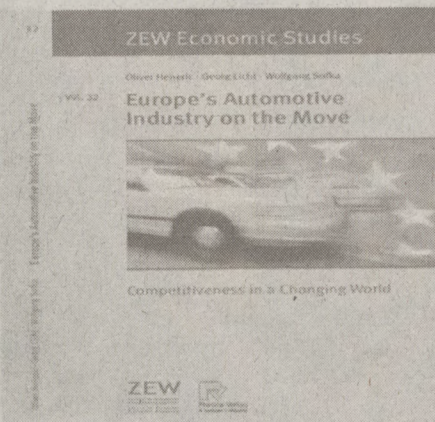
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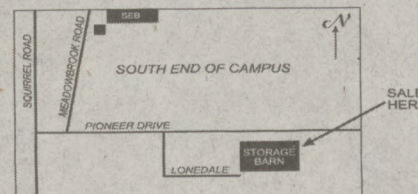
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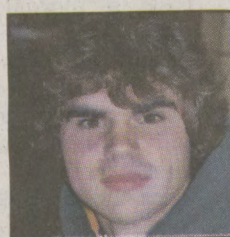


"I feel that we're fighting terrorism. It's a threat to our safety and we can't just let it go unpunished."

Freshman Orie Hopp

"I don't feel like it's our business, and I'd rather see us be isolationists and worry about our own problems."

Sophomore Andrew Hansen



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Experts rebut anti-war protests



David Dulio, assistant professor of political science, and Peter Trumbore, assistant professor of political science, discuss their views on the recent anti-war protest with The Oakland Post. Professors Dulio and Trumbore lean toward different sides of the political spectrum.

— Information compiled by Editor in Chief Roqaya Eshamawi



Trumbore

Dulio

The Post: What are the reasons behind the rise in anti-war sentiment?

Dulio: Certainly, the rising number of casualties and American deaths, and the general violence in Iraq.

Also, I think the drip, drip, drip of bad news that comes out of there. People are tired of it, and I think that it's slightly misleading, because there is good news that comes out of Iraq.

Also, there are were so many people there because there were so many different causes represented.

That coalition of groups and individuals is the same for whatever protest you want to put out there.

They sort of travel around, and whatever's next on their lists of protests, they go to.

So, I think that the number of anti-war demonstrators would be much much smaller if they broke apart the rest of the bunch.

I also think it was caused by Cindy Sheehan rioting in Washington after her stay in Crawford.

Trumbore: I would challenge the characterization

that there is in fact an anti-war movement.

If you look at the collection of the groups that were involved in the protest in Washington last weekend, it is the same collectivity of anti-globalization, pro-third world, it's the same grouping of left-wing interest groups that have been protesting everything, from the international monetary fund to the policies of the World Bank.

That is not to say that there is not a dedicated and very serious peace movement in this country, because there is, but it's not a mass movement, and that's the difference.

The Post: So, why isn't there an anti-war movement?

Trumbore: The war does not touch the vast majority of American people.

Dulio: I think that that's right. It's easy for people to say that they are against the war because they are removed from it.

It's a pretty easy shift in opinion to have. It's easy to answer a survey question about the war, but it's much harder to demonstrate

against the war, and that's where we haven't gotten to yet, because people aren't tangibly personally affected by it.

They haven't gone to the streets. They notice it; they notice the bad news, they notice the 1900 plus death toll of American troops, and that turns them against the policy, but they don't do anything about it.

The Post: So, how would you characterize what happened over the weekend?

Trumbore: The sentiment has turned against intervention in Iraq, I would agree with that.

But whether that has been translated into any sort of political mobilization or action is a different question.

Think about the way that the war was sold to the American public, it was sold on the basis of two essential lies.

One was that Saddam was connected to events of Sept. 11 and, two, that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction that posed an immediate threat to American security.



The Associated Press

Demonstrators against U.S. involvement in Iraq march down Spring Street during a massive protest in downtown Los Angeles Saturday. Drums pounded, voices boomed and whistles shrieked as demonstrators, some 15,000 by police estimates, marched in the shadows of downtown skyscrapers Saturday, one of several California demonstrations on a day of protests across the country.

Neither of these things were true, and both of those lies were revealed relatively soon after the so-called phase of major combat operations.

So, here we have an intervention sold to the public on the basis of lies.

Now that this is dragging on and getting uglier, people are dissatisfied.

Dulio: The use of the word lies implies knowing deceit, I think that goes too far.

But, I think there is a rise in anti-war sentiment, and that the public, as the war goes on, fewer and fewer support it.

Also, news consumption; that's what drives public opinion, how else do you explain the declining support?

The Post: Why was the American public's response to the war in Iraq different than its response to the Vietnam War?

Trumbore: Well, there was a draft, so that had the potential to touch every American family. The reality was, the way that the draft was structured was the children of the middle and upper-middle and privileged classes were largely safe, and the draft differentially sucked in the poorest and those with the least ability to get out of it.

But, in theory, the draft touched everybody and, because of that, the war there had an immediacy to young people in particular that this war lacks.

The Post: How do you explain the discrepancy in the number of people at both rallies; approximately 400 rallying for the war and 100,000 rallying against the war?

Dulio: The pro-war side just did it as a reactionary thing to the protest. Also, their policy's being prosecuted. They're not making noise to get change. What they want is the status quo, so it's hard to protest for the status quo.

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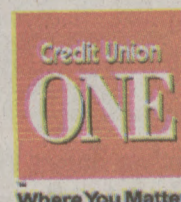
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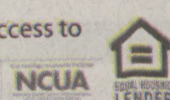
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"They're fighting terrorism and giving another country a chance to organize. The only thing I would change is that I'd set more goals and give a time frame."

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"I think they're doing it for the wrong reasons, and I don't think we're ultimately going to get anything out of it. We're imposing our will where it's not wanted."

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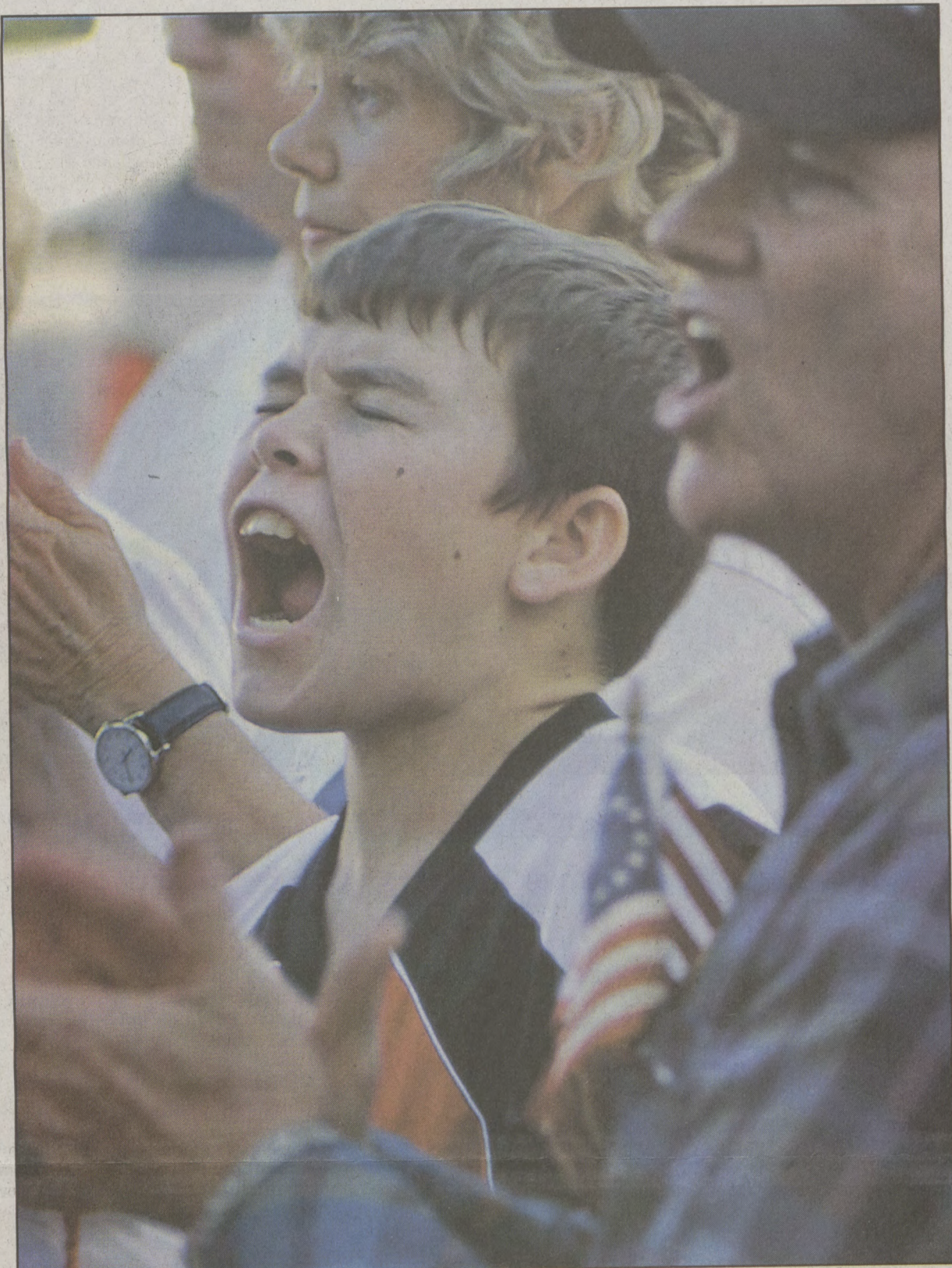


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Top: Charlotte and Doug Smette from Makoti, N.D., whose son Keith, a National Guardsman (seen in photograph), was killed in Fallujah, Iraq, comfort each other during a rally in support of the war in Iraq, Sunday.

Below: A group of demonstrators who chose not to be identified huddle during a rally on the National Mall in support of U.S. troops fighting abroad on Sunday, in Washington.

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Brandon McDonald, 13, of Palm Bay, Fla., screams in support of a speaker at Melbourne City Hall during the anti-war demonstration in Melbourne, Fla., Saturday. McDonald attended the rally with his great uncle, Cliff Hall, right. McDonald said he has a another uncle who is serving in Afghanistan. A group of about 250 people attended the rally.

Thousands protest the war, hundreds rally in support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cindy Sheehan was arrested along with hundreds of other protesters after failing to heed police admonitions to keep their demonstration against the war in Iraq moving along outside the White House.

Sheehan, the California mother who set up camp outside President Bush's ranch in Texas during the summer, rallied with others Monday in a park across the street from the White House and then marched to the gate of the executive mansion.

They sat down on the pedestrian walkway in front of the White House — knowing they faced arrest — and began singing and chanting "Stop the war now!"

Police warned them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move along, then began making arrests. One man climbed over the White House fence and was quickly subdued by Secret Service agents.

Sheehan, 48, was the first taken into custody. She smiled as she was carried to the curb, then stood up and walked to a police vehicle as protesters chanted, "The whole world is watching."

"It's an honor to be arrested with this group of people," said Gary Handschumacher, 58, of Crawford, Colo., who was waiting for police to arrest him.

Sgt. Scott Fear, spokesman for the U.S. Park Police, said about 370 protesters were arrested over four and a half hours. All but one were charged with demonstrating without a permit, a misdemeanor. One person faced a charge of crossing a police line.

Approximately 400 rallied in support of the war Sunday, just a day after a massive protest by thousands against the war in Iraq.

"No matter what your ideals are, our sons and daughters are fighting for our freedom," said Marilyn Faatz, who drove from New Jersey to attend the rally. "We are making a mockery out of this. And we need to stand united, but we are not."

About 400 people gathered near a stage on an eastern segment of the mall, a large patchwork American flag serving as a backdrop. Amid banners and signs proclaiming support for U.S.

troops, several speakers hailed the effort to bring democracy to Iraq and Afghanistan and denounced those who protest it.

Many demonstrators focused their ire at Sheehan. "The group who spoke here the other day did not represent the American ideals of freedom, liberty and spreading that around the world," Sen. Jeff Sessions, an Alabama Republican, told the crowd.

However, crowds opposed to the war in Iraq surged past the White House on Saturday, shouting "Peace now" in the largest anti-war protest in the nation's capital since the U.S. invasion.

The rally stretched through the day and into the night, a marathon of music, speechmaking and dissent on the National Mall. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey, noting that organizers had hoped to draw 100,000 people, said, "I think they probably hit that."

Speakers from the stage attacked President Bush's policies head on, but he was not at the White House to hear it. He spent the day in Colorado and Texas, monitoring hurricane recovery.

In the crowd: young activists, nuns whose anti-war activism dates to Vietnam, parents mourning their children in uniform lost in Iraq and uncountable families motivated for the first time to protest.

Connie McCroskey, 58, came from Des Moines, Iowa, with two of her daughters, both in their 20s, for the family's first demonstration.

McCroskey, whose father fought in World War II, said she never would have dared protest during the Vietnam War.

"Today, I had some courage," she said.

While united against the war, political beliefs varied. Paul Rutherford, 60, of Vandalia, Mich., said he is a Republican who supported Bush in the last election and still does — except for the war.

"President Bush needs to admit he made a mistake in the war and bring the troops home, and let's move on," Rutherford said.

His wife, Judy, 58, called the removal of Saddam Hussein "a noble mission," but said U.S. troops should have left when claims that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction

proved unfounded. "We found that there were none, and yet we still stay there and innocent people are dying daily," she said.

"Bush Lied, Thousands Died," said one sign. "End the Occupation," said another. More than 1,900 members of the U.S. armed forces have died since the beginning of the war in March 2003.

Thousands of people attended smaller rallies in cities on the West Coast, including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle.

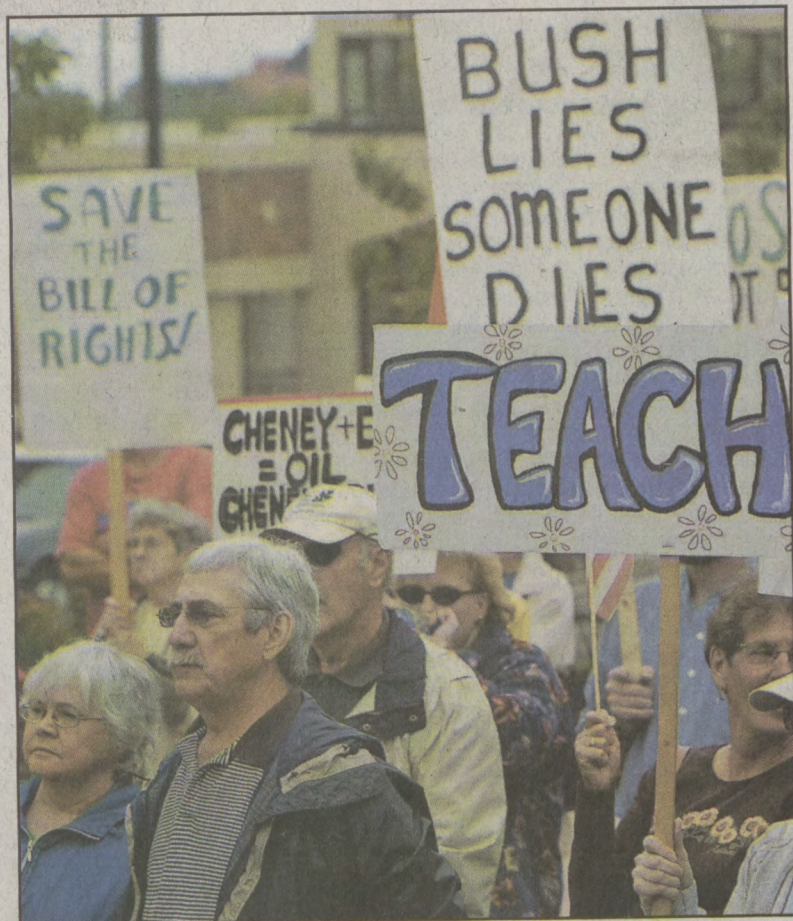
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Right: Protesters hold signs with others during a peace rally sponsored by the Racine Coalition for Peace and Justice in Racine, Wis., Saturday.

The Associated Press

Below: Police carry Cindy Sheehan, the California woman who has used her son's death in Iraq to spur the anti-war movement, as she is arrested during a demonstration outside the White House, Monday. Sheehan and several dozen other protesters sat down on the sidewalk after marching along the pedestrian walkway on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Associated Press



Senate debates Supreme Court's next nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, close to nominating a successor to retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, has narrowed his list to a handful of candidates that outside advisers say includes federal judges and two people who have never banged a gavel — corporate attorney Larry Thompson and White House counsel Harriet Miers.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Tuesday that Bush

had pledged to consult with senators about his selection and said, "I think we were essentially wrapping that process up as early as today."

He declined to say if the president had interviewed any candidates and wouldn't speculate about Bush's favorites, but legal analysts monitoring the selection process say others often mentioned are federal appellate judges Alice Batchelder, J. Michael Luttig, Edith Jones, J.

Harvie Wilkinson, Priscilla Owen, Samuel Alito, Karen Williams and Michael McConnell.

Also said to be on the list are Maura Corrigan, a judge on the Michigan Supreme Court, and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Bush is expected to announce his nominee quickly after Thursday's anticipated confirmation and swearing in of John Roberts as chief justice. Bush on Monday hinted he might

choose a woman or minority member. But some outside advisers were intrigued by another part of Bush's reply.

The president said he had interviewed and considered people from "all walks of life."

That raised speculation that Bush was actively considering people who were not on the bench — such as Miers, a Texas lawyer and the president's former personal attorney, and

Thompson, a counsel at PepsiCo, who was the federal government's highest ranking black law enforcement official when he was deputy attorney general during Bush's first term.

Elliot Minberg, counsel with the liberal People for the American Way, said if Bush chooses someone without a judicial record, the White House should be prepared for the nominee to be peppered with questions.



The Associated Press
Texas National Guard Spc. Theresa Banks makes a cardboard sign to direct Hurricane Rita victims to the area where diapers are being dispersed Tuesday in Orange, Texas.



The Associated Press
Tim Thibodeaux, top, and Charles Roberts, zip up Big Tex, a 52-foot-tall talking cowboy figure before the opening of the State Fair of Texas.



The Associated Press
US Airways customer service gate agent Harry Metaxatos, finds himself submerged in the dunking booth, as he and his co-workers celebrate the completed merger of US Airways and America West on Tuesday morning.

NATION

Brown blames state, local officials in hurricane response failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former FEMA director Michael Brown aggressively defended his role in responding to Hurricane Katrina on Tuesday and put much of the blame for coordination failures on Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin. "I very strongly, personally regret that I was unable to persuade Gov. Blanco and Mayor Nagin to sit down, get over their differences, and work together," he told a congressional panel. Brown, who for many became a symbol of government failures in the natural disaster that claimed the lives of more than 1,000 people, rejected accusations that he was too inexperienced for the job. "I've overseen over 150 presidentially declared disasters. I know what I'm doing, and I think I do a pretty darn good job of it," Brown said. Brown resigned as the head of FEMA earlier this month after being removed by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff from responsibility in the stricken areas.

Security test program to lapse

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is ending a program that let frequent air travelers avoid extra security patdowns in exchange for volunteering for background checks, but a private sector version will be allowed to continue, the Transportation Security Administration said Tuesday. The registered traveler program began in July 2004 and was originally scheduled to last 90 days. It was so popular that the TSA extended it indefinitely. About 10,000 frequent fliers are enrolled at airports in Boston, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Washington. TSA spokeswoman Yolanda Clark said the program was ending this week because it had achieved its primary goal of testing the use of security threat assessments and biometric identification technology in an airport environment.

Ninth victim dies in Utah State University van rollover

TREMONTON, Utah (AP) — An eighth Utah State University agriculture student died from injuries in a van rollover that also killed an instructor, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday. Justin Huggins, 21, of Bear River, died overnight at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, spokesman Terry Behunin said. The students were returning from a field trip to look at harvest equipment

Monday when the van overturned near Tremonton, about 65 miles northwest of Salt Lake City. The left rear tire apparently blew out as the driver — 45-year-old instructor Evan Parker — tried to pass another vehicle on Interstate 84, patrol Lt. Ed Michaud said. He said speed was a factor. All 11 passengers were ejected. The van rolled to the bottom of a 50-foot ravine. Most of the victims were freshmen.

Hurricane Rita victims live without electricity, gas and water

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Nearly four days after Hurricane Rita hit, many of the storm's sweltering victims along the Texas Gulf Coast were still waiting for electricity, gasoline, water and other relief Tuesday, prompting one top emergency official to complain that people are "living like cavemen." In the hard-hit refinery towns of Port Arthur and Beaumont, crews struggled to cross debris-clogged streets to deliver generators and water to people stranded by Rita. They predicted it could be a month before power is restored, and said water and sewer systems could not function until more generators arrived. About 476,000 people remained without electricity in Texas, in addition to around 285,000 in Louisiana. About 15,000 out-of-state utility workers were being brought to the region to help restore power. Residents of some hard-hit towns were allowed to check on their homes, but were not allowed to stay because of a lack of generators and ice.

Bush gets first up-close look at Rita's damage to oil communities

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — President Bush flew over the largely obliterated Louisiana town of Cameron and circled an offshore oil rig Tuesday in his first up-close look at the devastation that Hurricane Rita brought to the Gulf Coast's oil producing and refining communities. "This area's hurting," Bush said before an hour-long helicopter tour over the debris-strewn communities along the Texas-Louisiana border where Rita blew ashore. "I saw firsthand how it's hurting," Bush saw flattened and flooded homes, hundreds of downed trees, extensive roof damage and dozens of stranded and wandering cows. It was Bush's seventh visit to the Gulf in the aftermath of the two hurricanes that brought widespread damage in less than a month.

WORLD

Immigration rises, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illegal immigrants are increasing despite tighter border security and now outnumber foreigners moving to the United States legally. The Pew Hispanic Center reported Tuesday that immigration in general has been picking up, tracking the reviving American economy and improving jobs picture. "The U.S. economy was obviously a very important factor in determining these flows," said Roberto Suro, director of the center and a co-author of its study. Immigration — both legal and illegal — topped 1.5 million people in 1999 and 2000, according to the report. The number of people entering the United States then plummeted to 1.1 million people by 2003, the same level as in 1992. Immigration bounced back to 1.2 million in 2004, but the report cautioned that it is difficult to say whether the recent upswing is part of a new trend.

EU Parliament rejects proposal to store data for investigations

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The European Parliament on Tuesday rejected a proposal by European Union governments to retain telephone and e-mail data for up to three years for use in anti-terrorism investigations, raising concerns about civil liberties. Instead, the EU lawmakers will focus on a counterproposal by the EU's executive office that would keep data for a shorter time. The EU lawmakers argued that the plan, put forward last year by Britain, France, Sweden and Ireland, did not prove the need for such strict EU-wide data retention rules and also expressed concerns about violating civil liberties.

No. 2 al-Qaida leader in Iraq is killed

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi authorities said Tuesday their forces had killed Abdullah Abu Azzam — the No. 2 official in the al-Qaida in Iraq organization — in a weekend raid in Baghdad, claiming to have struck a "painful blow" to the country's most feared insurgent group. Azzam led al-Qaida's operations in Baghdad, planning a wave of suicide bombings in the capital since April, killing hundreds of people, officials said.

Putin questions whether he will seek a third term in office

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin said

Tuesday he does not favor major changes in the constitution, but gave a less categorical answer to the question of whether he would remain in office after his second term ends in 2008. Putin said that he did not see it as his task was to stay on indefinitely. "I see my task as not sitting in the Kremlin eternally so that the same face will be shown on TV ... I see my task as creating conditions for the country's long-term development, so that young and literate managers come to govern the country. "I don't consider it appropriate to introduce any changes in the constitution," he said, adding that "as they say in the military, 'I'll find my place in the order of things'" after 2008. Putin, who still enjoys a 70 percent approval rating, is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. Speculation has been rife that the Kremlin is searching for ways to keep him in place after his second term ends.

Indonesia health care system not helping Polio outbreak

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A polio outbreak that spread rapidly through Indonesia after a decade-long absence, crippling hundreds of children, has exposed weaknesses in the sprawling archipelago's long-neglected health care system. Hampered by chronic funding shortages, clinics in the poorest parts of the country have been forced to scale back, reducing the time and money they spend on community outreach, health education and immunization programs. As a result, 239 children under 5 have been infected by polio since March, prompting a series of vaccination campaigns that were completed Tuesday.

U.S. forces retreat from Uzbekistan

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) — A senior State Department official said Tuesday the president of Uzbekistan made it clear that American forces must leave their air base in the Central Asian country, and the United States intends to do so "without further discussion." The demand came as relations soured following United States criticism of Uzbekistan's crackdown on anti-government protesters in May in the eastern city of Andijan. "The Uzbek government made it clear that we need to leave the base, and we intend to leave it without further discussion," Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Fried told reporters after meeting with President Islam Karimov.

A protestor, named by pressure group Fathers 4 Justice as Guy Harrison, unfurls a banner which reads 'Does Blair Care' after he climbed onto the roof of the Houses of Parliament in London on Tuesday. Several police officers stood nearby, on a lower part of the roof.

The Associated Press

A PETA activist, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, is taken away from the catwalk after she staged a protest at a Milan fashion show. The banner reads "Fur Kills."

The Associated Press

Costa Rican Red Cross workers Jesus Escalona, left, and Jorge Bienavides, right, carry Melena Salas, who is pregnant, across a swollen river as they evacuate flood victims by helicopter from Sukia, Costa Rica, approximately 140 miles southwest of the capital of San Jose, Tuesday. Damages are estimated to exceed \$20 million dollars.

The Associated Press



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Comedy comes to campus

By ZENNA SYEDA
Senior Reporter

Students of Oakland University may soon have the chance to show off their comedic talents in an on-campus competition.

Comedy Express TV, National Lampoon Radio and iVentster are promoting the first College Comedy Festival.

This program will create a series of local campus festivals, which will culminate in a grand festival with the winners from each campus facing off.

Talent that is sought after is stand-up and short form comedy.

Winners from each campus will have their work shown on Comedy Express Television, along with an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles and meetings with top management of the network.

Prizes include an industry mentor, a show at the Hollywood Improv, inclusion on and talent profit sharing from a

College Comedy Festival DVD and a summer internship with the networks, among other prizes.

This idea sprang from well-known comedian Steve Hoffsetter.

"I pitched this idea to Comedy Express Television, and they liked it. I

was inspired by Ohio State,

where I was judging an amateur comedy contest. And I

thought if this was a nationwide event it

would be great," Hoffsetter said,

who is the also executive producer of the project.

The festival provides colleges with a

chance to support and show off their students' talents.

It also supplies the tools needed for



the event to be held on campuses and an opportunity to have celebrity judges present.

"The idea sounds kind of cool. I'm sure that a lot of students at Oakland would participate, plus I would love to attend the events and see how it goes,"

said sophomore Rania Almufti.

For students just waiting to

show off their hidden talent in comedy, now is the

chance to bring College Comedy Festival to OU

grounds.

The College Comedy Festival

is still searching for interested colleges.

More information, including what to do to bring the festival to OU, can be found

at the festival's Web site at <http://www.comedyexpressstv.com>.

Students jam with poetry

By JENNIFER MCLEAN
The Oakland Post

The Oakland University Honors College hosted a poetry jam in Vandenberg cafeteria this past Thursday night.

"We welcome people to say a favorite poem," said Sean Buoo, president of the Honors College.

The purpose of the poetry jam is to try and get student writers to have fun, he said.

"It's coffeehouse style poetry," said senior Dana Chrisman, the public relations director.

Some read sonnets from their British literature book, while others quoted their favorite poets.

A handful of students read their own individual poetry.

Junior Terra Donnelly shared her own words with the group that evening.

"I love to write and listen to poetry, and see what everyone has to offer.

Whenever I come to things like this, it inspires me and gives me new ideas," she said.

Freshman Talisha Nelson also read her own.

"I love writing. It relieves stress, it's a way out,"

Nelson said. Maya Angelou and Robert Frost are her favorite poets.

Freshman Durand Capers contributed his words too.

"I've been writing for about seven years on and off, I

started at age six," he said.

He credited getting his inspiration from his grandmother.

The next poetry jam is

November 10 from 5 - 7 p.m., in Vandenberg cafeteria.

See Disney without leaving the state

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Remember those trips to Disneyland your family took when you were younger? The Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village is making it possible to feel like a kid again - without making a 3,000-mile journey.

The exhibit, titled "Behind the Magic: 50 Years of Disneyland," will make its national debut Sept. 30 and will be on display until Jan. 1, 2006.

It tells the story of Disneyland from its opening in 1955 until now.

The 7,500 square foot

exhibit features the talents of the Walt Disney Imagineers, the group that made Disney's fantasy land a reality and creates all Disney theme parks.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Walt Disney's original theme park, visitors will get to take a look at the ideas behind many of their favorite attractions.

For instance, remember riding on Mr. Toad's Wild Ride? The Model T-like vehicle from that ride will be on display, along with hundreds of artifacts.

These artifacts include original artwork, models, drawings, notes, sketches,

photos and films.

"We are thrilled to have been granted access to Walt Disney Imagineering's amazing collections," said Steve Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum.

The museum has also been working with Walt Disney Imagineering to give audiences a chance to learn more about theme park favorites - "Space Mountain" and "The Haunted Mansion" - and to tell the story behind the development of the park.

Emerging from preservation for the first time is the Abraham Lincoln figure, which Disney created for the 1964 World's Fair in New

York City. This was the first Audio-Animatronics human in a Walt Disney film.

Also on display will be Mickey's Toontown mailbox, a Fantasy Land vehicle from Peter Pan's Flight, figures from "It's a Small World," and the original arcade games from the "Pirates of the Caribbean."

After its stay at Henry Ford Museum, the exhibit will tour museums across the country for four years.

For tickets, visit <http://www.hfmgv.org> or call (313)982-6001. Prices are \$10 for members and \$24 for non members. Price includes museum admission.

Flip over B section for Sports

'Night Stalker' leads the pack of mystical copycats

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
The Oakland Post

If the statement "imitation is the most sincere form of flattery" is true, then ABC's "Lost" and NBC's "Medium" have a long list of admirers.

Following the success of those show's first seasons, it seems every network wants its piece of the mystical pie.

A grand total of six new shows each have a plot relating to ghosts, aliens or things that go bump in the night.

But why the sudden interest?

"This time of year, Americans tend to get in the mood to be spooked," said Christine Cronauer, a special lecturer and coordinator of broadcast service at Oakland University.

"The weather gets colder, the plants are dying, Halloween is near, and so the chances for these supernatural-themed shows to succeed are greater

if they debuted in the fall than debuting them at other times of the year," she said.

Whether these shows are good or a huge dose of overkill remains to be seen.

But judging from early hype, the frontrunner here appears to be "Night Stalker," which premieres Thursday, Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. on ABC.

A remodeling of the 1970s cult hit, "Night Stalker" follows reporter Carl Kolchak, played by Stuart Townsend. He investigates crimes whose culprits point toward the mystical.

However, there is a twist:

Kolchak is also unraveling the murder of his pregnant wife, of which he is the prime suspect.

The show also stars big screen name Gabrielle Union (Bring it On, Bad Boys II) as Perri Reed, a fellow reporter who skeptically follows Kolchak on his investigations.

With the hit "Alias" as its lead-in and an intriguing plot, "Night Stalker" has potential to become a



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

Stuart Townsend as Carl Kolchak (right) and Gabrielle Union as Perri Reed pair up in ABC's "Night Stalker" on Thursdays.

huge success. But with a slew of similar-themed shows right on its heels and the white-hot CSI sharing its time slot, only time will tell if viewers will catch on to Kolchak.

preview

Artist displays unique pieces

By CINDI POZZI
The Oakland Post

A young girl with long brown hair, cowering on her knees on a checkered floor, clutching the thick, green curtain as she stares in fear at the woods outside does not go unnoticed.

Nor do the camouflaged hunters, with guns in hand, gathered and kneeling over what looked like a naked, mutilated human body.

The paintings "The Dreaming Tree" and "Censor Strategy" are a part of "Robert Schefman: A Retrospective of Painting," which kicked off Meadow Brook Art Gallery's fall exhibit lineup and will be on display until Oct. 23.

Despite his extensive background and training in sculpture, including three sculptures near the ancient gates of Troy, the essence of the exhibit is Schefman's paintings.

These works capture everything the human experience entails, from

conjured situations based on dreams or myths, like "Death of Scamandrius" to disasters and realistic circumstances, like "Chiaro."

Art lovers can also appreciate

Schefman's unique point of view as he takes a masterpiece by Vermeer and recreates it, but changes it to add his distinctive twist.

At his artist lecture on Sept. 18,

Schefman stressed the work of an artist should have a particular focus or "critical agenda."

Thus, the core of his displayed works relies on four major themes: myths, censorship, dreams and the artist's apprenticeship.

He also discussed his career and careful transitioning from myth to censorship after a portion of his displayed works was destroyed in 1983 at Fordham University in the Bronx.

**"Robert Schefman:
A Retrospective of Painting,"
through Oct. 23 at Meadow
Brook Art Gallery**

"Censor Strategy" is Schefman's statement about the sabotage that occurred to one of his statues.

In spite of the vandalism hindrance, three

predominate things continue to show in Schefman's art, his sense of humor, love for fantasy and a large interest in humanity.

A compassionate piece focusing on two men assisting two other unfortunate people into their small boat on

tumultuous waters is humorously juxtaposed with its title, "M-M-My Charona."

His childhood love of myths, like "The Iliad" and "Antigone," remains present as well.

"The notion of absurdity has always fascinated me," Schefman said.

His fascination with "the human machine" had continued to inspire him to paint nudes.

Schefman's attraction to the inner workings of human beings is clearly expressed in his piece, "Personal Baggage," which is examining the hidden self humans lug around on a daily basis.

A more comprehensive interview about Schefman's inspirations and artwork, along with photos, can be found in the full color catalog on sale at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

For more information call (248) 370-3005 or visit <http://www.oakland.edu/mbag>.

Redwalls revisit the '60s with 'De Nova'

By JEREMY SELWESKI
The Oakland Post

If someone ever invents a time machine, you can bet that the Redwalls will be first in line to take a ride back to the era when mop-topped Brits ruled the charts.

In fact, the band — which hails from Deerfield, Illinois — recreates the sound and style of '60s-style garage rock/pop so convincingly that it's almost scary.

Exhibit A: the somewhat contrived, Mod-inspired image displayed on the cover of their second album, the blistering, relentlessly entertaining "De Nova." With their shaggy hair, impeccably tailored suits and expression of glazed ennui, the Redwalls look like the Rolling Stones posing for their high school yearbook.

This is a band whose members work very hard to make themselves look cool.

Exhibit B: the mesmerizing sounds of "De Nova," which recall not only the blueprint of the British Invasion, but also traces of Memphis soul and Greenwich Village folk.

It is a timeless sound and one that is executed with a surprising degree of sharpness and confidence, especially considering that the oldest band member is just 22 years old.

The Redwalls — singer/guitarist Logan Baren, his bassist brother Justin, guitarist Andrew Langer, and drummer Jordan Kozer — are clearly a group who, like so many others, grew up entranced by the seminal recordings of the Stones, The Kinks, The Who, Bob Dylan and especially the Beatles. I

Indeed, every song on "De Nova" sounds like it could have been performed by the Fab Four in their prime.

Like much-maligned Aussie-rockers Jet, this lack of originality has caused many critics to dismiss the Redwalls as nothing but a troupe of naive plagiarists.

True, they don't take many risks, and have few, if any, ideas to call their own.

But so what? Frankly, originality is overrated, especially when a band can write tunes as consistently powerful as these.

Take the greasy, adrenaline-fueled opener, "Robinson Crusoe," for instance. With its James Brown-approved horns and raw R&B swagger, it sounds like "Let It Be"-era Beatles, sung by Bob Dylan on steroids.

The tear-stained "Front Page," on the other hand, is a John Lennon-style tale of fear and



Photo courtesy of theredwalls.com

The Redwalls are a shaggy-haired group similar to the Beatles than a traditional boy band.

alienation overflowing with melodies that showcase the Redwalls' beautiful control of dynamics.

After Langer launches into a brilliant, feedback-drenched solo, Baren solemnly declares, "In the darkest night/Come the darkest days/And the last bell rings out."

On the exuberant Merseybeat pop of "Love Her," a sparkly guitar line gets pulverized by Kozer's thrashing drums, while Baren does his best impression of Buddy Holly belting out a long-lost classic from Rubber Soul.

"Thank You" is a soulful ballad that features folky acoustic guitar strumming, spiky lead guitar fills and soaring organ crescendos. Combined with a ragged-but-charming vocal performance that is equal parts George Harrison and David Bowie, it adds up to one of the album's most memorable tracks.

Additionally, it demonstrates a continuing trend: Baren's chameleon-like ability to sound like a variety of different vocalists.

The Redwalls' only missteps occur when they try too hard to make a profound state-

ment.

The venomous "Falling Down" is an indictment of FCC regulation with attractively jerky New Wave rhythms that nevertheless falls a little flat due to unnecessary profanity and a scathing tone that seems forced.

On "Glory of War," a catchy protest song that is a carbon copy of early Dylan, the band seems unsure of how to tackle the weighty subject matter at hand.

Overall, though, the Redwalls stand out from the current pack of retro-rock revivalists due to the maturity and depth of their songwriting, not to mention their steadfast dedication to preserving the sounds of rock and roll's glory years — and without reducing themselves to a mere nostalgia act.

Let's hope that this band doesn't find their own voice, because, ironically, their unoriginality is their most endearing trait.

They are like Oasis minus the pompousness, the Vines minus the grungy noise-tantrums, the Black Crowes minus the self-destructiveness or Jet with a soft spot for sunny pop songs.

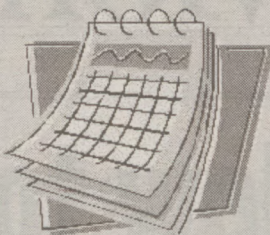
"De Nova" concludes with the savage "Rock and Roll," a sonic explosion that manages to condense the band's manifesto into two solid minutes of pure, unabashed energy and fun.

As Baren howls through shredded vocal cords like Lennon on "Twist and Shout," he promises.

"Come on, come on/I'll teach you how to rock and roll," he continues.

It almost seems redundant, though, because if you've been listening to the previous 12 tracks of superb music, you know that he already has.

Life is full of choices



Friday, Sept. 30

OU Housing hosts Friday Night Live with Tom Cotter at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg cafeteria. Cotter filmed his own special for Comedy Central, and was voted "Best Stand-Up" at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival.

The Rec Fest is a free event from 9-11:59 p.m. There will be food, games, a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, face-painting and lots of prizes.

REALITY WEEK UPDATE:

Monday, Sept. 26

Students were given the opportunity to ask a series of questions to bachelors and bachelorettes in order to determine if they were dateable. Junior Stephen Wassan won a date with junior Brittany Jones, and freshman Jessica Crittenden will be going out with freshmen Todd Maki.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Three students were chosen for a dorm makeover: Portia Simms, Jennifer Brown and Brionyorel Wells.

Friday, Sept. 30

Reality Week ends with the "Battle of the Sexes," where males and females challenge one another's knowledge on OU info, sports, television commercials, clichés and more. This event will take place in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center at 7 p.m.

— Compiled by
Zenna Syeda/Senior Reporter

review

How to prep for this fall's Career Fair

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
Money/Health Editor

Whether you're looking for a job today or down the road, making contacts and getting your resume in the hands of a recruiter is one of the most important things a student can do.

Career fairs give students the opportunity to meet and possibly interview with companies looking to recruit students for entry-level jobs and internships. Employers will be actively recruiting at this fall's Career Services Career Fair — today and Thursday — so there is an opportunity for everyone.

Representatives from the Career Services Department said the key to career fair success is arriving prepared. Here are some preparation tips they suggest to help you get your foot in the door and make the most out of a career fair.

Resumes

Before the fair, plan to make 10 to 20 copies of your resume and a general cover letter. Make sure that all of the information is current and accurate. Just to be sure, have someone proof-read for typos and other errors — mistakes are a sign of being sloppy, and they can land your resume in the "no chance" pile.

Dress Professionally

Students definitely want to make a good first impression, so dress for the part. Wear a crisp, clean shirt and nice pants or a knee-length skirt. Proper grooming is another essential — hair



Rogaya Eshmawi/File Photo

Marc Golan, from Standard Federal Bank, speaks with a student at last year's career fair.

and nails should be neat, and perfume or cologne should be avoided as some people find certain scents offensive.

Make a "30-second commercial"

Your "30-second commercial" should describe to prospective employers your abilities and skills, as well as what you're looking for in a new job. Come up with a short speech that illustrates the important details of your resume and supports your qualifications for the position. This is the time to let the company know why you are the best person for the job. Be brief, but let your

best qualities shine through.

Arrive early

Arrive a few minutes early. With resume in hand, visit your targeted employers first to get in some much-needed face time. Once you've hit all of your targets, "shop" other employers' booths.

Network

They say it's not what you know, it's who you know. At a career fair, you can pick up all kinds of tips and information about job opportunities. Collect business cards from anyone that "may

be of help to you down the line. Be sure to leave your resume or business card with them as well. If you don't have business cards, get them online for free at <http://www.vistaprint.com>.

Be enthusiastic

Step right up to the booth and shake hands and introduce your self to the recruiters. Ask questions; pick up brochures and other literature, and be confident. Be sure to make eye contact while speaking with the company representative. Employers love enthusiasm, be sure to smile and show your interest.

Ask questions

It is highly recommended that you have questions prepared to ask the recruiter. Asking questions conveys your interest and knowledge about the company and indicates to the recruiter that you are seriously considering the opportunity.

Follow up and say thank you.

After the career fair, follow up with a call or letter. Follow up calls or thank you letters should be sent 24 to 48 hours after the event. Doing so could make you stand out in the minds of the recruiters and help you land follow-up interviews.

For your chance to put these tips to good use, the career fair will be on Sept. 27 and 28 from 11a.m.-3p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. Visit <http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices.com> or call (248) 370-3250.

Credit 101: Expert gives tips on choosing the right credit program

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Assistant News Editor

For many college students, credit is something that many have but that many may not know about.

Understanding credit can be tricky. Marie O'Malley of Nellie Mae has seen many college students fall into debt because they did not know the basics of owning a credit card.

"Credit equals borrowing. It's not free;

it's not a gift," O'Malley said, adding that this is the first thing students should know. Whether it's for a school loan, a credit card, a home mortgage or financing for a new car, there are several terms that a borrower must be familiar with in order to keep their credit in check.

APR, or annual percentage rate, is one of the most common terms associated with credit. This is the interest on what has been borrowed. O'Malley suggests students look for the lowest APR.

Students should also watch out for an annual fee. Some credit cards have a fee just for using the card. Other credit cards may have fees like late payment fees, penalty fees for going over the limit or fees for borrowing cash against the card.

O'Malley suggests looking at the contract on the credit card thoroughly for any hidden fees or penalties before committing to one company.

O'Malley warns to use caution with tempting offers when choosing a credit

card. Some companies may lure a consumer in by offering rewards or points for using the credit card.

When this happens, according to O'Malley, students will often use the card frequently just to get extra points or rewards without thinking about how they will pay the bill.

Low interest rates may also be used as bait, but often after the first six months, the interest rate will jump up to staggering levels.

Prevention is key for cold, flu season

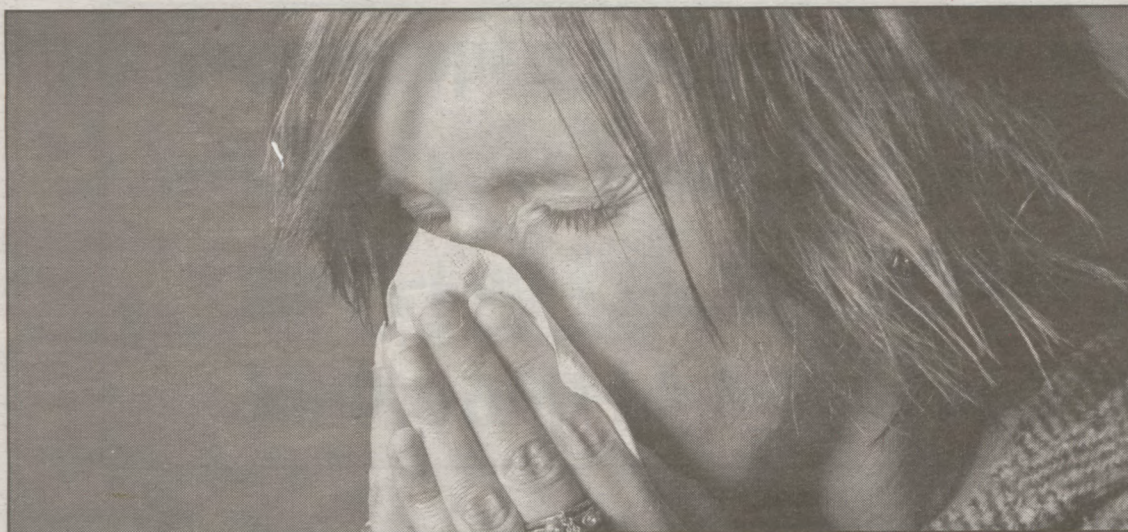


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Flu season can begin as early as October, so getting vaccinated early can reduce the chance of becoming seriously ill.

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College should be the most fun and carefree days of your life. But catching a cold or the flu can definitely put a damper on all of your fun.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 25 million to 50 million people in the United States will get the flu this year, and more than 60 million people will catch the common cold.

An unfortunate problem is that many college students have a hard time determining when they have a common cold that can be easily treated and waited out, and when they have the flu.

Coughing is a shared symptom of the cold and flu, but colds usually only involve a stuffy nose, a low fever and sneezing. The flu generally causes exhaustion, chills, eye pain, a sore throat, headaches, a high fever and body aches.

Catching a cold or the flu is no picnic, but students can take steps to avoid falling prey to these infectious bugs. A strong immune system may help prevent contracting the common cold or flu. Proper nutrition, rest and stress management can strengthen the immune system and help students avoid getting sick.

Since both colds and the flu are highly contagious, good hygiene is vital. The CDC suggests one of the best ways to prevent the flu is washing your hands frequently to kill germs picked up from places like door handles and hand

rails, especially before eating meals or touching your face. Waterless hand sanitizers can also be used in a pinch.

Another way to steer clear of these nasty bugs is to avoid people who appear to be exhibiting cold or flu symptoms, as both viruses can be transmitted via sneezing or coughing.

If you know you have the flu, taking over-the-counter medicines within 24 to 48 hours after becoming infected may help ease the symptoms.

Drinking lots of fluids can also help students to recover from the flu much faster. Flu can cause fever, and fever is dehydrating. Drinking lots of fluids will help move the virus out of your system. Hot fluids also relieve sore throat, nasal congestion and cough.

Unfortunately, no matter what your favorite remedy is, colds and the flu still have to run their course.

The best preventive measure anyone can take to avoid getting the flu is the flu vaccine. The CDC said that the vaccine does not cause the flu, but it may cause mild versions of the symptoms for a few days, such as feeling weak or sore.

Graham Health Center and the Visiting Nurse Association will be holding flu clinics at the Oakland Center, Nov. 1-2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The vaccine will cost students \$22 and will be available only by appointment after Nov. 3.

To make an appointment or for more information, call (248) 370-2341.

Checkup Checklist

Time for your annual physical? The Michigan Department of Community Health suggests talking to a doctor about:

Family medical history: Bring a "medical family tree" to your checkup. (Go to www.MayoClinic.com and type "medical tree" in the search bar to learn how to make one.) Ask your doctor which conditions you might be at risk for and what precautions you can take to decrease your chances of getting sick later.

The Hepatitis B vaccine series: Hepatitis B is a serious liver infection spread through blood contact (via unsafe sex, needle sharing or using an infected person's razor or toothbrush). The virus can cause scarring or failure of the liver and even death. It is transmitted similarly to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, but is many times more contagious. If you have not been vaccinated, it is strongly recommended you receive the three-dose vaccine series.

Influenza vaccine: The "flu" vaccine prevents against an upper respiratory illness that can lead to high-grade fevers, body aches, headache and cough. This immunization is administered on a yearly basis, is given in the late fall and is strongly recommended for college students and those with asthma, diabetes or heart disease.

Meningococcal meningitis vaccine: This vaccine protects against one of the major bacteria that can cause meningitis, an infection of the blood stream and the lining of the brain and spinal cord. Bacterial meningitis can progress very quickly and lead to severe, often life-threatening illness. Incoming college freshmen and students living in residential halls are at the highest risk.

Tetanus/Diphtheria vaccine: Most students receive a routine tetanus booster vaccine at 11 or 12 years of age. Often this vaccine is given if you have had a bad cut or puncture wound, as the germ can live in dirt or dust. Tetanus makes you unable to open your mouth or swallow and diphtheria can cause partial paralysis and heart failure. The vaccine is recommended to students who have not had a booster within the past 10 years.

Chicken pox (varicella) vaccine: This vaccine prevents the common childhood illness that results in 200-500 red, itchy blisters. Adults who get chicken pox have a more serious form of disease. This vaccine is recommended for students who have never received the vaccine or who have never been diagnosed with chicken pox.

For more information, visit your primary care provider or <http://www.michigan.gov> and click on the "Health" link.

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Did you know?: The average sneeze can propel germs as far as 10 feet, at speeds above 75 mph.

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Michigan outlasts OU in rainy match



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Junior forward Marianne Samdal looks for an opening against in-state rival Michigan on Sunday.

By JAKE SHARFMAN
The Oakland Post

The Oakland University women's soccer team fought with everything they had against No. 22 Michigan on September 26, but in the end it was Michigan who came out on top 3-2.

The Golden Grizzlies struck first when senior Kristi Swaving took a pass from junior Jill Horan, proceeded to get by a Michigan defender and kicked the ball into the back right corner of the net.

Swaving leads the team with 12 points this season.

It didn't take long for Michigan to answer back.

Danielle Underwood scored a goal on a beautiful pass from Katelin Spencer to tie the game at 1-1.

Michigan came out firing in

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the second half and took the lead in just over two minutes.

Melissa Dobbryn scored on a free kick as heavy rain and wind started to pick up.

"We have been losing on free kicks all year," head coach Nick O'Shea said. "Overall, I thought we played pretty well. We had a lot of chances to win. Michigan simply capitalized on more than we did."

The game was delayed nearly 20 minutes due to lightning and weather conditions.

After the delay, OU tied the game with a goal from freshman Kristi Vandeberge on an assist from Swaving.

Vandeberge dribbled the ball

up the middle of the field and past Wolverine defenders before she found the net for her fourth goal of the season to tie the game at 2-2.

The game-winning goal for the Wolverines came on a shot from nearly 40 yards away. Dobbryn took the ball from the far right side of the field and shot it nearly 40 yards as it snuck by Howard to give Michigan the lead 3-2.

Michigan was looking for revenge and received it, the Grizzlies have beaten Michigan the last two seasons.

The Grizzlies fall to 3-4-1 on the season and No. 22 Michigan improves to 5-2-2.

OU will now head to Palo Alto, California for the Stanford tournament.

The Grizzlies will face Colorado College on Sept. 30 and Santa Clara on Oct. 2.

SPORTS

No. 7 Akron escapes OU with a victory

Oakland's two-game winning-streak was snapped when No. 7 Akron defeated the men's soccer team 1-0. OU created scoring chances, but could not get one past Zips goalkeeper Evan Bush. Sinisa Ubiparipovic scored the game winner for the Zips. OU goalkeeper Jeff Wiese finished with five saves in the loss. Last Wednesday, OU defeated Detroit-Mercy 2-1 at the OU Soccer Field. Senior Brandon Felker scored one goal and had one assist. Junior Jim Denk scored the game winner. The Grizzlies face Cincinnati at 7 p.m. today and then head to Centenary on Saturday to kick off their conference season.

Grizzlies open Mid-Con season at 1-1

The volleyball team was able to escape a two-game road trip to begin the conference season with a 1-1 record. OU lost a tough match to Western Illinois, 3-2 (30-16, 28-30, 21-30, 30-24, 17-15) on Friday. Three Golden Grizzlies finished in double figures led by freshman Adrienne Leone's 16 kills. Senior Heather Lippert added 15 and senior Whitney Lane had 13. OU then traveled to UMKC and picked up a win. The Grizzlies defeated the Kangaroos, 3-1 (20-30, 30-27, 30-21, 30-28). Lippert led OU with 13 kills. After a long 16 game road trip to start the season the Grizzlies (2-14, 1-1 Mid-Con) host IUPUI in their season opener at 7 p.m. on Friday in the O'Rena.

Reilly a key factor in cross county meet

Freshman Katie Reilly led OU to a fifth place finish out of 17 teams at the Western Ontario Invitational. Reilly finished with a time of 19:06 in the 5K race to take 12th place and junior Laura Fisher finished in 16th place with a time of 19:17. The men's team took fourth place at the meet. Senior Adam Frezza took fifth place with a time of 32:28 in the 10K race. Both teams host the Michigan Intercollegiate race on Oct. 7 at the OU Golf Course.

Ellsworth takes fourth at Rocket Classic

The Grizzlies as a team had a rough third day to fall to seventh place at the Rocket Classic hosted by Toledo, but junior Patricia Ellsworth rallied to finish the tournament with a plus-nine and earn a fourth place finish. As a team the Grizzlies finished with a three-round total of 938. Toledo won the event with a score of 892. Junior Christina Cibrario finished in a tie for 15th with a score of +16. At press time the men's golf team was in 12th place at the Dallio Memorial Invitational hosted by DePaul. Senior Jonathon Pauli finished the day in 10th place with a score 145 (74-71). Both teams will host the OU Challenge Matches against Detroit-Mercy and Grand Valley State on Thursday and Friday.

Former Grizzlies to speak at FCA kickoff

OU's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is set to host its first annual Fall Kickoff next at 8 p.m. on Oct. 5 in the Pioneer Room at the Recreation Center. The event is free and open to the entire campus community. The evening will feature guest speakers Jeff Totten of the Baseball Chapel of the Detroit Tigers and former OU basketball players Pierre Dukes and DeMarcus Ishmeal.

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Making Swaves

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

From the time she set foot on Oakland University's soccer field, senior forward Kristi Swaving has made an impact.

This season the perennial all Mid-Continent Conference selection is hoping to juke past the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The team has made it to that point twice in Swaving's career, and advancing further down the NCAA path is her goal.

"My expectation is that we will go undefeated in the conference, we'll win the conference tournament," Swaving said.

Swaving has been an offensive force for the team in her first three seasons.

"That's my job as a forward, to score goals," Swaving said.

She has done that, putting up an average of 7.67 goals and 20 points per season. She has had a couple multi-goal games in her career.

"I've accomplished so much since I've been here," Swaving said.

There are a few games that stand out in her mind, including winning the Mid-Con title in her freshman year at Oral Roberts, as well as a regular season contest when the Grizzlies took down the University of Michigan.

"My favorite things are competing and game days," Swaving said, adding that her teammates are also her favorite.

Swaving has been playing soccer for quite a while, taking it up during third grade recess with a friend.

She began to play the sport in New Mexico, and later

moved to Michigan to play for OU after being recruited by coach Nick O'Shea while playing in an Olympic development program.

She said the first winter was a bit of a shock for her.

"I wasn't prepared for that at all," she said.

Swaving said she isn't afraid of the cold weather, however.

She is looking forward to resuming another hobby of hers — snowboarding — once the soccer season is over.

She is in the process of learning to play the guitar.

But, she admits, "soccer has pretty much clouded my mind."

Swaving is working toward her degree in Wellness Health Promotion and Injury Prevention, and she may go

into alternative medicine. She has also considered working in the music industry.

"I want to go travel, I really don't want a 9 to 5 job," she said.

Over the summer, Swaving played in the United Soccer Leagues W league for the Detroit Jaguars, notching five goals and 11 points.

Swaving received Mid-Con Offensive Player of the Week during last season, as well as academic all Mid-Con honors.

Another game Swaving fondly remembers is a night game for her club team in Phoenix, Ariz., where she scored the winning goal with three minutes left in the contest.

She said that she would add lights to OU's soccer

fields so that they could play night games.

The back-to-back 1-0 losses to Michigan in the NCAA tournament are a driving force for Swaving.

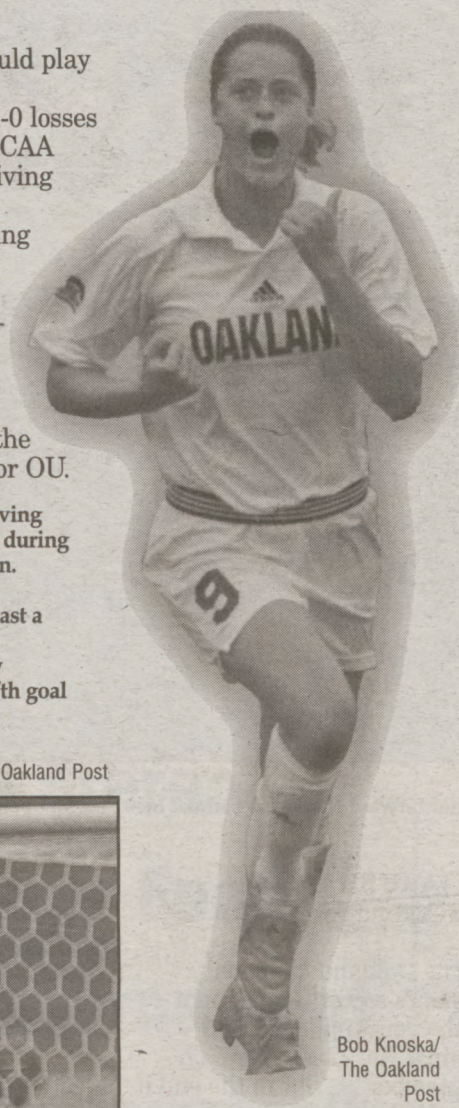
This season, Swaving doesn't want to go home.

She wants the slipper to fit and the women's soccer team to be another 'Cinderella story' in the NCAA tournament for OU.

Right: Senior Kristi Swaving celebrates scoring a goal during OU's 2-1 loss to Michigan.

Below: Swaving edges past a defender and closer to Michigan's net. The play resulted in Swaving's fifth goal of the season.

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Kristi Swaving

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico
High school: La Cueva
Major: Wellness Health Promotion and Injury Prevention

Career Stats			
Year	Goals	Assists	Points
2005	5	2	12
2004	7	7	18
2003	8	2	18
2002	8	5	21