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It begins

OUSC presidential announcements made after heated debates

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
Campus News Editor

A dispute over election guidelines spawned hours of controversy at Monday's Oakland University Student Congress meeting as members debated the eligibility of commissioners who had drafted the guidelines to run for elected offices within the organization.

The Voting Reform Commission, which consists of seven Congress members appointed by Student Body President Michael McGuinness, took on the task of "restructuring and revision of the University Student Congress elections process," according to a report presented to OUSC.

Some members said they felt the commissioners who drafted the guidelines should be ineligible to run for office because of a conflict of interest.

"You'd be putting yourself in a very good position to manipulate these guide-

See "Legislator approved after 'propaganda' film upsets" on A2 for further coverage of OUSC's Monday meeting.

lines," said Madelyn Miller, Student Program Board chair.

Originally proposed by Legislator Dan Kubicek, an amendment was tossed back and forth among members that stated, "members of the commission wouldn't be allowed to run for president, vice president or legislator positions."

Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Committee chair, said commission members should be eligible to run for office since they were not notified of the possibility of being barred from running for office before they accepted to sit on the commission.

"It should've been stated in the beginning," Porter

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Valpo curse is over



Dustin Frucci
Sports Editor

It was starting to look more probable to get hit by lightning on Feb. 29 than it was for the Oakland University men's basketball team to end its futility against Valparaiso.

After all, OU was coming off what head coach Greg Kampe called the team's worst loss since turning Division I — a 75-66 home loss to Centenary — and had fallen to within half a game of last place in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Apparently, that whole Phoenix-rising-from-the-ashes story has some merit. Behind a career high 40 points from junior Calvin Wooten, OU pulled away from Valparaiso last Thursday to earn its first win over the Crusaders in 17 tries.

"I can't tell you how

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Junior Calvin Wooten (3) led the Grizzlies in their 95-89 first time victory over Valpo with 40 points.
DANTE CIULLO/The Oakland Post

POLITICAL ANALYSIS

State of the Union? Skittish and agitated

By RON FOURNIER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The state of the union is fretful.

President Bush acknowledged the public's agitated state Tuesday night when he gave voice to growing concerns about the course of the nation he has led for five years. His credibility no longer the asset it once was, the president begged Americans' indulgence for another chance to fix things.

There is no shortage: the Iraq war,

global terrorism, a nuclear Iran, a stingy global economy, skyrocketing health care costs, troubled U.S. schools, rising fuel costs, looming budget deficits and government corruption. All received presidential attention Tuesday night.

In his fifth State of the Union address, Bush sought to balance his usual optimistic message with an odd-fitting acknowledgment that many Americans are suffering beneath a crush of change.

"Fellow citizens, we have been

Ron Fournier has covered the White House and politics for The Associated Press since 1992.

called to leadership in a period of consequence. We have entered a great ideological conflict we did nothing to invite," Bush said.

"We see great changes in science and commerce that will influence all our lives. And sometimes it can seem that history is turning a wide arc,

toward an unknown shore," he said.

Unknown and uneasy. The problem for Bush is that few of these troubles are new. He's had five years to ease people's pain.

Nearly 46 million Americans have no health insurance, up nearly a million in the last year. Health care costs are increasing three or four times the rate of inflation.

One of the first successes of Bush's presidency was the 2002 No Child Left Behind law, but parents still wonder about the quality of education

in their schools. For the first time in generations, American children could face poorer prospects than their parents and grandparents did.

Calling for less dependency on foreign oil is a State of the Union evergreen. Bush has done so in every address.

The president who promised to be a uniter, not a divider, has presided over the hyper-polarization of Washington.

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Alito sworn in

Official becomes nation's 110th Court justice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Samuel Anthony Alito Jr. was sworn in as the nation's 110th Supreme Court justice on

Tuesday after being confirmed by the Senate in one of the most partisan victories in modern history.

Alito was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts in a private ceremony at the Supreme Court building at about 12:40 p.m. EST, court officials said.

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Detroit preps for big game

The countdown is nearing completion and Detroit is finally ready for Super Bowl XL, according to organizers.

"We've had six years, and yes, we are prepared. We (proved) during the (Major League Baseball) All-Star game, that it can be done," said Colin Utley, communications assistant for the Super Bowl XL host committee.

"It offers us a chance to reintroduce the city to the world, a lot of people that

haven't been here in 10 or 15 years," Utley said. "Detroit revitalized will wow them."

The committee, headed by auto racing impresario Roger Penske, formed in 2002.

The group gathered over 8,000 volunteers to help with the task of playing host to the football world this weekend.

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Legislator approved after 'propaganda' film upsets

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

A debate erupted at Monday's Oakland University Student Congress meeting over whether a legislative candidate's controversial film impedes his ability to represent the student body.

Freshman Justin Zatkoff, a member of the College Republicans and the OU Track Team, was narrowly confirmed by a vote of 9-8.

Zatkoff stood before the student congress body for over an hour during his confirmation, answering questions related to a documentary he produced and posted on his Web site.

Zatkoff defended allegations that his film — which depicts OU students, including some OUSC members, at a campus anti-war rally last October — was misrepresentative.

Madalyn Miller, Student Program Board chair, said the film contains images of flag

burnings and swastikas.

She told The Post that making an association between her and Nazis amounted to "no less than defamation of character."

After watching the film on Tuesday, Zatkoff told The Post he was unable to find any images of the alleged swastikas.

"I'm baffled," he said. He claims that the film had not been altered.

Miller, however, says the film she viewed Tuesday had been altered from the one she had viewed in the past.

According to Zatkoff, the documentary dealt with the culture of anti-war protests. He admitted that it was biased and compared it to "the type of propaganda that Michael Moore produces."

Zatkoff said his film was not a reflection of his ability to represent OU students.

"In no way do these videos represent my ability to govern on the Student Congress," he

said. "This in no way affects how I will perform as a Student Congress legislator."

Zatkoff's opponents claimed that the peaceful rally they attended did not warrant representation in a film that dealt with the culture of extreme political behavior.

"I want to let you know that I don't appreciate being represented with Nazis," Miller, who was interviewed at the anti-war rally for Zatkoff's film, told him during his confirmation.

Zatkoff countered that the people who were featured in his documentary gave their consent by getting in front of his camera and answering his questions.

"It was a public event in a public area," Zatkoff said. He chose not to oblige to requests from students who, after seeing the film, asked to be removed.

After being confirmed, Zatkoff said that he was looking forward to helping students get involved in campus activities.

told The Post late Tuesday night that he will be running for president and will have fellow OUSC member Mark Ewing run as vice president.

"It's time for leadership that's a little more straight forward a little more involved," Ewing said.

Shortly after, McGuinness announced his intent to seek reelection with Miller as his running mate. "I feel as a ticket, the McGuinness-Miller campaign provides enthusiasm for the student body and the optimism to implement positive changes on campus," Miller said.

McGuinness did not express

concern over Vitale and Ewing's service on the Voter Reform Commission.

"They made recommendation to the rules but they won't be carrying out the rules, so they won't be policing themselves," McGuinness said.

"We want to do good things," said Vitale. "And we are going to do good things."

McGuinness and Miller also expressed showed confidence in the upcoming election. "Our years of leadership experience provide us with the ability to connect with the needs of our diverse campus population," McGuinness said.

win.

For a young team who was struggling just to stay out of the bottom of the conference, this is a huge confidence boost heading into the final stretch of conference play and into the league tournament.

"It feels good," Wooten said after the game. "There's some young guys that the losing was getting to. This (win) is important."

How important will be determined by what these young Golden Grizzlies do with it. They already turned the momentum into a win over Western Illinois on Saturday.

OU will play conference leaders' IUPUI, Oral Roberts and UMKC, over the next two weeks and close the regular season with three straight road games.

OUSC

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said. "It's not fair to tell them they can't run for positions after the task has been completed."

"I think it's inappropriate to write that now," said Legislator Mark Ewing, one of the commissioners.

The amendment was ultimately defeated by legislators less than 24 hours before two members of the Voting Reform Commission announced their candidacy for next year's president and vice president elections. Legislator Peter Vitale

CURSE

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happy I am that it's over," Kampe said of the apparent curse.

"The first few years it really didn't matter to me, and then it grew and grew and grew," he said. "Right now the main question is gone. We don't have to worry about that anymore. We don't have to think about it. We don't have to read about it every time we get ready for Valpo."

It was the best game OU has played all season.

With 11:42 left in the first half, the lines for both teams read like this: Valparaiso was 9 of 11 from the field, 6 of 6 from the three-point line and 2 of 2 from the foul line; Oakland was

10 of 13 from the field, 5 of 8 from beyond the arc and 4 of 5 from the foul line.

For you non-math majors, Valpo was shooting 81 percent and OU was 77 percent.

"I've coached for 28 years, and I thought that first half of that basketball games was as good as I've ever seen," Kampe said. The two teams cooled off in the second half, but OU's offensive execution and ball control down the stretch sealed the win.

OU grew up in the second half of the game, making plays that their youth has prevented in the past.

"We didn't turn the ball over and played smart," Kampe said. "We did things that represent a maturing team."

It's important not to understate the significance of this

moderate swing vote on the court.

Alito is a longtime federal appeals judge, having been confirmed by the Senate by unanimous consent on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia on April 27, 1990.

Before that, he worked as New Jersey's U.S. attorney and as a lawyer in the Justice Department for the conservative Reagan administration. It was his Reagan-era work that caused the most controversy during his three-month candidacy for the high court.

Alito replaces O'Connor, the court's first female justice and a key moderate swing vote on issues like assisted suicide, campaign

finance law, the death penalty, affirmative action and abortion. Critics who mounted a fierce campaign against his nomination noted that while he worked in the solicitor general's office for President Reagan, he suggested that the Justice Department should try to chip away at abortion rights rather than mount an all-out assault. He also wrote in a 1985 job application for another Reagan administration post that he was proud of his work helping the government argue that "the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion."

Now, Alito says, he has great respect for the Roe v. Wade decision as a precedent but refused to commit to upholding it in the

future. "I would approach the question with an open mind and I would listen to the arguments that were made," he told senators at his confirmation hearing earlier this month. Democrats weren't convinced, with liberals even unsuccessfully trying to rally support to filibuster Alito on Monday.

"The 1985 document amounted to Judge Alito's pledge of allegiance to a conservative radical Republican ideology," Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said before the vote.

They also repeatedly questioned Alito at his five-day confirmation hearing after he would not discuss his opinions about abortion or other contentious topics.

ALITO

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Alito and his wife, Martha-Ann Bomgardner, along with other members of the court and their spouses, attended the ceremony in the justices' conference room. Alito will be ceremonially sworn in a second time at a White House East Room appearance on Wednesday.

Alito's swearing-in came only hours after the Senate voted 58-42 to confirm Alito — a former federal appellate judge, U.S. attorney, and conservative lawyer for the Reagan administration from New Jersey — as the replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has been a

BOWL

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Over 100,000 visitors are expected to be in town for the big game, as well as the 3,000 members of the international media staying at the Renaissance Center.

The game is expected to see \$302 million in economic activity, with \$124 million expected income for the region.

Eighty percent of that economic impact is expected for Oakland and Wayne Counties. Utley said this event is far more extravagant than the previous Detroit area Super Bowl, XVI, held at the Pontiac Silverdome in 1982.

The former event for instance, had tickets that cost \$40, whereas the modern day show has tickets for \$700.

Utley said Super Bowl XVI, the first in a northern city, opened the doors for many other cities outside of California to bid for the game.

"Other northern cities are anxious about Detroit's success because it could help them," Utley said, adding that it could turn out to help Detroit in bidding for the bowl in the future.

Security post Sept. 11, 2001 is far tighter than anyone may have thought at the Silverdome when Joe Montana was leading San Francisco over the Cincinnati Bengals in '82.

Fans will have their tickets scanned by a magnometer at a point 300 feet outside Ford Field, which will be surrounded at that point by security fencing.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard has established limits on both the airspace around Ford Field and the Detroit River boundaries surrounding the city.

Last week, the FAA announced that the airspace within 30 miles of the site will be off-limits on game day.

The Coast Guard will establish a security zone along the Detroit riverfront that extends 300 yards out and runs along a one-mile stretch, from Joe Louis Arena north to the Renaissance Center during the week of the bowl.

Utley said Super Bowl XL is the first truly international bowl game, with Windsor and its Mayor Eddie Francis mirroring Motown's event lineup

with their own host committee. "It's certainly not a competition, it's a partnership."

Carolyn Artman, manager of media relations for the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she hoped the busy atmosphere of Detroit does not discourage metro area residents during Super Bowl Weekend, hoping that they would venture to the city to take part in festivities.

"We hope people can experience the excitement that goes with the Super Bowl," Artman said, also referring to the Motown Winter Blast and NFL Experience.

All of the commotion during "Super Week" is expected to wreak havoc on traffic and parking arrangements downtown.

Utley feels, however, that the Detroit People Mover is designed perfectly for occasions like this, with its several stops at prominent Detroit sites such as Cobo Center.

In addition, there have also been more-for-hire drivers brought in to aid those seeking a chance to soak up the Super Bowl, more than in any host city, Utley said.

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HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

Nominees must be graduating in April 2006 or have graduated in June, August, or December 2005. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to inter-group understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

Nomination forms are available online at www2.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/ under "Scholarships and Awards" or at 144 Oakland Center.

Call 370-3352 for more information.
Deadline for both awards is Monday, February 6, 2006.

SPRING BREAK HOT SPOT

Panama City Beach has been a Spring Break hot spot for as long as most Spring Breakers can remember. The Sandpiper-Beacon Beach Resort has been at the forefront of Spring Break activities in Panama City Beach since 1990.

Its popularity stems from its nonstop party atmosphere and on-site resort accommodations, giving Spring Breakers plenty to do without ever leaving the resort. DJ Big Donna has been playing the hottest dance mixes since 1995 and the Sandpiper has been host to many other well-known DJ's including DJ Skribble. The Sandpiper-Beacon brings the party to you — no driving necessary.

MTV's The Real World was at the Sandpiper in 2005 with MJ and Robin as special guests at an Axe/Stuff Magazine Beach Party. They sponsored a model search, party, and a swimsuit competition. Alloy Marketing has also brought in model searches, along with

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only for out-of-towners, more importantly for local residents," said MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi.

Morosi said once all of the downtown events are going on simultaneously, more security measures make driving in the city even more difficult, and this plan is important to help

those who are going to be working in Detroit during the celebration.

For information on the shuttles, call DDOT customer service (313) 933-1300 or visit <http://www.detroitmi.gov/ddot>. "The Game Plan" from MDOT is available to view at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot>.

Life is like an open Facebook

Fears arise that too much info is shared on Web site

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Running into old friends, sharing photos and chatting with new ones are a regular occurrence on most college campuses. However, with social Web sites like facebook.com, all that has changed.

With its second anniversary Saturday, the site attracts thousands of students to network with each other.

The advantages of the free Web site seem endless. You can find classmates, neighbors, people from high

school, share pictures and information about yourself as well as find people who share your interests.

Not only can you do all this, you can keep it private, away from strangers. Can't you?

The default settings on the site allow only students at Oakland University to see your profile. This can also be changed to allow everyone or only friends to see it.

Friends have to be approved on both sides. Designating someone a friend will send that person an email asking to confirm the friendship.

Although the site seems to only have positive qualities, some startling dangers are becoming more apparent.

The homepage states: "Now there are two Facebooks; one for people in college and one for people in high school."

However, that statement can be misleading. Anyone with a school-issued email address, including faculty and administrators, has access to you're pictures, profile, contact information and anything else you post.

University Technology Services

warns students to be cautious with the information they put on the site.

"I think that people tend to trust things on computers more than they should," said Theresa Rowe, director of UTS. "If somebody called you randomly on the phone, you wouldn't give that information out."

Information posted on Facebook can lead to more than angry comments on your wall.

Earlier this semester, a female student filed a report with OU Police for harassment from a male student spurred by Facebook.

According to the report, the two had exchanged friendly messages through the site in the past. When the female declined to attend a party with the male, he began to call her on the phone and hang up as well as send threatening messages.

In some extreme cases, what you say on Facebook can cost you your education.

Last October, the student government president at Fisher College in Massachusetts was expelled for joining a group on the site.

he said, she said

"College is an incubator for change and students who stand up for it and speak out for change are truly inspirational."

—Michael McGuinness, Student Body President

Cameron Walker and a friend started the group calling for the removal of a campus police officer, according to The Boston Globe.

College administrators, tipped off by a student, found out about the group and expelled both students for violating the student code of conduct.

According to Facebook, 68 faculty and staff from OU are currently listed as members.

One faculty member is Scott Burke, coordinator for video resources, who has been a member since May 2005.

"I think it shows the students a little bit of a human side to the teacher," Burke said of faculty joining the predominantly student Web site.

Most of Burke's friends are former or current students, he said.

Career Services also joined Facebook in December as a way to better communicate and interact with students.

"We wanted to recruit our own students to use our own services," Bob Thomas, Career Services director said. "We're right in the middle of experimenting with the program."

Many Facebook members feel that while there are potential dangers associated with the site, the benefits outweigh them.

"I would say that I get a little worried about my privacy, but so far it's just been a few weird (instant messages) or emails, and realistically those things happened before with just plain AOL," senior Cathy Kimmel said in an e-mail.

Aside from the possibility of being recognized from your Facebook picture, Kimmel, who has been a member since March 2005, feels the site is a good thing.

"I have found Facebook to be very helpful when it comes to communicating with people in your classes about assignments, etcetera, that you don't have the phone numbers for," she said. "I was also able to sell a textbook that I didn't need through Facebook."

Burke said he thinks the site has the potential to get out of control.

"I think it's like any other tool, it can be fun and should be fun. But I think the potential is there to go bad."

FNL serves up another hit hit to quench thirst for entertainment

"Laughing is healthy," said Lauren McIntyre, a junior and resident assistant at Oakland University, "I decided to laugh for an hour."

"I haven't been to an FNL in awhile so I figured I'd come," said sophomore Ashleigh Gallegos. No matter what their reasons, students filed into the Vandenberg cafeteria last Friday for night of humor instead of food.

Students were sitting in front of the stage and lights, anticipating fun and laughter from comedian Warren B. Hall during University Housing's Friday Night Live.

"It is a good thing to do on a Friday night," said McIntyre. "It is early enough so you can still go out and do things."

Warren B. Hall has been performing in many places in the U.S. He has also done performances for our American troops overseas in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. He wanted to be just like Eddie Murphy and be on television. Now he makes a career as a comedian making others laugh.

"I thought he was hilarious," said Gallegos. "I enjoyed the whole thing." "It was the facial expressions that really sold the jokes," said McIntyre. The next Friday Night Live will be Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. and will feature comedian Melvin Bender.

— Stacey Morse,
Contributing Reporter

Differences put to rest

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

During the past two weeks, several events on campus have tried to expose students to new cultures and causes.

Vandenberg Hall was transformed into the Hall of Oppression Jan. 25-26 and was filled with displays of the different -isms, such as sexism, racism and heterosexism.

"The purpose of this event is for everyone who participates to somehow be affected and acknowledge the degree that each -ism is present in their lives," said Vandenberg Hall Director Jeff Frankowiak.

Oakland University Student Congress' Stand Up for Change initiative and the first ever Asian-American Celebration began Jan. 30.

These two events were "integrated together" and "intentionally timed" to occur after the Hall of Oppression, said Student Congress President Michael McGuinness.

In its second year, the Hall of Oppression also included discussion groups in all the residence halls.

"All of these experiences allowed opportunities for residents to share their input and responses about each -ism," Frankowiak said.

"The concern here is depending who you ask, the relevance of each -ism will be interpreted different," he said. "Meaning that sexism means nothing to someone who has not been oppressed by the topic but for others sexism may scream loudly to them. Likewise for someone who is disabled or someone who has been discriminated against based on race."

Stand Up for Change is important because "student congress has never undertaken a project like this," McGuinness said.

"It was started to encourage people to get involved with promoting positive change on campus and in their community," said Madalyn Miller, Student Program Board chair.

This Friday the week will culminate at the Get Down for Change celebration. The event will be held in Banquet Room A and students can dance, eat and win prizes. Proceeds from the prize raffles will benefit UNICEF.

Students gathered Jan. 31 for the second candlelight vigil this school year. "It was a vigil to promote unity on campus," Miller said.



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post



Top: Students gather around Senior Tim Atwood to light their candles at Monday's vigil for those who have even felt discriminated against.

Left: Senior Randall Singletary looks at a sexism poster at last week's Hall of Oppression. Vandenberg Hall contained exhibits to combat different forms of -isms.

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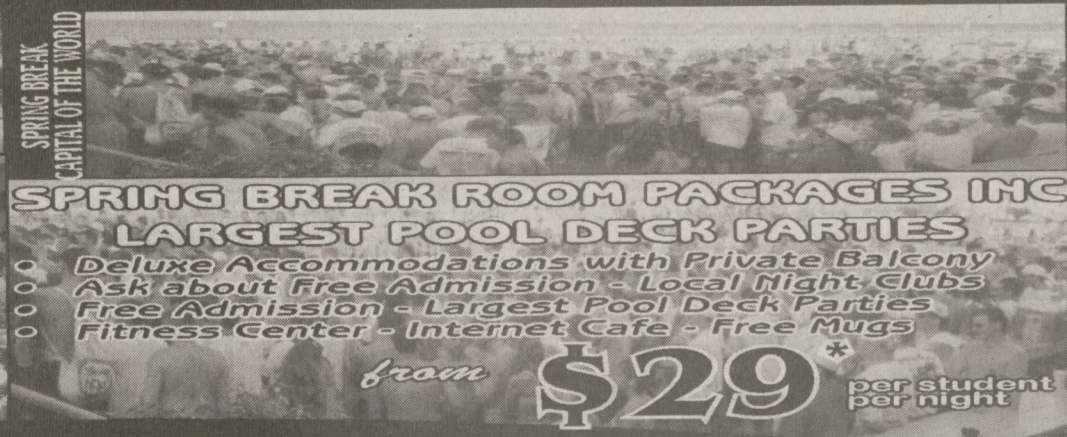
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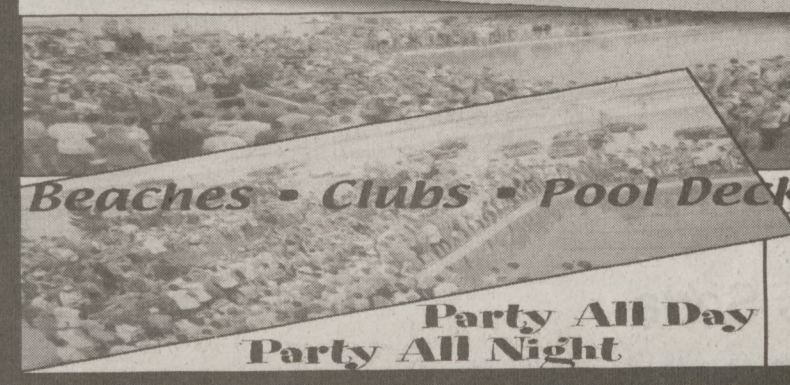
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Enron defense says there's no evidence books were cooked

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling insisted Tuesday the men were guilty of no crimes, arguing the company was never infested with fraud and instead fell victim to a sudden crisis of market confidence. Lay and Skilling were pioneers in the energy trading industry who deeply loved their company — which stands to this day, Lay lawyer Michael Ramsey said, as “one of the finest free-market institutions the world has ever seen.”

A federal prosecutor laid out a different version of events, telling jurors in opening statements in the men’s trial that they lied to Wall Street and their own employees to cover up the crumbling finances that drove what was once the nation’s seventh-largest company into bankruptcy protection in December 2001. Daniel Petrocelli, arguing for Skilling, went so far as to suggest 13 of the 16 Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to federal crimes were innocent but caved in to intense pressure from zealous federal prosecutors.

“This is not a case of hear-no-evil, see-no-evil,” Petrocelli said, at times animatedly jabbing his finger at the jury. “This is a case of there was no evil.”

Directly countering four years of negative publicity that turned the very name Enron into a symbol of accounting chicanery, Petrocelli said, “There’s no evidence any books were cooked at Enron.”

But federal prosecutor John Hueston said Skilling and Lay sold Enron stock before a massive fraud was exposed.

“It is not about accounting. It is about lies and choices,” Hueston said.

Hueston, part of the Justice Department’s Enron Task Force, said Lay and Skilling sold Wall Street, auditors and their own workers a story of a “simply magical ability” for Enron to record consistently impressive growth.

NATION

Former postal employee kills five, comits suicide

GOLETA, Calif. (AP) — “Going postal” had almost become an anachronism. Monday night a former postal worker who had once been removed from a mail-processing plant because of strange behavior returned with a gun. When sheriff’s deputies arrived, five postal workers had been slain, another was critically wounded and the shooter was dead in an apparent suicide, after what may have been the worst workplace shooting ever carried out by a woman. Investigators would not discuss a motive for the attack.

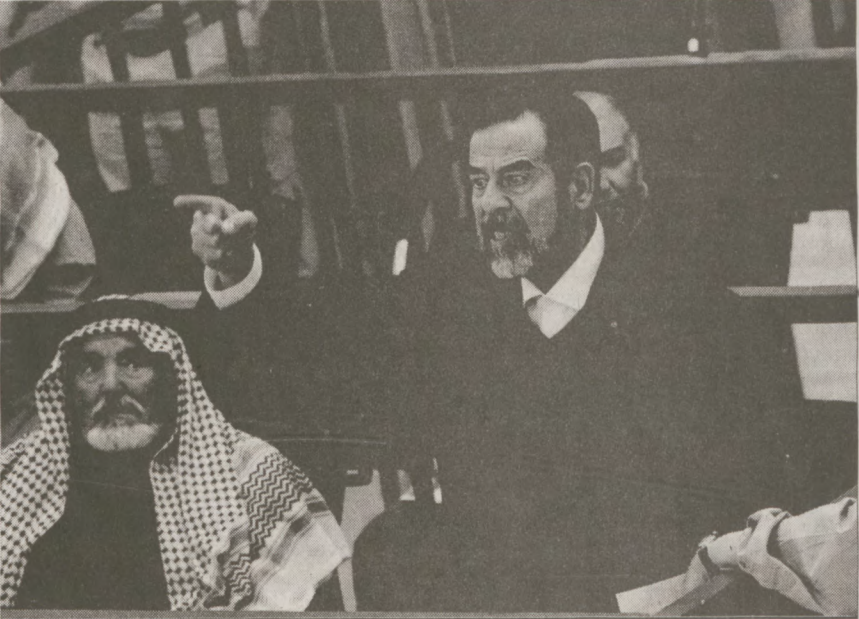
WORLD

Hamas searching for new money due to Western threats

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — A senior Hamas official said Tuesday the militant group Hamas is already looking for new sources of funding after the international community threatened to cut off aid, warning that Hamas will not be “blackmailed.” Osama Hamdan said millions of dollars in aid could be in jeopardy if Hamas does not change its violent ways. Hamas, which has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide attacks over the past decade, is poised to lead the next Palestinian government after a landslide win in parliamentary elections. Western donors, led by the U.S. and EU, funnel about \$900 million to the Palestinians each year, most of it for reconstruction projects in the impoverished Gaza Strip and West Bank. Both list Hamas as a terror group, making it difficult, if not illegal, for them to give money to a government led by Hamas. Israel also has said it would stop the monthly transfer of \$55 million in taxes and customs it collects from Palestinian workers and merchants to the Palestinian Authority if a Hamas government is installed.



The Associated Press File Photo
Coretta Scott King, who turned a life shattered by her husband's assassination into one devoted to enshrining his legacy of human rights and equality, has died, former mayor Andrew Young told NBC Tuesday morning. She was 78.



The Associated Press
Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein argues with chief judge, Raouf Abdel-Rahman, after his half brother, Barzan Ibrahim, was forcibly removed from the trial held in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, Sunday Jan. 29, 2006. Saddam Hussein's trial quickly collapsed into chaos after resuming Sunday with one defendant dragged out of court and the defense team walking out in protest.

ADDRESS

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Osama bin Laden has not been caught. Weapons of mass destruction were not found in Iraq. Victory in that war seems elusive, with more than 2,240 American troops killed — and counting. The divide over Iraq spilled into the House chamber, where parents of fallen soldiers attended in support of Bush and peace protester Cindy Sheehan was arrested just before the address. The solutions Bush offered were relatively small-bore and wrapped in familiar language: tax cuts, health savings accounts, alternative energy research and investments in edu-

cation to help keep America competitive with emerging democracies; and a stay-the-course approach to fighting terrorism.

Ten months before congressional elections, Bush accused foreign policy critics of “defeatism.” He also took a jab at critics in his own party on immigration.

Bush’s goal in the address was to acknowledge the public’s concerns, and if not solve their every problem, assure them he will try to do better.

“He’s learned that the election is over — and now he’s free to acknowledge that course change doesn’t necessarily mean a mistake,” said Republican consultant Rich Galen.

Bush spoke of the global economy and sug-

gested that competitors like China and India are making gains on the United States. “This creates an uncertainty, which makes it easier to feed people’s fears.”

He said violent crime, abortions and teenage pregnancies are down in an era that has seen Americans take more responsibility — “a revolution of conscience” he called it. “Yet many Americans, especially parents, still have deep concerns about the direction of our culture, and the health of our basic institutions,” he said.

The mood of the nation is unsettled. Nearly 7 of 10 American believes the country is headed in the wrong direction. Bush’s job approval ratings are among the lowest of his presidency. At the core of his political problems is his loss of credi-

bility. Most voters believed he was a strong and principled leader in 2004, leading many to support him despite their opposition to the Iraq war and a sluggish economy.

They are no longer giving him the benefit of the doubt. The proportion of Americans who credit the president with being honest and straightforward has fallen, as has the percentage who credit him for strong leadership qualities. Democrats hope those numbers don’t change after Bush’s address. “It’s an attempt to make himself healthy before the midterms,” said Democratic strategist Dane Strother. Americans may be anxious, he said, “but they’re not dumb.”

— Gillian Flaccus in Costa Mesa, Calif., contributed to this story.

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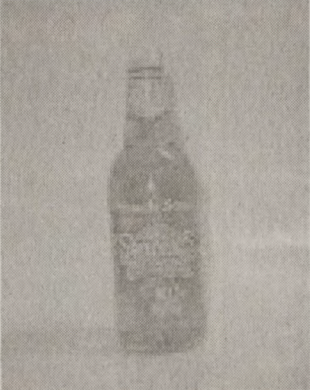
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EDITORIAL

E-board candidates write their own rules

Last year's Oakland University Student Congress elections were marred by an appearance of improprieties that called into question the integrity of the election process.

To correct the issue, Student Body President Michael McGuinness appointed a committee — the Oakland University Student Congress Voting Reform Commission — to revise the election guidelines.

"Upon even the most basic reading of the elections materials provided to us, those same documents which have for years (in one form or another) guided the university Student Congress elections, we discovered a process riddled with inconsistencies, loopholes and omissions," the commissioners state in their report to the Student Congress legislative body.

Tuesday night, Legislators Peter Vitale and Mark Ewing announced their plans to run for next year's presidency to The Post.

Both Vitale, who plans to run for president, and Ewing, who plans to run for vice president, are on the Voting Reform Commission.

The conflict of interest this poses seems only too obvious, and, in fact, it was addressed at Monday's Student Congress meeting by some legislators who said they felt commission members should not be eligible to run for the offices of president and vice president.

Legislator Dan Kubicek suggested an amendment to the bill presented by the Voting Reform Commission proposing the ineligibility of commissioners to run.

Other legislators argued that this placed the commissioners at a disadvantage since they accepted their positions not knowing it may bar them from running from office.

True. However, the commissioners were entrusted with restoring student body confidence in the election process.

"After all, the confidence of the student body

is of the utmost necessity in our elections; without it, our elections are meaningless and our attempt at democracy is a sham," the commissioners state in their report.

A sham indeed.

Our elected student government members should not need a bylaw in the constitution to inform them of their responsibility toward upholding integrity. They should realize the conflict of interest when the same individuals composing the guidelines are running for office.

But perhaps they are blinded by the glare of its obviousness.

Further, some legislators voiced concern over Administrative Assistant Crystal Allen's eligibility to serve as the Elections Commission chair.

According to the guidelines, "The Elections Commissions chair may not declare support, public or private, for any candidate for any elective office in the university Student Congress during their term as chair."

However, Allen allegedly expressed support for a potential candidate.

Rather than correct both problems by dismissing Allen from her position as Elections Commission chair and declaring commission members ineligible to run for office, Congress members negotiated a deal that would accommodate the intentions of everyone whose political ambitions were in jeopardy.

With Vitale's and Ewing's announcement, perhaps Congress should consider eliminating the current proposed guidelines and appointing a commission with members not planning to run for office.

You let us commission members run for office, and we'll let the Elections Commissions chair stay despite her public support of a potential candidate. So, efforts to instill integrity into the electoral process have failed. And the election hasn't yet begun.

— The Oakland Post



Mike Palmer

Eric Perich

Guest Column

Libertarianism: Neither Left nor Right

"I swear by my life and my love of it that I will never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for the sake of mine." — John Galt in Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged

Why is it that politics is so controversial? Two people can live together, share all parts of their lives with each other, be completely happy, and yet when they try to discuss politics, the conversation often ends with each person feeling betrayed, wondering why the other person could feel the way they do, and generally frustrated by the experience. The reason that politics in contemporary America has become so contentious is because there is so much at stake. Over the past several decades, more and more decisions have been turned over to the Federal Government. This has caused more and more people to have a vested interest in what happens in Washington. This means that each person is more affected by political decisions, yet they have less influence on them because their votes are diluted as more and more people make the decisions.

The politicization of culture and the federalization of politics have forced people to treat politics as a life or death matter. Gone are the days of the venerable statesman. Now, when Americans hear the word "politician," the first things that come to mind are dishonesty and

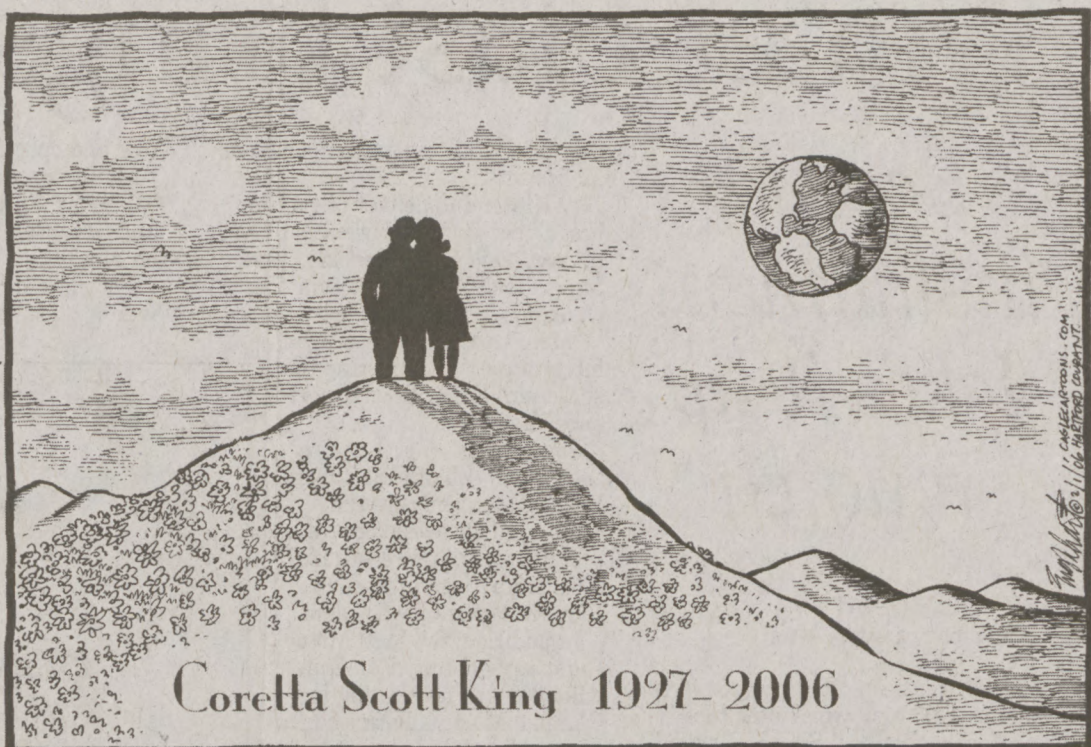
greed. This feeling is easily supported by any number of recent scandals in Congress. But, when decisions are made that affect everyone, then everyone has an incentive to do whatever they can to make sure that the decision is made in the way that they want it to be made. This is certainly a natural response.

The solutions to the problem of self-interested politicians and the money and influence driven nature of the political process offered by liberals and conservatives have not been sufficient because they have failed to address the root cause of the problem. Both sides of the political spectrum still agree that government should make most decisions, they simply disagree on which decisions these should be, and what the answers should be. However, they both also still idealize politics as a noble profession. But, what both conservatives and liberals have failed to realize is that when a nation's decision making is centralized and people have their choices made for them, they will do whatever it takes to make sure that these decisions and choices are made in a way that is favorable to them. Libertarians have a solution to this problem that actually works. Having someone that is hundreds or even thousands of miles away making someone's decisions for them is inherently troublesome. Lawmakers in Washington cannot have enough information to

make good decisions about what policies will be most effective in Oregon, Maine, Texas, or Michigan, let alone all at the same time. Public policy is not and cannot be one size fits all. Decisions are most effective when they are made locally. Not only do local decision makers have more information, they have a more vested interest in issues that are close to home. While devolution of power to the local level would certainly be a positive development, some would argue that would not be far enough.

The Libertarian philosophy directly addresses this issue. No other political party recognizes the absolute sovereignty of the individual like the Libertarian Party. We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

One of the most basic tenets of Libertarianism is the opposition to aggression and coercion. It is upon this opposition that Libertarianism bases the majority of its paradigm. Unfortunately, the current system is rife with aggressive policies that cause more harm to society than the good they were intended to foster. Quite often the solution presented by the Left or Right is to pass more laws limiting individual rights in lifestyle choice or business ventures. The truth is the only way to improve American society is not to give more control to the bureaucrats in Washington, but to take away as much as possible and give it back to the individual.



"Coretta Scott King" By Bob Englehart

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter has 'little understanding' of Affirmative Action

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to respond to Justin Zatkoff's letter to the post in the January 25, 2006, issue. First, affirmative action does not only pertain to the two segments of the population as outlined in Justin's letter.

I fear that Justin, like many others unfortunately, has little understanding of what affirmative action was intended to do. Affirmative action only sought to help eliminate past and present discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is what prohibits discrimination in all aspects of employment. Both do not inherently promote hiring minority candidates for the sake of hiring them. Instead they seek to address forms of discrimination that have long since gone unchecked. This isn't to say that affirmative action principles haven't been misused, but I would call upon Justin to supply data that support his claims of how affirmative action is taking minority groups to the top preferentially.

Indeed, hiring practices have been impacted by affirmative action. One basic way companies limit discrimination is by choosing to advertise in a variety of ways to encourage a diverse pool of job applicants, such as posting job openings online and in multiple publications. Companies benefit by having a diverse staff because staff will bring different experiences, perspectives, knowledge, and ideas with them for their employer to take advantage of.

Justin should know that hiring employees is not a simple matter between who is better qualified. In many cases, there are a few equally qualified candidates. Hiring personnel are charged with the arduous task of selecting a candidate that is the best "fit" for the position. People of color, homosexuals, overweight people, women, and others have been passed over for promotions and positions because they may not fit in with the company profile. Please refer to the Department of Labor's employment statistics if you believe it is the other way around.

Our intelligence and scholastic aptitude can be influenced by our environment. I've seen some schools still using textbooks that are more than ten years old while a school district ten miles away has the top notch materials. Some students have parents who can be more involved with their children's education while others focus on providing food and shelter. Please tell me which of these students has a

more realistic chance of scoring in the 90th percentile on the standardized test in question?

The bottom line is students who are disadvantaged socioeconomically are less likely to graduate from college for reasons that extend well beyond the question of intelligence. Many will go, but they are less likely to graduate above chance. And yes, Justin, African American students are overrepresented in this group, but so are Latino students. If OU's student population were inline with current census data, we would have around 2200 African American students enrolled here, but we presently we have a little more than half of that number. Just think, without affirmative action these numbers could be worse.

Lisa Dillon

Letter shows 'narrow-mindedness'

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Zatkoff's article in last week's post I find it extremely important to remove some of the narrow-mindedness and let the truth be told. Mr. Zatkoff's point is well taken and understood. Affirmative Action may cause some less educated individuals to believe that African Americans are inferior. Surely any responsible individual knows that Affirmative Action was created to allow equal advancement (not preferences) for all minorities and women, not just African Americans, in education and employment in order to ensure everyone a fair opportunity to succeed.

If African American's did not step up and take a stand, chances are less likely that anyone who is not white, male, and landowner would have a face in today's American society. In essence the 13th 14th and 15th amendments, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 would not have been created.

In all truth and honesty your right NBA players should continue to be chosen based on merit. If we truly wanted to diversify America then the spoils and patronage systems would need to be done away with. If I had my way in the world all employment and educational opportunities would be based on merit and experience. The reality is that the world doesn't go my way and discrimination does still occur and those individuals who have more assets start out ahead and are in a better position leading them to an advantage over others.

Lonetta Postell
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— In the January 25 issue, the article titled "Tigers meet with student journalists at Roostertail" inaccurately referred to the Detroit Tigers' General Manager Dave Dombrowski as Dumbrowski.

— Also in the January 25 issue, the article titled "Older and wiser: Students who return to learn" inaccurately referred to Robin Mather as Mathers.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

— The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States

Winter blast brings the snow to Detroit

Second installment takes it up a notch

By HEIDI ROMAN
Contributing reporter

As Detroit heats up for Super Bowl XL, the 2006 Motown Winter Blast will keep things cool Super Weekend.

Dog-sledding, ice sculptures and 60 musical performances in three heated tents and one outdoor stage for the audience will consume the Motor City, as well as local residents.

National performers scheduled for this year's event include Detroit-native KEM, Clint Black, Smash Mouth, Kindred the Family Soul and Mark Farner, all of whom will be performing on the outdoor stage atop Premier Garage.

In addition, there will be a rock stage in Greektown, an R&B/Jazz stage and another stage featuring a mix of genres.

Created as a backdrop for Super Bowl XL in Detroit, the event debuted last year with 200,000 in attendance.

This year, the four-day Motown Winter Blast is three times larger, covering more than 14 city blocks near Campus Martius Park.

It is expected to attract more than

250,000 Detroiters and Super Bowl XL visitors.

"We intend to deliver one of the best Super Bowl experiences in NFL history," said Roger Penske, Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee chairman, in a press release.

"Motown Winter Blast is an integral part in delivering that successful Super Bowl experience," he said.

Several NFL merchandise booths will sell official Super Bowl XL souvenirs at the event, and 32 seven-foot ice sculptures will represent each NFL team's logo in the General Motors Ice Garden.

In addition, the Ford Motor Company's Family Fun Zone will offer free ice skating in Campus Martius Park and feature performances by skating celebrities Todd Eldridge, Yuka Sato and Elizabeth Punsalan.

The Michigan.org Winter Experience will have a 200-foot long snow slide with twice as many lanes as last year, dog sledding, snow shoeing and snowmobile demonstrations.

"In creating this event, we researched some really cold winter events, taking into consideration fun for the whole family and celebrating what's great about winter in Michigan," said Jonathan Witz, president of Jonathan Witz & Associates, producer of the event.

And to catch a break from the wintry weather, DTE Energy Comfort Zones every 150 feet provide event-goers a chance to defrost.

The Motown Winter Blast is

free and open to the public Feb. 2-5, running from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about the winter blast, visit

MICHIGAN PREDICAMENT

"Many fear that good life is slipping away in Michigan as our economy faces unprecedented challenge ... I will not stop working ... until we create a Michigan where every one of you ... has the opportunity to build that good life."

— Gov. Jennifer Granholm in the State of the State Address



Map Courtesy of <http://www.motownwinterblast.com>

Downtown Detroit will be a scene of much fanfare this week as the Motown Winter Blast, NFL Experience, Super Bowl XL and several events occur.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Traveling showcase arrives at Cobo Center

By CRAIG A. COLE
Contributing Reporter

Super Bowl XL looks to be the biggest event to hit Detroit since the Tigers' 1984 World Series victory and the melee that followed. With the eyes of the world upon the city, the host committee says the city is ready for the mega affair. But the Super Bowl is not the whole story, as numerous events, parties and happenings are riding on XL's coat tails.

Cobo Center, stuffed to the gills with left over displays, baubles and trinkets from the North American International Auto Show has been cleared and readied to host a major Super Bowl event, The NFL Experience.

"It's a very easy way to touch and feel the game," said Colin Utley, the communications assistant with the SBXL host committee said since participants can practice football skills ranging from field goal kicking to passing.

Utley added, "Only the host city can experience the game like this." The annual experience travels around the country to the Super Bowl host city, sharing the game with the community.

The experience will fill the void in our hearts left over by the hibernating auto show.

The NFL Experience is described as an interactive theme park offering participating games, displays and entertainment attractions.

The experience offers participants free autographs from NFL superstars, a Topps Super Bowl card show, coaching clinics to improve your football skills, a cheerleading clinic for budding performers, free face painting and temporary tattoos to name a few.

The NFL Experience runs from Feb. 1-Feb. 5.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For more information visit http://www.superbowl.com/features/nfl_experience or call the National Football League at 866-TIX-4NFL.

Detroit seeing celebrity influx for Super Bowl party schedule

Celebs invade Detroit for super parties

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

As Ford Field prepares for the Super Bowl, nightclubs prepare for super stars.

Dozens of parties across metro Detroit have already been announced and tickets for some are as scarce as they are for the big game.

Whether you are willing to pay hundreds to hang out with a celebrity, or just want to know where you can spot one, here is a list of some of the big parties sure to attract the rich and famous.

Downtown Detroit

For those willing to navigate road closures and out-of-town drivers, downtown Detroit is the place to be.

If the party scene isn't your style, check out the Gem Theatre or Hard Rock Cafe. ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" show will be taped at the historic theater.

Tickets are free, if you can find them.

Scheduled guests include Kid Rock, David Spade, Rob Schneider, Jon Heder and Jessica Alba. A special post-game show will take place Sunday, with the lineup not yet announced, according to ABC.com.

The Hard Rock Cafe will trade songs for sports and play host to FOX Sport's "Best Damn Sports Show Period" rolls into town. It's first come, first serve for the show which begins taping at 2:30 p.m. However, you must order food to stay in the restaurant.

If you would rather live it up with a celebrity than sit quietly in the audience, there are more than enough parties planned for Super Bowl weekend.

FEB. 2 Thursday night kicks off the first big wave of celebrity-hosted, extravagant parties.

Adult-themed magazine FHM hosts their private party at Envy. Celebrities are expected, but none are named yet.

Around the corner and down Woodward partiers can jam with the Pepsi Smash concert at the State Theatre.

This year's concert features Kanye West and Nickleback. **FEB. 3** The weekend really gets underway on Friday night in Detroit.

Sean "Diddy" Combs brings his Cashmere Party to the Elsyium Lounge. For \$300 you can party like a rap star at the former bank.

Snoop Dogg will also perform a concert at the Bud Bowl held inside Tiger Stadium.

FEB. 4 It seems like everyone may be throwing a party Saturday night.

Playboy will convert a hanger at the Coleman A. Young International Airport into their party. Tickets to their private party are running close to \$2,000 online.

Maxim magazine chose to stay closer to the action. Their private party will be at the Max and is likely to bring in many celebrities.

Penthouse invites you to spend \$550 and party like a rock star at their event at the Vault. Snoop Dogg and Tommy Lee will be in attendance.

Recently married Eminem will throw the Shady Records party at the State Theatre.

Tickets are going fast for this reasonably priced event at \$30.

Other concerts include Kid Rock at the Joe Louis Arena, 3 Doors Down as part of the Bud Bowl at Tiger Stadium and Nelly and Jennifer Lopez as the Masonic Temple.

Metro Detroit
With so many parties and a limited number of venues, many events will happen

around metro Detroit.

FEB. 2 Thursday night The Fugees will host the Jamm Session at Clutch Cargo in Pontiac.

Magic Johnson will host his first party at Posh Nightclub in Ferndale Friday night. Tickets are \$125.

Clutch Cargo will have another party, this time with Usher.

On the east side, actress Jaime Pressly and Red Bull are throwing their bash at Mount Clemens' Emerald Theatre. Tickets are only \$10.

FEB. 3 The following night the Emerald turns up the heat with the private Sports Illustrated swimsuit party. Kid Rock is expected to fly in for the gathering immediately following his concert at the Joe.

FEB. 4 Back for round two, Magic Johnson is hosting an Evening of Magic, Fashion and Passion at Clutch Cargo Saturday night.

Many of these venues, as well as many others in the area, are throwing big parties Sunday following the big game.

Most have not announced which celebrities will be coming and going. Nearly all of these parties require guests to be at least 21 years old and formally dressed.

For more information visit <http://www.crainsdetroit.com/cgi-bin/page.pl?pageId=696>.

CELEB-REALITY

Men's mag brings its party to Motor City

By LAUREN COMAIANNI
Contributing Reporter

With Super Bowl XL just a week away, sports fans aren't the only ones rejoicing; Maxim Magazine will give party-goers their fix.

Known for bringing in the hottest celebrities and athletes, the Maxim Super Bowl Party has a reputation of leaving its competition in the dust.

Each year, this top-selling men's publication hosts what is traditionally the biggest party of the weekend.

Organizers say that this year will be no exception. The exclusive, star-studded event is set to take place at the Max M. Fisher Music Center on Feb. 4, the night before the big game.

To incorporate the spirit of Detroit, this year's theme is "A Rock City Opera."

Lewis Kay, a Maxim spokesman, said everything inside will flow into theme. "Visually the event will feel like you are part of something special," he said.

Along with over-the-top decor, guests will be entertained with a special music performance by hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean.

And, although specific names are kept confidential, Maxim is expecting a wide range of celebrities, sport stars and models, organizers said.

Past attendees have included Janet Jackson, Adam Sandler, Jimmy Fallon, Paris and Nicky Hilton, Johnny Knoxville, Brooke Burns and The Rock.

Anyone planning to play the role of "Maxim Super Bowl party Crashers" should think twice about storming this party.

Though brokers have been offering tickets online for around \$2,000, Kay said that there are no tickets available and cautions that if your name is not on the list, you're not getting in.

"It is strictly invite only," Kay said. "Maxim throws the best events because they create an experience like no other Super Bowl party."

SUPER SUNDAY

Students making their plans for the XL

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

The biggest sporting event in the country is coming to Detroit this weekend, and students are getting ready to take part in the festivities.

Several students from the Chaldean-American Student Association will be on the field during halftime as fans of the Rolling Stones.

"We have to go to a rehearsal on Friday and Saturday," said senior Rasha Mansour, a member of the organization.

While other students will not be as close

to the action, they are still trying to get downtown. "I'm going to go downtown and check out the scene and have fun," said senior Anita Shamoun.

"I'm thinking about going to the Elysium Lounge, with the Puff Daddy party, but I don't know if I care to be stuck in one place. I kind of just run around everywhere."

Other students are planning on celebrating the big game more locally.

"I'm supposed to go and work and help with the Super Bowl with the parking lots," said freshman Kailen Gardener. "Raise a little money for my dance

group, but watch the game with my family at home."

Freshman Grant Zoschnick said he'll be helping the Super Bowl from Troy. Zoschnick, who works for Crate & Barrel at the Somerset Collection, says his company is helping Cadillac with their display inside of the mall.

"We have to help out, it's kind of annoying," he said.

Whether students are football fans, most agree it's time for Detroit to shine in the national spotlight.

Senior Reporter Jeff Kranitz contributed to this report.

Mixin' it up ...



Associated Press file photo
Ludacris, Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle, Terrence Howard and Larenz Tate, pose with their awards for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture for their work in "Crash," at the 12th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006.

CELEBRITY NEWS Academy Award Nominations

Here are some of the nominations for the 78th annual Academy Awards announced Tuesday. The Oscars will be held Sunday, March 5 at 8 p.m. and hosted for the first time by Jon Stewart, host of "The Daily Show."

Best Picture: "Brokeback Mountain," "Capote," "Crash," "Good Night, and Good Luck," "Munich."

Actor: Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote"; Terrence Howard, "Hustle & Flow"; Heath Ledger, "Brokeback Mountain"; Joaquin Phoenix, "Walk the Line"; David Strathairn, "Good Night, and Good Luck."

Actress: Judi Dench, "Mrs. Henderson Presents"; Felicity Huffman, "Transamerica"; Keira Knightley, "Pride & Prejudice"; Charlize Theron, "North Country"; Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line."

Supporting Actor: George Clooney, "Syriana"; Matt Dillon, "Crash"; Paul Giamatti, "Cinderella Man"; Jake Gyllenhaal, "Brokeback Mountain"; William Hurt, "A History of Violence."

Supporting Actress: Amy Adams, "Junebug"; Catherine Keener, "Capote"; Frances McDormand, "North Country"; Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"; Michelle Williams, "Brokeback Mountain."

Director: Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain"; Bennett Miller, "Capote"; Paul Haggis, "Crash"; George Clooney, "Good Night, and Good Luck"; Steven Spielberg, "Munich."

Original Screenplay: Paul Haggis and Bobby Moresco, "Crash"; George Clooney and Grant Heslov, "Good Night, and Good Luck"; Woody Allen, "Match Point"; Noah Baumbach, "The Squid and the Whale"; Stephen Gaghan, "Syriana."

Animated Feature Film: "Howl's Moving Castle"; "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride"; "Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit."

Original Score: "Brokeback Mountain," Gustavo Santaolalla; "The Constant Gardener," Alberto Iglesias; "Memoirs of a Geisha," John Williams; "Munich," John Williams; "Pride & Prejudice," Dario Marianelli.

Original Song: "In the Deep" from "Crash," Kathleen "Bird" York and Michael Becker; "It's Hard out Here for a Pimp" from "Hustle & Flow," Jordan Houston, Cedric Coleman and Paul Beaudregard; "Travelin' Thru" from "Transamerica," Dolly Parton.

Music, Theater & Dance

The **Symphonic Band** presents the second concert of its three-concert series Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Admission is \$6.

Performer William H. Broyles, Jr. and his sons will salute the legendary Paul Robeson in a concert

Now Playing ...

Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. **"The Legacy Continued"** is being performed in honor of Paul Robeson, the great American singer, actor and activist. The concert is sponsored by the department of history, the College

of Arts and Sciences and the Center of Multicultural Initiatives, and is part of African American Celebration Month. It is free to all.

Performances

This week's **Friday Night Live** features comedian Melvin Bender, who has opened for the likes of Cedric The Entertainer and Damon

Wayans. The show begins at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

The Rap Bowl is coming to The Palace of Auburn Hills Friday night at 7 p.m. The show features rap stars Young Jeezy, Disturbing tha Peace with Ludacris, Twista, Juelz Santana of Dipset, Juvenile and more.

SHIZZAAM! WHAMMY DUDE OU WORD Slang SoFo CAKIN'

New words and phrases are a regular part of campus chatter

By ERIN MALLARD
Contributing Reporter

The Oxford English Dictionary is enormous. So enormous that even the condensed version requires a magnifying glass for use.

With about 301,100 entries, it contains basically all of the English language. And yet, with all of these words available to describe what goes on in life, we still find the need to make up new ones, or we find new ways to use the ones we've got.

Take the word "word," for example.

The OED defines word as "a single distinct meaningful element of speech or writing, used to form sentences with others."

Apparently, this definition was not good enough for sophomore Eric Baloga.

He says "word" when he agrees with something someone says.

Another word that students on campus have defined for themselves is "dude."

It's used to identify people in a crowd, as in, "Hey dude, we're over here!" and to express surprise or dismay — "Dude, what did you do!"

The OED, however, defines it as 1. a man 2. a dandy — whatever that means.

The OED also mentions that the word "dude" probably comes from a word that was part of a German dialect that meant "fool." Think about that the next time you watch "Dude, Where's My Car."

Sophomores Marcy Bahoura and Florina Sylaj use the word "jock" as a synonym for

"like," as in, "I jock that."

Freshman Scott Rakes has given new life to the words "owned" and "faced." According to Rakes, "owned," is when "you're in a competition ... and you get totally annihilated."

"Faced" is when "someone said something and it's right up in your face, like someone put a hand in your face," he said.

Sometimes the words we've been given fail to cover the spectrum of our thoughts and emotions, so we take the alphabet into our own hands.

Senior Will Parker uses the word "dunlap" to describe a person with weight problems or really tight pants.

A "dunlap," occurs when "you're belly done laps your belt," he said.

Other words created by students reflect the nature of campus life.

With work, play and studying to be done, there's only so much time to spend giving directions.

Freshman Robin Potts uses "SoFo" and "NoFo" as abbreviations for South and North Foundation Halls.

Louie Popovski and his group of friends have come up with a word that could be used to describe pushing the wrong button on the vending machine.

You wanted M & M's but instead you got Reeses, and you're allergic to peanut butter. You could use the word "whammy," which describes a situation "when someone expects something, but something else happens," he said.

Sophomore Ryan Toohey uses the word "shizzaam," which he attributes to comedian Dane Cook. "It's a jubilant expression of joy," he said.

And, when Mary and Joe are "cakin'," it doesn't mean they're baking pastries. According to senior Carland Hayrie, cakin' means "you're chillin' ... you're spending a lot of time with a certain female or certain male."

So the next time you're at a loss for words, you can pull out your handy dandy magnifying glass and check out the OED, or you can borrow some of these colorful campus phrases.

Recommended ...

MUSIC

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

Those of you who haven't heard of Oakland University junior Tom Butwin will discover him soon enough.

Likewise, fans of the 20-year-old singer/songwriter are in for some good news.

With his acoustic/jazz/pop sound, Butwin released his second CD, "Tom Butwin EP," Jan. 26.

Butwin, who released his debut CD "Living Room" in 2003, has star power behind him. Producer Marlon Young played guitar on a few Dave Matthews Band songs, and wrote and played two songs with Kid Rock. Al Sutton, who mixed the EP, has mixed for Sheryl Crow and Kid Rock.

Members of Butwin's band have played with the likes of Sponge, George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic.

Fans and the curious-minded alike can check out Butwin at Fishbones in St. Clair Shores Feb. 22 at 9 p.m.

Butwin's CD's can be bought at any of his shows or at <http://www.cdbaby.com>.

People can also buy his songs off of iTunes or listen to them for free on <http://www.myspace.com/tombutwin>.

A Little More Personal ...

Oakland Post: At what point in your life did you realize, I want to do this for a living?

Tom Butwin: Eighth or ninth grade, when I was first onstage. It became more and more 'I want to do this' as it went along. I've always been performance-minded.

Post: What has been your greatest triumph as an artist? Likewise, what has been the lower point?

Butwin: The greatest triumph is not having any music business contacts and doing a project like I have done. The lowest point was the time getting the EP together. I hadn't played out in a while, and I was so focused on the album cover and details (of the EP).

The novelty almost wore off on me. It was just a lot of work, and I began to wonder, 'Do I really want to do this?' But I snapped out of it and got it done. The gravity of what I wanted to do hit me. I was trying to do everything at once. Now, I take it one step at a time.

Post: Is it hard to be a young artist, trying to get your name out there?

Butwin: Absolutely. The singer/songwriter market ... seems to me there are a lot of people in that market. It's important to set yourself apart so people know you're serious about it.

Post: What inspires you to write the lyrics that you do?

Butwin: Writing lyrics is a burden. But it's a stream of consciousness for me. Usually, it's written right on the spot, then I go back and apply what I wrote. I get a lot of interpretation on what songs are about, and that's good. If I can get one good line, one good lyric, and build a song around it, I'll be happy.

Post: Are you partial to a particular song on your album? Why?

Butwin: 'Run.' It's a really unique song. It's really simple on one level but, on another, it has the most depth.

Post: What advice helps you through your music career?

Butwin: As easy as it is to do this, it's hard not to try to be somebody else. You always have to be you. Everybody starts out in this business trying to be like somebody else. But sooner or later, you have to break away from that.

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

1. Who was the legislator approved by OUSC this past Monday?

a. Randy Dudek
b. Paul Vance
c. Justin Zatkoff
d. Adam Panchenko
2. Security has increased heavily for Detroit due to the Super Bowl.

True
False
3. The men's and women's Basketball both won in their games against Valparaiso.

True
False
4. Which of the following is used as slang by OU students and also mentioned on B1?

A. Cool
B. Righteous
C. Tubular
D. Whammy
5. Which annual speech did President Bush give Tuesday night?

A. State of the State
B. State of the Union
C. The U.S. is Too Dependant on Foreign Oil Speech
D. The Iraqi War Speech
6. What festival is going on in downtown Detroit this week?

A. The Motown Winter Blast
B. Super Bowl Festival
C. Downtown Hoedown
D. Detroit Electronic Music Festival

Last week's winner: Rebecca Mansfield

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
WINTER 2006 presents
MELVIN BENDER
February 3, 7 PM,
Vandenberg Dining Center

The only way to explain Mel's comedy is plain and simple. Smart, multi-cultural and straight from the hip. Growing up in the streets of Detroit he encountered a lot of violence. Guns, drugs and fighting were an everyday thing where he was from. Mel was always a small guy so he needed to find a way to keep the bullies off his back. He was able to make people laugh in any situation. Every time things started getting out of hand he had a joke. -

It was evident he had found his gift. Mel went on to win numerous comedy competitions including the prestigious Bay Area Comedy Competition, and began to open shows for major acts like Cedric The Entertainer, John Witherspoon, Mark Curry, Damon Wayans and many more. Mel has been tearing up college campuses and clubs all over the country.

Free Admission and Refreshments

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOPS
■ Focus Seminar: How to Pass RHT 150 & 160, Thursday, 2/2 at noon, Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center and Lake Superior A, Oakland Center.
■ Testing Techniques, Tuesday, 2/7 at noon, 168 South Foundation Hall:

The Legacy of Paul Robeson in Detroit:
A program of song, drama, and dance
Thursday, February 2, 2006, 3pm,
Varner Recital Hall.
This event is free and open to the OU community.

Thursday, February 9
Internships & Co-Ops: The Key To Your Future Success Reality of Internships & Co-Ops Panel Discussion
12 noon-1 PM, Gold Room C, Oakland Center.
Learn the value in gaining internship or co-op experience to prepare you for your future career. Employer representatives will be available to discuss key skills and criteria sought by employers. Speak with students who currently have internships/co-ops. Free food and refreshments provided by Alpha Kappa Psi. Questions? Contact Career Services at 275 West Vandenberg Hall, 248-370-3250.

Thursday, February 2
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. presents "Detroit Institute of Art-Journey through African-American Art"
5:30 PM, Oakland Room, Oakland Center.

Saturday, February 4
Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "'Lettie Alston and Friends: African-American Influence in Modern Music.
8 PM, Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall,
*Admission

Tuesday, February 7
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. presents "Our Pillars"
Noon-1:30 PM, Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center.

Student Program Board presents "Step Afrika!"
7 PM, Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall.

CAMPUS RECREATION

BOWLING PARTY: Free to all currently enrolled OU students with valid ID.
When: Friday, February 10.
Where: Avon North Hill Lanes, 150 West Tienken Road, Rochester, Michigan.
Sign up at the Rec Center by Friday, Feb. 3 in order to participate.
*Space is limited to the first 200 registered bowlers so hurry in!

Rec Sport and Fitness Day: Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4-8 PM. Celebration Recreation with us by participating in a variety of activities based around recreation. Win some great prizes, have fun and enjoy being active.

Intramural Sports—Don't miss the Winter IM Registration Deadlines:

Sport	Registration	Deadline	Captain's Meeting
Rally Volleyball	2/3	2/6 @ 7pm	
Indoor Soccer	2/10	TBA	
Racquetball	2/10	TBA	
Table Tennis	2/10	TBA	

Aquatic Center: Learn to Swim—Registration is now open for the Learn to Swim program. Classes begin February 4 and are held on Wednesday or Saturday (depending on the class level). For additional information contact Liz Groth at 248-370-4532.

No Time to Workout? Working out does not have to take more than 45 minutes. The Rec has devised a program called Short Circuit geared toward the individual that wants a quality workout in a short amount of time. Our fitness staff is on site to help you with any questions about our cardio or weight machines. Come talk to our helpful fitness staff or call Marc at 248-370-4911 for more information.

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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.

- Chicago (Feb 28, March 5)
- Three Mo Tenors (March 14, 26)
- Aida (April 26, 28)
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 25, 28)
- Wicked (May 31, June 1, 4, 8, 11, 18)
- Annie (Feb 21)
- Les Grans Ballets Canadiens (April 7)
- Cinderella (May 17, 19)
- Salome (June 7, 9)

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICER TRAINING

Monday, February 13, 5 -6:30 pm
Rooms 128-130, OC

All **NEW** Presidents and Treasurers of **New and Returning** Student & Greek Orgs should plan to attend.
Sign-up in advance in the CSA Office.

"The Flicks" @ Oakland University

7:30 pm, Meadow Brook Theatre, \$4/person

Feb 14: **Black Girl** Feb 21: **American History X**
March 28: **Glengarry Glen Ross** April 4: **Rashomon**

Look Out for... Random Acts of Kindness Week! February 13-17!

African-American Celebration!

The African American Journey
Liberation Through Organization
January 7 – March 14

Thursday, February 2

"Detroit Institute of Art – Journey through African-American Art"
5:30 pm, Oakland Room, OC

Tuesday, February 7

ΣΓΡ Presents "Our Pillars"
noon-1 pm, Exhibit Lounge, OC
"Step Afrika"
7 pm, Varner Recital Hall

Learn to Lead Series Workshop:
"Recruiting Membership"
Thursday, February 23, 5-6 pm
Lake Michigan Room, OC

Pre-Register by emailing hardenbu@oakland.edu, walk-ins are welcome! Student Orgs can earn \$100 from SAFB if members attend more than half of the Learn to Lead Workshops!

Asian American Celebration '06

January 30-Feb 3

Wednesday, February 1
OUSC Multicultural Roundtable
9:30 am, Room 126, OC
Presidents and VPs of Student Orgs invited!

Fold Origami Peace Cranes!
11 am- 1 pm, Main Hallway, OC

Asian Cultural Performance Night
7 pm, Gold Rooms, OC

Thursday, February 2
"East Asia Today"
noon-1 pm, Lake Superior Room B, OC

Movie: Crash
noon-2, Fireside Lounge
7-9 pm, Hamlin Hall
10-midnight, Vandenberg Lounge

"Taste of Asia"
7-9pm, Pioneer Food Court, OC

Friday, February 3
Asian American Student Leader Luncheon
(by Invite Only)

Chai Tea Party
1-4 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

Asian Film Festival: Hong Kong Cinema
Showing the Movies: One Night in Mongkok, Itchy Heart, Colour of the Truth & Running Out of Time
4-11 pm, Oakland Room, OC

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION 2006

The African-American Journey - Liberation Through Organization

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 2
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
"Detroit Institute of Art - Journey through African-American Art"
5:30 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Saturday, February 4
Department of Music, Theatre and Dance
"Lettie Alston & Friends: African-American Influence in Modern Music" * cost
8:00 p.m., Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

Tuesday, February 7
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
"Our Pillars"
Noon-1:30 p.m., Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center

Student Program Board Presents "Step Afrika!"
7:00 p.m., Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

Wednesday, February 8
Department of Music, Theatre and Dance
"Jamaican-British Pianist presents Music by Africa and the African Diaspora"
8:00 p.m., Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

Thursday, February 9
Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) and Futurq Alumni Network (FANS)

"From the Classroom to the Boardroom" - A Presentation by George Jackson, Jr. (SEHS '75)
5:30 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Thursday-Saturday, February 9-11
Office of Admissions and Orientation and Center for Multicultural Initiatives
"Oakland University Diverse Student Leader Weekend"

Friday, February 10
African-American Celebration 2006
"Taste of Africa Gala 2006"
4:00-7:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Monday, February 13
Association of Black Students
"Hop on the Black Starline - A Tribute to Marcus Garvey"
Noon-1:00 p.m. (Part I), Gold Rooms, Oakland Center; 7:00 p.m. (Part II), Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Tuesday, February 14
Center for Student Activities
"Meet, Greet & Appreciate OU Greeks Reception"
Noon-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Wednesday, February 15
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
"Eyes on the Prize" - A Civil Rights Documentary
6:30 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Thursday, February 16
Phi Alpha Theta
"Martin Luther King's Unfinished Agenda" - A Lecture by Michael Honey
7:00 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Monday, February 20
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
"George Washington Carver Display"
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center

Tuesday, February 21
Association of Black Students
"It's Not a Game! ABS Black History Month Game Show"
Noon-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.
"Experiencing the Greatness of African-American Women"
6:30 p.m., Room 128-130, Oakland Center

Wednesday, February 22
Circle of Sisterhood
"African-American Women - The Journey and Our Struggles"
6:00-8:00 p.m., Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Thursday, February 23
African-American Celebration 2006
"Closing Ceremony"
Noon-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
"Mock Wedding - Our Egyptian Culture"
6:00 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

MARCH

Tuesday, March 7
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
"Angry Black Woman?"
Noon-1:30 p.m., Lake Superior A, Oakland Center

Department of History/American Studies Program
"The First Emancipator"
7:00 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Wednesday, March 8
Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet * cost
Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States Congressman, Mayor of Atlanta, humanitarian, ordained minister, international businessman, and sports enthusiast
6:30-9:00 p.m., Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion

Tuesday, March 14
Association of Black Students
"Queen Sista - Recognizing Black Sistas in Organizations"
7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room, Campus Recreation Center

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NFL

Hutchinson uncertain about future



The Associated Press
Former University of Michigan All-American Steve Hutchinson (76) poses with Seattle Seahawks teammates Walter Jones (71) and Matt Hasselbeck (8).

DETROIT (AP) — Shaun Alexander won the NFL rushing title behind one of the best left-side blocking tandems in the league.

It could end up hurting him come next season.

Alexander and Pro Bowl left guard Steve Hutchinson will be free agents after the Super Bowl, and the Seahawks might not have enough money to pay both of them — not after doling out big deals to left tackle Walter Jones and quarterback Matt Hasselbeck.

If Alexander gets the long-term deal he wants, Hutchinson might be left in limbo. Though he wants to stay in Seattle, another team could offer him more guaranteed money.

For now, Hutchinson is focusing on playing the Steelers. But he realizes that free agency makes it difficult to keep a team intact, no matter the success.

"If you just look at the odds — the odds of every guy coming back, or the majority of the line coming back — probably weren't that good," Hutchinson said Monday.

Hutchinson and Jones have formed a terrific duo, and the Seahawks like to have Alexander run to that side. All three made the Pro Bowl — for Hutchinson, it was his third straight selection.

"He is as hard of a working lineman as I've been around," coach Mike Holmgren said. "Offensive linemen are usually that way, but he kind of goes over the edge in his work ethic. He is tremendously strong, very bright and he really wants it every play, every down. His ability to focus in is really very amazing."

Hutchinson has plenty on his plate this week, aside from trying to ignore thoughts about his future. The 6-foot-5, 313-pounder went to Michigan, where he also formed a great tandem with Jeff Backus, who now plays for the Lions.

Backus was the best man at Hutchinson's wedding. The two had dinner Monday night at a favorite Ann Arbor hangout called Mr. Spots, where Hutchinson had a hearty meal of chicken wings, cheese fries and a Philly cheesesteak. The Seahawks are staying about 30 minutes from Ann Arbor.

"Even though we really don't see each other as much as we'd like, we talk a lot, probably once a week," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson and Backus met before going to Michigan, once on campus and once as competitors in the Florida-Georgia High School All-Star game.

"He's extremely intelligent," Backus said. "Things just click with him, whether you're talking about crossword puzzles or football. He's the type of guy that can skip class for three weeks, then go in on the day of the test and do well."

Jones believes Hutchinson's college background helped him get so good so quickly.

"He came from Michigan, one of those tough-nosed schools where they just want to come out and be physical," Jones said.

Hutchinson has started every game he has played in, though he missed 12 in 2002 with a broken leg. He is consistent and tough, and also was selected to the AP All-Pro team.

Though his contract situation looms, Hutchinson said he's trying to enjoy Super Bowl week.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Junior Bonnie Baker drives past a Western Illinois defender on her way to a career-high 21 points. Baker helped OU beat the Westerwinds, 66-57, Monday night for their third straight win in the Mid-Con.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Three of a kind

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

After losing to Western Illinois University in overtime earlier this season, Oakland avenged their loss by defeating the first-place Westerwinds at the Athletics Center O'Rena, 66-57, winning their third game in a row and increasing their home-winning streak to four games.

"We lost in overtime in their place so we were gunning for them," said junior Bonnie Baker.

With senior Anne Hafeli scoring less in the first half, junior Nicole Piggott not scoring in the second and freshman point guard Riikaa Terava sidelined with a last-minute injury, the Golden Grizzlies found a leader in Baker, who put up a career-high 21 points, contributed three steals and three assists, and shot 7-for-8 at the free throw line.

The Golden Grizzlies ran pretty much evenly with the visiting Westerwinds, and despite shooting 34 percent from the field in the first half, their 90 percent free-throw percentage edged them over WIU by one point at half-time, 31-30.

Junior Nicole Piggott led both teams in scoring in the first half with 10 points.

The second half was all Oakland. Never losing their stronghold on the lead, they rocketed past WIU and led by as many as 15 points.

A 3-pointer by WIU senior Laura Reeves put the Westerwinds within four points, but a lay up by freshman April Kidd put a greater wedge between the two teams and all but sealed the victory.

"I think it was one of the most physical games we've played," said Kidd.

In addition to Baker's career-high, Kidd, who took the place of Terava, scored 14 points and recorded a career-high six rebounds.

Senior Jayme Wilson scored 11 points and Piggott finished the night with 10.

On the Western Illinois side, senior Zane Teilane recorded her 11th double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Reeves finished with 12 points and junior Dee Dee Murphy scored 10 for the Westerwinds.

The Golden Grizzlies continued to shine from the free-throw line, shooting 20 of 22.

"It feels great (to win) because they're first in the league and won the Mid-Con tournament three years in a row," said head coach Beckie Francis.

"We knew we'd have a tough game tonight," said Kidd. "We lost our starting point guard and we did what we had to do."

The victory over the first-place team in the Mid-Con means a lot to the Golden Grizzlies, who have now won five of their last seven games.

"Basically, this means we can beat anybody," said Baker.

OU gets a week's rest before heading out to Indiana to play IUPUI on Saturday.

Women's Mid-Con Standings

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

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Grizzlies show growing maturity in win over WIU

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After defeating Mid-Con rival Valparaiso on Jan. 26 for the first time in 17 tries, OU had to overcome 11 lead changes and 11 ties Saturday to beat last-place Western Illinois by a final score of 68-64.

"The most important game (would be) the game after Valpo," junior Rick Billings said, on what the team thought after the historic win.

Any momentum gained after the Valparaiso win would've quickly been lost if the Golden Grizzlies didn't win Saturday.

If the Valparaiso game was intense and electric, then the first half of Saturday's game could only be described as sluggish. After putting up 51 first-half points against the Crusaders, OU only scored only 24 this time around. It marked the third time in four games that the Golden Grizzlies scored 25 points or less in a first half.

Both teams shot just over 30 percent in the first half and OU was 0-for-8 from the three-point line. Oakland's scoring leaders at half-time, junior

Shawn Hopes and sophomore David Carson, contributed six points each.

"It's always difficult for us when we start out slow in the first half," said Billings. "Any time we play slow in the first half, we have to play catch up."

The second half was as close as the first, only with far more intensity and drive. There were seven ties and seven lead changes in the second half, and neither team led by more than four points.

The Grizzlies held their lead for a majority of the second half, even though the Leathernecks were shooting 66 percent from three-point land.

A turnover by junior Calvin Wooten and a layup by senior Eliz Cepeda put WIU within one with 20 seconds remaining. But three consecutive free throws by freshman Derick Nelson in the last 11 seconds of the game gave OU enough cushion to secure the win.

Oakland took advantage of WIU's 17 turnovers, recording eight steals and converting them into 16 points.

"I found out to slow myself down and let the game come to me," said Billings. His philosophy applied to the entire OU team, as they committed only two second-half turnovers.

In the end, five Golden Grizzlies scored in double figures. Billings scored 17, junior Shawn Hopes put up 11, and Nelson, Wooten, and Carson each contributed 10 points.

On the Leatherneck's side, senior Fred Oguns lead both teams with 18 and sophomore David Jackson added 15.

"What I'm most proud of is that I think we would have lost this game a few weeks ago," said head coach Greg Kampe.

The Golden Grizzlies ended their three-game home stand 2-1, increasing their Mid-Con record to 4-6, and 9-13 overall. This propelled Oakland two places in the Mid-Con standings, from eighth place to a more comfortable sixth.

OU will have a week off before heading to Indiana to play the first-ranked IUPUI Jaguars Saturday.

OU plays four of its last six regular season games on the road. Its only two home games are against upper-echelon Mid-Con teams, Oral Roberts and UMKC.



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HOCKEY

Seniors cruise past GVSU in last home game

By KYLE MAGIN
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As the Oakland seniors stepped onto the Onyx ice Friday for the last time in their careers, they knew they had to go out on a high note. Mission accomplished.

After a 14-2 romp over Grand Valley State, the Grizzlies looked ready to make a run through the playoffs for a birth in a third consecutive national title game.

"This game was mostly about the seniors, but it was a great win and a statement going into the tournaments and the national playoffs," coach Sean Hogan said. "Our main focus is on maintaining this kind of

intensity, if we can do that then we will be good to go for the tourney."

Intense may have been an understatement for the way the Grizzlies played GVSU. Junior Will McMahon started an Oakland scoring onslaught at the 11:21 mark in the first period, and was quickly followed up at the 11:11 mark by sophomore TJ Schaffler.

Oakland scored three more goals before the period was over, including two by McMahon to complete a first-period hat trick. McMahon did his best Allen Iverson impersonation, scoring his final goal of the period by bouncing off two defenders on his way to a goal, displaying a sleight of hand that would've made Houdini proud.

Starting in goal was sophomore backup Andrew Hansen. Hansen put the locks on GVSU in a second period in which he had to defend numerous shots on net.

"We really came focused and ready to play tonight," Hansen said. "We started out playing as a team and really came together, my defense played well in front of me."

"I was really glad with the show Hansen put on in net tonight, he played really well because he hasn't got that much work this season," Hogan said.

The second period brought more goals from the Grizzly offense, amassing a 4-1 score in the period to finish with a 9-1 lead.

Sophomore Jonah Rogowski led the way with two goals, both on assists from Junior J.P. Ferrari.

"Jonah and JP both really lit it up tonight," Hogan said. "JP finally got it going and really helped to get his line going tonight, it's great when you can get that kind of production out of your second, third, fourth lines."

"Tom (Schaffler) was really using his wheels tonight and we all knew where each other were," Ferrari said. "We were really fighting tonight and kept up the intensity."

The third period brought something that most Oakland hockey fans are familiar with, an Oakland victory. GVSU started the period off with a goal, but Oakland answered with five

goals of their own to finish out the game.

"It's hard to keep up the intensity when your up by that much, but we really had to do it for the seniors," Ferrari said.

The game, which lost some of its luster with Oakland's dominance, got a shot in the arm with a minute and a half to go in the final period.

Senior Dan Oleksy threw the punch of the year at a GVSU defender and was immediately thrown out of the game.

"This team is ready for the playoffs," said Hogan. "We need to work on our passing but this is the type of play that will definitely serve us well come tournament time."