

Are you a commuter?

Find out how a newly formed council plans to address issues that concern you

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CELEBRITY ON CAMPUS

Actor challenges cultural ideals

BY KRISTIN SOMMER & DANTE CIULLO
The Oakland Post

Culture. It can unite us. It can divide us.

With his unmistakable voice resonating off the walls of Meadow Brook Theatre, James Earl Jones, actor, author and poet, shared his thoughts on culture Tuesday night.

"I want to talk about some-

thing we all have in common — culture," Jones said. "And I want to talk about something that none of us have in common — culture."

More than a thousand people gathered for the speech.

With every seat and the aisles of the theater filled with people, nearly 400 stragglers were directed to the Oakland Center Pioneer Food Court to watch the speech via simulcast.

Entering to a standing ovation, Jones quieted the crowd by motioning with his hand. After a pause, he began.

"Culture is everything that happens to a people." His awareness of culture started around the same time his acting career did.

After performing an English adaptation of a French play, a critic said the actors failed to emanate French culture.

This made him think more about the issue, he said.

Not limiting his speech to racial or religious topics, Jones talked about culture in a broad sense.

"I've always suspected that there is as much cultural difference between blue-state Americans and red-



Jones

state Americans as there is difference between Americans who drink Coke and those who drink Pepsi," he said, referring to political affiliation during elections.

Delving into analogies to better relate to the crowd, Jones shared his personal insights.

He related a story about a Danish couple that left their baby outside in a stroller while

they ate at a Manhattan restaurant.

The couple was arrested for negligence, and the child put in protective custody for something that is commonplace in their native Copenhagen, Denmark.

"We're all trying to navigate a cultural minefield these days," he said, "and every

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POLITICS

Vote moves Alito a step closer to high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Judiciary Committee favorably recommended Samuel Alito's Supreme Court nomination to the full Senate on a party-line vote Tuesday, moving the conservative jurist one step closer to joining the high court.

All 10 Republicans voted for Alito, while all eight Democrats voted against him. The partisan vote was almost preordained, with 15 of the 18 senators announcing their votes even before the committee's session began.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow said Tuesday that she would oppose Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court because she was concerned about his 15-year record as a member of the judiciary.

"Judge Alito has been consistently outside the mainstream and has said 'no' to the daily concerns of average Americans," Stabenow said, joining other Democrats who



Alito

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DANTE CIULLO/The Oakland Post

By PAUL KAMPE
Local News Editor

Use of the Apple iPod has grown rapidly, and automakers are taking notice of the public's demand to hear their favorite tunes everywhere they go.

The Chrysler Group has been paying attention to the popularity and recently announced iPod interface integration options for most of its 2006 models.

Chrysler is set to become the first American automaker to offer full iPod integration as an option for their vehicle's radios.

Drivers will be able to use iPods in conjunction with factory-installed equipment without purchasing an aftermarket radio.

Listeners will be able to view the content of their portable music devices displayed on the face of the radio, while also keeping the use of any factory installed steering wheel controls.

"There's not a radio out there that can't be hooked up to an iPod one way or another," said Tony Gonzalez, sales representative for Radios, Knobs, Speakers and Things in Pontiac.

The Chrysler iPod integration kit will be made by Mopar and is scheduled to debut in the spring.

The connectivity will cost music

lovers \$175 plus the cost of installation from any Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep dealership nationwide.

Apple says the kit can be retrofitted for use in 2005 models.

Several foreign automakers — like Volkswagen, Honda and Volvo — currently offer iPod support.

Greg Joswiak, Apple vice president of Worldwide iPod Product Marketing, said in a company press release that over 40 percent of all cars sold in the United States will offer iPod connections this year.

There are currently several solutions for iPod connectivity for users.

Many aftermarket radio manufacturers such as JVC, Kenwood and Pioneer offer auxiliary input cables that can be hardwired to any portable device including iPods and other MP3 players.

For those with less knowledge of stereo equipment, stereo cassette adapters and FM transmitters are still available.

The transmitters use available radio frequency picked by the user, to play the contents of the audio device.

However, owners accustomed to crisp iPod sound will be disappointed by the connection offered by an FM transmitter, Gonzalez said.

Chrysler tries to beat opponents to the iPunch

Dallas Simon, product advisor for Crutchfield, an audio/video catalogue

based in Charlottesville, Va., said he saw the first iPod integration unit come into the fold in mid-2004, adding that the market has grown significantly.

"It's a significant part of our everyday lives now from a sales point (of view)," Simon said.

"I talk about this all day, every day," he said.

Simon said he advises customers to use direct connectivity because of full fidelity — the ability to hear the sound quality that iPods are intended to have.

With transmitters and cassette adapters, users lose the quality that they are used to hearing from their device, Simon said.

There is hope for iPod users who do not own new model Chryslers. Crutchfield also offers iPod interfaces for factory radios which range from \$119 to \$200.

The iCruze iPod interface from Monster Cable Products offers iPod connectivity and keeps the battery of the music player charged.

The Crutchfield Web site, <http://www.crutchfield.com> features a drop down menu to help shoppers find products that could fit in their vehicle.



Photo courtesy of Apple

HUMAN RIGHTS

Swiss investigator says U.S. 'outsourced torture'

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The head of a European investigation into alleged CIA secret prisons in Europe said Tuesday that evidence pointed to the existence of a system of "outsourcing" of torture by the United States, and that it was highly likely European governments were aware of it.

But Swiss Sen. Dick Marty said there was no tangible proof so far of the existence of clandestine centers in Romania or Poland as

alleged by the New York-based Human Rights Watch, and complained of a lack of cooperation by EU governments.

His interim report, based partly on results of national investigations and recent press reports, did not break new ground and largely repeated his previous claims that U.S. policies in the war on terror contravene international law on

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The Associated Press

Barry Meyer, right, chairman and CEO of Warner Bros. Entertainment, listens to Leslie Moonves, president and CEO of CBS Corporation, during a press conference Tuesday.

Television networks to shut down

CW broadcast to replace UPN, WB programming

NEW YORK (AP) — Two small, struggling television networks, UPN and WB, will shut down this fall, and their parent companies plan to form a new network called The CW using programming and other assets from each of them.

The announcement was

made Tuesday by executives from CBS Corp., which owns UPN, and Warner Bros., a unit of Time Warner Inc., which owns most of WB.

Both UPN and WB had struggled to compete against larger rivals in the broadcast TV business, including Walt Disney Co.'s ABC, News Corp.'s Fox, General Electric Co.'s NBC and CBS Corp.'s CBS.

The new network will launch in the fall, the executives said, when both UPN and WB will shut down. It will be a 50-50 partnership

between Warner Bros. and CBS, and the network will be carried on stations owned by the Tribune Co., a minority owner of WB.

Altogether, the 16 Tribune stations and the 12 UPN stations owned by CBS will give the new network coverage in almost half of the country, the executives said.

The executives said they hoped to sign up new affiliates in the rest of the country by the time The CW launches.

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By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Students short on time and money can now get their local news fix online for free.

The first 4,000 students from Oakland University who register at The Oakland Press Web site will receive access to the online edition of the paper through March 31.

Parade Magazine, an insert found in the Sunday edition of The Oakland Press, is sponsoring the subscriptions that usually cost \$4.95 a month.

Registration for the service is easy, said Jeff Schell, circulation director at The Press.

Interested individuals can register by creating a username and password, and providing an e-mail address. It is not necessary to provide a name, address

or phone number.

"There's no catch," Schell said. "We're not trying to sell subscriptions at the end of March."

Students registered by Sunday evening will also have a chance to win a \$1,500 travel voucher from Lake Orion-based Kimberly Travel.

Students can still register for a free subscription after the drawing is held.

The online edition, the e-paper, is an exact replica of the print newspaper.

Aside from the day's stories, any story from the previous week can also be accessed.

Stories from the e-paper can be printed, downloaded and e-mailed.

To register, visit <http://www.theoaklandpress.com/springbreak>.

JONES

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misstep or wrong interpretation, whether intentional or not, can lead to death."

Comparing slave societies across North and Central America, Jones said language was a unifying feature of a culture.

"I've always suspected that a distinctive culture cannot exist or persist without a language," he said.

"There can be no genuine African American culture because languages were not conveyed to us, they were muted to us."

Another unifying feature of a culture Jones discussed was

knowledge.

"Too little knowledge is a very dangerous thing," he said. "Real knowledge should somehow be enlightening, not depressing."

With increased knowledge, distinct cultures are converging, he said.

"If we took nothing else from tonight, we learned that once we attain the knowledge that we have amassed, that we should display the knowledge as eloquently as he has," said sophomore Melanie McCready.

With knowledge, distinct cultures are converging, Jones said. "As global culture grows more and more dominant, we can no longer live behind walls of nationalism, regionalism and ethnocentrism."

Tigers meet with student journalists at Roostertail

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

A positive reminder for people suffering from the winter blues: spring training for the Detroit Tiger's 2006 season is less than a month away — which means that warmer weather is on the horizon.

High school and college-level journalism students gathered with Detroit Tigers personnel and members of the local sports media at the Roostertail, a local restaurant, Monday for the Detroit Tigers Student Media Luncheon.

The luncheon was part of the Tiger's 2006 Winter Caravan, which will take members of the team on a bus trip throughout Michigan and parts of Ohio to promote the upcoming season.

Some of the players on hand for the event were future Hall of Fame catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, recently acquired pitcher Kenny Rogers, re-acquired pitcher Todd Jones, and current pitchers Jeremy Bonderman, Nate Robertson and Mike Maroth.

Rogers, formerly with the Texas Rangers, became the 14th Major League pitcher to throw a perfect game on July 28, 1994.

Rogers made national news again last summer for lashing out at a couple of television cameramen before a home game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Robertson, a long-time Tiger pitcher, had a message for the student journalists on how to report incidents like the one involving Rogers and the cameramen.

"Get to know the player," Robertson said, referring to the negative press coverage Rogers received after the incident last summer.

Students were treated to a two-part program at the Detroit Entertainment Facility that began with a panel discussion comprised of some of Detroit's sports journalists.

The panel members answered questions from the crowd and spoke about the joys and challenges they have faced dur-



Jeff Kranitz/The Oakland Post
Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez speaks to students during lunch at the Roostertail Monday.

ing their careers.

"When you start off, don't expect to get rich," said Tony Ortiz, WXYT 1270 AM radio personality, after taking a photo of his audience.

"You will struggle," he said.

FSN Detroit reporter Shireen Saski agreed.

"A lot of people are going to shut the door, don't take no for an answer," she said.

Although Saski attested to working long hours, she also said, "I truly believe I have the most fun of anyone ... even on the longest day, this is still what I enjoy."

The discussion came to an end with a round of applause and was followed by the introduction of new Tigers Manager Jim Leyland, his coaching staff, General Manager Dave Dombrowski and several players.

Leyland, Dombrowski, and the rest of the Tigers participated in two rounds of Q&A, which were moderated by Tigers

announcer Dan Dickerson of WXYT and Rod Allen of FSN Detroit.

The student's directed questions at individual team members and, at times, the group as a whole.

Inquiries ranged from "What's your favorite baseball movie?" to "What are your goals this season?"

Some of the Tigers' favorite baseball movies are "Hardball," "Field of Dreams" and "Major League."

Dumbrowski said although he never makes predictions, his goal at the beginning of each season is to win the World Series.

He also said that the acquisition of Leyland was his greatest off-season move.

"He's just what the doctor ordered," Dumbrowski said, before pointing out the veteran leadership that Rogers and Jones will bring to the team.

The Tigers open the regular season with a game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays April 1.

How much do you know about current events?

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. When percentage of OU students are commuters?
- a. 25 percent
 - b. 50 percent
 - c. 75 percent
 - d. over 90 percent

2. How much did Toyota's sales jump from 2004 to 2005?
- a. 10.1 percent
 - b. 15.7 percent
 - c. 50.3 percent
 - d. 80.6 percent

3. What team does the men's basketball team play Thursday?
- a. Valparaiso
 - b. Oral Roberts
 - c. UMKC
 - d. Chicago State

4. What are the three foreign automakers mentioned on A1 that also offer iPod connectivity in their vehicles?
- a. Volvo, Toyota and SAAB
 - b. Volkswagen, Honda and Volvo
 - c. Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo
 - d. Volkswagen, Honda and SAAB

5. What two networks will be shutting their doors this fall?
- a. NBC and WB
 - b. ABC and CBS
 - c. UPN and CBS
 - d. UPN and WB

6. What local newspaper is offering free e-paper subscriptions?
- a. The Detroit Free Press
 - b. The Oakland Press
 - c. The Detroit News
 - d. The Oakland Post

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Jan. 11 Winner: Meghan Ferdon

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NETWORK

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Among the Tribune's TV stations that will join the new network are its flagship WGN in Chicago as well as WPIX in New York, and KTLA in Los Angeles.

The Tribune Co. will relinquish its 22.5 percent stake in WB and will receive a 10-year affiliation agreement with the new network.

Leslie Moonves, chief executive of CBS

Corp., said the new network will air 30 hours of programming seven days a week aimed in part at young audiences.

The plan includes two hours of programs in prime time each night Monday through Friday and three hours Sunday evening.

It will also offer programming on weekday and Sunday afternoons, and five hours of children's programs on Saturday morning. Barry Meyer, the head of Warner Bros., said the network would be run by the current executives of UPN and WB.

The CW will be run by Dawn Ostroff, who will be in charge of programming, and John Maatta will oversee the business side as chief operating officer.

Maatta had been COO of WB, and Ostroff was president of UPN.

The new network gets its name from the first letters of its parent's names — C for CBS and W for Warner Bros.

CBS shares rose 86 cents, or 3.3 percent, to \$26.68 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, while Time Warner shares rose 15 cents to \$17.24.

ALITO

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announced their opposition of the nomination.

Stabenow, D-Mich., said Alito's nomination was crucial because he would replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has played a pivotal role in helping the court find consensus on difficult issues such as abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty.

"Now we're being asked not just to confirm a nominee who

has 15 years of tipping the scales of justice against the little guy ... but we're being asked to replace the justice who has been the uniter and the consensus-builder" on the court, Stabenow said.

Last year, Stabenow voted against the nomination of Chief Justice John Roberts.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., has not yet announced how he plans to vote on the Alito nomination.

The full Senate expects to take a final vote on Alito's nomination before the end of

the week.

That vote is also expected to follow along party lines, with only one Democrat — Ben Nelson of Nebraska — coming out so far in support of Alito.

Republicans hold the balance of power in the Senate 55-44, with one independent.

Senate Republicans say Alito is a good choice for the nation's highest court.

"Like America's founders, Judge Alito clearly believes in self-government, that the people and not judges should make law, and that judges

have an important role but must know and stay in their proper place," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

But Democrats are fretting that the 55-year-old jurist and former lawyer for the Reagan administration will swing the court to the right and help overturn precedent-setting decisions like Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court's abortion rights case, although he refused to talk about that decision at his confirmation hearing.

"He still believes that the Constitution does not protect a

right to an abortion, but does not want to tell the American people because he knows how unpopular that view is," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

In a statement after the vote, the White House said: "The negative tone, relentless attacks and distortion of Judge Alito's career confirmed what we already knew from the hearings: Judge Alito had an open mind but the Democrats, beholden to their interest groups, did not."

"Democrats have repeatedly twisted and distorted Judge

Alito's positions to the point where they are unrecognizable," said spokesman Stephen Schmidt.

"Democrats' relentless politicization of a process that has traditionally been above partisan politics is disappointing," he said.

Even with the party line vote, Democrats are not expected to filibuster Alito's nomination.

The Senate will begin final debate on Wednesday, and Republicans hope to get a final vote by Friday.

TORTURE

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human rights. Allegations that the CIA hid and interrogated key al-Qaida suspects at Soviet-era compounds in Eastern Europe were first reported Nov. 2 in The Washington Post.

"There is a great deal of coherent, convergent evidence pointing to the existence of a system of 'relocation' or 'outsourcing' of torture," Marty said in the report to the Council of Europe, the human rights watchdog on whose behalf he is investigating.

"Acts of torture or severe violation of detainees' dignity through the administration of inhuman or degrading treatment are carried outside national territory and

beyond the authority of national intelligence services," Marty said.

He added that more than 100 suspects may have been transferred to countries where they faced torture or ill treatment in recent years.

"The entire continent is involved," Marty told the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly, a body comprising several hundred national lawmakers. "It is highly unlikely that European governments, or at least their intelligence services, were unaware."

Citing an American lawyer, Marty also said six Bosnians were abducted by U.S. agents on Bosnian soil and taken to Guantanamo Bay, despite a Bosnian court ruling ordering their release.

Marty, who is expected to issue another interim report in the next few months, complained there was enormous pressure on him to produce evidence of secret CIA prisons but there was not much help from the Council of Europe or governments.

The European Union's top justice official, Franco Frattini, called on all EU governments Tuesday to "fully cooperate" with the investigators.

The Council of Europe launched its probe after allegations surfaced in November that U.S. agents interrogated key al-Qaida suspects at clandestine prisons in eastern Europe and transported some suspects through Europe to other countries.

Human Rights Watch identified

Romania and Poland as possible sites of secret U.S.-run detention facilities. Both countries have denied involvement. Clandestine detention centers would violate European human rights treaties.

Marty said there was no irrefutable evidence of the existence of secret CIA prisons in Romania, Poland or any other country.

"On the other hand, it has been proved that individuals have been abducted, deprived of their liberty and all rights and transported to different destinations in Europe, to be handed over to countries in which they have suffered degrading treatment and torture," he said. If eventually uncovered, the detention centers would likely be small cells that could be easily hidden, he added.



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Council addresses commuter issues

Lack of campus involvement, traffic are students' main concerns

By LAUREN COMAIANNI
Contributing Reporter

If sleeping in your car between classes or driving in circles to find a parking space sounds familiar, then chances are you're a commuter.

Out of the 17,340 students enrolled at Oakland University, more than 90 percent practice the tedious driving back and forth from home to school.

With a predominant commuter population, the development of the Commuter Council allows for students living off campus to now have a voice.

Students who drive to school are faced with different issues than those living on campus. Parking, traffic and even a lack of involvement on campus plague many commuters.

Allison Cummings-Stuckman, president of the council, said she felt commuters needed more representation at OU.

As a commuter, she is familiar with the inconveniences of living off campus.

"A lot of commuters don't know about events going on at OU, I wanted to change that," Cummings-Stuckman said.

Because commuting can limit student participation on campus, the council has developed events to highlight the activities and services OU has to offer.

"Good Morning, Commuters!" is a monthly event that offers free snacks, student discount cards and information on upcoming activities.

The council is also planning an event where members will be putting change in campus

parking meters during Random Acts of Kindness Week in February.

Driving to campus is often the most stressful part for commuters.

The constant road construction often makes it difficult for students to arrive to class on time.

The weather doesn't help much either. With winter now in full force, commuters are forced to deal with icy roads and more dangerous driving conditions.

Nursing student Vanessa King said the drive to OU is extremely time-consuming, especially during the winter months.

"It's rough in the winter," said King, who lives in Madison Heights. "I have to leave my house at least an hour early."

Before the development of the Commuter Council, students had limited options when confronted with such problems.

Now commuters will have access to up-to-date road conditions and construction information.

With high gasoline prices also an issue, the council is providing students with information on how to receive free gas cards.

All students are welcome to attend council meetings, which are held Tuesdays, at 5 p.m. in the Student Organization Center located in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Cummings-Stuckman said the meetings will allow commuters to discuss issues as well as meet new people.

"We just want to help make things easier for commuters," she said. "We want every student to feel like they are a part of OU."

To learn more about the Commuter Council and how to get involved, or to express your concerns, contact Cummings-Stuckman at ancummin@oakland.edu, or visit the Center of Student Activities on OU's Web site.

KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR



DANTE GIULLO/The Oakland Post

Allison Hanna, a student of the School of Chinese Martial Arts in Berkley, practices Kung Fu techniques while utilizing Butterfly swords. The demonstration was part of a two-hour celebration of the Chinese New Year. The Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge sat numerous students last Thursday as they watched the martial arts demonstration.

Although the official start isn't until Jan. 29, students gathered last week in the Oakland Center to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

The International Students and Scholars Office along with the Alumni Association sponsored the event, which was held in the Fireside Lounge.

Students had the opportunity to hear a presentation on the history and tradition of the New Year.

They also made Chinese lanterns, wrote their names in calligraphy,

played trivia games and watched a Kung Fu demonstration.

This is the year of the dog, which is the eleventh animal in a twelve animal zodiac cycle. Others include with the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey and rooster.

In the Chinese calendar, it is year 4704. For more information, visit <http://www.c-c-c.org/chineseculture/zodiac/zodiac.html>.

—Kristin Sommer
Senior Reporter

STUDENT CONGRESS

Dance policy has Congress sitting out

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
Campus News Editor

As Oakland University inches closer to its annual "Meadow Brook Ball," students still find themselves without finalized policies for major events and dances.

OU's Student Congress members reviewed the most recent policy revisions at their meeting Monday.

However, they have not yet been finalized by the administration.

The policies as they stand, in an unsigned status, allow for a total of 10 dances per semester.

OU students are also limited to only one guest at campus events and will be "held responsible for any acts of their guest that violate the Oakland University Student Code," according to the revised policies.

OU alumni are also required to have a student host in order to attend major events and dances.

Legislator Michael Mersol-Barg said he was not pleased with the revisions.

"We all agree that these policies are not helping students, not helping the university because they are blocking out people," he said. "I think we need to focus on what a solution is, what we as representatives of the students need to do to rectify this situation."

Madalyn Miller, Student Program Board chair, said she and others have been working with the administration to write the new policies.

"If you have a major event policy that is worked on by a bunch of us, and we worked really hard, and the fact that that was taken by the administration and not implemented, to me, was unacceptable," Miller said.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness said he feels these policies are preventing the public, who support OU, from supporting events at the university.

A public university that receives public funding should welcome the public, he said.

The unsigned policies also include the use of metal detectors, SpiritCard readers, OU Police Department supervision and a guest sign-in process as possible means to protect students and the peace on campus during events.

"It sounds to be that we should not be blocking out people from our events as much as we should be blocking out the things that they bring in that could be dangerous," said Legislator Allison Cummings-Stuckman.

The major events and dance policies went under revision after a series of violent incidents took place on campus in Feb. 2005.

"The university is really trying to increase student involvement in organizations and student activities but this is counter-productive," said Mersol-Barg.

Student concerns about the Financial Aid office were also addressed as Congress passed out photo copies of the 15th letter received that discusses the service seen at the office.

Complaints about the new set-up of the office and helpfulness of the staff are making members concerned as numerous verbal and written grievances have been witnessed.

McGuinness suggested that an impact could be made with a letter writing campaign to The Oakland Post where students can publish their experiences and concerns.

Next week's discussion topic will be the status and revisions to the major events and dance policies, along with how to reduce violence on campus.



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

Tiffany Bellucci retreats to her car in between classes to relax and gussy up. The senior psychology major commutes from Shelby Twp. to OU for her classes. The drive, which averages 25-30 minutes, can be affected greatly by congested traffic and hazardous weather conditions.

POLICEFILES

■ The Oakland University Police Department was dispatched to Anibal House because of complaints of a suspicious odor. Officers could smell marijuana from the hallway and asked to enter the room. Upon gaining entrance, the student admitted to using the illegal substance and gave up the location to the drug and other paraphernalia. Officers also found two air guns and a samurai sword in the room. The student was charged with counts for possessing drugs and weapons.

■ During the time span of 15 minutes, when a student left to buy a newspaper, a wallet was stolen from his backpack that was left unattended in the Oakland Center. Sixty dollars and identification cards were in the wallet.

■ A friend is under suspicion of being a thief after a cell phone went missing from Fitzgerald House. A student had his girlfriend in his dorm when she placed the brand new Nextel cell phone on the window sill. The girlfriend noticed the phone gone shortly after some friends had left the room. The phone is valued at \$200. The main suspect was contacted by OUPD and had possession of the phone. He stated that a friend from across the hall had found it on a couch in the Hamlin Hall lounge and gave it to him. The girlfriend was never in the lounge at any point during her visit to campus. The phone was not damaged.

■ Only five weeks after having cartilage replacement surgery on her knee, a student fell in Wilson Hall. The girl, who was using crutches to walk, had her mother transport her to Troy Beaumont Hospital.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following student awards

WILSON AWARDS

Nominees for the 2006 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2006 or have graduated in June, August, or December 2005. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher GPA.

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.

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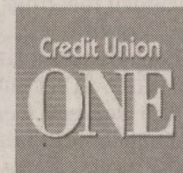
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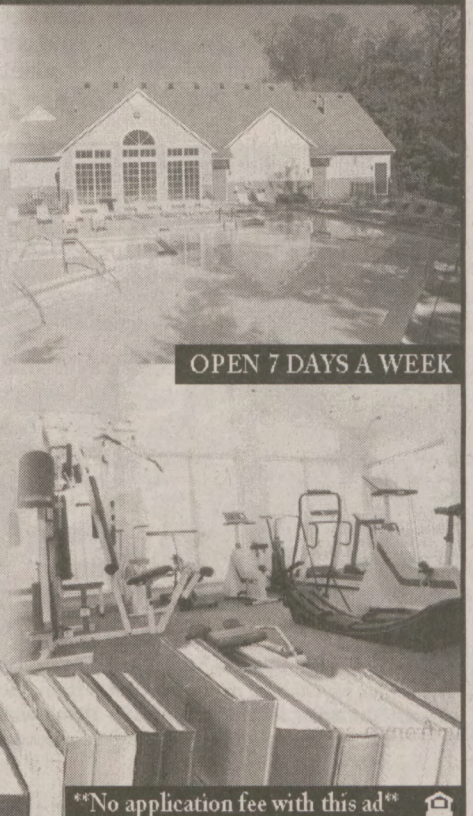
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Scare tactics attack rather than inform public

You see them protest on campus throughout the year. And although they have every right to be there, I can't help but find them overwhelming.

I'm talking about groups who go to extreme measures to prove their point. I've witnessed it done by pro-lifers, vegetarians, religious groups and many others. Tactics used by some to educate the public, in my eyes, prove to be more like an invasion rather than an effective attempt to inform.

While eating in the Oakland Center, the last thing that you want to see is videos of animal slaughtering. During a fun filled Dream Cruise down Woodward, a vehicle plastered with photos of aborted fetuses can spoil a good time. A walk through the city becomes unsettling when a soapbox speaker proclaims that the choices you are making are leading you to a fiery eternity.

And although their messages are noble, and they are fully exercising their constitutional right to free expression, these "shock" tactics don't work on me. Instead, they have quite the opposite effect. I resent that; by thrusting such intense images on the public, they are making me feel uncomfortable in a place where no such feeling should exist.

"A teaspoon of honey attracts more flies than a barrel of vinegar." This phrase that you hear has always proven to work in my lifetime.

Granted, you cannot and should not sugar coat those lost to abortion, animals who suffered to provide us food or soldiers who died in their line of duty.

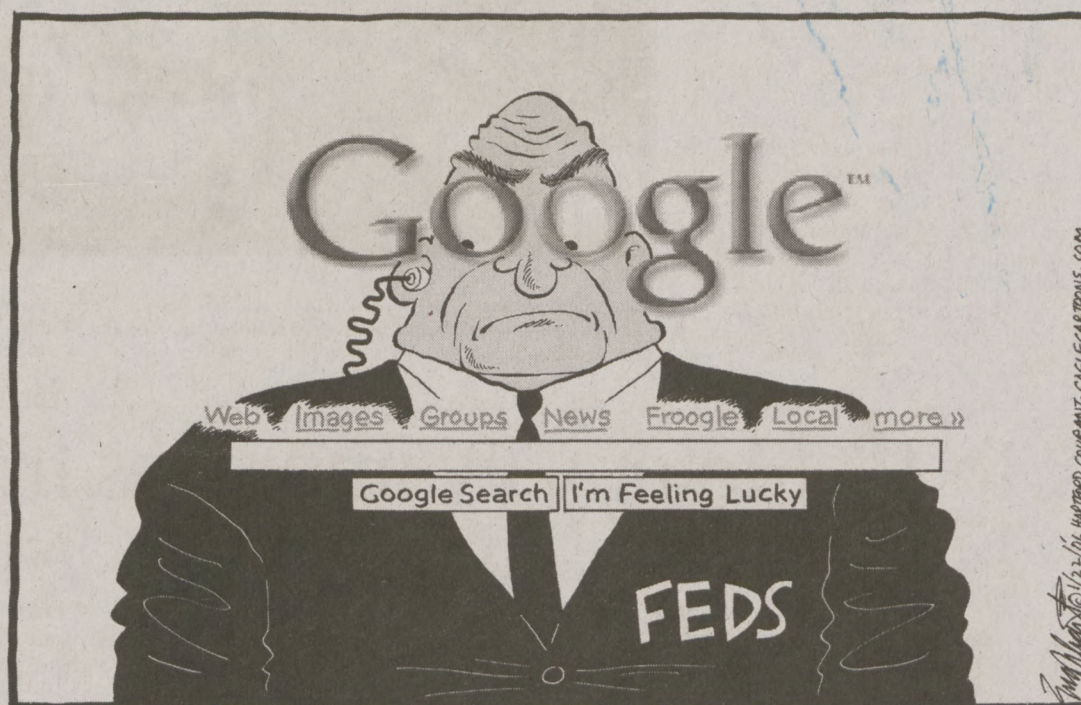
However, by bombarding me with unsettling images and words, I feel more attacked than informed. I feel repelled rather than drawn in.

In no way am I saying that educating others on such delicate topics as abortion, homosexuality, religion, animal cruelty or even politics should stop. Education is the most valuable resource that we have as Americans, and as humans. I fully respect the right that these groups have to express themselves wherever and whenever they see fit.

However, clearly labeled tables with representatives and informative pamphlets in the halls of the OC will work better for me than any shock tactic you throw my way. I don't need to see mangled flesh or hear callous words to learn about another person's view. Opinions and facts can be shared in a more tasteful and less intrusive manner.

Moral High Ground

By Mike Keefe



Big Brother Is Watching

By Bob Englehar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tenure process is fair

Dear Editor,

I would like to disassociate myself from the many scurilous comments directed at the university administration and board of trustees by Prof Fay Hansen in her guest column in the Oakland Post issue of Jan. 18, 2006.

There is something inherently mean about beating up on an administrator who cannot defend himself publicly because that would taint the arbitration process which, in the next month or two, will decide if the university erred in denying Prof Stryker tenure.

This process is fair and objective and has worked the way it's supposed to in the past and the university has always abided by its rulings. I do not believe that Prof Hansen's attacks on the administration and the BOT are helpful to her colleague. Any additional evidence should be directed toward the arbitration panel. Prof Hansen's comments, coming from a senior colleague, reflect very poorly on the university. I am embarrassed at the recklessness of the charges and claims she makes and the lack of awareness of the kind

of evidence that would make the case for Prof Stryker. Prof Hansen mentions a \$2 million grant won by her colleague.

Well, what happened to the grant? Does she still have it?

If she does, I would assume that she is being wooed by many institutions around the country.

Prof Hansen asserts that the administration has vowed not to promote anyone from biological sciences to full professor. Under the current provost's watch, two individuals from biological sciences have been promoted to full professor. It is wrong for her to make false assertions.

Where was Prof Hansen during the time when a technician in her department presumably harassed women?

There is a process for dealing with such cases. She, as a senior colleague, could have raised the issue with anyone in the university. Finally, the record shows that the university has reversed far more decisions denying tenure or promotions than those granting tenure. It is not inconceivable that the faculty are not always right in dealing with their colleagues. Let's wait and see what the arbitration panel finds.

Vincent B. Khapoya
Professor of Political Science

Illegal abortions would protect many women

Dear Editor,

This Sunday, Jan. 22, marks the 33rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. This anniversary is not one to be celebrated, but mourned for the more than 46 million of our fellow Americans that are missing from our country - casualties of the war on the unborn. Many people argue that making abortion illegal in the United States would lead to many women dying because of back-alley abortions and using coat hangers to kill their children themselves.

It is important to look at the facts before making such a claim. First of all, let us not forget that there are many deaths taking place every day - over 4,000 abortions a day, actually. This number includes women and men.

Why aren't we fighting for their lives? In the year prior to Roe v. Wade (1972), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports in their Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (Sept. 4, 1992, Vol. 41, No. SS-5) that 39 women died from illegal abortion in the U.S (24 more died that year from legal abortions).

This is far from the figures

of 5,000 to 10,000 women's deaths that many abortion advocates claim. Even Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of NARAL, admitted that these figures were fabricated and exaggerated in order to increase the cause and acceptance of legalizing abortion.

As with any crime, be it murder, rape, robbery, etc., making abortion illegal will probably not completely eliminate it. If we don't want women dying from either illegal or legal abortions, though, why don't we put our efforts into providing them with the support and services they need to carry their child to full term and either raise the child or give him/her up for adoption?

Let's focus on advocating laws that protect the victim, not the attacker. I have faith and hope that the legality of abortion in this country will one day be overturned. And just like making slavery illegal practically ended this exploitation of humans, making abortion illegal will protect many women from suffering through the horrors of abortion, and will give millions of children (future doctors, nurses, presidents, lawmakers, engineers, priests, etc.) the right to life in this land of the free.

Monica Majcher
Junior

Affirmative action is discrimination

Dear Editor,

As Dinesh D'souza asserts in his book, "Letters to a Young Conservative", affirmative action originally came about as a form of "outreach" to minorities.

In reality, affirmative action means giving preferences in university admissions, job hiring, promotions and government based on quotas, which in turn hurts minorities. This type of outreach is nothing but discrimination in itself.

Consider this: a white person and a black person apply for a position. The black person is better qualified; the white person gets the position. That's racial discrimination. Now consider the second: a white person and a black person apply for a position. The white person is better qualified; the black person gets the position. That's affirmative action. These are simply two instances of racial discrimination. Some people contest that standardized tests are racially biased.

However, no one can argue that a math problem is biased to certain races. Yet the same gap in performance between racial groups that we see on the verbal section presents itself on the math sections. Due to the lack of prediction when comparing grade points from different schools,

these standardized tests become necessary to accurately compare students. If this means that some races may be underrepresented than we should be able to live with that.

Consider the NBA. Blacks make up about 12 percent of the population. Yet, 75 percent of the NBA is comprised of African-Americans. Teams pick their players based on merit, not discrimination. If we truly wanted to "diversify" we would be demanding to see more Jews and Koreans on the court.

Some forms of affirmative action, however, can help. A student that comes from an underprivileged background and scores in the 90th percentile on the SAT may have more potential than a student coming from a privileged background scoring in the 95th percentile. For this, colleges can and should consider socioeconomic circumstances into account. However, the form of affirmative action in currently in place actually hurts the black population. Many people may not like Koreans or Pakistanis, but hardly anyone thinks of them as "inferior." With blacks, however, there remains a widespread suspicion that they may actually be intellectually inferior. Far from dispelling this suspicion, affirmative action strengthens it.

Justin Zatkoff '09



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BUSINESS

Hostile takeover

Japan's finest up in sales

By CRAIG A. COLE
Contributing reporter

The year was 1957, and on Nov. 1, the Mackinac Bridge opened, linking Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas.

At that same time, a Japanese manufacturing upstart began building an automotive bridge to the rest of the world, sowing the seeds of a company that would blossom into an international automotive giant.

Toyota's growth over the past 48 years has been nothing short of astounding.

According to a Toyota press release, the Camry was the best selling car in the United States for the eighth time in the last nine years.

Toyota's Lexus division was again the top selling luxury brand for the sixth consecutive year, with sales eclipsing 302,000 vehicles.

Overall, Toyota ended 2005 with a bang — it reported the best December on record, selling more than 200,000 vehicles, an 8.2 percent

increase over 2004.

Overall, sales in 2005 increased by 10.1 percent compared to 2004.

Toyota's 2005 sales were triumphant compared to domestic rivals Ford and General Motors, both of which lost market share.

When asked what she thought about Toyota's success in 2005, Marianne Garcia, saleswoman at Fox Toyota in Rochester Hills said, "Honestly, I feel that it's just a lot of repeat business, it's quality."

It is speculated that Toyota will soon eclipse GM as the world's largest automaker.

"Anything is possible. We're getting a lot of attention," Garcia said.

Ford's market share fell one point to 18.6 percent last year.

In contrast, 1998 showed Ford capturing 25 percent of the North American market. GM's calendar year sales fell 4 percent for 2005.

Market capitalization roughly equates to how much a corporation is worth, Toyota's is nearly \$167 billion. That figure is more than the market caps of Ford, GM, Daimler Chrysler and Honda combined.

"Toyota is always in continuous improvement mode," Garcia said.

The calm before the storm



The Associated Press
The Campus Martius Park is shown in downtown Detroit. During the winter months, a skating rink serves as the main attraction. Mowtown Winter Blast invades the area from Feb. 2-Feb. 5 featuring the General Motors Ice Garden, the Ford Motor Company Family Zone and the Dodge Chrysler Jeep Taste of Detroit.

From worst to 15, Motor City improves fitness rank in two years

By SARA KANDEL
Contributing Reporter

Detroit is slimming down, or so a recent study by "Men's Fitness" magazine might suggest.

Each year "Men's Fitness" publishes a list of both the top 25 fittest and fattest cities in the United States.

This year, Detroit ranked as the 15th fattest city, which doesn't seem

all too glamorous, until you compare it to last year's statistics.

In 2004, Detroit ranked at the third fattest city in the nation, while 2003 found it to be the fattest city in the nation.

Although the list suggests improved work ethic, others have different ideas of the health in the area.

Greg Walczak, general manager of Power House gyms, suggested that

maybe other cities are getting bigger.

"The fitness industry in Michigan has been rather stagnant," he said.

Dr. Bela Chopp, director of the university health and counseling center of Oakland University's Graham Health Center agreed.

"I think the rest of the country is getting bigger. Students have even gotten bigger then when I first came here," she said.

Chopp also said Michigan's cold weather keeps people inside where there is greater access to food.

She further finds that fast food restaurants outnumber grocery stores where people could go to purchase fruits and vegetables.

Chopp said obesity is not a severe issue at OU, with individuals visiting the center experiencing more restrictive eating disorders.

The top five fattest cities are Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Dallas and Houston.

The No. 1 fittest city this year was Baltimore, followed by Honolulu, Virginia Beach, Tucson and Milwaukee.

"Men's Fitness" takes several factors into consideration when making their assessment, such as a city's fast food restaurants, bars, parks and gyms.

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Angelina Jolie, holds the hand of her son Maddox, as she arrives at Tokyo International Airport with actor Brad Pitt, shown in the background, holding her daughter Zahara on Nov. 27, 2005.

CELEBRITY NEWS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A judge granted a request Thursday by Angelina Jolie to change the names of her two children to reflect that Brad Pitt intends to become their adoptive father.

"The court granted the name change," lawyer Evan Spiegel, who represents Jolie, told reporters outside court. He did not take questions.

Neither Jolie nor Pitt, who co-starred in the film "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," attended the hearing.

The names of the children will become Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt and Maddox Chivan Jolie-Pitt. Zahara celebrated her first birthday Jan. 8. Maddox, a boy, is 4.

Superior Court Judge Linda Lefkowitz approved the motion during a closed hearing about a month after lawyers for the 30-year-old actress filed the paperwork.

Pitt's publicist, Cindy Guagenti, said Jan. 11 that Jolie is pregnant with Pitt's child.

The 42-year-old actor accompanied Jolie when she went to Ethiopia in July to adopt Zahara.

In 2002, Jolie adopted Maddox in Cambodia where she filmed "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider."

Pitt and Jennifer Aniston were divorced last October after 4 1/2 years of marriage.

Pitt has denied Jolie was behind the split, and for months the couple did not publicly acknowledge their relationship despite increasingly frequent sightings together.

Jolie, who won an Oscar for her supporting role in 1999's "Girl, Interrupted," is divorced from Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 25
Blues singer Etta James is 68.
Guitarist Matt Odmark of Jars of Clay is 32.
Singer Alicia Keys is 25.

Jan. 26
Actor Paul Newman is 81.
Sports announcer-actor Bob Uecker is 71.
Guitarist Eddie Van Halen is 51.
Comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 48.
Actor Paul Johansson ("One Tree Hill") is 42.
Drummer Chris Hesse of Hoobastank is 32.

Jan. 27
Actor James Cromwell ("Babe") is 66.
Actress Bridget Fonda is 42.
Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 38.
Rapper Tricky is 38.

Jan. 28
Singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan is 38.
Rap artist/DJ Muggs with Cypress Hill is 38.
Actress Kathryn Morris ("Cold Case") is 37.
Singer Joey Fatone of 'N Sync is 29.
Singer Nick Carter of Backstreet Boys is 26.
Actor Elijah Wood ("The Lord of the Rings") is 25.

Jan. 29
Actor Tom Selleck is 61.
Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey is 52.
Actress Heather Graham is 36.
Actor Sharif Atkins ("ER") is 31.

Movie releases

Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13): This sequel to the 2000 hit "Big Momma's House" starring Martin Lawrence comes to theaters Friday, Jan. 27.

Watch as Lawrence must again dress up as Big Momma. This time, it's to become a nanny while trying to save the country from a national

Now Playing ...

security disaster.

Annapolis (PG-13): James Franco (Tristan & Isolde, Spider Man) plays a young man with a troubled past. He dreams of being accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy, but when he is, he faces

challenges and hardships while trying to compete with the best. Also starring Tyrese Gibson and Jordana Brewster, Annapolis comes to theaters Jan. 27.

Music, Theater & Dance

No Way To Treat A Lady: Playing at Meadow Brook Theatre through Sunday, Jan. 29, this

award-winning musical by Douglas T. Cohen is a comic thriller.

The musical is about a Broadway producer who becomes a killer because of the troubled relationship he had with his mother, who recently died.

Show times are: Thurs. and Fri. at 8 p.m.; Sat at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m.

Older and wiser: Students who return to learn



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post
Brian Weibel studies in the Oakland Center before his Monday night political science class. As a non-traditional student, Weibel commutes from Milford and balances two classes per semester with a 40 to 50 hour work week.

Non-traditional students persevere, strive to earn their degrees

By ALICIA SOSSI
Assistant Features Editor

Brian Weibel isn't a typical college student. For one thing, the 34-year-old soon-to-be English major didn't get serious about college until just a few years ago.

After his high school graduation, Weibel took a less serious approach — he spent four years in Los Angeles, where he did improvisation comedy shows.

"It was a lot of fun for someone young and single," he said. "But, making \$3 to \$9 per night wasn't enough."

Weibel returned home to Michigan and was offered a job as a computer programmer.

He began taking college courses sporadically from 1994 to 2002 and received his associate degree from Oakland Community College last summer.

Now, he works as a network administrator, lives in Milford with his wife and is pursuing a bachelor's degree at OU.

"I want to continue being a network administrator, but I have to look at what's happening to that job market," Weibel said. "I want to finish my degree and equip myself for a possible career change."

"It's challenging to find time to study. But I have always wanted to finish school."

Robin Mather
Junior
Communications

Weibel is one of the many students who may be referred to as "non-traditional."

According to Rebecca Villarreal, an OU admissions adviser, non-traditional students are defined as "students whose formal education has been interrupted."

These students return to school for a variety of reasons.

Villarreal says that lately a lot of students come back in order to receive a degree that benefits the career they have already started.

There are also many students who return to school after raising children or who just want to take up something new, Villarreal said.

According to the Office of Institutional Research, almost 1,500 undergraduate students ages 30 and up are enrolled at OU.

Robin Mather is another non-traditional OU student.

A typical day for Mather includes waking up at 4:30 a.m. and commuting from her home in Flint to her workplace in Troy, where she puts in a full day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Mondays, Mather goes from work to OU, where she studies and eats dinner before class. "It's challenging to find time to study," said Mather, who often does homework on her lunch breaks. "But, I have always wanted to finish school."

Like Weibel, Mather moved to Los Angeles after graduating from high school.

She earned her associate degree while there and returned to Michigan after spending nine years in California.

"For a long time, I couldn't go back to school," she said.

That changed when Kamax, her employer, offered to pay for her schooling. She now takes one class per semester (along with working 40-45 hours per week) and is a communications major.

Mathers hopes to finish school in the next two to three years and would like to pursue a career in writing.

For both Mathers and Weibel, the desire to earn a bachelor's degree motivates them to finish school despite their busy schedules and responsibilities.

"I think people who come back to school after a long time are more serious about it as a whole," Weibel said. "I'm hell-bent on getting an 'A' and the prevalent attitude seems to be 'what do I need to get in order to pass this class?'"

Mathers agrees. "I wasn't ready for college right after high school," she said. "But, now I want to get my degree."

Recommended

Real life drama can be overwhelming. So why be inconvenienced by personal dilemmas when you can just as easily watch somebody else's? Try living the life of a plastic surgeon with a dysfunctional family. Not big on doctors? How about a corrupt cop who needs to work perpetual overtime to avoid incarceration?

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TV

"Tell me what you don't like about yourself?" — Dr. Christian Troy, "Nip/Tuck"

Sophomore Erin Richmond has developed what she thinks is a clinical addiction to the medical drama "Nip/Tuck."

"It always keeps you on your toes. The characters are great, and the story is well-written, and every episode leaves you unable to wait for the next one."

"I just finished renting season two and missed season three. Now I have to wait even longer for season three to be released on DVD. I'm so mad!" she said.

"Good cop and bad cop have left for the day. I'm a different kind of cop." — Vick Mackey, "The Shield"

"The Shield," the FX show about a corrupt cop in Los Angeles, has developed quite a following. Twists and turns leave the audience wondering what the main character will do next and whether he will get away with it.

James Wojocheoski finds himself under house arrest every Tuesday watching it.

"The story is the perfect blend of drama and ass kicking," he said.

If you're a reality TV junkie, you're not alone.

Oakland University students are addicted to "Laguna Beach," waiting to be "Next" and tuning out the real world for the "Real World."

Lindsey Delahaye, a junior elementary education major, can't get enough of the television show "The OC."

"I'm obsessed with it. My sister and I watch every week and buy the DVDs," Delahaye said.

Another OU student, Ann Tipa, a senior communications major, has different tastes. "The Office" has to be the funniest show on TV right now," Tipa said. "I was in tears watching it last week."

MUSIC

Tired of hearing songs so often that you find yourself better at reciting the lyrics than your own name?

Here are some CD suggestions from OU students who are dancing to the beat of a different drummer.

People in the U. S. are coming around to the works of Mark Linkous of the group Sparklehorse.

"Sparklehorse is so unique in how their music is arranged. I have no idea how some of the ambience on the album is even created. It's just a great CD to put on when you want to chill," Wojocheowski said.

The independent band The Trews is another group to watch out for.

The Canadian rockers recently blew up the stage at a Lansing show with Tennessee artists Will Hoge.

Their explosive shows and original sound is proof that rock 'n' roll isn't dead yet.

MOVIES

What better way to spend time after hitting the books than chilling out with a good movie.

If you're stumped at what to rent or have no idea what to see at the theater, here are some suggestions:

"Requiem for a Dream," the essential drug movie of 2001, has become almost an overnight cult classic.

The realistic portrayal of the New York drug scene will leave you speechless.

Jared Leto and Jennifer Connolly are among some of the best young actors in Hollywood and will leave you addicted.

For the theater experience, critics highly recommend "Memoirs of a Geisha."

The movie adaptation of the book by Arthur Golden features American actors and Chinese actresses recreating the time of Geisha.

"The movie wasn't as good as the book, naturally, but it's one of the better movies made after a book that I've seen. It follows the story relatively well and the production quality is great," student Erin Richmond said.

—Compiled by Jenna Randazzo and Aaron Rajala, Contributing Reporters

The sweet

The top 7 tunes on your iPod this week

James Blunt
"You're Beautiful"

Death Cab for Cutie
"Soul Meets Body"

All American Rejects
"Change Your Mind"

Rascal Flatts
"What Hurts The Most"

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"Hit 'Em Up"

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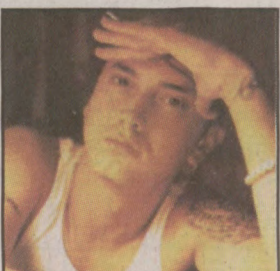
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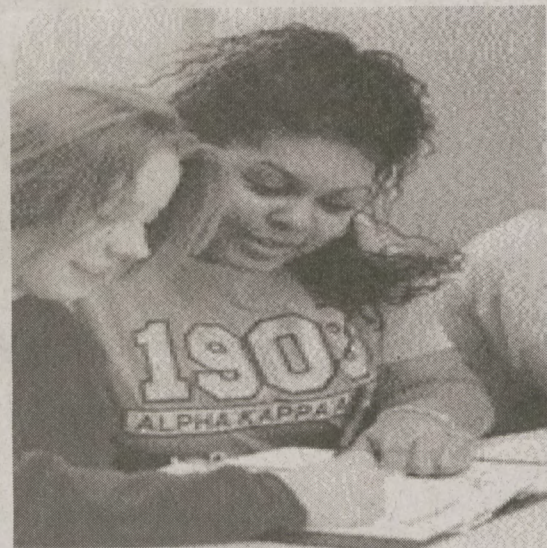
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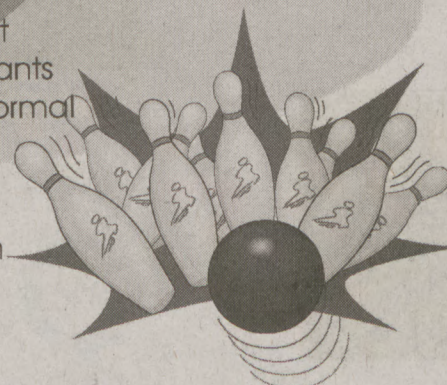
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- Stomp (Jan 29)
- Chicago (Feb 28, March 5)
- Three Mo Tenors (March 14, 26)
- Aida (April 26, 28)
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 25, 28)
- Wicked (May 31, June 1, 4, 8, 11, 18)
- Annie (Feb 21)
- Les Grands Ballets Canadiens (April 7)
- Cinderella (May 17, 19)
- Salome (June 7, 9)

OU Winter Blood Drive
TODAY! Wednesday, January 25
9 am - 9 pm, Gold Rooms, OC

How to make an appointment:

*Online:
www.givelife.org/index.cfm?group=registration&hlc=oublood
*Call CSA at (248) 370-2400

CSA Lunch & Learn
"Hot Spots to Travel"
TODAY! Jan 25
Noon-1 pm,
Lake Superior B, OC

Asian American Celebration '06
January 30-Feb 3

Monday, January 30
Opening Festivities!

11:30 am-1 pm, Fireside Lounge
Artwork, A Panel Discussion, Displays, & Refreshments

Tuesday, January 31

Asian Political Debate
Noon-1 pm, Gold Rooms, OC

What is Spirituality? Asian Beliefs
7-9 pm, Fireside Lounge
Join your fellow students in discussion about Asian Religions! Refreshments provided!

"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**

African-American Celebration!

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

Wednesday, January 25

"Thiosane! Live"

12:30-1:30 pm, Banquet Room B, OC

Thursday, January 26

"Diversity Career Fair"

11 am-3 pm, Banquet Rooms, OC

"Trivia Game Show: African-American Firsts"

Noon-1 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

Monday, January 30

"Salute to the Student Non-Violence Coordinating Committee"

Noon-4 pm, Exhibit Lounge, OC

Tuesday, January 31

"Master Class in Congolese Drumming & Dance"
7-9 pm, Dance Studio, Varner Hall

Learn to Lead Series Workshop:

"What Am I Doing & What Do We Stand For?"

Thursday, January 26, 5-6 pm
Lake Michigan Room, OC

Please Pre-Register by emailing

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NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

- Focus Seminar: How to Pass PSY 100, Wednesday, 1/25/06, 12 noon, Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center.
- Stress Management, Monday, 1/30/06, 5pm, 128-130 Oakland Center.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Fitness/Wellness: Group Exercise Classes have begun. Check out schedule on Campus Recreation Web page: www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec. Over 80% of our classes are FREE with your membership!

Lighten Up Starts January 24th! Meet at 12:05 in the Rec Center's Pioneer Room to open a new chapter of health and happiness in your life. Program focuses on adding daily exercise, making smart food choices, keeping stress in check, and offers a \$100 SpiritCard reward upon completion of 12 sessions! -

Cost: \$135 for Rec Center members. Meetings held Tuesdays, 12:05-12:55pm. Call Mila, 248-370-4910 for more information.

Intramural Sports: Fall IM Sport Registration is around the corner!

Sport	Registration Deadline	Captain's Meeting
Dodgeball	1/20	1/23 @ 7pm
Rally Volleyball	2/3	2/6 @ 7pm
Indoor Soccer	2/10	2/13 @ 7pm

Aquatic Center: Learn to Swim Program—Registration now open. Classes begin February 4th, held on Wednesday or Saturday. Contact Liz Groth, 248-370-4532 for more information.

Membership Opportunities: Now offering half-semester memberships at beginning of semester. Call 248-370-4732 for additional information. Faculty/staff: Only 2 more weeks to take advantage of our BIG PROMOTION! Call Marie, 248-370-2663 for details. *Some restrictions apply.

No Time to Work Out?

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, 248-370-4911 for more information.

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CAREER SERVICES

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OU'S CHAPTER OF GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

"Trivia Game Show: African-American Firsts"
Thursday, January 26, Noon-1pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS

"SALUTE TO THE STUDENT NON-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE"
Monday, January 30, Noon-4pm, Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center.

BASKETBALL

Men suffer major setback

By SAMATHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

What began as a close game for the Golden Grizzlies (7-13, 2-6 Mid-Con) turned into a hole from which they could not dig out of. The lowly Centenary Gents defeated Oakland, 75-66, putting the Golden Grizzlies' chances of going to the Mid-Con tournament in serious jeopardy more than halfway through the conference season.

The loss dropped OU to eighth place in the Mid-Con, just a half game ahead of Western Illinois.

"This is probably one of the worst losses OU has suffered since joining Division I," said head coach Greg Kampe. And one cannot blame him for saying so.

OU fell apart in the final minutes to a team who, up until Saturday, had gone 0-9 on the road this season.

Furthermore, only two men on their roster had previous experience playing for the Gents.

The first half was fast-paced, as the lead seesawed between the two teams, neither leading by more than five points.

Centenary (4-14, 2-5) took advantage of the Golden Grizzlies' sloppy passing, raking in 11 steals.

Junior Vova Severovas led both teams in scoring in the first half with 11 points.

OU shot only 33 percent from the field and were a meager 1-12 from the 3-point arc, but were only down 29-25 at halftime.

The second half started out as equally intense as the first. The lead changed hands eight times and went through three ties before Centenary took the lead with 5:40 remaining with a 3-pointer by sophomore



Junior Vova Severovas scores two of his 17 points on Saturday. Severovas was one of the lone bright spots for OU, shooting 8-for-10 from the floor. Centenary won the game, 75-66, holding OU to just 4-for-22 from beyond the arc.

Clarke Jackson.

A quick lay-up by freshman Derick Nelson off of junior Calvin Wooten's missed three-point attempt put the Grizzlies within four with 1:13 remaining in the game.

But a high-powered dunk by Gents junior Larry Logan all but sealed the loss for OU, as the Gents went 7-for-7 from the free-throw line in the closing minute of the game to put them on top, 75-66.

For the Golden Grizzlies, Severovas scored 17 points, while junior Shawn Hopes and Wooten each contributed 12.

Centenary got a big hand from forward Chris Watson. After a mediocre first half of

six points, the lanky junior finished with a game high 23 points — going 6-for-8 shooting in the second half and coming up with big baskets every time the Gents needed them.

Junior Alexander Starr scored 12 points and junior Xavier Burnette added 10.

In addition to the loss, Kampe was frustrated with OU's turnovers, and for good reason.

The Golden Grizzlies threw the ball away 20 times compared to Centenary's 12.

"(Unforced turnovers) are a reoccurring theme for us," Kampe said. "We don't value the basketball like we should. We're trying to teach the

value of every possession. When you shoot the ball the way that we do, you have very little room for error."

Severovas, though well aware of the slump, still has high confidence in his team.

"We had big expectations going into the season and we still have those same expectations," he said. "We just focus on one game at a time."

Next up, Valparaiso pays a visit to the Athletics Center O'Rena on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

Valparaiso is 16-0 against OU and is an impressive 7-0 here in Rochester.

Valparaiso beat OU 95-64 Jan. 2 in Ind.

THE SPORTS Slate



by Kyle Magin

Cubans ready to play ball

The Bush administration finally made the right decision concerning Cuba's participation in the upcoming World Baseball Classic.

Instead of making a controversial and possibly debilitating call, leaving Cuba out of the classic because of ongoing economic sanctions, they made the right one and called Cuba safe.

Had Cuba not been allowed to play, the administration would have committed a travesty against baseball fans worldwide.

Finally, had Cuba been denied a spot in the 16-nation field, America would have lost a chance to prove it's dominance once and for all over our neighbors 90 miles south.

But, none of these things will occur because the administration made the right choice. Cuba is in and the tournament will proceed as planned.

The move was about more than sport, or even the big business that goes hand and hand with it. It signified a change in our attitude toward Cuba.

President Bush stood up to years of questionable sanctions against a nation better known for its baseball than its aggressive tendencies. He stood up to Florida representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart, who called the decision "lamentable and unfortunate."

For baseball fans, the Bush administration hit a home run. Cuba is arguably one of the eight best baseball-playing nations in the world, and any international tournament without them wouldn't be worthy of its name.

Castro's nation has consistently sent dominant teams to international competition over the last four decades, from the Caribbean World Series to the Olympics, which they have won three times.

The Island is also the birthplace of many of baseball's elite pitchers by way of defection, including Jose Contreras and brothers Liván and Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez.

That being said, the Cubans won't face our college and minor league players this time around. The U.S. roster will include superstars Barry Bonds, Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, Roger Clemens and Tim Lincecum.

Letting the Cubans play may deal a greater blow to Castro's pride than telling them to stay home because they may get run over by heavyweight nations like the U.S., Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Japan. There may be no better way to stick it to Castro than to send Cuba packing.

I applaud the president for making the right decision.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hafeli burns Ladies

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

Senior guard Anne Hafeli proved having a broken nose doesn't make a player any less tenacious.

In her first home game without the Rip Hamilton-like mask, she posted her first double-double of the season, with 19 points and 11 rebounds, which tied her career high in rebounds.

The Golden Grizzlies (7-11, 3-4 Mid-Con) coasted over the visiting Centenary College Ladies, 78-63.

From the opening tip, OU controlled the tempo of the game and maintained a consistent lead over Centenary.

Even though both teams shot under 40 percent in the first half, OU dominated the glass, 27-13, and cleaned up on the offensive end 11-1.

Junior Nicole Piggott shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, contributing 10 points.

The second half only got better for OU as they watched their lead skyrocket from four to 14 by the halfway mark.

Hafeli and senior Jayme Wilson had explosive second halves, scoring 15 and 14 points, respectively.

The Ladies brought the OU lead to single digits, 53-45, halfway through the second half on a Holli Wilkins jump shot.

But a 7-0 run, capped by a Hafeli layup, pushed the OU advantage back to 15 points.

The Golden Grizzlies' rebounding only continued to



Senior Anne Hafeli drives past a Centenary defender on her way to her first double-double of the season. Behind 19 points and 11 rebounds from Hafeli, OU beat the visiting Ladies, 78-63, Saturday night.

suffocate the Ladies (2-16, 1-6), as they out-rebound them, 49-22, which was not only a season high for OU, but also the fewest rebounds allowed to an opponent this season.

Even more of a blow to Centenary was OU's excellent free throw percentage. The Golden Grizzlies finished the night shooting 92 percent.

Three Golden Grizzlies finished in double figures. Hafeli and Wilson scored 19 apiece and Piggott closed out her night with 17 points.

Freshman guard Jessica Pike also had a strong game in the sixth man role, contributing five points, seven rebounds and four assists.

The seven rebounds were an early career high for the freshman.

For the Ladies, Wilkins racked up 27 points for Centenary, senior Laura Kizyte scored 14, and junior Jelena Aleksic added 13 points.

"It feels good to get a comfortable win," OU head coach

Beckie Francis said after coming off two tough losses on the road. "We're used to overtime and two point losses."

Francis also sang the praises of Hafeli's double-double performance.

"It's impressive with Anne," she said. "She showed sheer guts with eleven rebounds with a broken nose and no mask."

With her doctor leaving the decision up to her, Hafeli opted to play without the mask and so far, so good.

"I'll always bring it just in case," she said.

Even coming off a fantastic personal showing, Hafeli refused to take all the credit for the Golden Grizzlies win.

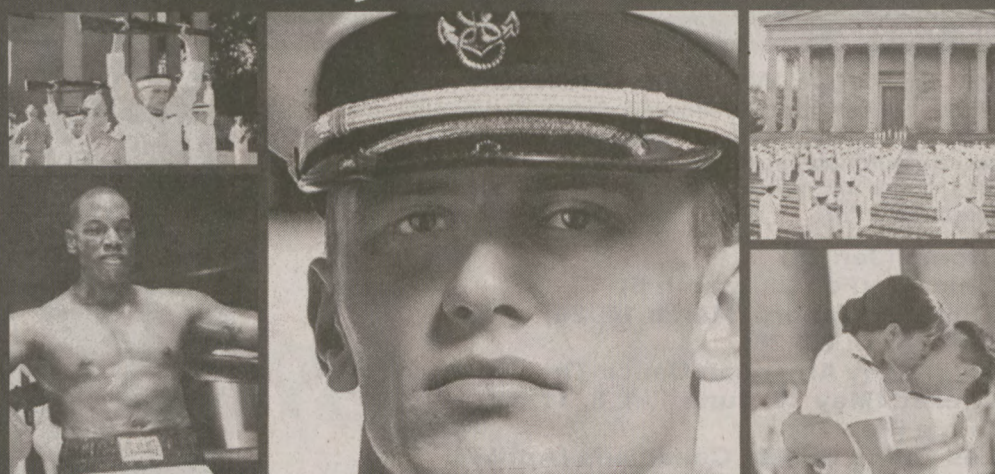
"It was a good team win," she said. "Everybody did good things."

The Golden Grizzlies have this week off, but will travel to Valparaiso, Ind. on Saturday, Jan. 28, to take on the Crusaders.

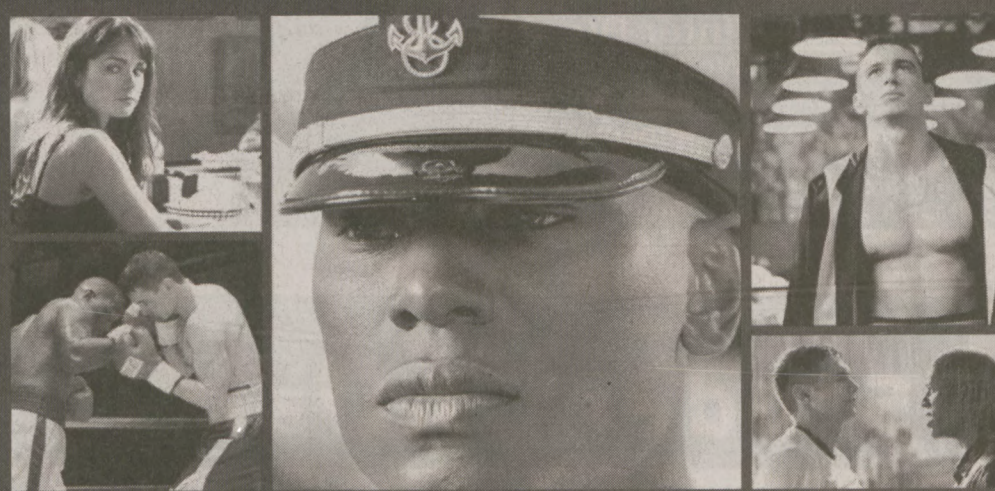
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