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Proposals, incumbents litter voter ballots

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS & DAVID RUNK
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The Associated Press

Detroiters and metro Detroiters alike came out to the polls Tuesday to cast their votes for a plethora of mayoral candidates, referendums and proposals.

Challenger

Freman
Hendrix led incumbent Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick with more than half of the precincts reporting, putting Kilpatrick at risk of becoming the first Detroit mayor since 1961 to be defeated for re-election.

With 53 percent reporting early Wednesday, Hendrix had 38,343 votes, or 52 percent, and Kilpatrick had 35,929 votes, or 48 percent.

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, Hendrix addressed supporters at his post-election party at the State Theater. He said technical difficulties meant results could be delayed 90

minutes to two hours.

"We've been campaigning for 21 months," Hendrix said. "If we have to wait for two more hours to claim this victory, then we can do that. ... Stay as long as you want."

Shortly after midnight, Kilpatrick rallied his supporters, who were gathered at the Renaissance Center along the Detroit River. He said he was optimistic about the turnout and his prospects as votes were being counted.

"Everybody's got a right to vote today," Kilpatrick told the cheering crowd.

"And when that vote comes in, I know what you're going to see. You're going to see: Kilpatrick, four more years." There were, however,

delays in counting absentee ballots. The U.S. Attorney's Office said in court that they delays were caused because the FBI is investigating problems with the absentee ballots, including the possibility that votes were

cast in the names of

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Kilpatrick



Hendrix

BOT rolls fees into tuition

Decision garners support, criticism from students

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
Campus News Editor

Student bills will look a little different this upcoming winter semester as Oakland University's board of trustees voted to end fees, a charge that cost all students approximately \$300 each.

The four fees (general service, Recreation Center, student activity and course fee) will now be charged on a per-credit hour basis, causing some full-time students to pay more and some part-time to pay less.

Mixed emotions on the proposal surfaced from both trustee members and the student body.

"I just need to be able to justify 44 percent of students paying more to have 56 percent pay less," said trustee Henry Baskin.

"Part-time students have actually been subsidizing the other students by paying substantially high fees," said John Beaghan, vice president for Finance and Administration.

The proposal states that by rolling fees into tuition, more financial aid awards will cover students' cost, since most scholarships covered tuition only and not fees.

The board of trustees rolled fees into tuition. Here are the facts:

■ Fifty-six percent of students will either see a decrease or no difference in cost.

■ Part-time students no longer pay the same amount in per-semester fees as full-time students (previously per-semester fees were charged regardless of the number of credit hours taken).

■ Spring and summer courses, usually taken with smaller loads, will be more equitably priced.

■ Some students will pay a little more, some will pay less, but the average student's cost will decrease by \$41 per year.

■ There is no new revenue to the university.

"I would have liked this to happen two years ago when I came here. Since I have the MET (Michigan Education Trust) program, it pays my tuition, but doesn't pay all

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CADAVER LAB

About 16 cadavers are brought into Oakland University's Science and Engineering Building every year. And every semester, students slip on rubber gloves and grab their scalpels ...

In Time for the Dissection



Dr. Mary Tracy-Bee (right) and Teaching Assistants Fred Burg (center) and Soneata Marogy (left) lead human anatomy classes. In Tracy-Bee's class, six TAs dissect a male and female cadaver each semester to teach students the intricacies of the human body.

By JEREMY SELWESKI
Contributing Reporter

It is likely that most Oakland University students would be surprised to learn that several of the university's health sciences classes use cadavers as part of their study of the human body.

Here's a typical scenario. It is a cold, dark basement filled with cockroaches and rats, a dungeon with filthy concrete floors stained with blood and a dim light that flickers incessantly.

Water drips steadily from the ceiling. There are low, murmured voices all around, and the piercing sound of stabbing and cutting can be heard as people in long white coats dissect. But this scenario could not be further from the truth.

"Everybody thinks it's going to be this scary thing, but it



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post
Junior Charles Nichol, a medical laboratory sciences major, studies a human pelvis bone model.

really isn't," said Dr. Mary Tracy-Bee, special lecturer of health sciences, who has been teaching at OU since 1998.

A day in the laboratory
In reality, courses like

Human Anatomy (BIO 205/206) study cadavers in an environment that is not all that different from any other classroom.

In one of the rooms in the basement of the Science and Engineering Building, there are two rows of black tabletops and high stools, a long counter with several cabinets, a chalkboard, a projector screen and a small office in the back.

In addition, two large sinks sit at the end of the room, along with several human skeleton models and the various bone replicas that rest atop the tables.

Approximately 20 students and six teaching assistants sit and discuss anatomy.

As class gets underway, Tracy-Bee leads her audience through a jam-packed lecture, interspersing jokes within a staggering amount of technical

information.

After the lecture ends, the lab portion of the class commences. Two bodies, a male and female, are rolled into the room, and the smell of formalin — a chemical that preserves the bodies for up to one year — saturates the air.

No one even bats eye. They do not fear them.

Instead, the students continue their conversations as they casually saunter over to the cadavers to begin the day's work.

They see the cadavers in a different light and have come to appreciate the gift donated by the deceased in order to further science.

"Most of my students adjust to the cadavers within the first day," Tracy-Bee said.

This appears to be the

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Communities divide over SMART service

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

When gas prices rise, one topic that comes up is the public transit debate. At a time when this is a popular topic, Oakland County communities are nixed on one current solution: the SMART bus service.

Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation bus service has a pick-up and drop-off point on Oakland University's campus, located at the main entrance from University Drive.

The service got its name in 1989 after previously operating under the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority.

Funding for the service comes from a

0.6 mill (\$0.60 tax per every \$1,000 taxable home value), bus fares and federal and state appropriations.

While Rochester Hills and Bloomfield Hills chose to opt out of the service in mid-1990s, the Farmington Hills City Council is expected to debate the issue in January, said City Manager Steve Brock.

"It seems like a very inefficient system when you have a lot of big busses running around with very few people on them," Brock said. "We're trying to see if there's a better way, a more cost effective system."

Figures according to SMART spokespeople show there is almost a 25 percent increase in riders since 2002.

"Recently, we've seen some dramatic

increases," said SMART spokeswoman Beth Gibbons.

"Things have changed considerably over the years, people in general, the jobs aren't located in the city, they're out in the suburbs," she said.

Gibbons acknowledged that the bus service might not be the best option for people who have their own car. SMART figures show that 40 percent of riders do not have a car and 60 percent of their riders are using SMART bus routes traveling to and from work.

The service boasts a 200,000-person average in weekly of riders.

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Good news

All mandatory student fees eliminated beginning Winter 2006!

To put an end to disproportionate charges, increase financial aid awards to students, eliminate non-refundable fees, increase third-party payer contributions and simplify student bills, effective Winter 2006, Oakland University has eliminated all mandatory student fees by rolling them into the cost of tuition.

rolling your way

Instead of paying tuition and multiple mandatory fees (general service, recreation center, student activity and course fees), students will pay a much simpler per-credit hour tuition rate. Some of the results of this initiative include:

- 56 percent of OU students will either see a *decrease or no difference* in cost
- Part-time students *no longer pay the same amount* in per-semester fees as full-time students (previously per-semester fees were charged regardless of the number of credit hours taken)
- Spring and summer courses, usually taken with smaller loads, will be more equitably priced
- Some students will pay a little more, some will pay less, but the average student's cost will decrease by \$41 per year
- There is no new revenue to the university

Also an **extra \$570,000** has been allocated to provide additional financial aid assistance to students, funded by this year's state appropriation increase.

This change will level the playing field for all OU students, ensuring that everyone pays an amount based solely on the number of credit hours taken.

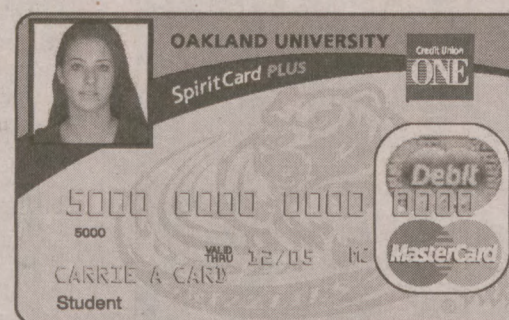


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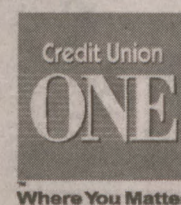
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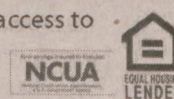
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Passion brings prestige

Norton Scholar credits English department

By **ALICIA SOSSI**
Senior Reporter

"I never, ever in a million years, expected any kind of response," said Oakland University student Rachel Banner, who won the 2005 Norton Scholar's Prize.

This award, the most prestigious undergraduate award available for an English major in the United States, came as a complete surprise to Banner.

Banner's winning essay, titled "The Communal Space Between: Reconciliation in Emerson's Experience," was originally written for a class taught by Jeffrey Insko, assistant professor of English at OU.

Insko encouraged Banner to

revise it and to submit it to the competition.

"It was clear to me that it was turning into something terrific," Insko said.

The weekend before the scholarship deadline, Banner had to work a 10-hour shift.

Although frantic and stressed, she managed to add almost five pages to the original essay and submitted it to the Norton Scholar's Prize competition just in time.

"It was so cool to be able to expand the essay and think it through," Banner said. "Even though it was written in such a hellish weekend, the experience was very enriching."

Last month, Banner received a call from her mother, who had opened her mail and found a letter announcing her as the winner. "I didn't believe her," said Banner.

"I had to drive to my house to go look at the letter myself."

Banner attributes her success to the OU English department. "It's really important in terms of raising the profile of OU and the depart-

ment," she said. "It's really satisfying that OU can hold its own in the competition, and I feel so privileged to be studying English with such a great faculty."

Banner received a \$2,500 scholarship, and her essay will be published on the W.W. Norton & Company Web site.

"It's a very prestigious award," Insko said. "I'm incredibly excited to see Rachel's hard work and talent duly rewarded. I'm also excited for the English department and the entire university."

The award will help Banner in the future as she plans to graduate next December. She wants to pursue graduate studies somewhere on the east coast.

Her goal is to become an English professor. "I love being a student, and the best way of being a student forever is to teach and write," she said.

Banner, who belongs to the Student Writers Club and Sigma Tau Delta, says English has long been a passion of hers. "It's always sort of what I had an instinct for,



Photo courtesy of OU

OU student Rachel Banner won the 2005 Norton Scholar's Prize.

and English was by far my favorite class to go to," she said.

Now, that instinct and passion is bringing national recognition to OU and its English department.

OUSC to address image concerns

By **ALICIA SOSSI**
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's Student Congress discussed active student leadership Monday at its legislative body meeting.

The discussion was prompted as legislators voiced their disapproval of last week's Oakland Post editorial and questioned their roles as members of Student Congress.

"I feel that maybe the article in The Post was brought on by a lack of activism," said Saman Waquad, Legislative and Multicultural Affairs director. "I think people are not realizing what kind of a role they have — that you are a role model."

In his report, Montrell Porter, disciplinary chair, wrote that he talked to legislators and students about the editorial. "I do not agree with the way the story was reported, but I do have to say that we are a governing body and, as student leaders, we have to be aware of our actions at all times."

"Our job is to represent the students to the fullest, and that does equal being professional at our meetings," he wrote.

Gallery member Mark Ewing agreed that OUSC members needed to monitor their behavior.

"Everybody is so angry that editorial got written," Ewing said. "You all need to look at yourselves."

These and other comments prompted the two-fold choice of next week's discussion topic: the issues raised by the editorial and active student leadership.

"Maybe it's a good time to find out what people really do think of Student Congress," Legislator Adam Panchenko said.

Katie Miller, student services director, also suggested evaluating student expectations of Congress. "If you're not satisfied with us, please give us something else we can do," Miller said.

This week, OUSC members plan to participate in many of the cultural awareness activities going on around campus, and urged for students to do so as well.

Members discussed diversity at OU, and agreed that many improvements have been made in the last few years.

Some pointed out that more improvements need to be made, and Legislator Meghan Redmond said that some of the dorms are still segregated.

Miller agreed, but added that "housing has definitely made some improvements."

OUSC also selected a new member, Mike Mersol-Barg, to its legislative body.

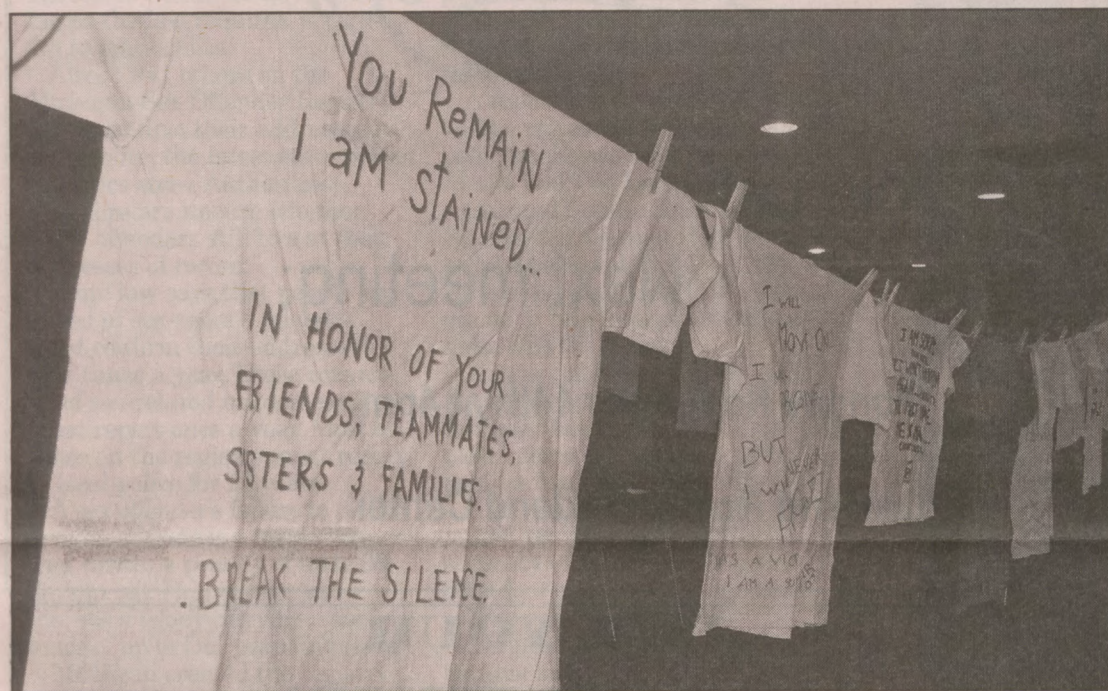
"I am mostly concerned about what affects students and fighting on their behalf," he said.

Their meeting will take place Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Shame and fear hung out to dry

Members of the Women's Issues Forum at Oakland University gathered last Thursday in the Oakland Center to hang out their dirty laundry. Since 2003, the Clothesline Project has been a way for students to recognize abuse that occurs on campus. "Women and some men write out their experiences with sexual assault, domestic abuse and incest on T-shirts for public display," said Emily Eisele, WIF treasurer and secretary for Students for Choice. The display counters the misunderstanding that rapes do not occur on campus by displaying these personal accounts. It also combats the politics of shame, which cause some women to keep quiet. "This will affect someone you love at some point," said Jenn McGreevy, president of Students for Choice.

— Alicia Sossi,
Senior Reporter



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post

POLICEFILES

■ Two similar accidents occurred in parking lot P-26 within the time span of one week. Both involved students backing out of parking spaces and hitting other cars that were driving down the aisle. One student was giving a warning for not yielding. All cars had some form of damage.

■ A student reported to Oakland University Police Department that his car was hit in parking lot P-1. The

student left for ten hours while he went to class and returned to find damage to the rear bumper and his taillight broken.

■ Police were dispatched to Vandenberg Hall around 2 a.m. for a medical emergency with a student. A crying female student said she had been drinking some beers and liquor at JD's Key Club in Pontiac when the guy she liked wanted to leave with one of her friends. When the guy and her friend took her home, she tried to jump out of the car but was held back by the two.

■ While giving a speech in class at Elliott Hall, a student became dizzy and passed out. The Auburn Hills Fire Department responded to give medical attention and found the girl sitting on her classroom floor. The student declined to be transported to the hospital, but said she would see her regular doctor the following day.

■ The AHFD and OUPD responded to a car fire in lot P-2. Fire was coming from under the front wheel wells and the paint on the hood was burned off. The owner escaped without injury. The cause of the fire was

determined to be from a broken belt. The car was later towed off campus.

■ A Hamlin Hall resident called OUPD early afternoon on Monday, Oct. 31 after a suspicious person entered her room. She stated that a male wearing all black clothing and a mask knocked on her door. When she answered, the male came in. Unable to tell if it was a prank or not, she grabbed a room divider and threw it at him. The man fled her dorm and down the hall. The suspect continued knocking on doors and trying to get in other rooms.

Shattered Earth impacts environmental opinions

By **DANTE CIULLO**
Photo Editor

Surrounded by dozens of photographs, the students of Claude Baillargeon's Honors College class gathered to present an insight into "Imaging a Shattering Earth," the Meadow Brook Art Gallery exhibit and related Web site that opened over a week ago.

Two and a half months of preparation, studying the 56 photographs and a dozen artists and then writing and revising essays about each, have blossomed their vision into full fruition as students present the tales of devastation hidden in the colors and patterns of each photograph.

Tasked with exploring the story behind the photographs and artists, each student was challenged to create compelling essays for use in the exhibit catalog as well as on the Web site.

"Overall, it was a great experience," said freshman Mollie Braun, "I didn't really know as much about art before doing this."

Hoping to bring awareness of human impact on the environment, each student briefly shared insights gained during their research.

"I feel a lot of students will attend, and it will help them understand the impact corporations have had on the environment," Braun said.

The associated Web site, <http://www2.oakland.edu/shatteringearth>, is a first for an exhibit at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery and a first for the Honors College.

"I think it's huge for the Honors College because it is so professional," said freshman Kaya Khani. "And for these artists, who are known around the world, to think it's so amazing is a real benefit to OU."

Several of the artists have visited the Web site and expressed their amazement with the quality of it, said Baillargeon, assistant professor of art and art history and curator of the exhibit.

"I'm glad I took the class because of this Web site. I've never done anything this major," Braun said, "But, the Web site doesn't do the real exhibit justice."

The global reach of the Web site will allow the exhibit, set to travel to Toronto, Canada in May 2006, to pique the interest of the casual Web surfer. But the most gripping story hangs on the gallery walls.

"If people would come see it, it would open their eyes to what it's all about," Khani said. Seeming humbled by the breadth of knowledge shared during the walk through, some students walked away with a new perspective.

"Before I did this I didn't know what I was doing to the environment," Braun said, "I learned about how the Earth is deteriorating as we continue to pollute it."



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Kaya Khani presents on Emmet Gowin to HC students.

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Upcoming Holiday shows and events you can get discount tickets to at the CSA Service Window!

Savion Glover

at the Detroit Opera House

Sunday, November 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

Mezzanine: \$20.00 (reg. \$58.00)

Close date will be Friday, November 11

Joffrey Ballet

"The Nutcracker"

at the Detroit Opera House

Friday, December 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

Mezzanine (Trustee Circle):

\$10.00 (reg \$38.00)

Friday, December 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

Mezzanine: \$25.00 (reg. \$38.00)

Broadway's

Spirit of Christmas

at the Macomb Center for the Arts

Sunday, December 4 @ 3:00 p.m.

Mezzanine: \$25.00 (reg. \$32.00)

Close date will be Friday, December 2.

Ode to Joy

performed by the DSO

at the Max Fisher Music Center

Thursday, December 15 @ 8:00 p.m.

Mid-Balcony: \$27.00 (reg. \$30.00)

Close date will be Wednesday,

November 23.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the "Rockettes"

at the Fox Theatre

Thursday, December 1, 15 & 22 @

7:30 p.m.

Main Floor: \$47.50 (reg \$55.50)

Gallery A: \$32.50 (reg. \$40.50)

Gallery B: \$12.50 (reg. \$20.50)

Close date will be two weeks prior to the show date.

Russian National

Ballet Company Dances: Swan Lake

at the Macomb Center for the Arts

Sunday, January 8 @ 3:00 p.m.

Mezzanine: \$30.00 (reg. \$34.00)

Close date will be Friday, December 9.

The CSA Service Window is located adjacent to the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center

ELECTIONS

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dead people. Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly ordered the absentee ballots, envelopes and applications to be impounded by the secretary of state after they are counted.

A telephone poll of people who said they voted, by East Lansing-based Mitchell Research & Communications Inc. for WDIV-TV in Detroit and The Detroit News, showed Hendrix with 56 percent and Kilpatrick with 44 percent. That survey interviewed 800 people by about 8:30 p.m. EST and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Another telephone poll, conducted by Lansing-based EPIC/MRA for WXYZ-TV in Detroit and The Detroit Free Press, had Hendrix with 52 percent and Kilpatrick with 48 percent. With 500 people surveyed by 9 p.m., the poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

The drama of Election Day

also included action in court as the Justice Department said it was investigating allegations of wrongdoing involving absentee ballots and obtained an order to preserve at least 45,000 absentee ballots.

The election comes as the nation's 11th-largest city struggles with poverty and decades of population decline. The next mayor will inherit a city facing a multimillion-dollar budget deficit and the possibility of financial receivership.

Four years after becoming one of the city's youngest mayors, Kilpatrick found himself asking voters for forgiveness — and another chance — after a scandal-plagued first term. Still, he sees himself at the helm of a city dealing with its problems and heading in the right direction.

Hendrix, who was deputy mayor under Kilpatrick's predecessor, made it a campaign refrain that he wouldn't embarrass the city if elected. He has focused attention to the city's troubled finances, laying the blame for much of it on Kilpatrick.

Hendrix, who topped Kilpatrick 44 percent to 34 per-

cent in the nonpartisan primary in August, led in recent polls, but Kilpatrick gained ground as the election neared.

Life in the city — and whether voters think it's better or worse since Kilpatrick was elected — has been a focus in the campaign. Crime is down, but is high compared with many other U.S. cities.

"We need some young ideas, and everybody makes some mistakes," Womack, a 69-year-old retired Chrysler worker, said after voting. "You have to give a person a little rope."

But Hansen Hunter, 46, said he voted for Hendrix because Kilpatrick is "arrogant" and "immature."

The Wayne State University student said he wants "less fat cat ... less family and friends, more job opportunities and less haves and have nots."

In addition to budget problems, Detroit faces a continuing population decline that started a half-century ago. It now has just more than 900,000 residents, compared with 1.8 million in 1950, and earlier this year was listed as the nation's

most impoverished big city.

Pontiac also had a controversial mayoral race. Mayor Willie Payne went up against state Rep. Clarence Phillips for the city's top spot. Payne won the vote and also inherited the city's \$34 million deficit.

In other cities around metro Detroit, controversial referendums and proposals were in the limelight.

Rochester Hills had a millage request on the ballot, which would raise about \$5.1 million in the first year. The money would go toward resurfacing, snowplowing and pothole patching. Before the election, the city had no tax set aside for local street maintenance.

In Ferndale, a controversial proposal regarding the legalization of marijuana was on the ballot. The proposal was passed and now medically prescribed marijuana is legal without the possibility of legal penalty for a doctor, caregiver or patient.

There was also a high-priority proposal on Livonia's ballot. The residents of the city voted 'yes' to the proposal, which withdraws the city from the

SMART bus program.

In the City of Oak Park, which has been a dry city until Tuesday, residents have passed a proposal stating that the sale of spirits and mixed spirit drinks as well as beer and wine will be permitted for consumption in the City of Oak Park.

The following are election results as of press time:

Macomb County

Mt. Clemens Mayor: Barb Dempsey
Mt. Clemens Commission: Gerald Cottrell, Matt Dreger, Lois Hill
Richmond Council: Michael Misteravich, Timothy Rix, Jeff Yaroch, Jeffrey Yelencich
St. Clair Shores Mayor: Robert Hison
Sterling Heights Council: Richard Bracci, Yvonne Kniaz, Deanna Koski, Joseph Romano, Maria Schmidt, Barbara Ann Ziarko
Warren: East Detroit Board of Education: Corrinne Harper, Paul Seibert

Oakland County

Auburn Hills Council: Henry Knight, Mari Edwards, Maureen Hammond, James McDonald
Birmingham Commission: Don Carney, Rackeline Hoff, Stuart Sherman
Birmingham Library Board: Seth Chafetz, Ileana Thal, Paul Vandermeer
Clarkston Council: Daniel Colombo
Clawson Mayor: Lisa Dwyer
Ecorse Mayor: Larry Salisbury

Farmington Property Proposal: YES
Ferndale Proposal A: YES
Ferndale Proposal B: NO
Ferndale Proposal C: NO
Ferndale Proposal D: YES
Pontiac Mayor: Clarence Phillips
Pontiac Proposal 1: YES
Pontiac Proposal 2: YES
Pontiac Proposal 3: YES
Oak Park Mayor: Gerald Naftaly
Oak Park Liquor Proposal: YES
Rochester Council: Stuart Bikson, Jeffrey Cuthbertson, David Katulic, Thomas Werth
Royal Oak Mayor: James Ellison
Royal Oak City Millage: NO
Royal Oak School Bond: YES
Troy Council Terms Proposal: YES
Walled Lake Mayor: William Roberts
Wixom Mayor: Michael McDonald

Wayne County

Detroit Schools Millage Renewal: YES
Garden City Council: Richard Gora, Charles Wasczenski, Joanne Dodge, William Irvine
Hamtramck Mayor: Karen Majewski
Harper Woods Council: Vival Sawicki, John Szymanski, Daniel Palmer
Inkster Millage Proposal: NO
Lincoln Park Treasurer: Patricia Luko
Livonia Council: Joe Laura, James McCann, Terry Marecki, Don Knapp
Livonia Proposal: YES
Wayne Mayor: A. Haldous
Wayne City Proposal: YES

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- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (Nov 10)
- Cats (Nov 13)
- Golda's Balcony (Nov 20)
- Savion Glover (Nov 20)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular With the "Rockettes" (Dec 1, 5, 22)
- Joffrey Ballet: "The Nutcracker" (Dec 2)
- DSO: Ode to Joy (Dec 15)
- Broadway's Spirit of Christmas (Dec 4)
- Russian National Ballet Company: Swan Lake (Jan 8)

College Bowl Campus Competition

Saturday, November 19, 9:30 a.m.

Upper Level of the Oakland Center

1st place team wins \$600 and the opportunity to represent Oakland University at the ACUI Regional Tournament which Oakland University will host February 24-26. Entry fee for a four person team is \$20. Entry forms available at the CSA Office and the Honors College Office

Student Organization Officer Training

November 15, 5-6 p.m.

Lake Huron Room

If you have not yet attended training please sign up in the CSA Office

Good Morning Commuters!

Tuesday, November 15, 9 - 11 am

@ Hannah Hall

Come get some snacks from your OU Commuter Council

*Look for more Commuter Appreciation Week Events November 14-18!

Interactive Current Events Panel

Wednesday, November 16

Noon-1 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, OC

The panel will discuss current issues including the legacy of Rosa Parks and the results of the 2005 Elections. All are invited to share their opinions, ask questions and enjoy the discussion!

Cultural Awareness Week

"Sharing Me, Embracing You"
November 7-11, 2005

Wednesday, November 9

Study Abroad Information

12 - 1 p.m.

Main Hallway, OC

Thursday, November 10

International Speech, Translation & Dictation Contest

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Gold Rooms, OC

For more information contact Dikka Berven at dberven@oakland.edu.

International Café & Fashion Show

7 - 10 p.m.

Pioneer Food Court, OC

Friday, November 11

Student Veteran's Day Panel

12 - 1 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, OC

International Faculty, Staff & Friends Reception

4 - 6 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, OC

Fraud within FEMA?

Report: Authorities did not act on Detroit FEMA aid fraud evidence

DETROIT (AP) — Authorities failed to act on evidence of widespread fraud in damage claims submitted by city residents after a September 2000 rainstorm, according to a newspaper investigation. In all, 87,648 Detroit residents got \$168.5 million in damage reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. That is 77 percent of the \$218.3 million paid out to 108,680 people in all of southeastern Michigan for damage sustained in the downpour and flooding Sept. 10-11, 2000.

The heaviest rains and most of the flooding were outside Detroit, authorities say. The large number of Detroit claims led to a state police investigation. It found that fraud was the first of four reasons given for the large amount paid in Detroit, according to a report that the Detroit Free Press obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. State police failed to share the information with federal authorities because they said they could not prove fraud, the newspaper said Monday.

"After interviewing citizens of Detroit who had flood damage and made application with FEMA, I was informed that several people were calling the 1-800 number to register for assistance but did not have flood damage," Lt. Walter Davis wrote in the report. Davis wrote that Detroit's then-emergency services director, Glen Hendricks, told him that most of the Detroit claims were from people who did not have losses. A FEMA spokeswoman said the agency relies on the honesty of people making claims in disasters. "We trust disaster victims. We trust them to be honest," said Linda Sacia of the agency's regional office in Chicago. "We're there to help." Four inches or more of rain fell Sept. 11 in parts of Wayne and Lenawee counties, the National Weather Service said. The previous day, parts of Oakland County got more than four inches of rain, The Oakland Press of Pontiac reported at the time. Detroit Metropolitan Airport in

Romulus in western Wayne County got 5.36 inches over the two days. By comparison, Detroit's east side got two inches. On Oct. 17, President Clinton declared Wayne County a disaster-area, making residents eligible for grants of up to \$14,400 for repairs and lost property. On Oct. 26, FEMA said Oakland County had been added to the disaster area. The \$218.3 million that FEMA paid out far exceeded then-Gov. John Engler's estimate of \$7.25 million.

Police don't have tabs on sex offenders

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Police don't know how to find 2,405 convicted sex offenders who failed to report their new addresses within 10 days of moving as the law requires, according to state police. Also, 5,941 others on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry didn't confirm their addresses to local police, the latest state police statistics show. Authorities therefore are unsure whether those offenders still live at their addresses of record. State law says that people convicted of sex-related felonies must confirm their addresses four times a year. Those convicted of sex-related misdemeanors must report once a year. Most of those on the registry must report to local police for 25 years. A sex offender's failure to confirm an address is a misdemeanor that carries a penalty of up to 93 days in jail. Failure to report a move is a felony carrying a sentence of up to four years in prison. Michigan created the registry in 1994. It had 37,916 names on Thursday. Of that total, 23,885 are required to report their addresses. Those in prison or out of state need not report. On Oct. 15, 8,346, or 35 per-

cent of the 23,885, were listed as "absconders." For three weeks through last week, personnel from all 63 state police posts were assigned to work with local police to see if sex offenders lived at their registered addresses. A report on the results likely will be released Thursday, state police spokeswoman Shanon Akans told The Detroit News. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is a former state legislator and helped start the registry. He said he would like to see state grants to help local police pursue those who fail to report. A state audit released July 8 said Michigan's sex offender records contained inaccurate and incomplete information that may give the public a false sense of security. Auditors said state police lacked procedures to verify the accuracy of data, including sex offenders' names and addresses. This year, the names of Michigan sex offenders also became available on the U.S. Justice Department's National Sex Offender Public Registry. The new national registry lets people search for sex offenders outside state boundaries without having to visit each state's individual registry.

Remembering the Fitz



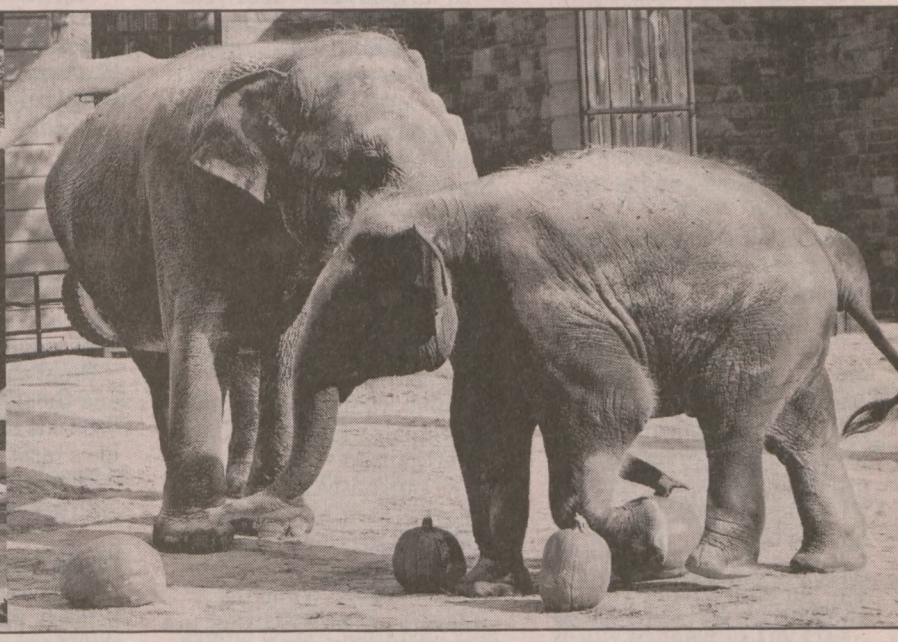
Tom Fischer of Evansville, Ind., looks over the Edmund Fitzgerald bell on display at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum in Whitefish Point, Mich. Thirty years ago, on Nov. 10, 1975, the Edmund Fitzgerald, a massive 729-foot ore carrier, sank in the eastern end of Lake Superior during a fierce storm that beat the ship with 30-foot waves.



A rescuer, left, and a tow truck driver attach a truck's hook to a charred bus in Bassens, near Bordeaux, southwestern France, late Tuesday. A government-declared 12-day state of emergency was poised to go into effect in riot-torn France at midnight Tuesday.



A fireman examines the cockpit of a cargo plane that crashed at a Wal-Mart in Manchester, N.H. Tuesday. The pilot walked away from the crash.



Baby elephant Kandula, right, gets ready to step on a pumpkin, as mom Shanti helps out during the annual post-Halloween Pumpkin Stomp, Tuesday at the National Zoo in Washington. The event is part of an enrichment program at the zoo.

NATION

Congressman Sherwood settles suit filed by ex-mistress, lawyer says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Don Sherwood reached a settlement Tuesday with a former mistress who accused him of abuse in a \$5.5 million lawsuit, according to his lawyer. Terms of the settlement between Sherwood, R-Pa., and Cynthia Ore, with whom he acknowledged a five-year affair, will remain confidential, said Paul Clark, a spokesman for Sherwood's attorney, Bobby Burchfield. "Attorneys for Cynthia Ore and Congressman Don Sherwood announced today that their clients have resolved their differences, and the lawsuit will be dismissed," Clark said, reading from a statement.

CIA investigates secret prisons

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA took the first step toward a full-scale criminal investigation of a leak of possibly classified information on secret prisons to The Washington Post, a U.S. official said Tuesday. The agency sent a report to the Justice Department about the Post story, which reported the existence of secret U.S. detention centers for suspected terrorists in Eastern Europe. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the referral was made shortly after the Nov. 2 story. The leak investigation into the

disclosure of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame's identity came about through the same referral procedure.

Social Security may not change before '09

WASHINGTON (AP) — It will be 2009, after the next presidential election, before lawmakers seriously consider overhauling Social Security, the chairman of the Senate panel overseeing the program said Tuesday. Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said he's "very pessimistic" that lawmakers can act before the end of President Bush's second term on Social Security ideas that Bush made the centerpiece of this year's legislative agenda. "I'm pessimistic that it could come up before 2009," Grassley told an audience at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "Doesn't mean that I won't try to bring it up before 2009." Between now and 2009, the political environment will heat up for midterm congressional elections and then the next presidential election. Bush acknowledged at a press conference last month that Congress has little appetite for taking on the issue this year, even after he made dozens of speeches nationwide. "I did make some progress convincing the American people there was a problem," Bush said. "And I'm going to continue talking about the problem because I strongly believe that the role of those of us in Washington, one role is to confront problems."

WORLD

South Korea urges further talks on North Korea's nuclear disarmament

BEIJING (AP) — South Korea on Tuesday urged delegates to six-nation talks on North Korea's nuclear disarmament to create an atmosphere of trust as participants geared up for another round of negotiations in Beijing. Tensions between the United States and North Korea, however, were already building. The communist country criticized President Bush for calling North Korean leader Kim Jong Il a "tyrant," saying the remark put the prospects of the talks in doubt. North and South Korea, the United States, Japan, Russia and China will participate in the fifth set of negotiations, scheduled to begin Wednesday. They were expected to last three days before a recess to let diplomats attend an Asia-Pacific economic forum in South Korea.

Chavez proclaims victory in summit

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez proclaimed a "knockout" victory in the Summit of the Americas after helping thwart a U.S.-backed free trade zone, strengthening his position as Latin America's most vocal rival of President Bush and as a maverick unafraid of irritating his neighbors. The fiery leader was buoyed by the emergence of a five-nation bloc opposed to the

trade pact and was cheered by thousands of anti-Bush protesters at the summit in Argentina. But some say it's too soon for Chavez to declare victory, and that while he has begun to deliver on promises to share Venezuela's oil wealth with the poor at home and abroad, his heavy spending on handout programs could leave him overextended. "Bush lost by total knockout," Chavez said after the summit in Mar del Plata, calling the U.S.-proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas a "fallacy" designed to allow richer nations to exploit poorer ones. The United States argues the free trade zone would create jobs and build better lives for the region's poor. But Chavez proclaimed "the FTAA is dead," and emotions ran high as crowds of protesters clashed with riot police in the streets on Friday.

Lawyer in Saddam trial assassinated

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three masked gunmen in a speeding Opel assassinated a second lawyer in the Saddam Hussein trial Tuesday, casting doubt on Iraq's ability to try the case and leading a prominent war crimes prosecutor to urge moving the proceedings to another Arab country. Adel al-Zubeidi, lawyer for former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, died when bullets were sprayed his car in a neighborhood of western Baghdad.



Teaching Assistant Ryan Poquette (far right) lectures students on the human anatomy. Bio 205/206 is an undergraduate course that uses cadavers to illustrate the human body.

CADAVERS

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overall consensus, as several students echo Tracy-Bee's statement, including TAs Ryan Poquette and Sarah Heaton.

"I was so scared to walk in the door on the first day," Heaton said, "but I got used to it very quickly."

Poquette agreed. "It's so alien from what most people are used to, but it's not as bad as you think," he said.

Junior Nathan Lott, a health sciences major who plans to study physical therapy, said, "It throws you off the loop the first few times, but then you get used to it."

Students and TAs working in the lab are often subject to the strong scent of formalin.

"You kind of get used to the smell," Lott said, "but it gets worse as you go on because you use the same bodies every semester."

Jamie Greenwood, a senior health sciences major, said, "I was the only person with a mask on because I thought I was going to be sick."

Getting over the assumption
So, why is it that students have been able to adapt to something that has the potential to, for some, be so gruesome and unsettling to the senses?

"I think they realize that what they learn from the cadavers will (eventually) help them save people's lives," Tracy-Bee said.

She also said that "if you look at a cadaver, it doesn't even look like a dead body. It looks more like a model."

Close examination of the cadavers confirms Tracy-Bee's assessment. Drained of all life, thoroughly dissected, with their faces covered with a plastic bag and their coloring faded, the bodies do not even look real.

Many of the students concur that this is a key factor in helping them to disconnect from the bodies.

"The night before (the first day of class), I definitely had some reservations about working on a human being," said junior Michael Brohl, who attended the class in the winter semester. "You definitely have to take your mind off the fact that this is an actual person, but after a while you almost see it as pieces, not as the whole thing."

By covering the faces of the bodies, it makes it easier to observe them, said junior Charles Nichol, a medical laboratory sciences major who is planning to go to dental school.

"It's easier to dissociate the fact that they are human," Nichol said.

He said that if their faces were shown, it would generate too much emotion.

The complex, crash course

While many schools do not offer cadaver labs to undergraduates, OU's Human Anatomy class allows students to participate in the lab by simply enrolling in the class.

"Anyone can take this class," Heaton said.

But, "it's tough, because the anatomy is tough. The body is so complex," Poquette pointed out.

Some students agree. "It's a lot of work," Lott said. "It's pretty much like taking a 4-credit class."

The cadavers are also studied as part of the Gross Anatomy (BIO 381) and Neuroanatomy (BIO 460/461) classes, as well as in graduate-level physical therapy courses.

Tracy-Bee said it is extremely rare for any university to have cadavers on campus for study at the undergraduate level.

In fact, out of 49 four-year colleges and universities in the state of Michigan, only six others — Adrian College, Alma College, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University and the University of Detroit-Mercy — offer cadaver labs to undergraduates.

According to Tracy-Bee, out of all the cadavers, 95 percent are people who have donated their body to scientific research, while 5 percent are individuals whose bodies were never claimed.

OU purchases about 16 cadavers each year from Wayne State University during the fall, winter and summer semesters. While the cadavers are at WSU, they are tested, cleaned and prepared

for study.

The blood is then pumped out, and formalin is pumped in. After a waiting period of

six to eight months to ensure that the preservation process is successful, the cadavers are sent to OU.

Tracy-Bee said the cadavers are typically elderly, with an average age in the mid-80s. The university also receives cadavers over the age of 100 on a regular basis — "at least once a year," she said.

However, despite the elderly state of the bodies, they are almost always in great physical shape, she said. "Most of them look better than people in their 60s."

Investigating the death

Although the university is not given the name or medical history of each cadaver, they are provided with the date and cause of death.

Tracy-Bee said sometimes her class is able to find other ailments not listed on the death certificate.

For example, one body that came into the lab recently was said to have died of lung cancer. Closer inspection of the heart, however, revealed that the man was also suffering from an aortic aneurysm, which likely contributed to his death.

"It's really fascinating when you can discover something like that," Tracy-Bee said. "It's like being on 'CSI.'"

After the semester ends, the bodies will be sent back to WSU, where they will be cremated. If the families of the deceased want the ashes, they are then returned to them.

Otherwise, WSU buries the remains at a cemetery in Novi and performs a funeral service for each individual.

Brohl said this kind of care and thoughtfulness for the bodies is one of the things he likes most about the class.

"The whole thing is done with great respect," he said.

Developing the skills

Tracy-Bee said that she believes the main reason for the Human Anatomy course's

popularity is the fact that everyone can learn something substantial from it.

"People in the general population are interested in this, not just people who are going to medical school or dental school," she said. "People are always going to be interested in the human body."

Many of the students who take BIO 205/206 are science majors, most commonly in the fields of biology and biochemistry, Poquette said.

In fact, the class is required for all health sciences majors, even for those who will never again have to work with actual bodies.

A large number of them, however, will be moving on to medical or dental school, while others are pursuing careers in nursing, pathology or physical therapy.

Whatever vocational path they choose, Tracy-Bee's students agree that being given the opportunity to study cadavers as part of their Human Anatomy class has been an invaluable learning

"I think they realize that what they learn from cadavers will (eventually help them save people's lives."

Dr. Mary Tracy-Bee
Special Lecturer of health sciences

tool.

"We are obviously here because we are in this profession," Greenwood said. "It's fascinating to see how complex the body is."

Charla Harvey, who took the class in the winter semester, is a pre-medical student and post-baccalaureate from the University of Michigan.

She says she believes the lab has given her a better understanding of the human body and has helped her prepare for her education at the next level.

"Now it won't be such a shock when I get to medical school," Harvey said.

Brohl, a science major who

plans to study physical therapy, points out another key benefit of the lab.

"It lets you see everything in a 3-dimensional way," he said.

"It's so much better than just looking at pictures. Pictures don't tell the whole story. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but a body is worth a million," he said.

Even though he will probably never again work with cadavers, Brohl said that he truly values the knowledge, the open-minded attitude and the positive life experiences he has gained from the course.

"This is one of the best classes I've ever taken," he said.

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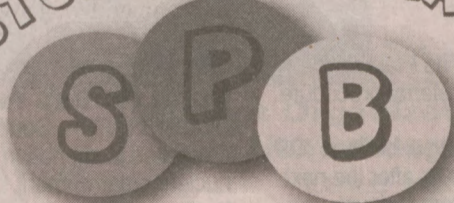
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EDITORIAL

It's our voice — and just that

Flip through the pages of any newspaper, whether at the university, local, state or national level, and you will come across a page, or several pages, that contains content different than that found on any other page.

Unlike the copy found throughout the newspaper, which is void of opinion, the copy found in this section encompasses everything we know newspaper writing not to be.

It is not objective. It is not neutral. It is not unbiased. It is not impartial. In fact, it is sometimes the opposite of some of these descriptions, and often the opposite of all of them.

This is the editorial page, and in The Oakland Post, it is titled "Perspectives."

The editorial page is the only portion of a newspaper in which, not only may opinion be expressed, but it is highly encouraged.

It is also home to the editorial, often positioned at the top of the page.

Signed "The Oakland Post," this is the voice of our newspaper, our observation of the right to exercise free speech.

Because it is labeled as opinion, it does not conflict with the civic journalist's obligation to report accurate, impartial and fair information to the public.

We consult staff members for their opin-

ion, but the ultimate decision regarding what warrants comment and what stance will be taken is made by the executive editors. Not everyone has to agree, and not everyone will.

Representing the stance of the newspaper on issues we regard of importance, editorials present our arguments, opinions and evidence.

A newspaper's editorial page provides a service to the public by acting as a forum that allows the newspaper's audience to bring issues to light, to engage in thoughtful, provoking conversation and to contemplate and dissect ideas, values and beliefs.

The ultimate goal of an editorial is to provoke you, to make you think.

If our editorial achieves this result, then we have fulfilled a vital portion of our role.

The Oakland Post encourages all members of the public to voice their opinions and engage in debate in the forum provided by its editorial page.

GUEST COLUMN

Student Congress lives up to mission

It is the right and responsibility of any student, particularly the student newspaper, to hold their elected student officials accountable. As those elected student officials, Oakland University Student Congress welcomes and encourages fair and thoughtful student oversight.

We thank The Oakland Post for their assessment of OUSC's performance, but we strongly disagree. While we recognize that there is always room for improvement within our organization, and we are always striving to improve, the statement that we "need to start pulling (our) act together" is totally off-target.

Although The Post, based upon its coverage, is under the impression that all OUSC is and does comes through at our legislative body meetings, there is much more to our student government.

The mission statement of OUSC indeed proclaims that our organization "strives to represent the student body and increase pride and unity on campus through dynamic leadership, a commitment to diversity and an ongoing devotion to the quality of university life. We aim to meet the needs and address the concerns of our fellow students and encourage students to voice their ideas to help us create the best possible Oakland experience."

In regard to this aim, we have accomplished much and progressed a great deal. Student Body President Michael McGuinness and Vice President Kori Lynn Caver have provided leadership and raised the bar for our student government.

The main focuses of the McGuinness and Caver administration are promoting academic success, Gender & Sexuality Center advocacy, financial aid improvements, supporting student organizations, engaging uninvolved students and more distinct campus flavor.

Our executive board has been highly active, enhancing the quantity and quality of OUSC initiatives. Our legislative body is richly diverse, representing our over 17,000 Oakland students particularly well.

Our Student Program Board entertainment lineup is more appealing than ever; unfortunately, The Post has a disappointing track record of accurately and adequately covering those events and their details.

Our Student Activities Funding Board continues to fairly and efficiently distribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to our many student organizations and club sports, providing the crucial support to most campus activities. SAFFB has never been in a stronger position; unfortunately, The Post has a disappointing track record of overlook-

ing this vital role and choosing to report on less relevant topics.

In this past week's edition alone, scant reference to the adoption of our legislation regarding campus food service issues was made; yet, the last minor item addressed on the agenda regarding discussion topics were granted numerous paragraphs.

Sensationalizing the dismissal of a legislator, promoting that story to the front page over more broadly important student issues, is disappointing and does a disservice to our student body.

Distorting the behavior of our members participating in two-hour meetings, who are not compensated for their representation of our students at the legislative body meetings, is disappointing and does a disservice to our student body.

The Post's editorial issued dismay that university administrator John Beaghan's respect for our students would be diminished by the misconstrued misdeeds of our members; in his remarks, Beaghan himself offered up how thoughtful and respectful he viewed OUSC and its probing questions on the rolling of fees issues.

If The Post is as concerned about the "almost unheard of and risky move for any university that would affect all students," the rolling of fees in their own words, then perhaps more coverage could have been afforded to it and it would have been more heard of. OUSC, after all, has been dealing with this issue for months.

Many students would expect and hope that their student-run newspaper would be more concerned about grilling and observing university administrators and their actions toward the student body, rather than the converse; after all, they are the ones whose salaries we pay.

However, the important role of The Post and the great good it does for our students is obvious. Although perfection seems to be demanded of OUSC, an organization by, for and of the students, we recognize that perfection cannot and should not be demanded of The Post.

Substantial work has been done on behalf of our student body by OUSC, with more great things to come in the year. OUSC looks forward to working together with other campus entities, and we hope to consider The Post an ally in our fight for students.

— Oakland University Student Congress.

Michael McGuinness, who authored this column on behalf of Oakland University's Student Congress, is OUI's student body president.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chartwells' food is a torture to our bodies

Dear Editor,
I love Oakland University. It is a great place to fulfill my opportunity for a higher education. In order to get this education, my mind, body and soul need to be filled. Therein, lies the problem. My body is being tortured by Chartwells.

My body is tortured because there is no healthy food in the Vandenberg Cafeteria. An inordinate amount of fried food is served in comparison to other healthy alternatives, especially during the late night meal hours where the meals consist of pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken patties and french fries.

My body is tortured because they offer little to no meat alternatives. The vegetarian section, or TerraAve, routinely repeats the same food from day to day.

My body is tortured because I paid money to get a healthy diet, and I haven't gotten my money's worth. For example, a meal could consist of two slices of pizza, fries and a fountain drink, but I get charged a meal and only receive the pizza and fries because the fountain drink machine doesn't work. I applaud OUSC and Chartwells for working together to reform, but more needs to be done so that students can get healthier foods and vegetarian/vegan alternatives.

Paul Edwards
Sophomore
Political Science/Studio

OUSC performs well; The Post acts unprofessionally

Dear Editor,
This letter is in regards to the editorial posted in Nov. 2, newspaper, regarding the conduct of the Oakland University Student Congress.

As a new student at Oakland, I have explored numerous student organizations to get involved in.

Student Congress is one of the few organizations I have chosen to get involved with.

Currently, I serve on the Student Services Committee, Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Committee. And when Oakland University hosted the Association of Michigan Universities Conference in September, I was appointed

Public Relations Director for the organization. I have also interacted with Congress at numerous activities such as their Retreat and Multicultural Roundtables.

I believe that this year I have built a strong relationship with the Congress, and I could not stand down after allegations against them from The Oakland Post were raised.

During the presentation that John Beaghan, vice president of Finance and Administration gave, The Oakland Post stated that during this time, "e-board members and legislatures were passing notes and handing out legislator profiles." I would like to say that Mr. Beaghan contacted Congress that day to say he would like to speak to the Congress and inform them about the possible changes. Legislators did not have sufficient amount of time to prepare for his presentation, so questions were asked amongst each other about the presentation.

I do not understand what the problem was about that because people that sit on boards do it all the time, it is a polite way to communicate during a presentation without being rude to the speaker.

The Oakland Post then stated, "One can only hope that Beaghan's respect for the students of this university did not falter because of the immaturity that was clearly seen at this meeting."

At the end of Mr. Beaghan's presentation, he thanked the Congress for their attention and said he was impressed with the form of questioning Congress did about the issue that was brought before the Congress.

I would also like to discuss the issue of professionalism with The Oakland Post. If we are striving for excellence as a university, do you really think calling people "nonsense, interest-lacking, immature brats" is very appropriate?

While I understand some of the statements that you are saying are true, there is a more effective way of correcting them than talking down to a degree like that.

I figured before I starting saying what I felt about this article, I would do some investigation. I was disappointed to see that the editorial was signed, "The Oakland Post." I talked to three people that are on The Oakland Post, and which I cannot disclose their names because of a promise I made to them. All

three of them said they did not even know that this article was going to be printed. So basically, that editorial was a lie and did not represent what the entire Oakland Post thought as a "united" group.

One person stated that they could not form an opinion about this issue because they have not interacted with Congress very much, and two others thought that this article was ridiculous. I find it sickening that The Oakland Post can make such a harsh statement as a whole since there is almost the same reporter at the Student Congress meetings every week.

I can truly say since I have been to every Student Congress meeting this year, and one person represents The Oakland Post and that is the reporter.

My question to The Oakland Post is how can a group of people form an opinion if none of you is at the meetings? I was always taught to investigate before making a claim and according to your very own staff, you do not. I find this morally and ethically wrong.

Dan Kubicek
Freshman
History and Political Science

The Post describes OUSC inaccurately

Dear Editor,
In last week's edition of The Oakland Post, my name was raised in attempting to help make the case that our Student Congress needed to "start pulling its act together." For the record, not only have I never felt disrespected by my fellow Student Congress members, I am emphatically against the content and argument of last week's editorial.

The Post's editorial offers an inaccurate view of Student Congress. Our student body is greatly served by an outstanding group of their peers — Oakland University Student Congress.

Again, I have not felt disrespected and did not indicate to any member of The Post otherwise. In fact, I would like to thank Student Congress members for their gracious support and respect for myself and my position.

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SMART Cont. from A1

The city council of Walled Lake is considering adding the service. If a partnership with SMART is made, City Manager Jerry Walker said that it would go for a vote before the public in August 2006.

"It looks like the best option," Walker said.

Walker said that he would like to provide discount fares (as low as \$1) for frequent riders to encourage use of the service. "With the price of gas, you can't even start your car for \$1," he said.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners agreed in a

resolution at the Oct. 27 meeting to put forth a solid effort to invest in quality transit in southeastern Michigan, especially along the Woodward Avenue corridor.

The board said that every citizen, no matter whether they have access to a car or not, should have the opportunity to maximize their contribution to Oakland County.

Board Commissioner John A. Scott, District 5, feels that SMART service needs to be replaced. "The current system is failing the people," he said.

"We need to find better ways to move people around," Scott said, adding that some may want to throw money at the problem to fix it, but he feels that SMART should be

taken apart.

Ferndale City Manager Tom Barwin is a proponent of public transportation, but the conditions facing riders might be discouraging them.

Many pick-up points do not have seats, "which to me continues the unfortunate public policy of treating those who chose or must use public transit as second-class citizens," Barwin said.

Barwin is working with students at Cranbrook schools to enforce his plan to put seats at every bus stop in Ferndale.

He feels that a transit line along Woodward Avenue would increase the tourism and the convention industries, and help college students get to and from their schools.

TUITION Cont. from A1

the fees. Now since it is part of the tuition, it is paid for," said junior Geoff Potts.

However, others see a downside in charging students on a per-credit basis for the Recreation Center and student activity fees.

"I don't think this is right. The part-time students can go to the Recreation Center just as much as the full-time students. If full-time students who do not use the Rec Center have to be charged for it, so should the part-time students," said freshman Julie Boden.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness voiced the concerns of OU's Student Congress at the Nov. 2 board meeting, saying that this change has been rushed and should not occur in the middle of the academic school year. He also addressed issues on not seeing where the money from the fees would be spent on.

"Students are asking, 'where is my money going?'" McGuinness said.

This statement bears truth for senior Frederick Arthur

Denault IV and junior Lauren McIntyre.

"All I worry about is that now they can't prove what our money is being spent on. At least with tuition and fees being separate, you could see how much you were paying for the Rec Center and the on campus activities," DeNault said. "I don't know if this system can be manipulated and our money misdirected without us knowing."

"I like more money for scholarships and financial aid," McIntyre said.

"However, it was nice to see the layout of fees to see where my money was going."

Concerns aside, many are in favor of the fee rolling since it will allow spring and summer classes to be taken without fear of high fees and allow part-time students a more fair price to attend the university.

"It will help enrollment because a lot of students don't like taking spring and summer classes because they don't want to pay these huge fees to take a class," Beaghan said.

"I am a big fan of this program and going back to having every student pay their fair share," said trustee David Doyle.

"Overall, I think it will be

good for Oakland as a whole and that the board always has the best interest of the university (in mind)," said Latoya Hern, student representative to the board.

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Find an alternative to driving

By CRAIG A. COLE
& KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Contributing Reporter & Environment Editor

With environmental problems such as the hole in the ozone and global warming growing, many people have found more environmentally friendly ways of transportation.

From carpooling to purchasing vehicles with lower emissions, there are many things that can be done to cut down on the damage our vehicles are doing to the environment.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, our vehicles pollute in more than one way. Vehicles produce evaporative emissions, refueling losses and exhaust emissions. The Clean Air Act of 1970 has given the EPA authority to regulate the amount of pollution vehicles are allowed to emit. Since 1970, according to the EPA, emissions per vehicle have reduced, but "the increase in travel has offset much of the emission control process."

One way to become more environmentally friendly is to cut back on driving by using public transportation. Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, or the SMART bus, routes blanket south-eastern Michigan. Riders may travel around Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties from West Bloomfield to Wyandotte, Southfield to Sterling Heights and nearly anywhere in between.

Besides SMART bus routes, downtown Detroit also offers other means of public transportation. The People Mover runs to many of the major Detroit landmarks. It takes patrons to places like Greektown, the Renaissance Center, COBO Hall, Joe Louis Arena and Comerica Park.

The People Mover offers a way to get around hectic Detroit traffic, see different areas of the city and cut down on vehicle emissions.

Another way to cutback on driving is to carpool. According to the EPA, if

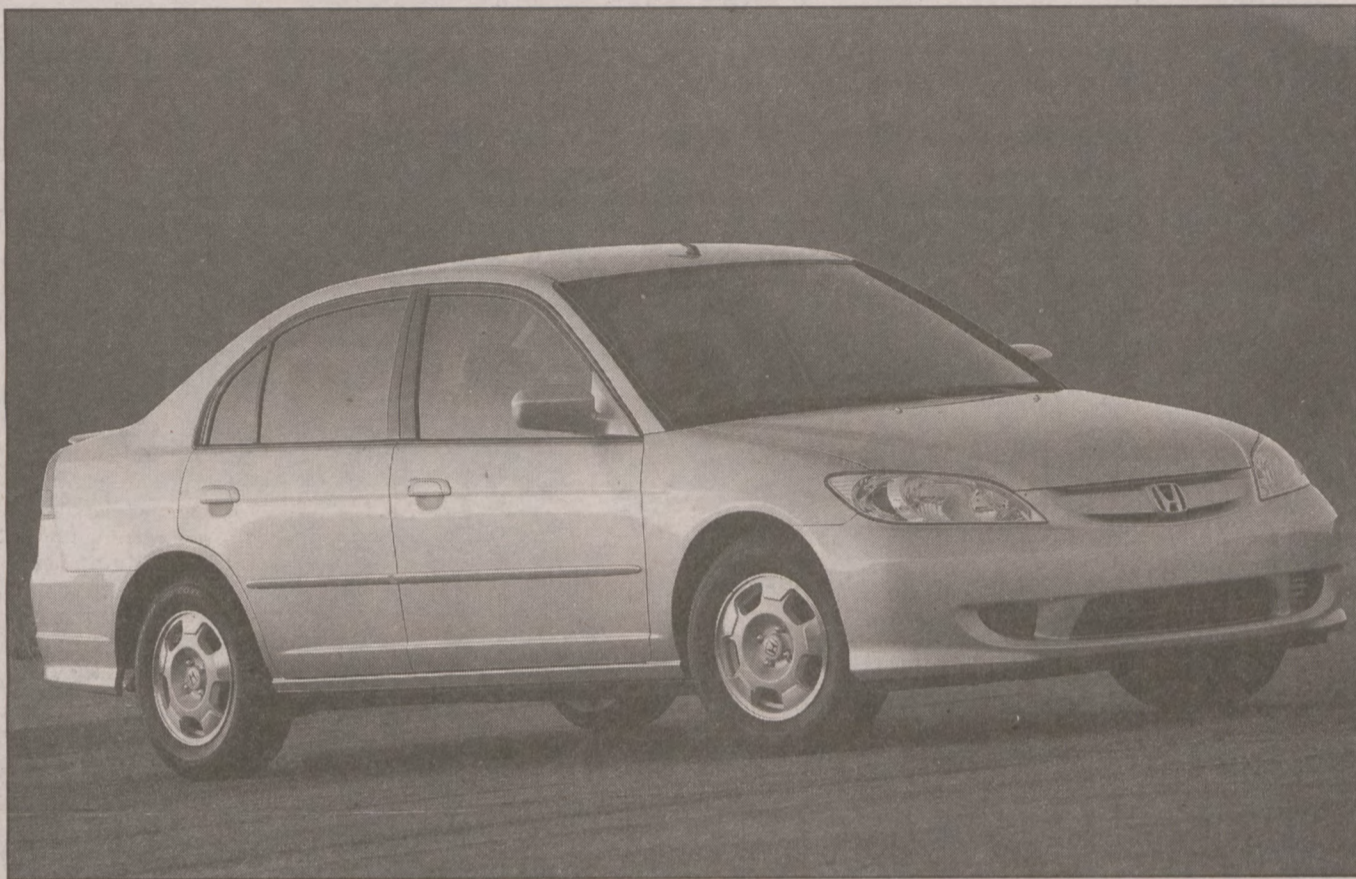


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The new Honda Civic Hybrid is a great vehicle choice for low emissions and great gas mileage.

two people car pool 20 miles every day in a car that averages 20 mpg, they can save over 500 gallons of gasoline every year. In addition to the fuel savings, carpooling can reduce emissions by more than 70 pounds of hydrocarbons, more than 500 pounds of carbon monoxide and more than 9,000 pounds of carbon dioxide in one year.

Another way to reduce pollution is to purchase a more efficient and environmentally friendly car.

Smaller vehicles like the Dodge

Neon, Honda Civic and Mazda 3 are popular choices for their thrift and reduced emissions compared to SUVs.

Purchasing a hybrid car can reduce pollution even further. According to hybrid-car.org, driving a hybrid can reduce pollutants and greenhouse gasses by up to 80 percent.

Troy Honda sales consultant Mike Bass said the Civic Hybrid has the lowest emissions of any gasoline-powered vehicle sold in the United States.

The Escape Hybrid is another low emissions champion. The Escape

Hybrid is certified as a Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle (SULEV). Beyond SULEV, the Escape Hybrid also conforms to the toughest emissions standard, the Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle (PZEV) standard.

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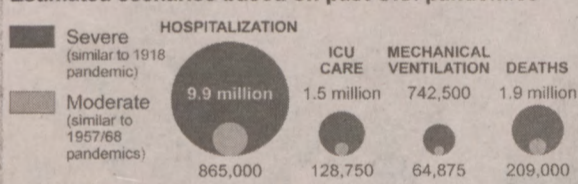
Should you be vaccinated against the flu this season?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dire predictions of a super-flu that could kill millions around the globe are making headlines at an awkward time: Regular flu season is just about to start. Some questions and answers to help stem confusion:

Preparing for pandemic influenza

The potential range in severity of infections makes it difficult to predict the magnitude of the next pandemic, but it is estimated that 30 percent of the U.S. population would get sick.

Estimated scenarios based on past U.S. pandemics



Tips to limit spreading a virus during an outbreak

- Discourage non-essential doctor visits
- Keep at least 3 feet away from those exhibiting flu-like symptoms
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask if you have flu symptoms or if you visit the ill
- Stay home from work or school when you are sick

SOURCE: Department of Health and Human Services

AP

Q: How is a pandemic different from regular winter flu?

A: A pandemic occurs when a strain of the influenza virus emerges that is very different from the usual flu strains that circulate every winter. Even healthy people won't have any residual immunity.

There were three pandemics in the last century.

Q: Will a pandemic strike this winter?

A: Most experts say it's not likely, but there's no way to tell.

Q: Will the bird flu cause the next pandemic?

A: Possibly, but only if it evolves so that it can start spreading easily from person to person. This H5N1 strain has

killed at least 62 people in Asia; most were infected by close contact with sick birds or their droppings. This bird flu has not been found in people or birds in this country.

Q: How could it evolve?

A: The most likely scenario is that someone infected with a human flu virus catches the bird flu at the same time, so the two viruses mix their genes and form a hybrid that spreads. The chances of human contact increase with more infected bird species, as H5N1 spreads beyond Asia and into Europe.

Q: Should I put off travel to countries where bird flu has struck?

A: Health authorities say travel is fine, but avoid contact with live animal markets and poultry farms.

Q: Will a flu shot protect me from the bird flu?

A: No.

your health

Q: Then why should I get vaccinated this winter?

A: Every year, seasonal flu kills 36,000 Americans. Even if you're healthy and likely to recover, regular winter flu can put you in bed for a week.

Q: When will bird-flu vaccine be available?

A: Not until, and unless, bird flu sparks a pandemic. Only then would scientists know exactly what strain a vaccine needs to fight; it still would take months to brew.

Q: How is the government preparing for a pandemic?

A: Stockpiling Tamiflu, other drugs and supplies, and some experimental H5N1 vaccine to buy time if a similar strain sparks a pandemic. Improving vaccine manufacturing so that, one day, a vaccine to match whatever super-flu emerges could be

produced quickly. Encouraging communities to plan how food shipments, electricity, security and other needs would be taken care of during a pandemic's chaos.

Q: During a pandemic, how will I know what kind of flu I have?

A: It will take a doctor's test.

Q: How can I protect myself during a pandemic?

A: Like in any flu season, common sense hygiene is key. Wash your hands a lot — chances are somebody just sneezed into his hand and then touched the same doorknob you did.

Q: If I suffer symptoms during a pandemic, what should I do?

A: Stay home from work or school. Call your doctor for instructions, unless it's an emergency, to avoid exposing others in the waiting room.

Q: Is there anything I should be doing now?

A: Just stay informed.

'Jarhead' leaves audiences hanging

By CINDI POZZI
Contributing Reporter

When "American Beauty" director Sam Mendes focuses his camera lens on war, the result is the fascinating and unique movie, "Jarhead."

There are no memorable battle scenes in this film, unless you count the classic war movie clips that the soldiers bond over as they recite the dialogue they grew up watching.

However, "Jarhead" tackles the inner fight that soldiers encounter, versus the conventional man-to-man hands-on war. It illustrates a journey into the psychosomatic disarray of Anthony Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal) and his fellow Marines during the Gulf War.

Based on Anthony Swofford's book, "Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles," this film focuses on important relationships that Swofford came across. The first relationship being the one that developed between Swofford and his superior, Sgt. Sykes (Jamie Foxx).

Foxx played the standard tough-as-nails sergeant, but the underlining comedic feel of "Jarhead" allowed

Foxx to experiment with training the reluctant Swofford. However, Foxx did not own the role of Sgt. Sykes, and could have virtually been replaced by any other actor.

Conversely, Swofford also encounters the calm, cool and deceptively collected Troy (Peter Sarsgaard). As part of Swofford's Marine welcome committee, Troy frigidly states, "If you want a friend, you have to earn it."

A predictable relationship develops between the two as they are placed into a sniper partnership, Troy being the scout and Swofford the shooter.

Sarsgaard has mastered using quiet yet powerful tactics to steal the attention of the audience in almost every scene.



Jake Gyllenhaal and Jamie Foxx star in the new war flick, "Jarhead."

The Associated Press

"Jarhead" serves as a showcase for an outstanding performance by Jake Gyllenhaal, who also starred in cult classic "Donnie Darko." He ranges from comedic playfulness to the intense brink of insanity with ease.

The quality acting in "Jarhead" is not enough to compensate for the lack of action. Anticipatory adrenaline only lasts for so long, in turn leaving the audience unsatisfied.

review

It is admirable that Mendes chooses to focus on such a relevant topic as war in the Middle East, but "Jarhead" is so careful about not being anti or pro-war that it appears as not much of a comment on war at all.

The dialogue includes "251 f-words and its derivatives," according to kidsinmind.com. That considered, "Jarhead" is well written, and establishes the almost necessary profanity in order to appear masculine.

Along with skillful acting, the cinematography is also noteworthy. Vivid scenes of burning oil wells lighting up the night's sky are hauntingly beautiful.

"Jarhead" includes creative hallucinogenic scenes as well, as Swofford deals with his separation from his girlfriend and the inevitable boredom of his war experience.

"Jarhead" discusses the mental anguish of war in-depth, but ultimately leaves the audience with little action, no sense of purpose and unanswered questions about key characters.

The Oakland Posts's newly formed "Your Life" Section will contain information pertaining to your health, environment, money and entertainment.

Men's Basketball Preview

Last year's tourney run brings this year's fans, expectations

By DAVE PEMBERTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Oakland shocked the country by making it to the NCAA Tournament last season. The bad news is just four players remain from that magical run. The Golden Grizzlies face many of the same obstacles they faced last season, but the goals are still the same.

"The exposure and everything we got from the tournament run was tremendous," head coach Greg Kampe said. "Over the next couple years, people will know who we are. We are on the map and now, we have to become a player. We can't just be a one-year wonder. We have been good, and we have to continue to make people understand how good we are. We can only do that by getting back to the tournament. We gotta get back again."

Kampe thinks the key to getting back will be the players returning from last season. The returning players include three sophomores, who logged significant minutes last season, in Brandon Cassise, Patrick McCloskey and David Carson.

Cassise led the team in 3-pointers and free throw percentage last season and averaged 8.3 points per game. McCloskey averaged five points and 4.3 rebounds a game last season, and Carson averaged four points a game last season. All three logged major minutes in OU's two NCAA Tournament games.

"We only have three guys here that have that experience," Kampe said. "It's their job to let the other players know how important it is and that it is the 'Holy Grail' of basketball. For a school our level, that is it, that's what you play for. All the great things that happened because of it will be gone if we don't do it again. They have got to let the other players know what that's about, so we strive hard to do that."

The fourth returning player is junior David Ritzema, but he will be out to start the season with a broken foot. Junior Shawn Hopes is also back after sitting out all of last season. Hopes averaged 4.5 points and 3.9 rebounds as sophomore.



Head coach Greg Kampe prepares his team for their season opener against Albany, tonight at 5 p.m.

The rest of the Grizzlies will be relatively inexperienced. The squad features 10 talented but new players. Among the new players are three transfers with some Division I experience — Calvin Wooten (Rutgers), Rick Billings (Ohio State) and Vova Severovas (Wright State).

Wooten practiced with OU all of last season, and Kampe expects big things out of him.

"We think he's an outstanding player," Kampe said. "He's got a chance to be very, very good. He's somebody, who is going to have to have a good season for us if we're going to win games. He's a scorer, and he's going to need to score."

Billings and Severovas will not be eligible until the Grizzlies' eighth game on Dec. 19 at Marquette because of transfer rules. Head coach Greg Kampe said he will have to shuffle the lineup when they become eligible, but the two should give the team a boost.

"I do think we will get better when they are eligible," Kampe said. "They are two very talented kids. Rick Billings is a tremendous athlete and so is Vova."

Among the seven freshmen is Derick Nelson, who led Bridgton Academy to the New England Prep School championship last season and Lansing Everett to the Michigan Class A state championship in 2004 as a high school senior. Nelson will likely be in the starting lineup to begin the season.

Also among the freshmen are Keith MacKenzie and Erik Kangas, who were both finalists last season for Michigan's Mr. Basketball award, and the 6-foot-10 Shane Lawal, who attended Michigan last season, but not as an athlete.

Kampe said the freshmen will really have a chance to prove themselves in the first seven games.

"I think Nelson, Kangas and MacKenzie all have a chance in those first seven or eight games to show what they can do," Kampe said. "We expect to get something out of all three of them."

OU will kick off the season tonight in the Florida regional of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, and Kampe will be going for his 350th career win.

The Grizzlies will take on Albany at 5 p.m. tonight. Florida will take on St. Peter's in the other first round game with the winners and losers of the two games facing each other on Thursday.

If the Grizzlies can win two games in Florida, they will go on to the semifinals of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic next week at Madison Square Garden.

OU opened the season with an 86-76 exhibition win over Ohio Dominican this past Saturday.

Although sloppy at times, normal for a team with all its new players still getting to know each other, OU was able to outlast the small Catholic school from Ohio.

Derick Nelson led OU with 18 points and 10 rebounds as all five starters hit double figures.

Shawn Hopes finished with 17 points and eight rebounds, and Calvin Wooten and David Carson added 16 points apiece.

OU's new faces feature talent and experience

Calvin Wooten — a talented transfer from Rutgers University, "Cal" is a 2002 graduate of Mackenzie High School in Detroit. Wooten scored a career high 24 points against Villanova in his freshman season at Rutgers.

Vova Severovas — a 6-foot-6 transfer from Wright State who shot over 50 percent from the field in his freshman season. Severovas is a 2003 graduate of Groves High School where he led them to a combined 52-12 record during his time there.

Derick Nelson — the freshman attended Bridgton Academy, a prep school in Maine, last year. Nelson scored 24 points and had 15 rebounds in a championship game last season. Nelson is a 2004 graduate of Everett High School in Lansing.

Keith MacKenzie — a 2005 graduate of DeLaSalle High School in Warren. MacKenzie finished fourth in the voting for Michigan's Mr. Basketball after a season in which he averaged 23 points, five rebounds and 6.5 assists per game.



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post



McCloskey looks to regain magical feeling

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

When the men's basketball team visits Florida this week, they may have some layover time to visit Disney World, where they can meet the original Cinderella.

The Grizzlies will officially begin their NCAA tournament follow-up year tonight against Albany in the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament in Gainesville, Fla. The Grizzlies have their first home game Nov. 19 vs. Notre Dame College, the Falcons, not the fighting Irish.

One of the returning faces on the team is 6-foot-7 Patrick McCloskey, a sophomore from Marshall, near Battle Creek.

The 19-year-old forward/center will be part of a Grizzlies team that has to live up to a higher measuring stick after last season's first ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

"Getting that little taste last year makes you want to get back there, because you know it's not a given," McCloskey said.

"We can tell the younger kids how hard it is to get there."

McCloskey is one of only four players returning this season, head coach Greg Kampe's 22nd on the bench.

The roster features seven freshmen and three transfer players, and was picked to finish sixth in the Mid-Con in a pre-season poll of league coaches, sports information directors and members of the media.

McCloskey insists that the chemistry is there with this team. "We have a group this year, and we all get along well and hang out together, so it's a lot of fun."

"There's a lot of different personalities, but everyone meshes together really well," he said.

McCloskey believes that the game plan will still be the same. "We're still going to try to run it up the floor, shoot a lot of threes and out-work other teams."

"I think that they'll be surprised," he said referring to the incoming freshmen and the transfer players.

In last year's NCAA tournament

play-in game, McCloskey pulled in 11 rebounds against Alabama A&M, a career best and nearly seven rebounds higher than his season average of 4.25.

Against the University of North Carolina, he shot three-for-three from the floor, but he admits that he was fighting his nerves during the contest. "I was just trying to play well and not make a big mistake," he said.

Last season McCloskey was third in rebounds for OU in his first season, in which he started half of the games. McCloskey was fifth in scoring, averaging five points per game.

In high school, McCloskey led the Marshall Redhawks to three straight district titles and he earned first-team all-state as a senior while

averaging a double-double — 20 points and 10 rebounds.

McCloskey was not only highly regarded in basketball, but he was recruited by Big Ten and Mid-

American Conference schools to play football. He had always played basketball, but he split time in the fall between soccer (ninth and 10th grades) and football (11th and 12th grades).

"I always loved basketball,"

McCloskey said, describing how he decided which offer to take.

The accolades do not stop on the court for McCloskey, he was named academic all-state twice in high school.

Patrick is majoring in business marketing at OU, and he plans to pursue an internship after next year.

"Getting that little taste last year makes you want to work hard to get back there..."

Patrick McCloskey
Sophomore

He knows he wants to be in an administrative position. "I want to get my degree and turn that into a good job — a successful one," McCloskey said.

One dream job that McCloskey would love is to do a cartoon writer, as he is a huge fan of "The Simpsons" and "The Family Guy" programs on Fox. However, much like the Adam Sandler movies that he likes, he prefers the classics and not as much of the newer films.

McCloskey's musical tastes can vary, but it is usually rap and R&B, but he does not mind "day tripping" back to The Beatles.

McCloskey would also like to meet Muhammad Ali. "He used to taunt his opponents, I would never do that, but the fact that he did it and backed it up (is great)," he said.

Patrick's goals in life are to be successful and to remain close to his family.

His brother already plans to follow in Patrick's very large foot steps. "We used to play all the time, back in the day," McCloskey said.