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THAW OUT // Fog and rain hung over campus all day Tuesday. The warm change in weather was welcomed by students.

Erin Orłowski, senior communication major and cinema studies minor



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POLL OF THE WEEK

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?

- A Yes — there are too many benefits to ignore
- B No — it's illegal for a reason
- C It doesn't matter — people will do it anyway
- D I don't care

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

How do you pay for your health insurance?

A) I am on my parents' plan

45 votes | 66%

B) I am covered through my employer

7 votes | 10%

C) I don't have insurance

3 votes | 4%

D) Medicare/Medicaid

1 votes | 1%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 1, 1963

Chancellor Varner, four members of Congress and the university administration endorsed an invitation for President John F. Kennedy to deliver the commencement address for OU's charter class.

FEBRUARY 4, 1970

The Oakland Center celebrated the grand opening of its extension, featuring a cafeteria, five new lounges in the upper level, a grill and a jukebox room in the lower level for "impromptu dancing."

FEBRUARY 4, 1980

Meadow Brook Hall was opened for classroom use in an attempt to bring the hall and the university closer. Most of the theatre classes were held early in the day.

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSING

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applications denied last year

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Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Let's be blunt: Legalize pot

The citizens of Colorado and Washington voted in favor of statewide decriminalization of marijuana in November. Other states are now pushing for similar legislation — and we urge Michigan to join in.

Yes, the state has made progress by making marijuana available for medical use. But that's not enough.

The Michigan Medical Marijuana Program, a state registry program within the Health Professions Division in the Bureau of Health Care Services at the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, has been in working for five years now.

The program allows residents to apply for a medical marijuana license. A total of 344,313 applications have been processed since 2009, with only 124,417 of them qualifying.

But the issue shouldn't burn out there.

Michigan has experienced severe economic hardship in the past two decades. Budget cuts have been made to both education and law enforcement.

Michigan has 16 percent less police officers than it did a decade ago, according to an article in the Detroit Free Press.

Decriminalizing marijuana would lighten some of the burden placed on an already overworked police force.

We are not proposing an all-out legalization. Obviously the same regulations that apply for other intoxicants should apply to marijuana use. Public buildings should remain smoke-free zones, and driving under the influence should be a crime subject to stiff penalties.

Those carrying the burden of conviction need to be considered also.

Drug-related convictions often create problems later on in life when it comes to finding jobs or getting accepted to colleges. A person who is sentenced for marijuana use early in life will have a hard time "cleaning up" later.

With Michigan's sluggish economy, who will take care of the people left uneducated and unemployed because of current marijuana laws?

Decriminalization would spare all these resources and more — but we can't forget about the money.

The government would save \$7.7 billion a year by not having to enforce the prohibition of marijuana, according to an article published by The Huffington Post, which references Harvard economist Jeffrey Miron. The article continues, saying legalization would save an additional \$6 billion if marijuana was taxed such as other intoxicants.

We understand that marijuana carries the stigma of health implications and

poor choices made under the influence, but in comparison to other substances out there — some legal, some not — the implications are minor.

There are zero deaths attributed to marijuana use annually, according to www.DrugWarFacts.org. That's compared to the 24,518 deaths linked to alcohol consumption and the 599,413 linked to heart disease.

Don't misunderstand us. We are not proposing an all-out legalization. Obviously the same regulations that apply for other intoxicants should apply to marijuana use. Public buildings should remain smoke-free zones and driving under the influence should be a crime subject to stiff penalties.

But in a down economy with high rates of violent crime, incarceration and unemployment, marijuana decriminalization could be one less thing to worry about.

In our minds, this just seems like common sense.

The staff editorial is written weekly by members of The Oakland Post's editorial board.

Corrections Corner

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- In the article "Creating Cresendos," we misspelled the name of vocalist Renee Fleming and the opera "Suor Angelica." We also incorrectly listed the musical "Urinetown" as "You're in Town." We apologize for the errors.
- The D.C. trip was sponsored by the Oakland University Student Congress and Student Program Board.

Letters to the Editor

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Student Body President Samantha Wolf (RIGHT) and OUSC VP Robbie Williford hand out an election pamphlet to Darias Thompson.

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A running start to the race

Deadline to apply for a spot on the ballot in OUSC elections approaches

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

The deadline for students to apply for a spot on the ballot for either the presidential ticket or legislative positions in Oakland University Student Congress is Feb. 1 at 5 p.m.

One presidential and vice presidential ticket will be selected and 23 legislators will be elected at large by the student body during the elections running March 18-20.

"WE'RE THE MAJOR LINK TO ADMINISTRATION AND THAT'S WHY VOTING IS SO IMPORTANT. YOUR PRESIDENT AND YOUR VICE PRESIDENT REALLY SET THE TONE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR."

Emily Collins,
OUSC Elections Commission Chair

Each campaign, presidential or legislative, must complete a platform statement of at least one typed and

double-spaced page.

Candidates must get 50 signatures for the legislature and 250 signatures to run for president by Feb. 15 to be considered official candidates.

Emily Collins, the elections commission chair for OUSC, said election participation is very important for students.

"What I really love about OUSC is that we're the voice for students," Collins said. "We're the major link to administration and that's why voting is so important. Your president and your vice president really set the tone for the whole year."

Collins will be holding sessions Feb. 4-15 to familiarize candidates with election bylaws and their duties, should they be elected.

Allison Webster, assistant director of student organization programs and adviser to OUSC, said these elections make a great deal of impact on students.

"They're the students that connect faculty, staff and administration to the student body. So if the students really want to get their voice heard or if they have really a great idea or if they want to make a change on campus, it's important for them to get involved in Student Congress," Webster said.

ELECTION DATES

FEB. 1

The date to declare candidacy. The OUSC office is located in the basement of the Oakland Center.

FEB. 15

All signatures and platform statements must be completed in order to be considered for official candidacy by OUSC.

FEB. 26

The Elections Kickoff event will be held at noon in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center.

MARCH 5

The vice presidential candidates debate is at noon in Gold Room A.

MARCH 12

The presidential candidates will debate at noon in Gold Room A.

MARCH 18-20

Students will vote online at www.oakland.edu/voteou

POLICE FILES

Odor investigation in Ann V. Nicholson Apartments

Police responded to the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments for an odor investigation Jan. 23 at 7:06 p.m.

Police determined which room the odor was coming from and made contact with the student in the dorm. The female student gave police consent to enter her room and told police she had marijuana in her room, but she couldn't remember where it was located.

Her boyfriend gave police marijuana that was hidden in a backpack. Police found a glass bong in the room and the female student gave police another broken glass bong.

The marijuana and bongs were confiscated and the female student was issued a citation for marijuana use.

Suspicious person reported in Human Health Building

Police officers responded to the Human Health Building to meet with a professor who had encountered a suspicious person Jan. 24.

The professor said Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. an unknown male knocked on her door, told her that he was having difficulty with student loans and was looking for books.

He then pushed the door open further, quickly scanned the room and immediately left the area.

Minor in possession citations issued at Hill House

On Jan. 26 at 10:30 p.m., night watch at the Hill House notified their supervisor that an intoxicated minor had entered the building.

Police met with the suspect as he exited the building and found that he showed signs of being intoxicated. The suspect, who is 20 years old, was with his girlfriend who attends the university.

The male refused the preliminary breath test and was issued an minor in possession citation. His girlfriend received a preliminary breath test and was also issued an MIP.

—Compiled by Natalie Popovski,
Campus Editor

School of Health Sciences proposes new master program

If approved, Master of Public Health Program to begin in Fall 2013 semester

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

The School of Health Sciences is proposing a Master of Public Health Program to be available in the Fall 2013 semester.

The proposal was first submitted Sept. 1, 2012 and has since gone through several university governance for approval.

Patricia Wren, associate professor and program director for the School of Health Sciences, will direct the Master of Public Health Program if it is approved.

"Our hope is to have a really strong program that's going to

train practitioners to go do the work of public health in the community," Wren said.

Tamara Jhashi, acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said a substantial number of elective classes for the proposed new master's program would come from the CAS.

What is public health?

The majority of public health is delivered through nongovernmental or quasi-governmental organizations, according to Wren. The MPH is considered to be the terminal professional degree for people who work in the field of public health, which can be found in multiple settings.

Wren said she hopes the MPH program will have a real emphasis on community-based participatory public health.

"OUR HOPE IS TO HAVE A REALLY STRONG PROGRAM THAT'S GOING TO TRAIN PRACTITIONERS TO GO DO THE WORK OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY."

Patricia Wren, Associate Professor, Program Director for the School of Health Sciences

"A real grounding in the community is what will really set this thing apart and keep our feet on the ground," Wren said.

Wren said working with youth to prevent the spread of HIV and STIs, as well as working with economically vulnerable or the homeless to meet

their needs, is all part of public health.

Who can apply

To get into the program, students must have good standing ground in the liberal arts and sciences, according to Wren.

Students must finish a total of 44 credits to complete the program.

Wren said she is sure students will walk away with at least the knowledge learned in courses, but hopefully more in biostatistics, which addresses how to analyze data to solve community issues.

Future employment

Wren said typically graduates go off and work in hospital settings, city and county and state departments.

She said any of the cancer in-

stitutes and small nonprofits that serve particular populations are a suitable job for those wishing to pursue a career in public health.

The next step

One of the many standing committees that the Senate has is the Senate Budget, according to Wren.

"The Senate is still deliberating about the budget and resources required for the MPH," Wren said.

She said the next meeting is Feb. 11 and another meeting will follow Feb. 14.

If approved, the major will be discussed at the Board of Trustees level and then by the President's Council.

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Back row (LEFT TO RIGHT): Don Tottingham, Luke Phillips, Sean Varicalli and Josh Nagy. Front row (LEFT TO RIGHT) Ashley Allison and Pat Cymbalski.

WXOU radio unofficially named Station of the Year

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

WXOU was unofficially named the Michigan Association Broadcasters Foundation's Station of the Year for the second year in a row Jan. 24.

Around noon, general manager Sean Varicalli received an email notifying the station that individual awards for the year had been posted on the MABF website. Based on the point system established by the foundation, WXOU's individual scores totaled up to exceed those of competitors, securing the award.

WXOU's 2012 victory, the station's first, ended the 11-year winning streak of Michigan State University's campus station, WDBM-FM.

"I'm just very excited for all of my brothers and sisters here at the station," WXOU music director Luke Phillips said. "It's been a couple years of us putting in really hard work. It's almost a Cinderella story, in a way."

Of the 12 individual awards won by WXOU, five were won by WXOU news director, Ashley Allison.

"This is a big increase from last year," Allison said, regarding the high number of awards earned by WXOU.

The awards are translated into points, and the 12 awards won by WXOU translate into 22 points, finishing far above their competitors.

In addition to her individual awards, Allison also received a MABF scholarship.

"(The MABF) give the universities the responsibility of sorting through for scholarship applications, and we look at everything," Christine Stover, WXOU's faculty adviser, said.

WXOU assistant program director Pat Cymbalski and Varicalli placed first and second respectively in the 'Air Check' category.

"That's a really big deal," WXOU promotions director Josh Nagy said. "If you wanted to get a job in the real world, (an air check) is what you would turn in with your resume."

Varicalli commented on the factors contributing to the consecutive awards.

"We have 150 people. And people trust us. They said, 'We know you guys can bring us back there, to that place we've only been to once.' It was a culture change, really. Two years ago, we were like a club," Varicalli said.

He said the MABF will send the entrants specific critiques sometime in April, after the awards ceremony. WXOU will receive their second gold record and individual awards at an awards ceremony in March.

"(This is) one of the happiest days of my life," Varicalli said. "This was my staff, I hand-picked every single one of these people and they didn't let me down. This should be a proud day for OU, and it's definitely a proud day for all of us."

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The grant Meadow Brook Hall received from the Michigan Cultural Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs will be used for operations and events.

Meadow Brook Hall receives \$18,000 grant

Money to be used toward operating, curatorial support

By Stephanie Sokol
Local Editor

For the second year, Meadow Brook Hall has received a Program for Operational and Project Support grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



ZELINSKI

The hall, which was named a National Historic Landmark last summer, received \$18,000 to be used toward operating support and curatorial needs, according to Kim Zelinski, director of museum operations and advancement.

"We're happy to see that the funding increased. Hopefully that's a good sign that the economy is getting better," Zelinski said. "For a while, with the arts, a lot of funding was cut. It becomes really competitive. For us, it's great to see that increase; it's an indication that good things are meant to come."

The hall hosts eight exhibits, from the month-long Holiday Walk to student photography exhibits, Zelinski said.

The hall also does community outreach, for example, teaming up with Mount Clemens Anton/Frankel Center and OU departments to give students and community more art experiences.

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Kim Zelinski,
Director of Museum Operations
and Advancement

Selecting recipients

The grant selection is a competitive process, according to John Bracey, executive director for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Meadow Brook's grant application was reviewed and scored by a panel of peers before submission to the governor's council for funding.

Last year, the hall received \$8,000. Bracey said the monetary boost is due in part to "a very generous increase for fis-

cal year 2013 from the governor and the legislature in our appropriation." Grant funds went up from \$2.1 million last fiscal year to \$5.6 million for 2013.

Statewide, 402 requests were made for funding this year, and 312 grants were fulfilled. Oakland County alone was awarded 28 grants for arts and culture events with funds totaling \$609,150, according to Bracey.

"It was recognized by the government's office the impact that arts and cultural organizations have not only on their communities, and in terms of quality of life, but also on the economy in general as they're working toward reinventing the state," Bracey said.

Reaching the community

Arts and culture help build the economy employing about 15,000 full-time employees and providing work for 52,000 contract Michigan artists through the funded organizations, according to Bracey. But he said the impact of these institutions go beyond financial.

"Because of the services (arts and culture) provide to kids, the quality of life and the sense of place in communities are invaluable," Bracey said. "It's difficult to put a dollar amount on the impact that arts experience can have for a young person. The hall is a wonderful space and museum, and the history of it is really impressive and they should be proud of the work that they do."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

OUSC hosts texting and driving awareness event in Fireside

The Oakland University Student Congress is hosting an event to raise awareness of the dangers of texting and driving Jan. 30 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

The event will feature guest speakers and a short documentary. Students can take a pledge to stop texting and driving and receive free anti-texting thumb bands.

OUSC hosts Women in Islam

Oakland University Student Congress will host Women in Islam Jan. 31 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

The event aims to help visitors gain a better understanding of women's role in Islam. There will be guest speakers, a question and answer session and a demonstration on how to wear a hijab, which is a veil that covers the head worn by Muslim women.

Gender and Sexuality Center to sponsor Second Annual Black Women Rock celebration

The Gender and Sexuality Center is sponsoring the Second Annual Black Women Rock @ OU Celebration Feb. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

This event is a part of African-American Celebration Month at OU. For more information, contact the Center for Multicultural Initiatives at 248-370-4404 or send an email to cmi@oakland.edu

Flash Fiction Contest – Call for Submissions

The 2013 Flash Fiction Contest will begin Feb. 22. This contest will provide an opportunity for students to show off their writing skills. Participants can submit original short stories that are 250-1,000 words long.

There will be two categories and each offer cash prizes. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students as well as alumni.

Stories must be submitted by March 1 to 501 O'Dowd Hall. For more information, contact Jeffrey Chapman at 248-370-2251 or send an email to chapman4@oakland.edu

—Compiled by Lilly Reid,
Staff Intern

Home sweet homecoming

Students, faculty gather for annual Homecoming celebration

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

1. Pat Cymbalski participates in a game at the Oakland University Student Body Tailgate Party, held in Parking Lot 16 Jan. 26.
2. Students smash a vehicle at the Guard the Grizz and Car Smash event Jan. 25. Protecting the Grizz statue before the men's basketball game is a tradition at OU.
3. Matt Tardy, member of contortionist group "AudioBody," squeezes his body through a hoop at this year's Casino Night Jan. 26. The event was held in the Oakland Center.
4. A group of students do the Cha Cha Slide at the Rec Fest Jan. 25 at the Recreation Center. The evening included games, prizes, music and food.
5. Casino Night featured blackjack, craps, roulette, slot machines and a variety of games of chance. The evening also included an all-night buffet featuring a chocolate fountain.

Photo courtesy of Ashley Allison

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Kampe 500

Men's basketball coach sinks his 500th win

Written by Tim Pontzer

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Kampe

Consistency is the hallmark of success.

That motto is what Oakland University's men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe has preached during his 29 years at the helm of the program. The four-time Summit League Coach of the Year has seen great success, most recently recording his 500th career victory Saturday with a 67-60 win over Western Illinois.

Despite chalking up yet another accomplishment, Kampe did not celebrate the distinction of becoming only the 21st active coach Division I of the NCAA to reach the milestone.

"All that it means is I've been here a long time, and I've had great players and tremendous coaching staffs, that's how you win," Kampe said. "When I'm old and spitting in a cup, I'll look back at the day and say 'Wow, that was great to win in front of a full house on homecoming.'"

The coach attributes a family atmosphere as one of the biggest reasons for his own achievements and the progress the Oakland program has seen under his tenure. He takes pride in seeing his kids succeed on the court, and especially off it. Nearly 30

players have gone on to play professional basketball after wearing the black and gold, but countless others have gone on to accomplish things outside the sports realm.

"The successes that they have in life I feel good about because I felt that I played a little bit of a role in, and that's the most important thing here," Kampe said.

Reggie Hamilton is one of the former players who owes much of his current success to Kampe's instruction. Last season, Hamilton led the nation in scoring while running the Oakland offense. He now plays professionally in Italy.

"I am truly happy for Coach," Hamilton said. "He coaches with a passion and the man knows his stuff. I am honored and thankful to have played for him."

The Road to 500

While many coaches have earned 500 victories, Kampe is one of the few to have earned each one under the same banner.

"I'm very proud of the fact that I've been able to stay here and create relationships, and feel very good about those," Kampe said. "I think the most important

piece for me is that all of those are Oakland wins, all with Oakland kids and coaches, and maybe we've helped to make Oakland a better place."

Of those 500 wins, one that stands out for many Golden Grizzlies fans is when OU upset then No. 7 Tennessee in Knoxville in 2010. Kampe's squad followed that with another victory over the Volunteers the following season, in front of a raucous O'rena crowd.

Bruce Pearl was the head coach of the Volunteers for both of those contests, seeing Kampe's handiwork firsthand.

"Greg is one of the best offensive minds in all of college basketball," Pearl said. "He had a very special rapport and relationship with his players in the freedoms he allows them, yet they are very disciplined. They have a great understanding in what he wants, and a great confidence in what he does."

Boasting upsets over BCS schools such as Tennessee and Oregon and six Summit League titles, it would be easy for Kampe to be labeled as a 'mid-major powerhouse' and be content with that. However, Oakland's leader dreams bigger, wanting one day to

be equal with a school such as North Carolina.

"Everyday we work to be the best that we can be, and you never want to put limitations on your program," Kampe said. "I don't want to be Gonzaga, I think that's a great story, and so is Butler, but I want to be the best. That is what we strive for."

While Oakland is not yet on equal footing with the Tar Heels — their coach is aware of the Golden Grizzlies. North Carolina head coach Roy Williams praised Kampe on the victory.

"Greg is a great coach and has done marvelous things with the Oakland program," Williams said. "We played in the NCAA tournament in 2005 and his team was really prepared to play us and played very well. Congratulations, Greg on 500."

As congratulations from Williams and countless other coaches, players and media members have poured in, Kampe has kept to the mindset that every win is important, regardless of the number attached to it.

"I can't focus on that, I've got a job to do, and that is to make team 46 the best it can be," Kampe said. "I'm just happy I have a chance to go get 501."

Kampe with

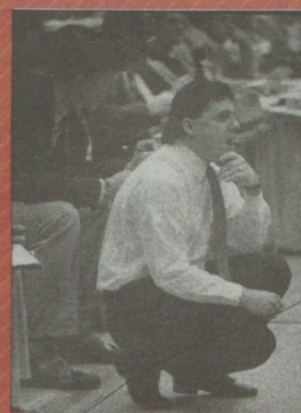
Kampe through the years



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Kampe during his 500th win Jan. 27



Kampe accepting his "Hall of Fame" award in 2012



with University President Gary Russi



Kampe with player Keith Benson

By the Numbers

The Team

- 248** Div. I wins
- 237** Div. II wins
- 150** Summit League victories
- 6** Summit League titles (3 regular season, 3 postseason)
- 19** winning seasons
- 6** straight winning seasons (current streak)
- 4** straight 20-win seasons (current streak)
- 28** players that have gone on to play professionally

The Coach

- 4** different presidents of the university during his tenure
- 6** years as assistant coach at Toledo before taking the OU job
- 17** ranking by Forbes in their recent "Best College Basketball Coaches for the Money" ranking
- 57** age
- current Twitter followers of @KampeOU, an account he created early this year.
- 939** If he gets to 1500 by Mar. 2, he said he will wear one of his old sweater vests to the final home game of the season



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Sports

Are you ready for some football?

Oakland University joins National Club Football Association

By Lindsay Beaver
Sports Editor

Attempts to bring a football club to Oakland University have proven to be a success.

Faculty adviser Nic Bongers said he noticed a growing interest in the idea of a Grizzlies football team.

"Our campus and public response to our club since we got approved has been nothing short of overwhelming," Bongers said. "There is definitely a buzz on campus about our football team. It has energized faculty and staff on campus who have pledged their support, and they are already asking about attending games."

English grad assistant Allison Bohn put the football club in touch with the OU Filmmaker's Guild with the idea of a documentary of the team's beginnings. The Guild was on board from the start, with plans to release the documentary on DVD and YouTube in the future.

"We have a unified vision on how we want it to turn out," Bongers said. "We want to preserve our first year to show our efforts of getting this started to future generations of OU students."

Getting started

The team joined the National Club Football Association in the Great Lakes Conference. Other teams in the conference include UM-Flint, Ohio State University, University of Miami (OH), Wright State, Southern Illinois University, Xavier and Loyola University.

Rawlings, the sports equipment manufacturer and retailer, is a big sponsor of the NCFCA. Originally, the uniform and equipment costs for each player would have been just under \$1000. Due to the sponsorship discount, they would now owe \$650 instead.

"Players will own all of their equipment," Bongers said. "It is so much cheaper to buy a helmet and pads from us than getting them off the street."



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

Sophomore fullback Stan Gradinarov (TOP) lifts weights with freshman offensive lineman Brad Schwarze (BOTTOM). The team participates in a voluntary lifting regimen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 a.m. in the Recreation Center.

The club will accept money for pads and club dues soon. This is how the players commit to playing for the team. Bongers said that there are around 50 students interested in playing.

"We keep them up to date with an eSpace and Facebook page," Bongers said. "Money is trickling in for club dues and equipment. It's been great so far. Once their dues come in, they'll officially be committed and on the team."

On a yet-to-be-determined date in March, the club will have a fitting day for ordering pads.

"Our schedule will solidify soon," Bongers said. "Our fall season should be around six conference games between September and into early November."

The original plan for the team was to play their home games at the Pontiac Silverdome. Due to renovations, it was unavailable. It is likely that they will use Rochester High School's football field instead, with hopes to use the Silverdome next year.

'A dream job'

Of course, it would not be a team without the leadership and guidance of a head coach. The Grizzlies found that management in Kenny Meyers.

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Nic Bongers,
Faculty adviser

"This is a dream job to me," Meyers said. "This is the opportunity to be a part of something special, something great. Since we are a new team, everything we accomplish is going to be history and will lay the ground work for building a tradition."

Meyers is already impressed with the work ethic and attitude of the new team.

"I have a group of young men here that do not use the word 'I,' everything is 'we,'" Meyers said. "This showed me quickly that there are no individuals here, only a team. A coach lives for this mindset in his team. You hope that frame of mind develops over a season as you watch a group of kids become a team. That's when success happens."

Meyers said that the Oakland football club has the potential to be bigger than anyone has imagined.

"I believe the future of Oakland football is very bright and will only grow and flourish," Meyers said. "It is something that is long overdue in the area and will create excitement."

Working hard

In order to prepare for future competition, the football team has been training in the Recreation Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m. Club officers Brandon Walker and Bradley Schwarze lead the lifting regiment, which is voluntary.

"People that come are showing their commitment and we are building our team identity through it as well," Bongers said. "Nobody is turned away."

David Brosky, president of the club, along with club officers Nick Taylor and Chris Harris, round out a staff that made a dream become reality.

"I have a group of young men who believe failure is not an option," Meyers said. "I believe everyone will see that I do have a group of great young men who just happen to play football."

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There's something in the water

Oakland swimming and diving teams prepare for Summit League Championships

By Lindsay Beaver
Sports Editor

The Oakland University men's and women's swimming and diving teams have reached the end of their season and are looking forward to The Summit League Championships in February.

The Michigan USA Open runs Feb. 8 until Feb. 10 at the OU Aquatic Center. Oakland will also host The Summit League Championships Feb. 20-23.

"We think with both teams, with both the guys and the girls, we're progressing," head coach Pete Hovland said. "I think we're getting better and better as we go along and hopefully we finish on a real positive note in February in The Summit League Championships."

During this time, swimmers begin tapering. This is when exercise is reduced days before a major competition. For senior Anders Jensen, he'll be doing things a bit differently.

"Pete and I have been talking about not tapering fully for Summits and getting ready for NCAA (Championships) because we think that we have a pretty good chance of going already," Jensen said.

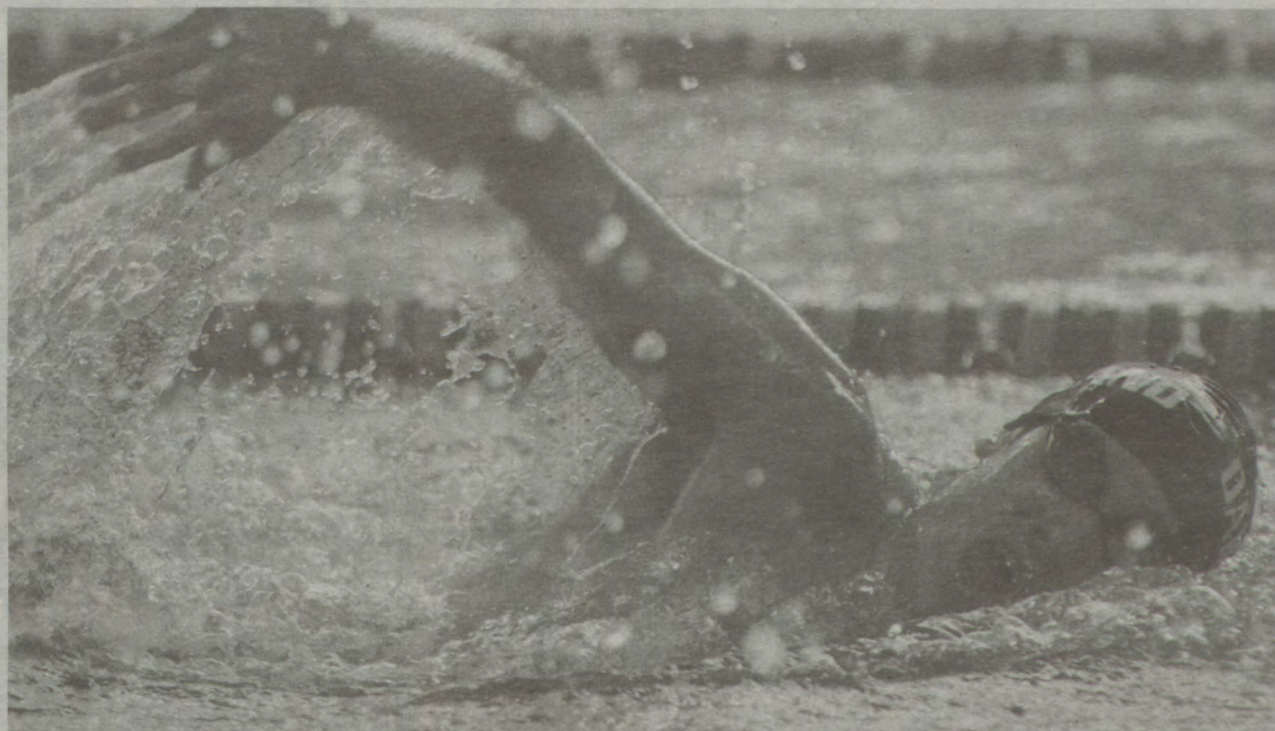
Making history

The men's swimming team was ranked fourth in the Mid-Major poll — their highest ranking in program history. They are behind Princeton, Harvard and Eastern Michigan University.

"We're real pleased with that," Hovland said. "The men have good depth and good balance throughout the lineup through all the events."

The women are currently ranked 23rd in the Mid-Major poll. Hovland sees some weaknesses but believes that come time for conference championships, they will be ready.

"In the dual meet you can be exposed if you're weak in a particular event," Hovland said. "That can really hurt you. But when you get to the conference championship it doesn't matter. You're taking your best 18 and you



Freshman Cameron Kingston swims during a meet against Michigan State University at the OU Aquatic Center Jan. 26.

DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

can put them wherever you want."

The trifecta

Hovland credits junior Vanessa Balogh, senior Alyssa Busch and senior Sandra Czerska as main components of the women's success.

"They are probably three of the best female swimmers in school history," Hovland said. "They're our leaders. The team goes how they go. They're very important to our program."

Busch points to the coaching staff as one of the reasons they have an edge over opponents.

"They've been here a long time and they know what they're doing," Busch said. "A lot of these programs are getting new coaches. Maybe they might not be used to how that coach trains, but we're already set. We know where we're going."

Looking forward

Despite losing some of their best swimmers at the end of the season,

Hovland is confident in the future of the team. The team announced in December that they signed 15 recruits.

"We had probably the best recruiting class in school history," Hovland said. "We got a lot of our first choices. We're really excited about the fall of next year. Though we're losing some good ones, we've got some good ones to replace them. I think they're positioned really well."

Hovland said Oakland's swimming and diving team does not compare financially to some of the bigger schools, but the program is on the right path.

"My goal while I'm still the coach here is to have the teams in the top 25 in the nation on a consistent basis," Hovland said. "We're definitely taking strides and we're definitely heading in the right direction."

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GRIZZLY SWIMMERS

Anders Jensen and Vanessa Balogh were both named The Summit League's Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Athletes of the Week Jan. 22-28.

The men and women defeated IUPUI Jan. 25. The men won 181-131 while the women won 162.5-125.5.

In the final dual meet of the season Jan. 26, the men beat Michigan State 177-121 The women fell 173-125.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Oakland places 73 on Summit League Fall Academic Roll

Leading all Summit League schools, this honor is awarded to students who post a 3.0 or better grade point average during their fall semester of competition. On top of that, Oakland had 36 student-athletes earn Distinguished Scholar accolades. This is a special distinction for students who posted a GPA of 3.6 or above.

This is the fifth straight year that Oakland has led the Summit League in the Academic Honor Roll.

10 Oakland baseball players on College Sports Madness Preseason Teams

The Oakland baseball team leads the league with 10 players on the Summit League Preseason teams. OU's Andrew Bechtel was named as the Preseason Freshman of the Year.

Earning first team honors are junior catcher Jake Morton, senior infielder Mike Carson, sophomore outfielder Robby Enslin and senior infielder and pitcher Kyle Bobolts.

Making their way to the preseason second team are junior pitcher Jason Hager, senior pitcher Russell Luxton Jr., senior first baseman Nolan Jacoby, sophomore infielder Spencer Marentette and sophomore outfielder Trent Drumheller.

The baseball season gets underway Feb. 22 in Maryland.

Students have record-breaking day on the track at IPFW

Senior Breanna Peabody and junior Serena San Cartier broke the 60m hurdles record at the IPFW Quadrangular

Jan. 26. Peabody won with a time of 8.69 while San Cartier finished right behind her in second with an 8.74.

Senior Niklas Rippon also added to the Grizzlies' victories in the 60m hurdle event with a first-place time of 8.35.

The 800m run was won by freshman Karli Keur with a time of 2:16.69. Senior Jennifer Lane won the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 5 inches.

Junior Spencer Britt finished runner-up in the pole vault event with a mark of 10 feet, 6 inches.

Freshmen Jake Scheffler and C.J. Gozdzor finished in second and third with the same jump of 6 feet, 2.75 inches.

In shot put, junior Andrew Stebbins won the event with a throw of 49 feet, 11.25 inches. Freshman Gino Vitella came in second with a throw of 48 feet, 2.75 inches.

Over on the women's side, senior Brittini Hutton came in second in the 1-mile run with a time of 5:06.31. Sophomore Courtney Stauffer finished the 800m run with a time of 2:21.21.

The Golden Grizzlies travel to Youngstown, Ohio to compete in the YSU National Invitation Feb. 1-2.



Breanna Peabody, Senior sprinter and hurdler

— Compiled by Lindsay Beaver, Sports Editor

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Keep on truckin'

The popularity of food trucks grows in the Metro Detroit area

By Allen Jordan
Staff Reporter

Lunchtime in downtown Detroit during January is usually filled with local workers headed out of the office looking to enjoy good food in a warm and seated atmosphere.

Food truck vendors are a popular trend in other major cities like Los Angeles, New York, Cleveland and even as far as South Korea, giving hungry individuals the option for quality food with an outdoor experience. According to www.foodtrucktalk.com. The trend is making its way to Detroit.

Markets on the go

Last year, the Royal Oak Farmers Market hosted its first food truck rally, bringing a crowd of over 3,000 people. Once a month they hold the event, showcasing a variety of Metro Detroit's dining options on the go according to www.patch.com.

The Eastern Market in downtown Detroit on the weekend also serves as a display for the outdoor business, giving shoppers access to fresh produce and hot food.

"I felt I wanted to share my recipe for my sauce with the world, so instead of having one location, we can bring it to anyone, everywhere," said Joe Sciamanna, owner of Dag'o Joes, describing his decision to forgo opening a neutral site.

Worldly food trucks

The Italian-based company offers options ranging from hot dogs, to its signature Italian Meatball Sandwich, which is based on a family recipe.

Beignets French Donuts and Coffee, a Michigan-based company started by co-owner Michele Pearson, caters to customers with sweet tooth by bringing the New Orleans coffee shop favorite home to share with fellow Detroiters.

Beignets, a French doughnut similar to fritter, are made from fried dough and topped with powdered sugar and are a regular in coffee shops in New Orleans.

"With every trip I took to New Orleans and visiting coffee shops, I fell in love with them," Pearson said. "The



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People gather at the Royal Oak Farmers Market for their monthly showcase of local food trucks. There is no entry fee or age limit to attend the monthly event, with most items under \$5. The trucks serve everything from hot dogs and coffee to Biegnets — a French doughnut.

vibe and atmosphere made me feel like this was something needed to bring home and introduce."

Even though the independent business venture proves popular among foodies, its biggest competition comes in the form of local ordinances placing limitations on the aspiring business owners.

"I believe it's more about the dining experience that people will remember," said American Coney Island Manager Dan Keros, supporting the idea of the traditional dining experience.

"With an event like the Auto Show in town you want to expose the best Detroit has to offer, bringing attention to staples in the community will bring them back. Who knows if they will remember something they got from a truck that's here one day and gone the next," Keros said.

Getting started

Local ordinances make it difficult for truck owners to get started. Vendors need to obtain a Certified Food Protection Manager Identification

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Joe Sciamanna,
Dag'o Joes owner

from the DC Department of Health that is required to be present during all times of operation.

Once the food process has been determined and approved, vendors can begin to design the truck. Owners need to determine what type and size of grill, refrigerator, hood suppression system, deep fryer and other equipment must be on board.

The only restrictions involve the size of the truck, with the maximum dimensions being 18.5 feet long, 10.5 feet tall and eight feet wide.

All new vendors must complete the vending application provided and submit to the division.

The person who will operate the truck must apply for a Roadway Class A License. With licenses only issued to individuals and not businesses, the truck must be operated by the individual who is issued the license.

El Guapo, a black truck serving fresh Mexican fare like cilantro jalapeño lemonade, pork belly confit and fish tacos, became the first to obtain one locally with others looking to follow.

This food truck was the first licensed and accepted food truck in the City of Detroit's history, according to www.mobilecuisine.com.

"New tastes are always good for the stomach, as long as they can offer some of my favorite types of food it's all that matters," Brandon Anderson of Detroit said in support of the competition among local owners and fresh face entrepreneurs.

For more information on local food trucks, visit www.roaminghunger.com and www.mobilecuisining.com

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HOT AND COLD WEEKEND

By Stephanie Preweda
Staff Reporter

All along Main Street in Downtown Rochester, people of all ages could be found in awe over ice sculptures which lined the sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The Rochester Fire and Ice festival took place from Jan. 25-27 at Third and Water Street.

Ice sculptures ranged from carvings of Buddha and Mr. Thinker to a figure of a dragon.

Fire pits were scattered throughout the area for attendees to warm up between exploring different sections of the festival.

Main attractions included a tube slide run, ice rink and beer tent.

1. The east corner of Main and Third Street was blocked off for adults and children to slide down the tubing hill.

2. An Ice Expo was held on Sunday at the festival. Participants included competitive skaters from Onyx Rochester Ice Arena and Suburban Ice.

3. An assortment of ice sculptures lined the streets of Downtown Rochester during the Fire and Ice Festival from Jan. 25 through Jan. 27. The business-sponsored sculptures were provided by Finesse Catering Team.

4. Several fire pits were scattered throughout the surrounding area for attendees to gather around and warm up before and after exploring the different sections of the festival.



KAILIE MATHIAS/The Oakland Post

Omigod you guys!

Varner Studio Theatre presents
the musical 'Legally Blonde'

By Katie Phelan
Staff Intern

The Oakland University theatre department is going blonde.

They will present "Legally Blonde" Jan. 31 to Feb. 10 at Varner Studio Theatre.

"Legally Blonde" is an original Broadway musical based on the novel written by Amanda Brown and the 2001 film starring Reese Witherspoon.

"Legally Blonde" is a true "pop" musical with traditional musical style and flares of pop culture, according to director Dave Campbell.

Campbell is a guest director who was hired specifically to direct this show.

The story and the cast

"Legally Blonde" tells the story of sorority girl Elle Woods whose attempts to win back an ex-boyfriend lead her to Harvard Law School.

While there, Woods learns to apply her knowledge to help others and defends fellow sorority sister, Brooke Wyndham, in a murder trial.

Melissa Perry, a junior majoring in musical theatre, will play Elle Woods. This is the first musical at OU Perry has been cast.

"This whole experience has been fast-paced and challenging, but it really pushes us as students and a cast," Perry said.

While at Walled Lake High School, Perry played Maria in "West Side Story," and Cosette in "Les Misérables." Before joining the theatre program, Perry majored in Music Education to please her parents.

"They wanted me to get a real job, but all I want to do is perform," Perry said. "I did not have their support at first."

Perry said she has been able to pull her parents on

board and knows she has their support.

For Emily Stys, a senior playing Brooke Wyndham, "Legally Blonde" will be her last show out of many at OU. Her previous productions include "Much Ado about Nothing," "Company" and "Spring Awakening."

Stys grew up singing and dancing but began acting between sixth and seventh grade at a summer program. While at Romeo High School, she performed in "Anything Goes" and "Into the Woods."

Wyndham is the perfect role for Stys, according to a fellow theatre major Emily Mitchell.

"Wyndham has to be played by someone that is good vocally, but also in good physical shape," Stys said. "I have to jump rope, dance and sing — all at the same time."

Stys is the dance captain for this musical, which means she has to know all of the

choreography for every part. She hopes this will prepare her for a future in musical theater.

"The variety of skills require sheer physical endurance to execute a show like this prepares the cast for cutting-edge new musicals," Campbell said.

Going "Blonde"

The cast has been rehearsing together since December. They have been rehearsing daily since January.

With increased preparation, cast members are ready and excited for the show.

"I get excited before opening night of every show but we've rehearsed so much that I know there is nothing to be nervous about," Stys said.

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1. The cast of "Legally Blonde" rehearses a musical number.

2. Melissa Perry plays the lead character, Elle Woods. This is Perry's first production at Oakland University.

3. Perry practices a scene with Jake Wood, who plays Elle's ex-boyfriend Warner Huntington III.

4. Anna Marck plays Paulette, a salon owner who helps Elle increase her confidence.

IF YOU GO

WHEN "Legally Blonde" plays at the Varner Studio Theatre Jan. 31 through Feb. 10.

TICKET INFO Tickets can be purchased at the Varner Box Office or by contacting (248) 370-4578. General tickets are \$18, student tickets are \$10.



SARAH BLANCHETTE/The Oakland Post

Alice Carelton, a sophomore who also is an administrative assistant in the math department, found refuge from verbal abuse while serving in the army. She is now an advocate who speaks against abuse and has written a memoir and a collection of poems.

Finding strength from a painful past

Advocate Alice Carelton hopes to speak on campus

By Sarah Blanchette
Staff Reporter

Imagine making your journey through childhood, knowing only the feeling of your parents' backhand and the damaging lash of their tongue.

Imagine and think of Alice Carelton. Carelton, who grew up in an abusive home and endured an abusive marriage later in life, thought she could do nothing right.

Taking a stand

That portion of her life was scarring, but allowed her to realize her reason for being alive. At 65, Carelton is a mom, a grandma and an advocate for victims of verbal abuse.

She is also a sophomore at Oakland University. When she started her undergraduate work last year, Carelton was the only freshman, out of 3,144, older than 55. She hopes to eventually apply for the master's program.

"I have to do something. I don't want to just take up oxygen," Carelton said.

Carelton has put her words of advice into her soon-to-be published memoir, "Ghost Child to Triumph," and a book of

poems titled "Sanctuary of the Soul."

Carelton, who has been an administrative assistant in the mathematics and statistics department for over 20 years, is campaigning to speak on campus. In December, she was awarded the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award for her efforts.

Support for and from others

Kathie Lesich, a longtime colleague and friend, thinks Carelton's experiences should be shared.

"Besides, educating people about what abuse is and the many ways it can present itself, she would also educate the audience on the effects of abuse and the ways to effectively respond to it," Lesich said. "Alice's lecture would also provide hope; hope for victims that life doesn't always have to be the way that it is; hope that abuse can be overcome; hope for a better way of life."

Glenn Whitelaw, a former lecturer at OU and a current professor at the Wayne State School of Social Work, is also a supporter of Carelton's message.

"I am so grateful that Alice has had the courage to speak out about her personal

experiences. I am also impressed with how wonderfully she expresses thoughts and feelings in such a creative manner," Whitelaw said. "Her voice has been an exceptional gift to all others who have had similar experiences."

Learning from a painful past

Growing up in Maine, the Carelton family endured the struggles of an old tenant house, where heat was nonexistent and money was tight.

"It wasn't normal, but it's what you know," Carelton said.

The only refuge found by Carelton was when she joined the Army in 1964. For three years, Carelton worked in an office on a base in San Francisco, California. It was here that she began meeting the friends and parental figures who she hails as being her angels.

She was a Sergeant in the Women's Army Corps in 1966.

"Joining the Army was the best and the first decision that I was ever allowed to make," Carelton said.

After leaving the Army at age 20, Carelton entered into an abusive marriage that lasted 15 years. After concluding the marriage, Carelton was then able to focus her energies on helping other women who are living, or have lived, with abuse.

"Alice is a genuine and authentic person. What you see is what you get. She has a heart of gold and kind soul, which is a good combination in a friend. She exudes compassion and is always willing to help the downtrodden," Lesich said.

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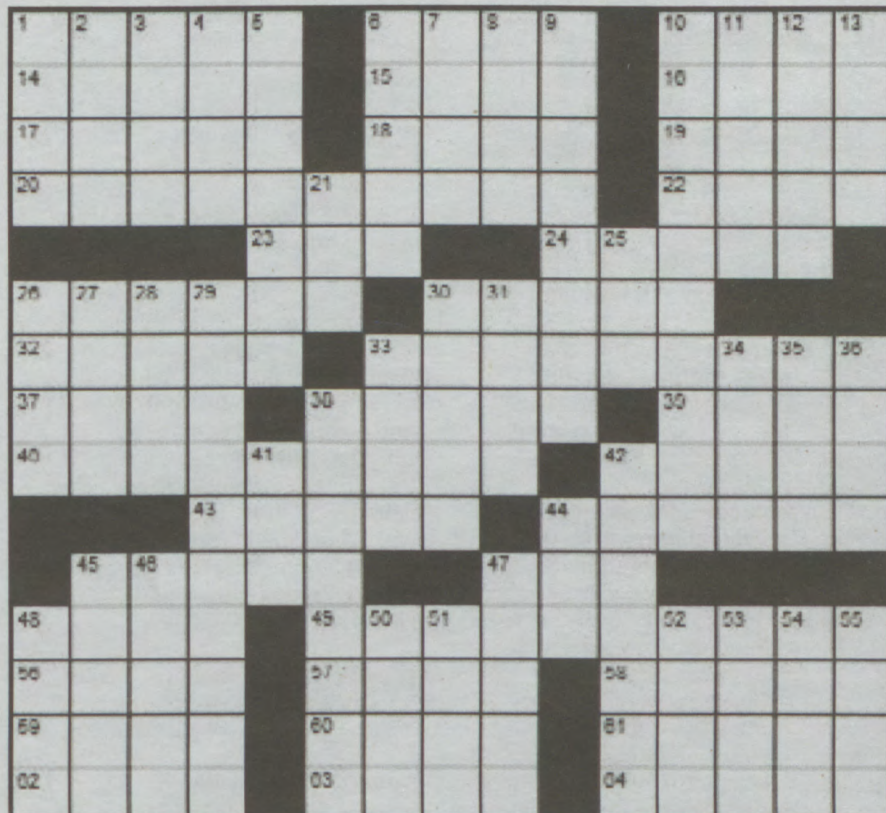
The Wake

a poem by Alice Carelton

I sit alone at the wake
It comes and goes, the ache
I wear black on the inside
It appears as if I've never cried
I wonder who it is that died
There are no other mourners at the gathering
No eulogies or songs to sing
The casket contains and is closed to symbolize
Needs unmet
There are no flowers
The death of hope
Of saddest hours
This is a wake of solitude
A mourner's fugue
No pictures surrounding the dead
No one remembering
This is what she said
There are picture frames
Devoid of photos which should be there
Of a life where nothing was shared
Where the "murderer" never cared
The lights are low
The funeral director quietly asks
Are you ready to go
To take the journey
The burden to lie it down
Upon the hardened ground
All without a sound
The silent dark procession of the soul
The journey to be whole
From grief, relief
You must say goodbye, I know
You didn't want to "die"
Sign the guest book, take one last look
The funeral was over many years ago
The tears and pain, the anguish is something
You too well do know
The silent vigil you still keep
While wandering in your sleep
I must sit a little longer
And when I am ready I will go
There is no one to stand with you at the grave
There was nothing that could be saved
Isn't it ironic that they call it
a wake
(awake)

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1. Not true
6. Bit of gossip
10. Friends
14. Heavenly hunter
15. Bird of peace
16. Distinctive flair
17. Respond
18. Send forth
19. Indian music
20. Saleable
22. Stair
23. Zero
24. Willow
26. Androids
30. Anagram of "Fires"
32. Pueblo brick
33. Pass into law
37. Gestures of assent
38. Army doctor
39. Winglike
40. Salutations
42. Ancient Greek marketplace
43. Washing machine cycle
44. Putting surfaces
45. Rescued
47. Seated oneself

DOWN

48. Roman robe
49. Solitariness
56. A soft sheepskin leather
57. Black, in poetry
58. Goat antelope
59. Ear-related
60. Scattered
61. Fragrance
62. Unit of force
63. Bristle
64. Offensively curious

21. "___ the season to be jolly"
25. Female sib
26. Telephoned
27. Smell
28. Portend
29. A formal event
30. Marsh plant
31. Auspices
33. Focusing glass
34. Found in some lotions
35. Mountain pool
36. Historical periods
38. Without thinking
41. Bind
42. Craftsperson
44. Woman
45. Grimy
46. Another time
47. Ringworm cassia
48. Stepped
50. Double-reed woodwind
51. Nothing (British)
52. Roman emperor
53. God of love
54. A few
55. Go to and fro

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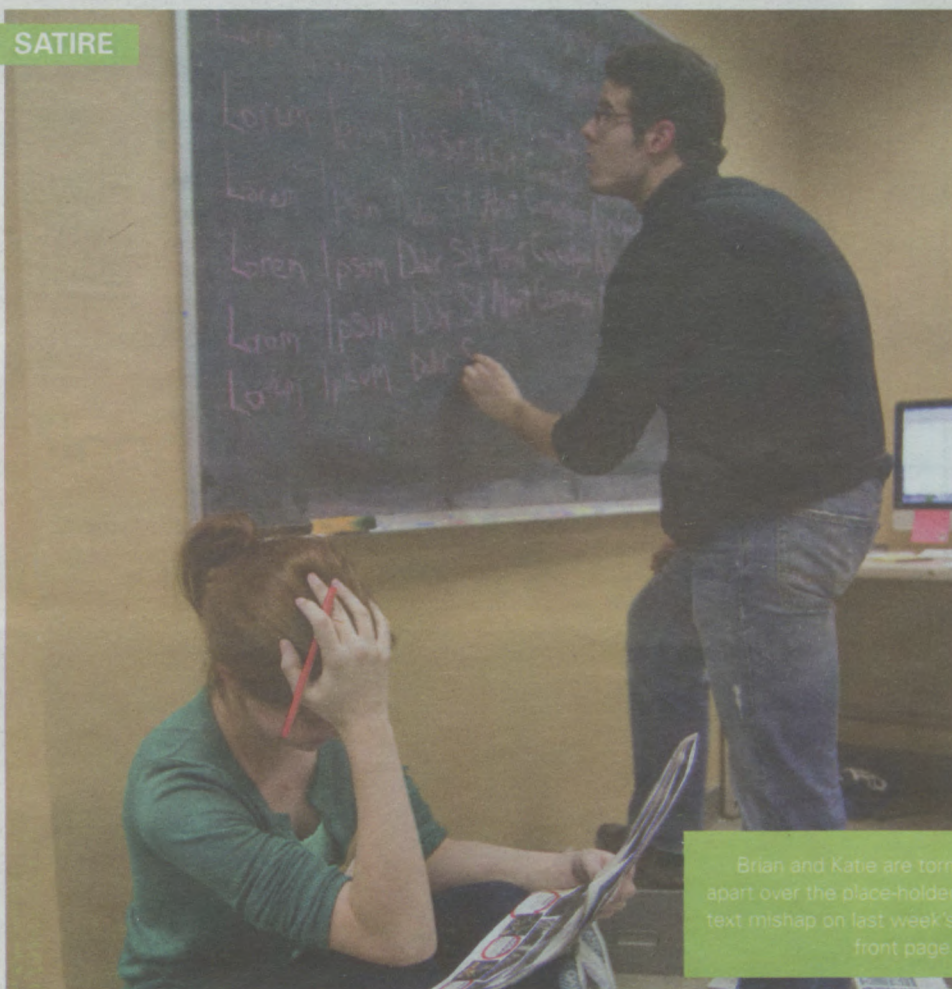
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Mouthing Off

Speaking in tongues

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By Brian Figurski
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Dearest Reader,
We owe you an explanation, preferably in English. We had a bit of a snafu last week. If you've seen our Jan. 25 issue, you will have noticed some 'creative

"DUM INTER
HOMINES SUMUS,
COLAMUS
HUMANITATEM"

writing' on the front page. It was littered with placeholder text.

Many of you have kindly pointed out our error. Thank you sincerely for pointing out our successes as well...

We ask you this defensive, pseudo-sensitive question: Aren't we all just placeholders for something else, anyway?

If you remained undistracted by our mind trickery, we'll address the real questions at hand: How does such gibberish find its way into the final product? Why would we let such garbage taint our beloved paper and your precious eyes?

We could tell you "Lorem ipsum" is a code name for The Post's complex plot to test our readers. We wanted to be sure you looked at more than the pictures and the "buy one, get one free" ad for Noodles and Company. (You've passed, by the way. Congrats. You're holding the prize.)

Maybe we were trying to instill culture through the use of a dead language.

The rough translation, if you haven't already Googled it to mock us, is: "There is no one who loves pain itself, who seeks after it and wants to have it, simply because it

is pain." Clearly, The Post likes pain and humiliation.

It's possible that the elves that report, write, photograph and produce the content were making a statement against the establishment. There's been dissent among the ranks resulting from The Post's inability to also produce Keebler cookies in the newsroom because of a contractual agreement with Chartwells.

Perhaps the staff (and our aforementioned elves) was abducted and were pleading for forgiveness from the basement of a creeper who smells strongly of "sour" milk and is too comfortable having a stockpile of cheese puffs, seven cats and zero friends.

Maybe we're a rogue band of androids computing and filing news and there was a technical glitch last Tuesday night.

Maybe it was a voodoo curse.

Perhaps we were presenting you with the opportunity to say 'You screwed the pooch' because your satisfaction comes first and we know how you love that phrase.

Maybe it's subliminal messaging (We're not telling you for what though).

Or maybe, it was 2 a.m. and we, being merely human, made a mistake.

We're people. Hell, we're your classmates. Have a heart, or deport us a la Piers Morgan. Whichever you prefer.

Whatever you choose to believe, know that The Post loves you and needs you. Unless you continue to mock us or refuse to forgive us, at which point, dum inter homines sumus, colamus humanitatem.

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SUPER BOWL TOP 10

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

I am more excited for this Sunday than almost anything in my life. One of my colleagues, Miss Katie Williams, chipped in and said, "You mean the Puppy Bowl, right?"

And I responded, of course, "Duh." But, I am also incredibly excited for the Super Bowl, as I am a diehard Baltimore Ravens fan. I am also a fan of betting money on inconsequential things, so here is the **Top 10 Things You Should Bet On in Super Bowl XLVII**:

10. If the Ravens win, how long will it take for Ray Lewis to mention his faith or religion in the postgame.

9. Which commercial will come first: Doritos, Budweiser, or Coca-cola and/or Pepsi.

8. How many times in the first quarter will they show a split screen with both of the Harbaugh brothers looking stoically in the opposite direction?

7. Will the winner of the coin toss choose to kick off or receive.

6. Of the three former NFL Super Bowl winners to serve as ESPN analysts — Mike Ditka, Steve Young and Trent Dilfer — who will be the first one to say, "Harbaugh vs. Harbaugh."

5. How many of the commercials will feature birds or dogs running into a closed window, shade or door that appears to be open. There have been one to four of them every year since 2009.

4. Will this year's halftime show be better than the last two years. (Anything is better than 2011's Black Eyed Peas and Madonna featured that creepy tightrope walker in 2012 — so, yes, it automatically will be better).

3. Will Justin Timberlake appear out of nowhere during the halftime show to cause another 'wardrobe malfunction?' (We can only hope).

2. The all-time favorite: How freakin' long will it take Alicia Keys to get through the national anthem — NOT including the last word.

1. Anthem part two: time prediction for the last word, "brave."