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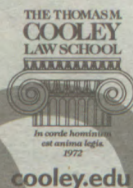
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14 Michigan universities rally for funding in Lansing

By KEVIN ALFORD
Contributing Reporter

When schools come together with a common purpose, it is often under the banner of athletic or academic competition.

On Wed. Sept. 26, however, hundreds of students and representatives from 14 of Michigan's public universities united as one voice in protest of dwindling state funding for higher education at the state capitol in Lansing.

Carrying copies of a "Rally Guide," which included general information on the issues at hand, what to do and how to act at the event and a schedule of the rally, attending students stepped off of a bus in Lansing at 1 p.m.

Oakland University Athletics donated OU shirts for most of the rally-goers, and sent the Grizz mascot along with cheerleaders to add support to the campaign.

Let the rally begin

Spearheaded by Mohammed Hussein Dar, University of Michigan Ann Arbor student assembly vice president, the rally was an attempt "to advocate for the increased investment of the state in higher education for (all Michigan universities)," according to the rally guide distributed by the University of Michigan Student Assembly.

"Education is the future of this state and the future of this state's economy," Dar said, starting the rally. "We are united here for that purpose's sake."

Dressed in school colors, carrying signs with messages such as "Education, not prisons," "Help Us Help Our State," and "Stop the Raid on Student Aid," students were joined on the Capitol lawn by several of Michigan's elected officials, including state Sen. Mark H. Schauer, state Rep. Shanelle Jackson and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Telling your story

The rally gave students an opportunity to share their personal stories of the effects of tuition increases.

Oakland University Student Body Vice President Jameelah Muhammad was one of many student speakers offering their take on the financial burden placed on college students.

"We are the future of our cities. We are the future of this state."

Jameelah Muhammad
Student Body Vice President

"I am tired of working too many jobs to help pay for school," Muhammad said. "I am tired of hearing about students who have to leave school midsemester because the costs are too high. I'm tired of seeing my mom and my sister struggle to pay bills and take out loans to perpetuate their debt. Is this the price for knowledge?"

She did not stop there. "I am tired, but I'm not defeated. Together as students we must say that we are not defeated," Muhammad said.

"We are the future of our cities. We are the future of this state. We are the future of our country. But if we are systematically excluded from the educational process because of financial burdens, it is not only a loss for students, it's a loss for our economy and a loss for higher education."

Sharing the burden

Decreasing state funding for higher education is posing challenges at universities across Michigan and is forcing them to re-evaluate their financial status.

According to Oakland University Board of Trustee members, an unexpected budget cut of more than \$2 million, which was to go to OU, was the main culprit in the decision to raise tuition nearly 14 percent.

"For Oakland, we made the assumptions when we set the tuitions this last semester that we would probably never see that money again," said Dennis Pawley, chairman of the board of trustees of OU. "That's why we went to a higher tuition of 13.9 percent."

"We're hoping that that's it and we won't have to do anything else," Pawley said.



Wearing various school colors and carrying signs of protest and concern, students unite at the Capitol Building in Lansing Wed., Sept. 26. Dubbed the "Higher Education is the Future of Michigan" rally by OUSC, the event brought 14 Michigan universities together to address the state funding issues.



University students gather on the steps of the Capitol Building to make their presence known in the fight for increased state funding of higher education. State budget cuts, in part, led to a 13.9 percent tuition increase at Oakland University.

While Oakland University planned ahead and raised tuition significantly prior to the start of the school year, some other schools did not opt for such bold increases. This may lead to a further increase in cost for those schools if state funding is not provided.

"I don't think you would see us do a midterm increase under any circumstances," Pawley said, "but we'd have to look at the second semester."

Playing a part in the crusade

While the administration continues to address funding issues, Student Body President Rob Meyer said students should take action, as well.

"Our administration can only do so much on our behalf," Meyer said. "Students need to get involved, too."

In an effort to do just that, Meyer and Muhammad, in conjunction with efforts from Eastern Michigan University, initiated the Student Association of Michigan, or SAM, in August.

SAM is a group designed to address the needs and concerns of student bodies. The group plans to work on issues like the rally and promote voting and awareness of issues on campuses. Currently, GVSU and CMU are the only major Michigan universities not officially involved with SAM.

According to Meyer, Oakland University Student Congress plans to continue the effort to mobilize the student body.

Muhammad urges students who were not at the rally to stop by the Student Congress office and sign a petition to be sent to Michigan representatives, call and send letters to state legislators and help by educating other

students who are less aware of the issues.

"Everyone can't go to Lansing, but there's a lot of different things you can do on campus to raise awareness," Muhammad said. "There's not one student who isn't affected by tuition increases."

Meyer said the rally in Lansing was a good start. "Even though we're just a voice, they heard us," Meyer said. "I think everyone walked away with a sense of pride."

Note: Yvonne Szymczak and Kelly Kozlowski contributed to this report.



KEVIN ALFORD/The Oakland Post
Student Body President Rob Meyer said the rally was a success in many ways. "Even though we're just a voice, they heard us," Meyer said.

How does Michigan measure up?

An article published by the Lansing State Journal* highlights comparisons between Michigan's approach to higher education funding and that of surrounding states.

OHIO: "The state legislature has agreed to pump \$254 million into the state's public universities to pay for a two-year tuition freeze."

INDIANA: "The state's universities got a 9.8 percent increase in state funding for the next two years, including \$20 million for Indiana's three research universities to expand their life sciences programs and \$30 million more to build their research operations generally."

IOWA: "Public universities are getting a state funding increase of almost 10 percent."

*Information taken from "State higher ed funding lags, while others invest," published in the Lansing State Journal Sept. 24, 2007

At-a-glance info about state funding for higher education:

■ A recent increase in tuition for Oakland University amounted to nearly \$65 in additional cost per credit hour per student, or an additional \$971 per student per semester for full-time undergrads.

■ According to an Illinois State University study, Michigan lowered higher education funding more than any other state from 2001 to 2006. The same study reported that Michigan tuition costs at public universities are the fifth highest in the nation, having raised 37 percent over four years.

■ Ferris State and Central Michigan showed the highest increases, both raising tuition over 20 percent for new students. New CMU students are guaranteed the same tuition cost for up to five years. Western Michigan was the least affected at just under 6 percent.

■ Room and board costs have also been raised where they are offered, with most schools boosting rent costs around 5 percent. Michigan State University students were hit the hardest, now paying more than 10 percent above last year's cost.

Years in dollars:

Here's how Oakland's tuition* has increased for incoming undergraduates over the course of five academic years:

2007-08	\$7,927.50
2006-07	\$6,956.25
2005-06	\$6,442.50
2004-05	\$5,589.75
2003-04	\$5,458.50

*Rates given are for full-time, undergraduate, in-state residents

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Free, fun, and right here — why not check out OU sports?

Did you know there is a university in Michigan that has won 159 national titles, making it one of only 17 schools across three divisions with more than 150 individual national championships?

Were you aware that same university has had both the men's and women's basketball teams earn a bid to the Big Dance two years in a row, and make it to the conference finals in ESPN-broadcast games last season?

I bet that you also didn't know that this university has launched alumni into athletic careers in Major League Baseball, the Major Indoor Soccer League and the National Basketball Association.

Want to know something else? There's a good chance that if you're reading this editorial, you attend the aforementioned university.

While not in the national spotlight as much as certain other Michigan universities, Oakland University has established itself as a legitimate up-and-coming athletic program, especially since moving to Division I competition in the 1997-98 season.

However, while OU offers some of the top athletic competition in the area, attendance at Golden Grizzlies athletic events remains relatively low.

The Golden Grizzlies have bigger schools standing up and taking notice of them. The University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Southern California, Florida State University and the University of Oregon are just a handful of the "big boys" that want to see what this Summit League's sleeping giant is all about this season.

Why not you?

Admission to all Oakland University athletics — soccer, baseball, volleyball, swimming, etc. — is free of charge.

The only exception is the men's and women's basketball programs. As of last year, by merely signing up for an OU athletic mailing list at

the O'Rena, you get a free T-shirt, which will get you in for free to all home games.

Look outside right now. It's probably a crisp fall day, unless Michigan weather has struck again and it's 90 degrees. Either way, why not think about catching an OU soccer game this season?

The men's soccer teams traditionally play on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, while the women's usually take the field Friday and Sunday afternoons.

Why not grab a blanket, some friends and a thermos of hot chocolate and cheer on your Golden Grizzlies?

Likewise, when basketball season kicks off in November, there will be plenty of home games for you to come out and get your Grizz on. The men's and women's teams play several double-headers on Saturdays this season, as well as frequent evening games spread out throughout the week.

Here's something else to consider: Six, count 'em, men's games will be broadcast on television this year. Three will be local on Fox Sports Detroit, including a noon tilt Jan. 12 against archrival Oral Roberts; two games will air on the Big Ten Network; and OU's game against the Oregon Ducks, a 2007 Elite Eight competitor, will be broadcast on ESPNU.

The game against Oregon will be played Dec. 22 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, just two exits away from campus.

There really is no reason to not come out and catch a few OU games this season. Commuters — you're driving out here for classes anyway. Why not stick around and watch some Division I action?

Same for you, campus residents. The O'Rena is just a short jaunt away from the dorms and student apartments.

Come on down with a group, and cheer on your Golden Grizzlies — no charge.



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The shrinking dollar

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Four on Four

four panelists share their take on four topics



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The state Legislature agreed early Monday to raise the income tax and expand the sales tax in a deal with the governor that quickly ended a partial state government shutdown. What are your thoughts on how the current situation is being handled?

We're not going to like it; we're the ones paying for it. I've been paying since I was 15 and now I have to pay more. It's just wrong.

They had the bill in their hand eight months ago and they didn't even look at it. We need to evaluate some of our candidates in the next election.

I'm not happy with it...It seems like things are getting worse and worse. We're probably really going to be suffering from this in a couple years.

I think the situation was handled horribly...They don't deserve their salaries for the way they handled this.

Do you think the country is ready for an African American or female president?

We're not supposed to see the color of people's skin, so that shouldn't affect our decision anyway. Same goes for gender. It's a matter of who's going to help the country out the most.

Female, maybe. But the two go hand-in-hand. Hillary [Clinton] has an edge though. People like her.

I think we're ready for both...I think we've experienced the worst [with Bush].

I do. I think that either one [Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama] would make a good president...I think we've got to get over that being the central issue.

Are you looking forward to the upcoming lecturers, which include Elie Wiesel, Bob Woodward and Peter Singer, coming to OU?

"Night" [written by Wiesel] is one of my favorite books. I'm looking forward to seeing what he has to say.

If I had the time, I'd go see Bob Woodward. He seems like an interesting guy and I'd really like to know what he has to say.

I'm slightly interested. This is actually the first time I heard about them coming. I may check them out.

Oakland is known for its lectures. I'm really excited that we have so many good ones this year.

Clothing designer Marc Echo recently purchased Barry Bonds' 756th home-run ball and plans on having it branded with an asterisk. If it was up to you, what would you have done with the ball?

I would have respected who it belonged to. It's a symbol of Barry Bonds, not Marc Echo. Now the ball means something different.

I would have sold it again and gotten money for charity. The Hall of Fame shouldn't even accept the ball.

I definitely would have given it to the Hall of Fame. Actually, I don't know — it's 50/50 — maybe I would keep it. I wouldn't know unless I had the ball.

I'd put it in a time capsule and in 100 years, let somebody dig it up and ask them the same question...I don't think it should be in the Hall of Fame.

Ask the President

The Oakland Post will meet with Oakland University President Gary Russi later this month to discuss a variety of topics and get the latest from the man in charge. Send us questions that you'd like to ask President Russi, and our staff will select the best submissions and add them to our agenda.

E-mail all questions to oakposteditor@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, Oct. 10.

University nurtures nature

Preserves provide research opportunities

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

South of the main campus and just north of holes 11 and six of the R & S Sharf Golf Course are two little-known remnants of the wild land that once covered what now is Oakland University.

The two wooded areas make up OU's biological preserve.

Designated by OU's Board of Trustees in 2001 in accordance with the university's Physical Master Plan 2001-2020, the preserves were designed by a task force composed of faculty, staff and students.

Dr. George Gamboa, professor of biology, said that he has been using the 110-acre area since he came to the university in 1980.

"A lot of people do not know it's here," Gamboa said of the preserve. "Even faculty who have been here for 20 or 30 years have never been back here."

Set up across the reserve, Gamboa has about 100 metal T-shaped posts, and plywood wasp-nesting boxes hang from each end of the crossbars.

"We give them 'pre-fab housing,' so to speak," he said.

Gamboa studies the inherited properties of wasp colonies and the ability of related wasps to recognize each other.

"This is sort of like a little oasis out here," Gamboa said. "This area's been undisturbed for such long periods of time, it has a real high diversity of animals and plants. You wouldn't find this diversity anywhere else."

In addition to wasps, the preserves contain a variety of animals, including wild turkey and deer.

According to Gamboa, he is the only biology researcher currently using the preserves.

Although he said he thinks the preserve is underutilized for research, Gamboa said that many classes do use it for teaching.

Field biology courses, which Gamboa said usually are popular enough to fill, are taught using the nature preserves.

Freshman biology lab students also use the area.

Anthropology professor Richard Stamps used the preserves for his archaeology field method class during the spring semester.

The archaeology class dug for artifacts from a 19th Century farmhouse in the southwest corner of the preserve.

It was the former site of the Austin Farm, established by Giles Austin in 1867.

But the land was bought by John Dodge, and eventually became part of OU's campus.

Austin's descendant, Jean Milton, left behind journals,

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Photos by C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post
At Oakland University's nature preserves students can examine trees, bushes, flowers, soil, birds, butterflies, insects and other wildlife. "You wouldn't find this diversity anywhere else," Dr. George Gamboa, professor of biology said of life on the preserves.





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A deer runs through the yard of Joseph and Verna Heitch, located near OU's nature preserves.

HIDEAWAY HOME

Couple shares OU land, wildlife

By JESSE DUNSMORE

Senior Reporter

Joseph and Verna Heitch, both 79, are close neighbors to Oakland University. In fact, their privately-owned property occupies a clearing in the trees between the R & S Sharf Golf Course and the main campus — a space within the campus, but not a part of it.

And the Heitches share more than just common land with the university.

They bought their property from a local pastor in 1957, the same year Matilda Wilson donated most of the surrounding area to Michigan State University for the new campus.

They moved into their newly-built house in 1959, the same year 570 students began the first classes at MSU-Oakland.

While the Heitches temporarily lived in California from 1962 to 1966 so Joseph Heitch could get his medical degree, MSU-Oakland was renamed Oakland University, and it dedicated four dorm buildings and Kresge Library.

And while the Heitches celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2003, OU opened an expanded Oakland Center and the Cooley Law Library.

Despite living in the middle of a growing campus, the Heitches never have been directly involved in the university — though their sons, Edward and Alan, graduated with business degrees from OU.

"When we moved out here, this was strictly farmland," said Joseph Heitch.

Since then, he said, the area has gone back to nature.

The OU biological preserve begins a bit south of their property line — but if the occupants of the preserve know this, they don't care.

It is common for deer to linger a few feet from the Heitches' front door.

Verna Heitch said there have been as many as 20 deer in their yard at once, feasting on fruit dropped from the crab apple tree in their backyard.

Birds, squirrels and other creatures also hang around.

Joseph Heitch said that smaller birds, living off the feeders around the yard, attract larger birds.

"The hawks and kestrels think this is their cafeteria now," he said.

Except for the sound of traffic, it is hard to tell a college campus is within walking distance of their home.

"The main thing that's changed [is that] you try to go out in the morning on the hour...when the classes are getting out and the new class starts, you cannot get out...it's a madhouse," Verna Heitch said.

But the Heitches said that the development doesn't bother them.

Trees obscure Pioneer Drive, which runs in front of their house, and the view to the south is all hills, covered in trees — Verna Heitch's favorite view.

"We don't feel like we're being surrounded by everything," she said, "but what we are surrounded with is nice."

On the way out, the yard appears silent. But soon, brown ears peek into view, and three white-tailed does arrive to pick apples off the lawn.

Despite the campus on all sides, this land doesn't belong to OU.

Looking into the distant trees, where more deer and birds no doubt are on their way, it is hard to believe it belongs to the Heitches either.

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documents, photographs and some other items at Oakland University when she died. Excavating the site of the farmhouse, the class found 14,681 artifacts.

Most of the finds were construction materials, such as wood, glass, nails and bricks.

In a nearby dump site, however, they also found pieces of ceramic pottery and wine bottles, and even some medicine bottles.

According to Stamps, the project took place during Spring semester, but students voluntarily worked throughout the summer to sort and catalogue the items they found.

"We're excited," said Stamps. "We're putting together the remains from the archaeology dig with the written documents and the photographs. It's giving us a better understanding of life in Oakland County in the late 1800s."

For archaeology class, students used primitive tools, including wood, clay, plants and stone found at the preserve.

The aim was to replicate Native American technologies, such as bows and arrows, pottery and fire-making techniques.

"It's easier to know where you're going when you know where you've been," Stamps said. "I think an understanding of how people lived and survived in the past can give us some insight on how to live and survive in the future."

Aside from educational purposes, the preserves also serve recreational purposes.

Gamboa often enjoys just walking through the preserves.

"When you're out here, you don't realize that you're in the heart of a highly urbanized area," he said. "You might forget where you are other than some of the sounds of traffic you may hear."

Stamps expressed similar thoughts.

"We're just really blessed on campus to have this area because students get an opportunity to go and just [conduct] first-hand research," he said. "It's a great resource."

"I think a lot of people realize that this is really valuable land ecologically and it's a huge academic resource and that it doesn't make any sense to develop what little is left of the natural parts of southeastern Michigan," Gamboa said.



Courtesy of Boston University, Fred Sway

Elie Wiesel

As a 15-year-old in Transylvania, Romania, Elie Wiesel was deported in 1944 by the Nazis to the Auschwitz concentration camp and later transported to Buchenwald. His mother, younger sister and father perished, while he and his two older sisters survived. Wiesel wrote about his experiences in the concentration camps in "Night," which has been translated into 30 languages since its publication in 1956. Wiesel is a global humanitarian, recognized for his passion to defend human rights and promote peace throughout the world by receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. His honors are numerous, including the United States Congressional Gold Medal (1985), the Medal of Liberty Award (1986), the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1992), the rank of Grand-Croix in the French Legion of Honor (2001), and an honorary knighthood of the British Empire (2006). He is chairman of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, an organization he and his wife, Marion, created to fight indifference, intolerance and injustice.



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University amps up its security

In wake of campus shootings, OUPD works to keep school safe

By NICK DEGEL
Senior Reporter

With the tragedy of the Virginia Tech shooting still fresh in college minds everywhere, and after the most recent shooting at the University of Delaware, it only is natural for students to wonder about their safety at school.

But according to Oakland University Police Chief Sam Lucido, every student and faculty member has the power to keep OU's campus safe.

"Community policing means, in the most basic sense, that safety and security at our university and any community is everyone's responsibility," Lucido said. "We need everyone not to be afraid to come forward with information."

Campus security in a crisis situation has been a major priority to Oakland University, long before last April's tragedy.

Several years ago, the membership of a crisis management team, headed by OU's President Gary Russi, was solidified.

The team's first action was to create a response plan that the university would follow in the event of a major security problem.

The plan is confidential, but it has been modified throughout the years.

One such alteration began the morning after the Virginia Tech shootings.

Russi called the crisis management team to look at the incident in Virginia and decide how to change the emergency response plan accordingly.

According to Lucido, the team decided to focus on four major areas of crisis management throughout the summer.

The first is a so-called proactive preventative approach, which identifies students with emotional stress issues and helps to resolve their problems before the situation becomes a matter of security. In order to address this, the university established a risk assessment team.

The second is the enhancement and expansion of safety notifications.

OU currently uses four official methods to warn students and faculty of a security incident: university e-mails, campus telephones, the OU Web site, and local television and radio.

"Students should know that, effective today, you may receive an alert from one or more of these notification methods," Lucido said.

Students also should be aware they can receive alerts from bulletin boards, P.A. announcements, and digital display boards in the Oakland Center.

Lucido said that the OUPD also is working on a text messaging system. He said they hope to add it to the list of official notification methods very soon.

Third, the university created a lockdown process.

"Lockdowns were applied primarily to high schools and elementary schools because they are mostly single-structure entities," Lucido said. "All of the students arrive at the same time, remain in the same building and leave at the same time."

However, the university has developed a lockdown process that is effective, even at a large campus.

Though the plan details are confidential, Lucido said that faculty members are being trained in the process.

Finally, the university made a financial commitment to step-up the response capabilities of the OUPD.

"Oakland University has made a significant investment in updating the equipment and training of the police department to respond to various emergencies," Lucido said. "Housing has increased night watch at the residence facilities and OUPD have increased the number of routine checks."

On Aug. 29, the crisis management team met for its annual briefing and update on emergency procedures.

The team members were given trial scenarios in order to practice the effective use of these procedures.

To get more information, visit the OUPD's Web site at <http://www.police.oakland.edu> or contact the chief at 248-370-3000.

Students also can access a Desktop Emergency Guide under Emergency Preparedness on the Web site to learn what to do in various crisis situations.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
In aims of creating a safer campus environment, the Oakland University Police Department has put new procedures in place. Officers said that they hope an increased police presence will help students stay alert.

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Mayor of Rochester Hills kicks off leadership series

OU alumnus shares keys to success

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett spent much of his first year at Oakland University in his car. He ate lunch there. He napped there.

Then, something changed for him: He decided he might as well get the most out of his college experience and venture out of the parking lot.

"It started when I joined a euchre group on campus. Soon, we started going to sporting events, then I joined several student organizations, such as the Student Program Board. The most influential experience was my involvement in student government," Barnett said.

And his experiences as student body president are what made him love politics.

As mayor of Rochester Hills, Barnett applies the skills he acquired at Oakland University and enjoys the dynamic challenges inherent in his position.

And this made the alumnus a perfect candidate for the first lecturer in the Center for Student Activities' Leadership Lecture Series.

"Unfortunately, our new series got off to a rocky start because of another lecture right next door to ours, and we didn't get much of a turnout. But, the Mayor graciously stuck around and had some personal conversations with OU students about his experiences," coordinator of Student Leadership Development Jean Szura said.

The lecture series establishes a new goal of the CSA: to help bring leadership to the forefront at OU.

To accomplish this, authorities in the field of leadership and leadership skills development have been invited to OU.

Confirmed guests thus far are Fox 2 news anchor Charles Pugh, to lecture Nov. 21, and First Gentleman Dan Mulhern, to lecture Jan. 24. The CSA has other guests in mind, but they have not been confirmed.



Mayor Bryan Barnett

"I think that students who attend these lectures will walk away with a different view of how to be a leader each time," Szura said. "Students will also walk away with some valuable career advice."

And each lecturer brings a unique background.

Barnett said he found his way to his present position through an unforeseen circumstance that motivated him to pursue a degree closer to home.

"My father was diagnosed with lung cancer, and he passed away during my senior year of high school. It forced me to take on the responsibilities of helping my mother any way I could, as well as raise my siblings," Barnett said.

This experience, he said, as well as his experiences with OU and Rochester Hills' government have revealed three attributes of becoming a successful leader.

"Those are leadership, attitude and integrity. Leadership involves taking advantage of every opportunity that you have," Barnett said.

Barnett currently oversees more than 300 employees, and there is no shortage of unexpected situations or conflicts.

"Attitude is so important when dealing with people, especially in conflict resolution. Attitude is about staying positive no matter what situation you're in. This not only maintains your sanity, but also earns people's confidence and trust in you," he said.

But Barnett was challenged by his opponents and other local officials who said that he was too young and inexperienced.

"I believe that I proved them wrong. I faced the same situation when I ran for mayor of Rochester Hills, and I prove them wrong everyday that I work together with my employees, local officials and the community to make our city a better place," Barnett said.

During the lecture, he asked the audience to raise their hands if they trusted their doctor, most did. It was the same for their professors.

But when asked if they trusted politicians, attendees were silent and still.

"It's easy to make promises, but what might seem like a good way to earn votes now might destroy your integrity as a politician later. That's something that's almost impossible to get back, so be honest to yourself and to the people in your life that you influence and care about," Barnett said.

For a complete schedule of CSA's planned leadership events, go to www4.oakland.edu/?id=25&sid=29.

POLICEFILES

OUPD was called to the student apartments Sept. 29 to investigate suspicions of minors in possession of alcohol. Officers said there was a loud party. They tested about 15 people, and one student was arrested for a minor in possession. Police said she had red and watery eyes with intoxicated odors on her. She admitted to having one alcoholic drink and tested a 0.05.

OUPD responded to a medical emergency Sept. 26 when a student stated he was dizzy and then passed out in his next class. His professor said he fell and was out for about a minute. Auburn Hills Fire Department also responded. The student declined to go to the hospital.

OUPD responded Sept. 29 when a student said the window of his passenger rear door had been broken out. The offender had tried unsuccessfully to remove a Jensen system from the dashboard.

Burke lecture series to host Peter Singer

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

Professor Richard Burke has seen the many faces of Oakland University.

From being the first professor hired in 1957 to his donation of \$500,000 three years ago to create the annual "Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society," the now retired professor of philosophy has devoted much to the university.

This year, Burke and the College of Arts and Sciences are to host Princeton University Professor of bioethics Peter Singer Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

"Of the three lecturers we've had, Singer is the best known. I am a little surprised we were able to get him" Burke said.

Also, from 9:20 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 4 in the OC Gold Rooms, Singer is to answer students' questions.

Singer is active in the field of bioethics, practical ethics and animal rights, and he published "Animal Liberation" in the seventies.

Singer is known for his unconventional views on subjects such as euthanasia and suicide.

"He has made people angry with him at times," Burke said.

The Australian philosopher's talk at Oakland is entitled "Changing Attitudes toward the Sacredness of Human Life."

The lecture is to fit in with the College of Arts and Sciences' theme of Revolution by presenting a revolution

in human thinking.

Singer is to focus on the ethical debate surrounding sickly infants and terminally ill patients, in regards to whether or not individuals in such states should remain alive.

Burke clings to the idea involving "what makes human life special and what it is that we want to promote."

"Valuing not suffering unnecessarily — suffering that does nobody any good... the hardest cases are where the person can't express preferences because they are a baby or can't express preferences," Burke said.

And considering recent national stories, such as the Terri Shaivo case in 2005 and local actions by Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the topic is on the mind of many Americans.

And that fits into one of the original motivations of the lecture series: "demonstrate the relevance of philosophy to present day social problems."

As for Burke, there still are possible changes in the future for the series.

He said that he even has considered "the visitor do a mini-course that might last three days that the students can sign-up for, instead of going to their regular classes."

Names that have been thrown around for possible future lectures include Daniel Dennett, professor of philosophy at Tufts University, and Richard Dawkins, author of "The God Delusion."

But for Burke, the ultimate philosophical lecture would be from Socrates "because I think he is the one who should get the credit for trying to put ethics on a rational basis for the first time."

Reservations for the Burke lecture series' hosing of Peter Singer's Thursday lecture can be made by calling 248-370-2650.

Students also can stop by the OC Gold Rooms Friday morning.



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Not another 'B' flick

The buzz on Jerry Seinfeld's new movie

By SARA KANDEL
Scene and Mix Editor

He conquered the comedy world with his stand-up then piled up top reviews with his sitcom. Now Jerry Seinfeld is aiming for similar success on the big screen as a bee in the new animated movie, "Bee Movie."

When Seinfeld, accidentally stumbled upon the right idea for an animation, he had to do it his way, which involved first writing the script then acting the role.

According to Seinfeld, who met with media at a presentation in Novi, Mich., he came up with the idea for "Bee Movie" trying to fill an awkward silence while at dinner with Steven Spielberg.

Spielberg liked the idea so much that he put a call in to his friend, the head of DreamWorks Animation, Jeffrey Katzenberg. The next day Seinfeld got a call from Katzenberg.

Four years after writing and production began, "Bee Movie" will finally make it to the big screen.

As for the humor Seinfeld says he wrote it for adults, but kids like it.

"I don't think people give children quite the credit that they deserve for picking up on what's funny, and even certain things that they don't understand they recognize when it's funny," Seinfeld said.

Seinfeld, while seemingly funny and down-to-earth, comes across also as a perfectionist, admitting it took animators many takes before they were able to create the characters he had envisioned.

"It just wasn't quite right until we got that guy, and I said 'yup, that's the guy, he's funny,'" Seinfeld said. "I can't explain it but you know it when you see it"

Viewers will see a bee, Barry B. Benson, who is weary of life in the hive, and looking for an adventure.

In New Hive City, after a bee graduates it's off to work in the honey business at Honex, and at Honex there are many jobs to choose from.

The only catch is, after a bee chooses he must remain in that position for life, no upgrading or changing — one job with the same duties for life, and of course no days off.

In an attempt to evade his destiny Barry ventures out of the hive, where through a series of silly events he ends up in the apartment of Vanessa, voiced by Renee Zellweger.

Vanessa saves Barry's life and Barry breaks the cardinal rule of New Hive City and thanks her.

Seinfeld said he knew right away that he wanted Zellweger to play the role of Vanessa.

"Renee is like this beautiful violin that can play any note," Seinfeld said.

Barry's mission in life becomes clear when he discovers humans are stealing honey from the bees and using it to make a profit.

With Vanessa and the bee world beside him, Barry takes suit against the honey industry.

Oprah Winfrey, another friend



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Seinfeld was in Novi at a press conference promoting his new movie.

of Seinfeld's, voices the judge, who rules on Barry's side.

Their success in court doesn't equate to happiness when after the honey is returned, the bees stop working. The halt in production has far-reaching and devastating ecological effects and Barry must save the day.

In addition to Winfrey the movie has guest appearances by Ray Liota and Sting as themselves.

Mathew Broderick plays Barry's best friend Adam. Chris Rock plays Mooseblood, a mosquito on his way to Alaska in search of moose blood. John Goodman plays the role of the opposing lawyer in court. Kathy Bates and Barry Levinson voice Barry's parents.

Also listen for Rip Torn, Megan Mullally and Larry Miller.

Bee Movie opens in theaters Nov. 2, 2007.



Photo courtesy of Allied Entertainment

"Bee Movie" featuring the voices of Jerry Seinfeld, Oprah Winfrey and Renee Zellweger, hits theaters November 2007.

Coincidence?

Notice anything strange about the story line? Maybe that some of the events seem strikingly similar to the real life events that happened in the past four years.

According to agriculture scientists, Colony Collapse Disorder, CCD, causes bees to leave their hives for no known reason and die. This causes problems for crop and flower production. When the bees leave their hive they stop making honey and die, in turn they quit pollinating flowers.

Many produce industries in the U.S. depend primarily on bees for pollination. A few that depend most heavily on bees include the apple, orange, almond and blueberry industries.

Seinfeld thinks it is an interesting coincidence and said, "I didn't steal it." He began writing the movie in the fall of 2003 before CCD had mainstream media attention.

"The whole story completely follows the events of Colony Collapse Disorder," said Seinfeld. "It totally freaked us out. We thought we wrote this as a fantasy and it's occurring, it's actually taking place now."

Foo album offers variety and quality

By C.L. NELSON
Lead Adds Manager

With the release of their sixth studio album, "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace," the Foo Fighters have managed to make a jump up on The Billboard's Hot 100.

Averaging a rating of 4 1/2 stars on iTunes, fans and critics alike are saying that this could be their best album since their 1997 release of "The Colour and The Shape."

This is the first album produced with Gil Norton since then.

While "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace" may be the best musical quality and variety listeners have heard from The Foo Fighters in a while, it is not just a second version of their '97 album.

Staying true to their signature sound, the Foo Fighters deliver a solid album of melodic guitars, haunting lyrics and dynamic energy.

The album blends a more mature sound of various musical elements incorporating rock 'n' roll guitars, acoustic melodies and, every once in a while, the piano.

"Cheer Up Boys (Your Makeup is

Running)" along with "Let it Die" may be two future singles. Both are upbeat and easy to listen to.

"Hearts Gone Cold and Hands are Tied. Why'd you have to go and let it die?" Grohl sings before the beat takes off in "Let it Die."

"The Ballad of Beaconsfield Miners" reminds us that the band has musicality, not just angry guitars.

Reminiscent of blue grass, the lyricless ballad showcases the band's craftsmanship on their guitars.

This album reminds listeners that while The Foo Fighters own a distinct sound, they are capable of playing other things.

Capturing beautiful melodies on the piano, The Foo Fighters write lyrics that people can relate to.

"We got by, though we never needed much. A sliver of hope, no diamond rings. We got high, it was heaven it was hell," sings Grohl in "Statues."

With a solid repertoire of standout tracks and musical craftsmanship, there is no room for filler music on this album. One solid song after another, The Foo Fighters really deliver on "Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace."

Exploring the calm of commotion

By OLIVIA OLSON
Contributing Reporter

It's challenging to find an instrument that is not featured on Iron and Wine's newest, and arguably most ambitious, album, "The Shepherd's Dog."

Some aspects of the album are remarkably consistent and are present on every track, including solidly poetic lyrics, omnipresent tambourine, and never less than a handful of vocal tracks.

However, due to the vast variety of musical genres and instrumentation, to be bored by this album is to be deaf to it.

The sitar on the first two opening tracks, "Pagan Angel and a Borrowed Car" and "White Tooth Man," creates a jingly-jangly sound reminiscent of 60s era pop, except the lyrics are as sophisticated as one would expect from lead singer Sam Beam.

Next is "Buzzard," showcasing a more mellow, acoustic approach. Just when you think this is a return to the folky sound

Iron and Wine have become affiliated with, the organ chimes in, giving the song a effervescent tone that distinguishes it from the rest.

There is an effortless transition to "Carousel", which is remarkable in that the cautious instrumentation and warbling vocals work to create an unsteady, cloud-like transience that is perfectly appropriate to the subject matter.

"Peace Beneath the City" is another track that uses the music to further the imagery of the lyrics; the instruments moan under the weight of the social commentary.

The most remarkable moment on the album is the grand fusion of genres on "Wolves," which combines a reggae beat, a psychedelic guitar and pop vocals with lyrics that are distinctive to Beam alone.

In representing so many different kinds of music in one track, Iron and Wine does the paradoxical and creates a wholly genreless song, which should excite all music lovers in its irrefutable originality.

Do you know the 'Woodie'?

By LINDSEY WOJCIK
You Editor

While MTV fills its airwaves with reality TV shows like the "The Hills" and "Celebrity Rap Superstar," its affiliate mtvU allows college students the opportunity to explore emerging artists on the college music scene.

mtvU is dedicated to giving college students a voice, mtvU hosts the "Woodie Awards," which honor the music college students love.

In order to get college students involved in the "Woodies," mtvU allowed student editors to help submit their nominees.

"We went out to the music editors as part of our college media network — over 500 newspapers — and gave them the opportunity to submit their nominees," Stephen Friedman, general manager of mtvU said.

"Woodie" categories are much like those of the "Video Music Awards." "Woodie of the Year," "Best Video Woodie," "Alumni Woodie," and "Viral Woodie" are among the nine categories

college students can vote on.

Common, Amy Whitehouse, Lily Allen, Gym Class Heroes and The Shins round out the nominees for "Woodie of the Year."

James Mercer, lead vocalist of The Shins said it would be great to win "Woodie of the Year." The Shins are also nominated for "Alumni Woodie" and "Viral Woodie."

"This is just rad to be mentioned like this," Mercer said. "It's cool. It may be the coolest because it's exactly where you want to strike."

"It's that period of time, going to a university, where I really got deeply moved by music," Mercer said. "It really became something that was a driving force in my life, so it's really cool that we're so in the consciousness of university students."

To view the list of other nominees and to cast your vote, go to www.mtvu.com. Voting ends Nov. 2, and the 2007 "mtvU Woodie Awards" will premiere on mtvU and mtvu.com Nov. 18 at 12:30 a.m.

Oakland University

KEEPER OF THE DREAM AWARD

NOMINATION OR SELF-NOMINATION FORM

The Keeper of the Dream Award was established in January 1993 to recognize Oakland University continuing undergraduate students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 are available to students who have demonstrated strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and in promoting interracial understanding. The awards are presented publicly each year at the annual Keeper of the Dream Celebration. Scholarships will be distributed evenly during the fall and winter terms.

Nominees must possess all of the following: current cumulative grade-point average of 3.0, demonstrated campus involvement, record of responsible citizenship, and be enrolled a minimum of 12 credits each term for fall 2008 and winter 2009 semesters.

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2. In an essay of 500 words or less, please describe how you have made a positive impact to improve interracial understanding within the Oakland University community. Your essay should be clear, concise, double-spaced and typewritten.
3. Attach three (3) verifiable letters of nomination or support from members of the Oakland University community (faculty, staff or student) who can address your work at Oakland University on interracial/multicultural issues.
4. Each qualified applicant will be required to complete a brief interview with the selection committee.

For additional information, please contact the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, 134 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4404. All nominations are due by October 12, 2007.

Return completed nomination packet to: Michelle Southward, assistant director, 134 North Foundation Hall.

How do urban legends get started?



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"BOREDOM — PEOPLE LIKE TO SPRUCE UP TRUE STORIES AND ELABORATE THEM. KIND OF LIKE THAT GAME, TELEPHONE."

KEIA TERREL
SOPHOMORE, NURSING



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"THEY PROBABLY START TO HELP US USE COMMON SENSE OR TO TEACH LESSONS."

CLAYTON SMITH
SOPHOMORE,
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"PEOPLE TRY TO EXPLAIN THINGS BY MAKING UP STORIES — OR MAYBE FOR ATTENTION."

JESSICA BAWKER
FRESHMAN, LINGUISTICS

What not to do when real life begins to resemble an urban legend...

1. RUN UP A FLIGHT OF STAIRS TO ESCAPE A PSYCHOPATHIC KILLER
2. GO OUTSIDE ALONE TO CHECK ON AN EERIE NOISE
3. LOOSE YOUR VIRGINITY
4. SEPARATE FROM YOUR FRIENDS
5. FALL ASLEEP DURING YOUR TURN ON 'WATCH'
6. TAKE THE 'SHORT CUT' THROUGH THE WOODS WHEN DRIVING IN AN AREA YOU DON'T KNOW
7. STOP IMMEDIATELY FOR THE UNMARKED COP CAR PULLING YOU OVER ON A DESERTED ROAD

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Campus Legends

By NICK DEGEL
Senior Reporter

Urban legends are everywhere in American society's folklore, and OU is no exception. Here are some stories passed on over the years.

The Kidney Thieves

One night at a party, a freshman college student is seduced by a beautiful upperclassman. They have a great time but, unbeknownst to the young man, she drugs his beer when he's looking the other way.

The next morning, the man wakes up in a bathtub full of ice. Next to the tub sits a phone with a sign taped to it stating, "CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY OR YOU WILL DIE!"

The freshman finds out in the hospital that both his kidneys were stolen, likely to be sold on the black market.

Despite its popularity this story proves to be false.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/ The Oakland Post

Fueled By Ramen?

Having spent most of his money for the school year in one month, a student devises a plan to get his finances back on track. He drives to a wholesale store and buys a year's worth of Ramen, three meals a day until finals in the spring.

The plan is such a success that the student decides to repeat it until graduation.

His system, however, begins to react to a lack of vitamin C. Near the end of his third year he is rushed to the hospital with the first reported case of scurvy in 130 years.

*Scurvy has been reported as recently as 1967, but it is an extremely rare disease since vitamin C deficiency would practically have to be self-inflicted in modern times.

As scary as it seems this one actually comes from fact- so make sure to get all your food groups.

Good Boy! Now Roll Over

One year, a large lecture hall psychology class decided to perform an experiment on their professor.

Using Facebook to pass the word along, the entire class devised a plan to train the professor to stand only near the wastebasket while teaching.

Whenever the professor would wander from the wastebasket, the class would begin to chat and make noise, only to stop again when he returned to their chosen spot.

The experiment was so successful that the class eventually trained the professor to enter the classroom, turn the wastebasket upside down, and

teach the course while standing on top of it.

This one has yet to be proven true but there is only one way to find out if it works...

Is This a Lecture Hall or a Fortress?

Ever wonder about the odd layout of Varner Hall? Legend offers a couple reasons for this. It was first suspected that Varner was designed to prevent student takeovers.

During the Vietnam War, there were many examples of students taking over campus buildings in order to hold large scale protests.

With its halls that lead to nowhere and its tiny windows, taking over Varner Hall would be next to impossible.

However, the confusing layout could have more to do with a builder's error. It is rumored that the plans were read backwards, a mistake that went unnoticed until it was too late.

Stuck with the results, new students will likely always comment that something looks "weird" about the front entrance of Varner.

Check out these and more urban legends at snopes.com. As for the last, prior to publication a conversation was overheard between a professor and student about the odd layout and shape of Varner Hall and it was concluded that it was likely built to prevent a student takeover based on the time and style in which it was constructed.

What is the scariest urban legend?



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"SOMEONE HIDING IN THE BACK SEAT OF YOUR CAR IN A GAS STATION."

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"POP ROCKS AND PEPSI"

YAKOLA ROBERSON
JUNIOR, MLS



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/ The Oakland Post

"GANG INITIATION WHERE THEY FOLLOW YOU HOME AND YOU FLASH YOUR LIGHTS AT THEM."

CHRIS OKEN
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Government shutdown ends, taxes rise

By TIM MARTIN and DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press Writers

The state Legislature agreed early Monday to raise the income tax and expand the sales tax to services in a deal with the governor that quickly ended a partial state government shutdown.

Applause broke out in Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office when the final vote was announced at 4:18 a.m. The deal prompted Granholm to call off the partial shutdown of government that began at 12:01 a.m.

"This budget agreement is the right solution for Michigan," Granholm said in a statement. "We prevented massive cuts to public education, health care and public safety while also making extensive government reforms and passing new revenue. With the state back on solid financial footing, we can turn our focus to the critical task of jump-starting our economy and creating new jobs."

Granholm signed a 30-day extension of Michigan's budget that technically expired at midnight. The continuation budget keeps government running.

The Legislature agreed to raise Michigan's income tax rate from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent and expand the 6 percent sales tax to some services. Granholm signed both measures. Structural changes to state government — including the management of teacher and other public employee benefits — also are part of the package.

The tax increases should erase most of a projected \$1.75 billion deficit in Michigan's next budget. The final budget for the new fiscal year will include \$440 million in spending cuts, including no inflationary funding increase for public universities and community colleges, Granholm said.

The Republican-led Senate finished passing the package at the end of a draining, marathon session that covered parts of three days. Members of the Democratic-controlled House stopped voting and left the chamber before 4 a.m. since the only key vote related to the deal remained in the Senate.

Michigan already has the nation's highest unemployment rate — 7.4 percent in August — and just went through a two-day strike involving the United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. Disrupting services from state parks to road construction risked further upsetting an already unsettled public.

But Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd said the months-long debate over Michigan's new budget is about defining the state's future and making sure enough money was available to support education, public safety and health care.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said he was disappointed that taxes are going up but added that Republicans successfully pushed for spending cuts and government restructuring changes.

"It's been a long, long couple of days," he said. "We're coming out of this having

been through a lot, and I think we're better for it."

Without a budget deal in place, 35,000 of the state's roughly 53,000 workers would have been barred from going to work Monday morning and all state services except those needed to protect health and safety would've halted.

Employee paychecks would have been reduced to reflect any hours missed because of a shutdown, but Granholm asked them all to report to work as usual Monday. The state last withheld some employee paychecks in 1959, when a cash-starved state budget resulted in what became known as the Payless Payday crisis.

"It's always tough in a recession to look at doing a revenue increase," said House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford. "But I think it was clearly unavoidable. We also need reforms, and we are getting substantial reforms as part of this agreement."

Some of the toughest votes were for tax increases, especially in the Republican-led Senate.

The Senate split 19-19 twice, forcing Lt. Gov. John Cherry to cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the income tax bill and expanded sales tax to cover some services.

The sales tax would not apply to tickets to sporting and entertainment events or accounting services. But businesses and consumers would pay the tax on ski tickets, administrative and investment services, consultants, warehousing and

storage, interior design, commercial landscaping and janitorial services, among other services.

Raising the state's income tax to 4.35 percent will raise an additional \$765 million for the state. The income tax bill is written so the rate will gradually drop back to 3.9 percent between 2011 and 2015.

Extending the sales tax to some services starting Dec. 1 will bring in an estimated \$614 million for the 10 months remaining in the fiscal year at that point, or about \$750 million annually, state Treasurer Robert Kleine said.

Rep. Craig DeRoche of Novi, the top Republican in the House, said he didn't want a government shutdown or higher taxes.

"I think it sets back Michigan's economy," he said.

The House and Senate also approved a controversial measure that would change the way some teacher and state worker health benefits are determined — a tough vote for many Democrats and some Republicans because it will affect an insurance affiliate of the Michigan Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union.

Political posturing over votes, with an eye toward the 2008 and 2010 elections, slowed down the process of getting a deal in place. Some vulnerable Democrats had resisted voting for a tax increase, while some Republicans worried they could face recalls if they supported a tax increase.

Local coffeehouse chain to change name to Biggby's

By KATEY MEISNER

Contributing Reporter

Due to the derogatory connotation associated with the word "beaner," Beaner's Coffee, a coffeehouse chain based in Lansing, Mich., will soon be known as Biggby's Coffee.

Effective Sept. 15, Robert Fox, CEO and co-founder of Beaner's Coffee, officially changed the name of the largest 100 percent operator-owned retail coffee franchise in the United States.

The term "beaner," originating from the term "bean-eater," has sparked some controversy among the Hispanic community.

Fox said in his press release that he was unaware of the ethnic slur when the

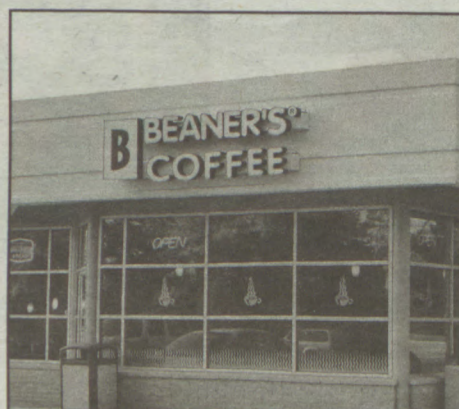
company was founded in March 1995, and was named with the coffee bean in mind.

The company, the third-largest retail coffee chain in the Midwest, will change in name only. The menu, as well as the trademark big "B" will remain.

To exhaust current supplies, changes in signage and logos on the merchandise aren't expected to be complete until Jan. 31, 2008.

The company will have invested nearly \$1 million to re-brand its 77 franchises by the time the changeover is complete.

The controversy has sparked a multitude of opinions among staff members as well as regulars of the coffeehouse.



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Beaner's Coffee Auburn Hills location. Beaner's Coffee will soon be known as Biggby's in order to avoid an ethnic slur.

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The great divide

Defending club hockey champs open season 1-1

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

ROCHESTER/DEARBORN—As reigning ACHA DI national champions, the last thing Oakland University's hockey team wanted to do was kick off their season with a loss, but that's exactly what happened last weekend.

A win just wasn't in the cards for the Golden Grizzlies in their home opener Friday night. Following an emotional banner-raising ceremony celebrating last season's national championship, Oakland fell 5-4 to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a team they beat soundly en route to the championship.

A U-M Dearborn goal 34 seconds in put a damper on the evening, and the Grizzlies never recovered.

Matt Kowalczyk tied the game 1-1 in the first when he scored his first goal as a Grizzly after transferring from the University of Denver's ACHA Division II team.

"Out West, the hockey's a little bit different," said Kowalczyk. "Michigan hockey is, I think, the best in the nation, so coming back home to where I grew up is definitely a good change of scenery for me."

Then, the penalty minutes started racking up for the Grizzlies in the first period and the Wolves capitalized twice on 5-on-3 power plays.

"I feel bad for the people who came to watch us because it wasn't even hockey. It was constant penalties," said head coach Sean Hogan.

Steve Piccoli would try to close the gap in the second period when he scored a power play marker, but U-M Dearborn responded with one of their own and another 5-on-3 to put the game out of reach once more.

The third period then turned into the Brent Cooper Show. Cooper notched a short-handed goal when he caught a breakaway, reminiscent of short-handed goals scored last season.

Cooper was awarded a penalty shot with 49.2 seconds remaining.

Following the breakaway minutes before, he had no trouble converting to

put Oakland within a goal.

The Grizzlies then went on the power play after Cooper's penalty shot and pulled goaltender Collin Chase, giving them two extra attackers, but were unable to force overtime.

The first two periods of the following night's game in Dearborn played out much the same as Friday, only in Oakland's favor.

The Wolves got on the board first, but Oakland responded with five straight goals.

Tony Yearego scored his first goal, Piccoli scored twice and Jesse Worrell had the first of two goals on the night, while Cooper added another.

After allowing two U-M Dearborn goals, Worrell rounded out the scoring for Oakland in the third. U-M Dearborn would squeeze one more in before the buzzer, but the Grizzlies escaped with the 6-4 victory.

"Saturday was a lot better because we played more of our game plan," said Hogan. "Friday night, we were very individual and were out of position a lot. We had a lot of jitters and nervousness, but Saturday, we buckled down."

Piccoli finished the night with four points (2G, 2A), putting him as the leading scorer on the team.

"I've got the 'A' now, so I've got to step up my game," Piccoli said, referring to his position as assistant captain. "Now my role is to put the puck in the net, so hopefully I can continue and have a couple more four point nights."

Despite splitting the weekend series, it might be too soon to write off Oakland as a one-season wonder in Division I.

"The year we went 33-3, we started the season 1-2," Hogan said. "You can't get too down on one loss in the beginning of the season, it's not going to make or break our season."

Up Next

The Golden Grizzlies take on Washington and Jefferson Oct. 5-6 at 8:40 p.m. Both games will be played at the Onyx in Rochester.



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post
Freshman Kevin Kranker prepares to send the puck sailing down the ice against the U-M Dearborn Wolves Friday night.

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Steve Piccoli
Men's Hockey

Year: Senior
Major: Business Management
and Criminal Justice

Piccoli had two goals and two assists to lead the Golden Grizzlies to a 6-4 victory over Michigan-Dearborn last Saturday night



Joe Burba/Oakland University Hockey

Sebby strikes again

Oakland Soccer loses to Michigan, wins conference opener

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — Men's soccer head coach Gary Parsons made the proper adjustments in the second half, but Oakland's less-than-stellar first half against 14th ranked Michigan was detrimental to the overall cause last Wednesday in a 2-0 loss.

Playing without junior defender Ian Daniel, who was serving a one-game suspension for a red card in the previous game against Western Michigan, Oakland's defense had some misfires and Michigan made Oakland pay for those mistakes.

The Wolverines' first goal came from Tex McCullough when he found the back of the net on a pass from Mauro Fuzzetti in the eighth minute.

Ten minutes later, in the 18th minute, Wolverine Steve Bonnell got himself wide open at the top of the goalie box and drilled a shot in from 20 yards out on another pass from Fuzzetti.

The goals were McCullough's and Bonnell's first goals of the season.

"We didn't come out with a high enough intensity. Our back line came out too soft on their front line; we made some mistakes including a bad header in the first half that caused a counter attack goal," Parsons said.

Senior defender Adam Brent, sophomore Stew Givens and sophomore Brennan Rees locked down on Michigan on the defensive end in the second half,

but the Golden Grizzlies were unable to recover from their first half mishaps.

Junior goalkeeper Steve Clark made a brilliant save late in the second half and senior midfielder Philip MacDonald stopped the second rebound attempt by U-M.

Clark was challenged all game long and came up with seven saves.

Parsons had a mixed reaction to Clark's performance, however.

"You know there was some good and some bad [moments in the game]; he came out for a couple balls and they went through his hands. He's a good keeper and you don't expect that to happen," Parsons said.

Oakland rebounded Saturday, with a solid performance to open up Summit League action with a 1-0 victory over Western Illinois.

Sophomore Sebby Harris continued his stellar season by netting the only goal of the game for Oakland. The goal was Harris' fourth of the season and fifth of his collegiate career.

The goal was assisted by Piotr Nowak.

Clark rebounded from the Michigan game to shut out Western Illinois, making five saves. It was Clark's second shutout in his last three games and his third shutout overall on the season.

Next up, Oakland will take on Dayton Wednesday at 7 p.m. in a non-conference game. The Golden Grizzlies return home this Saturday for a Summit League match up against Oral Roberts University Saturday at 1 p.m.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Oakland forward Sebby Harris (seen here against Michigan last week) scored the lone goal of the game against Western Illinois in the conference opener on Saturday. Harris leads the Golden Grizzlies with four goals this season.

MEN'S SOCCER NEWS AND NOTES

Oakland is 1-2-3 against Dayton since joining Division I. The teams have not met since 2003 when the Golden Grizzlies tied the Flyers 1-1. Dayton has had a solid season thus far in 200. They are 5-1-2 overall and 3-0 at home.

The Summit League announced on Monday that forward Sebby Harris was named offensive player of the week and goalkeeper Steve Clark named defensive player of the week for the conference.

Junior forward Piotr Nowak has had excellent success passing the ball this season. Nowak already has a career high five assists this year. Nowak's previous career high was two assists in each of the last two seasons.

Oakland will match up against Oral Roberts on Saturday. The Golden Grizzlies lost 2-0 against the Golden Eagles on the final game of the season last year.

— Rob Tate, Assistant Sports Editor

St. Louis to re-join team Oct. 27

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — After Oakland's game last Wednesday against Michigan, men's soccer head coach Gary Parsons commented on a need for more offense from his team this season.

Parsons has used different combinations up top so far, including Sebby Harris, Endre Osnes, Piotr Nowak, Michael Reyes and Ron Dewberry, amongst others.

"We as a team are going to struggle to manufacture a lot of goals in the flow play because we are limited going forward right now," Parsons said.

Help may be on the way, however.

The Golden Grizzlies have been missing their top scorer from last season, Stephan St. Louis, due to his eligibility and his participation during the off sea-

son with his home country of Trinidad and Tobago's U-20 team.

Parsons said last week that St. Louis will re-join the team at the end of the regular season.

"He will be eligible to play the last three games of the regular season," Parsons said.

The last three games of the season consist of conference games at home against IUPUI Oct. 27 and on the road at UMKC Nov. 10. Oakland also hosts non-conference foe, Akron, which is a home game on Oct. 30 that will be played at Ultimate Sports Arena in Pontiac.

St. Louis provides the team with better opportunities up on the offensive front.

Three of his four goals last season were game winners. St. Louis also was on the Mid-Con All Conference second team last season.



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Kristi Tomczyk (10) scores Oakland's first goal of the game in the 31st minute against Illinois State last Sunday. Oakland tied the Red Birds 2-2 in the non-conference match.

Tomczyk, Hartwig help Oakland to tie

By DAN TALLANT
Staff Intern

ROCHESTER — Coming off a 1-0 win over conference rival IUPUI Friday, the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies scored twice and battled to a 2-2 tie against Illinois State on Sunday after 110 minutes of play.

The game went into double overtime and could not produce a winning squad. "We played good enough to win," head coach Nick O'Shea said. "We had chances and did not capitalize."

Senior Kristi Tomczyk and freshman Meghan Hartwig each scored for the Grizzlies. Tomczyk's goal gives her a team-leading five goals and 11 points on the season.

Freshman Elizabeth Watza received the start after recording her first collegiate shutout Friday, making five saves in the effort.

Illinois State got ahead first, courtesy of senior Bethany Russ who slid one past Watza in the 17th minute of play.

In the 31st minute, Oakland tied the game up as junior Jessica Boyle got around two defenders and made a crossing pass to Tomczyk, who one-timed it from inside the box to bring Oakland back at an even mark with the Redbirds.

From there, the Golden Grizzlies came out firing in the second half.

Tomczyk received a crossing pass from freshman Jamie Hulet just seven minutes into the half and sent the great opportunity just wide.

Oakland wouldn't stop there, as freshman Cara Duffy came up the right side of the field and made a pass to Hartwig who easily scored and put the Grizzlies up 2-1.

The Redbirds, however, stormed right back and forced Oakland's goalkeeper to make a huge save at the other end.

In the 74th minute, the game was knotted up as Illinois State was awarded a corner kick and sophomore Ammanda Wisniewski capitalized on a

rebound that was not effectively cleared out by the Golden Grizzlies.

The game reached 90 minutes with no winner. The game headed to overtime where Oakland found itself in perfect position to win. A penalty kick was awarded as a result of a foul by the Redbird goalkeeper, Katie Grill-Donovan.

Kristi Evans took the shot for the Grizzlies and sent it whistling wide right.

The penalty kick was the last strong offensive threat of the game as the 110-minute match ended in a stalemate.

"We're going to reorganize the way we play so that we can capitalize on chances," O'Shea said.

The Golden Grizzlies host Summit League rival Oral Roberts on Friday at 4 p.m. Oakland is 3-6-1 on the season and 2-2 in the Summit League.

TSL Women's Soccer Leaderboard

Goals —

1. Shakira Duncan, ORU, 8
2. Brittany O'Neal, CC, 6
3. Kristi Tomczyk, OAK, 5
4. Katelyn Wisner, WIU, 4
4. Keeley Murray, WIU, 4
4. Michelle Martinez, NDSU, 4
4. Bess Rapp, WIU, 4

Assists —

1. Kellyn Farrell, SDSU, 5
2. Robyn Ruypers, WIU, 4
3. Britanny O'Neal, CC, 3
3. Michelle Martinez, NDSU, 3
3. Emily Gagnon, ORU, 3
3. Marissa Ranberger, ORU, 3
7. Jessica Boyle, OAK, 2

2007-08 Men's Basketball TV Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 24
@ Michigan State
4 p.m. on the
Big Ten Network

Wednesday, Dec. 12
@ University of
Michigan
4 p.m. on the
Big Ten Network

Saturday, Jan. 12
vs. Oral Roberts
Noon on
Fox Sports Detroit

Saturday, Dec. 1
vs. Bowling Green
4 p.m. on
Fox Sports Detroit

Saturday, Dec. 22
vs. Oregon
(at the Palace of
Auburn Hills)
4 p.m. on ESPNU

Thursday, Feb. 21
vs. IUPUI
7:30 p.m. on
Fox Sports Detroit

OU ready for closeup

BY SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Oakland University's men's basketball team has made quite an impression these past few seasons.

In 2005, they walked away with a Mid-Con championship title and an automatic bid to the Big Dance, where they lost to the eventual champion, the University of North Carolina. I

In 2007, they ranked second in the conference and went all the way to the Mid-

Con championship game against nemesis Oral Roberts with a showdown on ESPN.

Apparently, television bigwigs have seen the potential in this Golden Grizzly team and want a piece of the black and gold pie.

This season, there will be six televised games, three locally on Fox Sports Detroit and three on the national scale, thanks to the Big Ten Network and ESPNU.

Check out the above sidebar for the complete TV schedule.

Blue-collar practice

Pistons goin' to work at the O'Rena

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Before hitting the hardwood for the 2007-08 season, the Detroit Pistons will kick off their training camp with an open practice at the O'Rena Thursday, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The event is free of charge for Oakland University students and fans alike.

Doors to the event will open at 5:30 p.m. Students can compete in a contest to win free textbooks for the winter semester. One male and one female will be chosen.

Practice will then begin at 6:30 p.m. with a scrimmage to follow. Attendees will also be able to watch the 2007-08 Automation dance team and cheer on Hooper, the Pistons mascot, and the Flight Crew.

"The open practice is a great event where our fans can come out and get a preview of this year's team," said Joe Dumars, Pistons President of Basketball Operations, in a press release. "Having the practice free to the public is a great way to kick off training

camp and get the community excited about the upcoming season."

For more information about the open practice, call (248) 377-0100 or visit the Pistons official Web site.

Upcoming Detroit Pistons events

Monday, Oct. 8

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Thursday, Nov. 1

First regular season tilt of the 2007-08 season, also against the Miami Heat

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CLUB SPORT SPOTLIGHT

Breaking away

*Billiards club open to
pool sharks, minnows alike*

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

Every club has to start somewhere, even if it's just a few guys sitting around and shooting pool, which is how the billiards club at Oakland University came about.

Now in its second season, president Michael Irwin has high expectations this time around.

"Last year was kind of experimental, we didn't get a lot done," said Irwin, who took over from vice president last season. "This year is much, much more productive."

You don't need to be a natural pool shark to join either, as long as you have an interest in playing.

The skill level ranges from beginners to advanced, but they utilize a system that makes it fun for everyone.

"It's a handicap pool league, so we don't count by games, but by the balls you have to make," said Vice President Russell Swanson.

The levels range from one to nine, with nine being the best player and one being the lowest. A level-three player, for example, would have to play multiple games until they make 36 balls and a level nine would have to make 100.

"It's all about the more advanced person making more balls than a

less advanced person, which makes it competitive from both angles," said Swanson.

The billiards club isn't all fun and games, either. Though the atmosphere is relaxed and members aren't required to show up every week (rather at their own convenience), there is always learning going on.

More advanced players like Irwin and Swanson give pointers and lessons to those just learning or hoping to advance their skills.

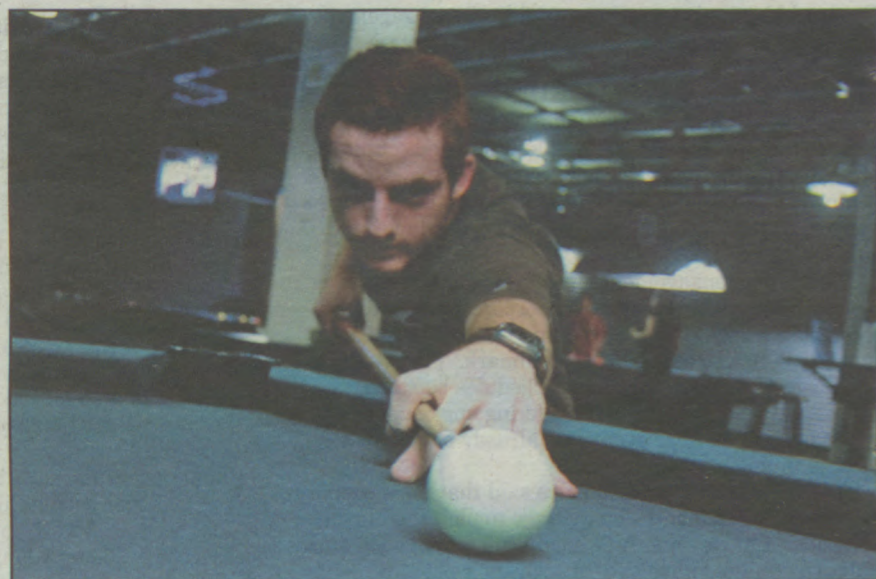
Last year, Oakland was represented by three members at the Association of College Unions International tournament in Athens, Ohio.

The ACUI is an amateur competition where college students from schools like University of Michigan and Kent State come to compete at the regional level and advance to the national and international competitions.

"U-M has a very prestigious billiards club, so we're trying to get together with them and do some school-to-school functions," Irwin said.

Because they are a club sport, the billiards club is always looking for ways to raise funds.

The billiards club is free to join and meets Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m. in Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the OC.



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Sophomore Kyle Moery sets up the perfect shot during a billiards club meeting. The club meets every Tuesday in Bumpers Game Room and you don't have to be the next Jeanette Lee to come play.

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Undergrad and engaged

For some OU students, being engaged or married can lead to a misunderstanding with peers

By STEVE STAEGER
Contributing Reporter

Senior Elisabeth Cuneo had a lot of work to do when finals time arrived at the end of the 2007 winter semester.

Besides finishing up last minute assignments and studying for exams, Cuneo, 22, had something else on her mind: her wedding, which was almost two months away.

"It was definitely hard...to finish up the planning," Cuneo said. "My classes are really important to me, so I did not let the wedding interfere."

Cuneo and her husband, Mike, got engaged in April 2006, after three years of dating since their senior year of high school. They were married June 8, 2007.

She said that a lot of her peers are shocked when they find out she is married at such an early point in her life.

"People assume that everyone waits until after college," Cuneo said.

But Cuneo isn't alone. She is one of many students at Oakland University wearing a wedding or engagement ring while still pursuing an undergraduate degree.

A search of the OU Facebook network found 545 students between the ages of 18 and 22 who are engaged or married while pursuing an undergraduate degree at OU.

It isn't all fantasy for engaged and married couples still working their way through college, though.

Money is tight for most college students, but it is even tighter for those considering getting engaged and married.

The average engagement ring costs \$2,000, according to the Hallmark Greeting Card Corporation. On top of that, the average cost of a wedding is between \$20,000 and \$25,000, also according to Hallmark.

College is also a time of busy schedules between school and work. Students considering engagement or marriage add another event into already busy schedules: planning a wedding.

The Hallmark Corporation also said that most couples take seven to 12 months on average to plan the big day.

Besides a money and time commitment, engaged and married students have to deal with their peers who may not identify with their situation.

"Everyone is single and talking about dating," said Cuneo. "I have a totally different life."



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

Some couples have an easier time than others when it comes to planning a wedding and balancing school work.

That lack of commonality also provides some awkward situations for Cuneo.

"If I'm at a bar, people still flirt with me," Cuneo said. "They probably don't even look at my hand and just see a young woman and go for it."

The lack of understanding also leads to a lot of criticism from peers.

Patrick and Jessica have been engaged for five months and asked not to have their last names printed.

The couple isn't planning their big day until after they both graduate, so the stress of planning a wedding isn't really getting to them too much at the moment.

But there seems to be a stigma that comes with their new engagement. Jessica said that people she talks to don't seem to understand her decision to be engaged.

"People's general reaction is that we are too young," Jessica said.

But Jessica said that she and Patrick, both 20, don't care what other people think or say.

"Just because we are young doesn't mean anything," Jessica said. "Being young doesn't make us love each other less than anyone else."

"We never question our choice," she said. "We are happy."

But interpersonal communication professor Beth Talbert said that there are many more challenges for younger couples who want to get married, especially during their college years.

"The problems for younger couples stem from their extremely busy lives," said Talbert. "College students get so busy and it gets harder and harder to allot time for each other."

Talbert said that if college couples want to take a chance and make that special commitment to each other, they have to learn to understand each other's schedules.

"The best piece of advice I've ever heard about relationships is that you can't expect them to be 50/50," Talbert said. "One day, one partner may only be able to put in 10 percent, that's when the other has to step in and pick up the other 90 percent."

Jessica has her own advice for couples in her situation.

"Don't let other people make you second-guess yourself," Jessica said. "If you are happy, no one should be able to take that away from you."

Stay fit without leaving your dorm room

Students don't need the gym with this convenient 15-minute workout

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

All Oakland University students are paid members of the Rec Center on campus and are free to use the facilities to stay in shape — or at least keep from getting anymore out of shape.

But when a student's life is so hectic that there isn't time for the ping-pong table — let alone the weight room, the "freshman 15" can become an underestimate.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

About 20 students participated in "15 Minute Dorm Workout," presented by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives.

"I'm a very busy person. I don't have time to go to the Rec," said Erica Moorer, a Peer Mentor from CMI.

"That's how a lot of us felt. So we were trying to do something where we'd get our heart pumping and get warmed up a little bit in our dorm room."

Beginning with a warm-up exercise/dance about which some students displayed reluctance, the program was passed on to Fitness Center employees, who led participants in several stretches.

Without stretching, cramps and tears are likely to result from exercise, accord-

ing to Fitness Center employee Dana Clyne. Even recovering from a potential fall on ice can be helped by being properly stretched because stretching increases your body's range of motion.

The program continued with a variety of exercises working both upper and lower body muscles.

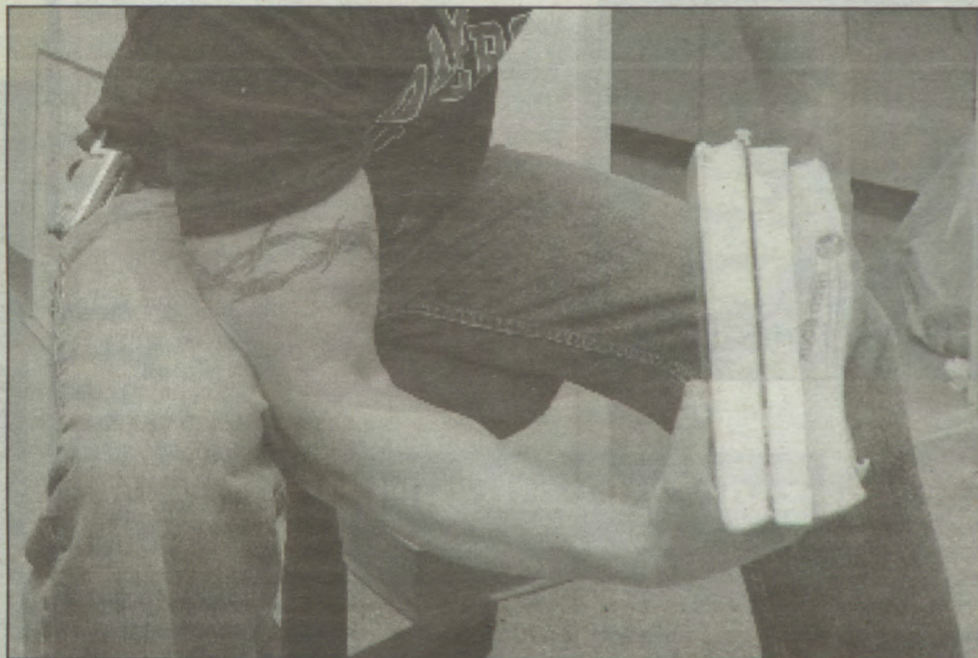
Freshman Candice Norwood said she would use the exercises from the program to supplement her routine.

"I'm a workout-aholic," said Norwood, a communication major. "I work out at the Rec every day anyway ... I'm really active."

"You can workout pretty much anywhere," said Clyne, who helped demonstrate the exercises. "You don't need a lot of equipment to do this sort of workout."

Moorer, a junior, said another goal of the program was to get students to eat healthy.

Tables were set up with bottles of water (also used as weights) and fruit. Names were drawn from a box, and prizes were given out, such as gift cards



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Use large water bottles or books as weights to shape up your arms without going to the gym.

for Meijer and Boston Market.

"Sometimes it's not as easy to eat healthy when no one's telling you what to do," Moorer said.

For more tips on how to stay fit without hitting the gym, visit www.fitness-magazine.com.

Exercises for the dorm-room-bound student

Bicep curls: Using large water bottles or books for weights, leave your upper arms at your sides and lift, bending at the elbow toward your chest. Immediately follow with front raises — keep your arms straight and lift the weights straight out in front of you, then return. Then do lateral raises, keeping your arms straight as you lift the weights directly out to your sides. Finish with overhead presses, lifting the weights from shoulder level to meet over your head.

Push-ups: Exhale when lowering yourself, inhale when raising. Keep your butt down and your back straight.

Lunges: Lower yourself to a crouch, one knee up, one against the ground. Stand back up, and repeat with the legs switched. Try to keep the knee that's up from extending past your toes to avoid damaging your ACL and ending up on crutches for months.

Planks: Hold a fully extended push-up position for 30 seconds to a minute keeping your abs tight and your spine aligned (look down, keep your back straight and your butt down).

Crunches: Avoid straining your neck when doing crunches. Make a fist with one hand, place it under your chin with the index finger against your chest and the pinkie against your chin. Place the other hand over the fist. Try to focus on one point on the ceiling.



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Freshman Margie Haghshenas demonstrates how to do lunges. Lunges are a great way to workout your hip muscles, glutes and thighs.



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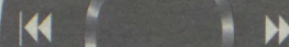
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Pioneer Food Court, OC

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9:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC

Tuesday, Oct 9
Remembering "The 70's"

"Disco Fever" Street Party
FREE 70's food, fun, crafts and entertainment
70's Karaoke on the OC Patio
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Remembering "The 80's"

Play 80's Games All Day
9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
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9:00-10:00 p.m.
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All Week
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Friday, Oct 12
Remembering "Y2K"

See a Digital Version of OU Student Time Capsule
Taste an International Coffee & Hot Chocolate Bar
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Block Party:
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Burglars, Butts and bras

Thieves have gotten odder and more creative over the years

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

Thievery is one of mankind's oldest pastimes.

It goes back to antiquity. Did you ever wonder why there isn't a patent for fire?

It was stolen too many times.

In fact, I could go as far as to assert that most everything, at one time or another, has been stolen.

Check your wallets now.

However, thieves, as a whole, have changed.

The invention of new technologies and products have provided much more to steal. From identity to laptops to online music, there are many fresh avenues an aspiring thief can take.

As a society, we have come a long way. Just 50 years ago, pick-pocketing was still *modus operandi* for robbers.

In this contemporary age, there have been some eccentric and trail-blazing crooks spearheading a more progressive form of stealing.

For instance, in June, Suzanne Butts was arrested in Iowa for stealing three rolls of toilet paper from a stall in the town courthouse.

She was caught smuggling the paper under her shirt by an employee of the courthouse.

She also had some **stuck to her shoe**, but officials waived this from the charge.

In Butts' defense, it was Charmin ultra-soft.

The bathroom bandit made the nation-

al novelty news because her last name is "Butts."

The pun, however, was unable to wipe Butts clean.

She was given a court date, where security hopefully removed the toilet paper before she used the bathroom.

Although inventive, I find the lavatory culprit missed her calling. With a last name of "Butts," the best thing to steal is a new identity.

Ironically, there is one positive Butts has going for her. She need not worry about her own identity being stolen. Honestly, who would steal the last name of Butts?

Considering **Larry Craig's** incident occurred in June as well, this summer will be remembered for its high restroom crime.

Another intriguing recent infringement of the law occurred Sept. 27, in Flagstaff, Ariz. when 350 bras were stolen from a Victoria's Secret.

Evidently, the free panty offers were not good enough.

I don't understand what type of motivation is behind such an action. I see this as true avant-garde thievery — stealing gourmet undergarments.

That's 350 bras, which translates to 700 individual breasts.

(Or toilet paper, if there are self-esteem issues. Perhaps it was Butts.)

Who needs that many? Does this person want a different bra for every day of the year?

Were Ali Baba and his 40 thieves shopping early for Sweetest Day? (I'm glad I avoided another bad pun with "Ali Bra-ba.")



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Due to the recent cup thievery, it is prudent to keep braziers under lock and key.

Is there a cross-dressing parade planned in the near future in Flagstaff? I can understand financial troubles — funds can run low when you have to buy twice the amount of clothes for yourself.

Or maybe it's the work of a C-cup **Robin Hood**, stealing from the rich and giving to the topless.

Regardless, according to security, the surveillance cameras filmed nothing suspicious and the store alarm did not go off.

At which point one wonders, what does it take for the alarm to go off? Three hundred fifty pieces of product, and still no beep?

What does it take — 500 panties? A thousand thongs? Hearing Victoria's Secret?

If 350 bras don't set off the alarm, there may be a minor security issue.

The estimated total value of the bras is \$15,000. Police believe the bras will most likely be sold at online auction sites.

I find it mind-boggling that there is online bidding for underwear. Why has the thought "I need some underwear; I'll check eBay" ever gone through the mind of anyone?

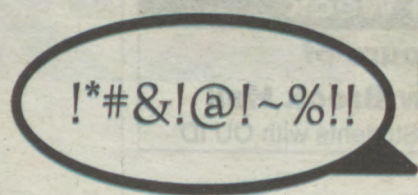
I really shouldn't have thrown away some of my old briefs. I could have given those Fruit of the Looms a new home.

Nonetheless, it's refreshing to see that although thievery has been around since the dawn of man, there are still ways to keep it invigorating and up with the times.

What we need are more cup culprits and two-ply shoplifters.

If only some of the old-school muggers would learn this lesson, the world would be less dangerous and much more funny.

All in all, I'd much rather hear "your boxers or your life."



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Math students cry wolf

By ALEX WIGGINS
Guest Columnist

Everyone has taken a math class. We all know how it feels.

For some reason, math classes are intrinsically accompanied by extensive whining. Oakland University is no exception — and may be worst than most.

There are countless grumblings for a variety of different reasons. The professors' accents, the impracticality of the subject matter and the high failure rate are common criticisms.

It's all an excuse — an excuse to place the blame on others.

Some students just don't want to put the extra effort in to crunch the numbers. The angst against algorithms and algebra is instead taken out on the system.

Students do not fully understand the full face of mathematics.

Firstly, mathematics is a language, not a science. The golden record on the Voyager probe used mathematics to define its concepts, because math is the universal language.

As a language, it is something that must be practiced to be understood. Anybody who didn't already know Cyrillic script wouldn't sit down with a book in Russian and expect to understand it immediately.

It takes time and work to get there, and mathematics is the same way.

Continuing in the analogy, no one would dream of complaining about the accented English of a French or German professor, as long as they were capable of teaching the language.

Why should it be any different for math? The professors really do know what they are talking about, and accents can be gotten used to.

The next complaint is the applicability of the subject. I do not, for a single second, believe that the majority of students need to know what the derivative of an exponential function is to go about their lives and excel in their work.

The point of teaching math of any sort is not the subject matter. The point, especially at a liberal arts school (read, The College of Arts and Sciences), is to teach a new approach to problem solving.

Math forces you to justify every step of every problem as logically acceptable. It forces you to attack the problems in smaller pieces that are manageable. It is highly applicable.

Going into computer science?

The mathematical model of thinking is precisely what makes good algorithms.

Going into law?

Math teaches you how to construct arguments out of the atomic units of information.

Going into engineering, psychology, or medicine?

Math lets you evaluate the data that is presented to you objectively, without having to take someone's word about their conclusions.

The last issue is the failure rate of the math classes.

Why are they so [expletive] hard?

The answer to this question is not as simple as the others, but it still exists.

Setting aside the fact that most students approach math as a necessary evil to graduate, as something of an abstract science with no real application, rather than a language and important tool for life, the reason that students fail is two-fold.

First, students are woefully under prepared.

This is not the fault of individuals, though individuals might do something to rectify it. This is in large part the fault of our educational systems.

High schools around the country are handing out diplomas to people who don't have the basic math skills necessary to balance a checkbook.

The second is that students are not taking advantage of the tools that are available to them.

The Academic Skills Center offers free tutoring in most general education courses, as well as most courses that have high failure rates.

The students that come in for tutoring regularly do better. This, of course, makes sense. Getting extra help improves your grades.

Moreover, in conjunction with the math department, the Academic Skills Center offers Supplemental Instruction on a bunch of courses (15 different courses, not counting sections in the Winter 2007 semester). However, students simply don't show up.

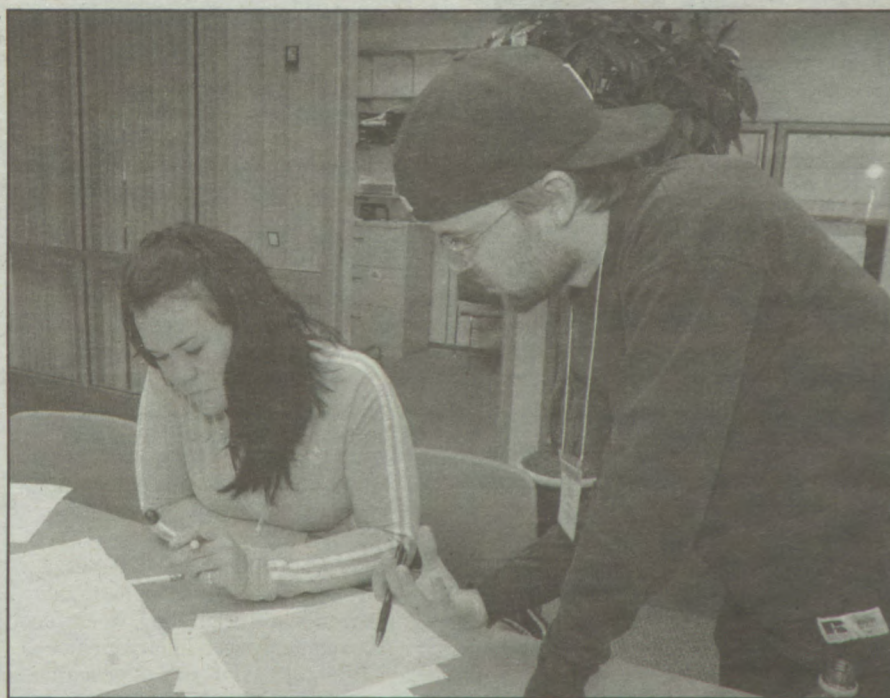
Out of the 56 students in one particular course that has a Supplemental Instruction section, only eight show up regularly, even though the professor is offering extra credit to attend.

Let me state this a little differently, so that we can see the ridiculousness of the complaints about the difficulty of the math courses.

Students are given the opportunity to get extra credit to do something that has been shown to improve the grades of participants, and they still aren't going.

Unless you are one of the people who is going to the Academic Skills Center and attending the Supplemental Instruction sessions, it's time to stop wasting energy complaining about the math classes at Oakland, and start studying for them instead.

(Alex Wiggins has a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics from OU and tutors in the Academic Skills Center.)



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Alex Wiggins takes time to spread the language of numbers to some responsible students.

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New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas speaks to the media following the jury decision in his sexual harassment lawsuit.

Jury: Thomas harassed former executive

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A jury decided Tuesday that New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas sexually harassed a former top team executive, subjecting her to unwanted advances and a barrage of verbal insults, but also said he does not have to pay punitive damages.

After an ugly, three-week trial, the verdict gives Thomas a partial victory in the \$10 million lawsuit filed by Anucha Browne Sanders.

The jury did find that Madison Square Garden committed harassment against the woman, and decided that she is entitled to punitive damages from MSG.

U.S. District Judge Gerard E. Lynch called it an "eminently reasonable" verdict and said the jury will be asked to return later Tuesday to hear brief arguments on punitive damages.

"I'm innocent, very innocent, and I did not do the things she has accused me in this courtroom of doing," Thomas said. "I'm extremely disappointed that the jury did not see the facts in this case."

Both Thomas and Madison Square Garden said they would appeal.

Browne Sanders, fired from her \$260,000 a year job in 2006, sued Thomas and Madison Square Garden. Her case presented the Garden as "Animal House" in sneakers, a place where nepotism, sexism, crude remarks and crass language were part of the culture.

The former Northwestern college basketball star characterized Thomas as a foul-mouthed lout who initially berated her as a "bitch" and a "ho" before his anger gave way to ardor, with Thomas making unwanted advances and encouraging her to visit him "off site."

Attorneys for Thomas and the Garden also portrayed Browne Sanders as incompetent and unable to adapt once the former Detroit Pistons star player arrived as the Knicks' president.

Taliban executes Afghan teenager

15-year-old boy hanged for having U.S. money

By NOOR KHAN
Associated Press Writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Taliban militants hanged a teenager in southern Afghanistan because he had U.S. money in his pocket, and they stuffed five \$1 bills in his mouth as a warning to others not to use dollars, police said Monday.

The 15-year-old boy was hanged from a tree on Sunday in Helmand, the most violent province in the country and the world's No. 1 poppy-growing region.

"The Taliban warned villagers that they would face the same punishment if they were caught with dollars," said Wali Mohammad, the district police chief in Sangin.

Dollars are commonly used in Afghanistan alongside the afghani, the local currency, although the U.S. currency is more commonly seen in larger cities where international organizations are found.

Militants often justify their attacks and executions as a response to U.S. meddling in Afghan affairs.

Violence has surged in Afghanistan in recent months. Last week alone violence killed more than 270, including 165 militants killed in two large battles in the south and 30 people killed in a suicide bombing on an army bus in Kabul.

The U.S. military launched a new "Most Wanted" campaign offering rewards of up to \$200,000 for information leading to the capture of 12 Taliban and al-Qaida leaders.

Posters and billboards are going up around eastern Afghanistan with the names and pictures of the 12, with reward amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000.

"We're trying to get more visibility on these guys like the FBI did with the mob," said Lt. Col. Rob Pollock, a U.S. officer at the main American base in Bagram. "They operate the same way the mob did,

they stay in hiding."

The list does not include internationally known names who already have large price tags on their heads, like al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden — who has evaded U.S. capture since 2001 despite a \$25 million bounty — or Taliban leader Mullah Omar with a \$10 million reward.

Instead, the list is filled with local insurgent cell leaders responsible for roadside- and suicide-bomb attacks.

President Hamid Karzai said he would be willing to meet personally with Taliban leader Mullah Omar and factional warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of Hezb-i-Islami, in exchange for peace.

On Sunday, Karzai's spokesman said there is "serious debate" among some Taliban fighters about laying down arms.

But the Taliban said international troops must first leave the country before any talks are held, a position mirrored by Hezb-i-Islami in an announcement Monday.



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South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, front left, waves as North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, front right, claps during welcoming ceremony for Roh in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007.

Leaders of North, South Korea meet

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il welcomed South Korea's president to Pyongyang displaying scant enthusiasm Tuesday while orchestrated crowds cheered the start of the second-ever summit between the divided Koreas since World War II.

The greeting was a stark contrast to the first North-South summit in 2000, when Kim greeted then-South Korean President Kim Dae-jung with smiles and clasped both his hands tightly in an emotional moment that softened the North Korean strongman's image to South Koreans and the world.

This time, Kim appeared reserved and unemotional, walking slowly and occasionally clapping lightly to encourage the crowd of thousands at the outdoor welcome ceremony, who waved red and pink paper flowers.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun appeared to revel in the moment, waving and smiling broadly.

Roh has said his goal at the summit is fostering peace between the North and South, which remain, technically, at war since a 1953 cease-fire halted the Korean War. However, he has not given any specifics about what he will propose or get in return, prompting criticism from conservatives at home that the summit is an ego trip for Roh, who is seeking to establish a legacy for his unpopular administration that ends in February.

Earlier during the 125-mile journey by road from Seoul, Roh stepped out of his vehicle to walk across the border that divides the Koreans in the center of the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone — the first time any Korean leader has crossed the land border.

Nation | World News Briefs

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The UAW reaches a tentative agreement with General Motors ending a brief strike.

9-27 | Nine people are killed and 11 injured after junta security forces open fire on protesters in Myanmar. Hundreds of Buddhist monks who lead protesters are arrested.

9-30 | The Topps Meat Company recalls 21.7 million pounds of frozen beef patties due to potential E. coli contamination. | Brett Favre throws his 421 touchdown, breaking the previous NFL record held by Dan Marino.

10-01 | University of Memphis football player Taylor Bradford was fatally shot on campus in what police believe was a targeted attack

New world record: stone skipped 51 times



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Russ Byars was recognized by Guinness World Records as the holder of the stone-skipping record for 51 times after a review of video evidence.