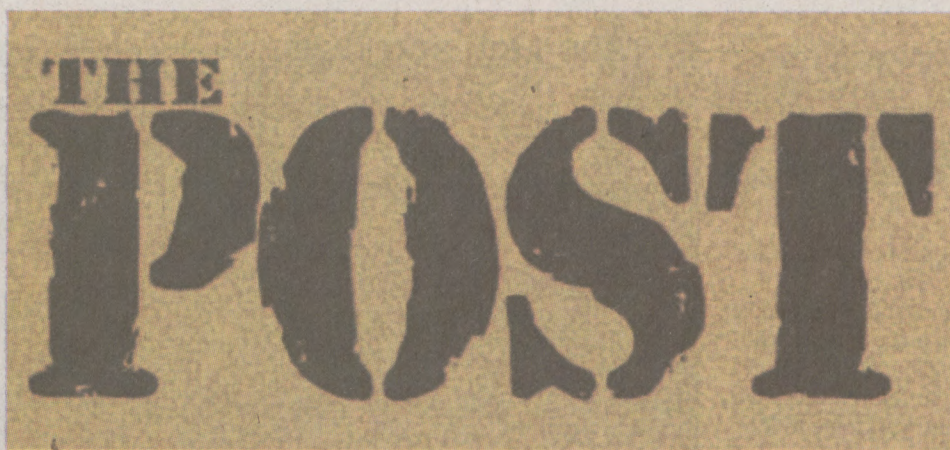




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Applying race

Panel talks diversity in professional world

BY ANTHONY MARTINEZ BEVEN
THE OAKLAND POST

How relevant is race in the workplace, in educational circles?

It's the unrelenting question a lot of people, particularly Metro-Detroiters, struggle to answer.

No longer for OU students though, as they were afforded the rare and unique opportunity to take a glimpse into "Diversity at Work," a panel of professionals in both business and academia on Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Oakland Room of the OC.

A group of nearly 50 — sipping on coffee and nibbling on fruit and veggies —

gathered to hear notable panelists: Ariela Shani, vice president-general manager of Neiman Marcus; Michelle Cook, senior manager of DaimlerChrysler's Diversity Strategic Division; Marcey Uday Riley, partner in IRI Consultant Management; Dr. Jude Nixon, director of Oakland University's Honors College and Derrick Thomas, Great Lakes regional director of Starbucks Coffee.

Daniela Shani, moderator and president of Diverse Voices — the student organization which sponsored the affair — reminded those in the audience that this was only the "precursor" to OU's Seventh Annual Diversity Conference next month.



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A panel of professionals discuss diversity in the workplace on Sunday Jan. 23.

She then thanked the panelists, inviting each to share their thoughts and views on the value of diversity.

Common Obstacles

Ariela Shani, a former teacher with a Masters of Business Administration in

finance, was the first to address the group, mainly comprised of human resource development majors.

"I think there's a difference between real diversity and political correctness — one is a passive concept, while one is an active concept," Shani said.

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Congress decides to support new GSC

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

A handful of OU Student Congress legislators headed up a resolution to urge congress to support the creation of a Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) at Monday's meeting.

Recent letters to the editor have shown not everyone is for building this center.

Because of this, legislators presented a slide show displaying details of the proposal to urge OUSC to take a stand as one body on the issue.

The GSC's mission is to enhance the lives of women and men and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ), students, faculty, staff and alumni.

And further, to increase Oakland community's awareness, understanding and acceptance of its sexual and gender minority members through education, training and advocacy.

Some programs the GSC would offer include mentoring programs, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program training for women, a "Love Shouldn't Hurt" program for helping men build intimate relationships based on mutual respect and trust and a women's leadership conference.

The center would also maintain a large collection of books, periodicals and videos to assist students and faculty doing research on women's and LGBTQ issues.

The GSC would be responsible for collaborating with various campus and community organizations, including academic advising, Planned Parenthood and OU's current counseling resource, Graham Health Center.

Students against the GSC voiced their opinions in letters to the editor, but were not present at the meeting to urge congress to vote against supporting it.

Their main reason for being against the GSC is that there is already a counseling center on campus, the Graham Health Center.

OUSC's Public Relations Agent, Duane Hurt, negated that statement by saying that Graham Health Center is not fully equipped to handle gender and sexuality issues.

Gallery members expressed their support for the GSC.

Heather Brewer, vice president of the Women's Issues Forum, spoke on behalf of the group in support for the center. She read a short essay written by a girl who was assaulted and the emotions she felt inside.

Suzanne Spencer-Wood, director of women's studies, followed Brewer.

She too expressed complete support for the GSC. Spencer-Wood explained that almost all public universities in Michigan have some type of center for students, faculty and staff. The only two that do not have one are Wayne State University and Oakland University.

Oakland Community College even has a center, Spencer-Wood added.

The legislators presenting the proposal included that OU Please see OUSC on A2

France: Not just fries

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Claude Baillargeon and his wife spent two years living in France.

In that time he saw and photographed almost everything famous the country has to offer.

Baillargeon, professor of studio art, art history and photography, who received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, presented a slide show of his favorite pictures in his "France in the Age of Freedom Fries" lecture.

His lecture was the first in the six-city lecture series hosted by the department of art and art history.

He noted that people should realize that french fries are actually a product of Belgium, not France.

Baillargeon compared his photographs to those taken of ancient France to show the drastic changes the country has undergone, especially in its capital, Paris.

The reason he chose France was that he had a prior understanding of the country and its history.

"It is better to go somewhere if you have knowledge of what it looks like beforehand," he said.

Then, when you see something you can recognize it and you know something about it already, Baillargeon said.

He began by showing pictures of famous buildings from the

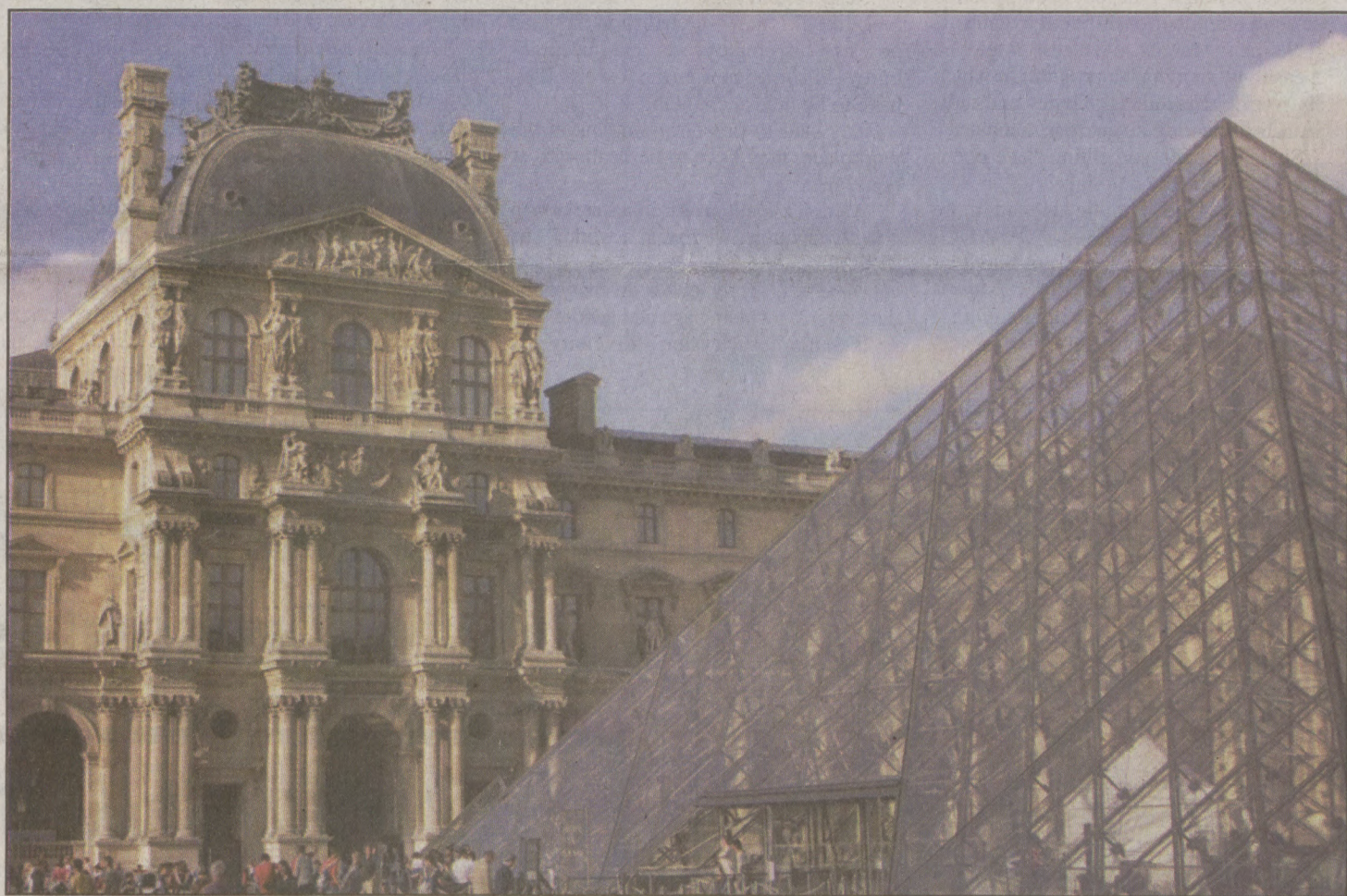


Photo courtesy of Claude Baillargeon

The Louvre was one of the famous landmarks Claude Baillargeon, professor of studio art, art history and photography recommends.

19th century such as Notre Dame, the continuous restoration the buildings are undergoing and then comparison pictures from his stay a few years ago.

"The gardens behind Notre Dame are a beautiful place to

take a moment and write a postcard or simply marvel at all that you have seen," Baillargeon said.

Another famous landmark he recommends is the Louvre, where he has spent quite some time.

However, Baillargeon said if

you do not have the time to go inside the Louvre, be sure to at least stop by to see it all lit up at night.

"The French have an amazing way of lighting their buildings beautifully," Baillargeon said.

Other pictures he shared included those of the Pantheon, the Institut de France, the Porte St-Denis, the Ecole des Beaux-Arts (the School of Fine Arts) and the Opera Garnier.

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Series hits Islam 101

BY CHRISTA ELAINE BADON
THE OAKLAND POST

There are approximately 1.2 million Muslims in the world, and Nora Mohammad is one of them.

What is this religion? Who are these people? And what do they believe?

Last Wednesday, the series "What is Spirituality?" explored the Islamic religion.

Mohammad, acting president of the Muslim Student Association (MSA) at OU, hosted the event along with MSA Secretary Jameelah Muhammad and MSA Treasurer Sadia Chaudry.

Islam is the name of the religion and Muslims are those who practice it, said Mohammad, a senior.

Like Judaism and Christianity, Islam is an Abrahamic religion.



Roqaya Eshimawi/The Oakland Post

Students gather to learn about Islam with the help of the Muslim Student Association.

Muslims also believe that Abraham, Moses, Isaac and Jesus were prophets of God.

But in Islam, the prophet Muhammad is the chief prophet and messenger.

The god of Muslims is Allah, and they believe he is the same god of Judaism and Christianity.

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OU students help with relief

BY LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students and organizations joined together in an effort to aid victims of the tsunami tragedy.

Thousands more were left homeless and despairing.

OU students are among the millions around the world who are trying to help heal and rebuild.

Tsunami death tolls have reached over 200,000, and the OU community has contributed over \$2,000.

The Indian Students Association (ISA) held a fundraiser benefiting victims of the tsunami from January 10-14 in the OC.

According to Senior Krishna

Gummadi, ISA vice president, \$1,713.55 was raised.

"It's a great help for everyone over there," he said.

ISA was not alone in holding a tsunami fundraiser; the Center for Student Activities contributed with the Soup for Supper Tsunami fundraiser on January 17 from 5-7 p.m.

A \$5.00 donation gave an endless bowl of soup per person and was also part of the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, which is devoted to community service, according to Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities.

"About 175 people came that Please see TSUNAMI on A8

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President Gary Russi also supports the center.

When questioned about the funding for the GSC, legislators said it would be dealt with in their presentation, but was only briefly addressed.

Hurt said they would be lucky to get a room to start the center off in.

Very little discussion occurred between legislators over the proposal.

It passed with 20 supporting legislators and one against.

OUSC is supporting the creation of the GSC.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- Madalyn Miller and Saman Waquad were approved as new legislators.

- Legislator Montrell Porter was to be dismissed from his position for multiple absences last semester. The issue, however, was tabled to the Research and Review Committee.

- Elections Commission and Validations Guidelines changes were approved.

- A resolution, presented by Legislator Doug Merriam, was passed to support the Lacrosse teams and other clubs to utilize the university athletics bubble.

- Snow removal was suggested as a discussion topic, but was referred to the Research and Review Committee. The issue of race relations was voted to be the discussion topic for next Monday's meeting.

- Two new members were approved to the Steering Committee.

- UPN 50 will be at Big Buck Brewery on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. when the OU men's basketball team takes on Michigan State University.

- Monday, Feb. 14, the Constitution changes will be presented to congress.

- OU Race Relations Round-Table is Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.
- SPB Student Poetry contest is Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

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"Business is about the bottom line and what is right doesn't always jive."

The U.S. population is still in the middle of the social evolution process, Shani said.

"The look of the population changes and will change in the future," she said. "It's important for our workforce to look like our client base."

A coach, father, grandfather and realtor, Thomas encouraged people to "make a change" through advocacy and actions.

"The main thing I do is come in with the right mind-set ... an open mind-set," a key concept at the Starbucks Corporation License, Thomas said.

A licensed social worker, Riley conducts family therapy in work situations.

She said it was her own family that allowed her to "become a change agent."

"My family began by preparing me by visible and audible respect to those who were different," Riley said. "Difference is not bad, difference is difference."

Cook, who has been at DaimlerChrysler for 16 years, said her corporation no longer looks at diversity as a measure for compliance.

"Since the mid-'90s, we've worked to shift diversity," Cook said.

"Diversity is another facet of business - it's important," she said.

Nixon, a native of the Caribbean, said before he moved to the United States, race was never a category.

"People weren't polarized," Nixon said.

He was exposed to diversity as a child, having relatives from a mixture of cultures, including Indian, Scottish and even Chinese.

It was when Nixon came to the United States that he had to "re-learn categories."

"Sometimes, we think diversity is a black and white issue. It's a human issue," Nixon said.

Strategies that work

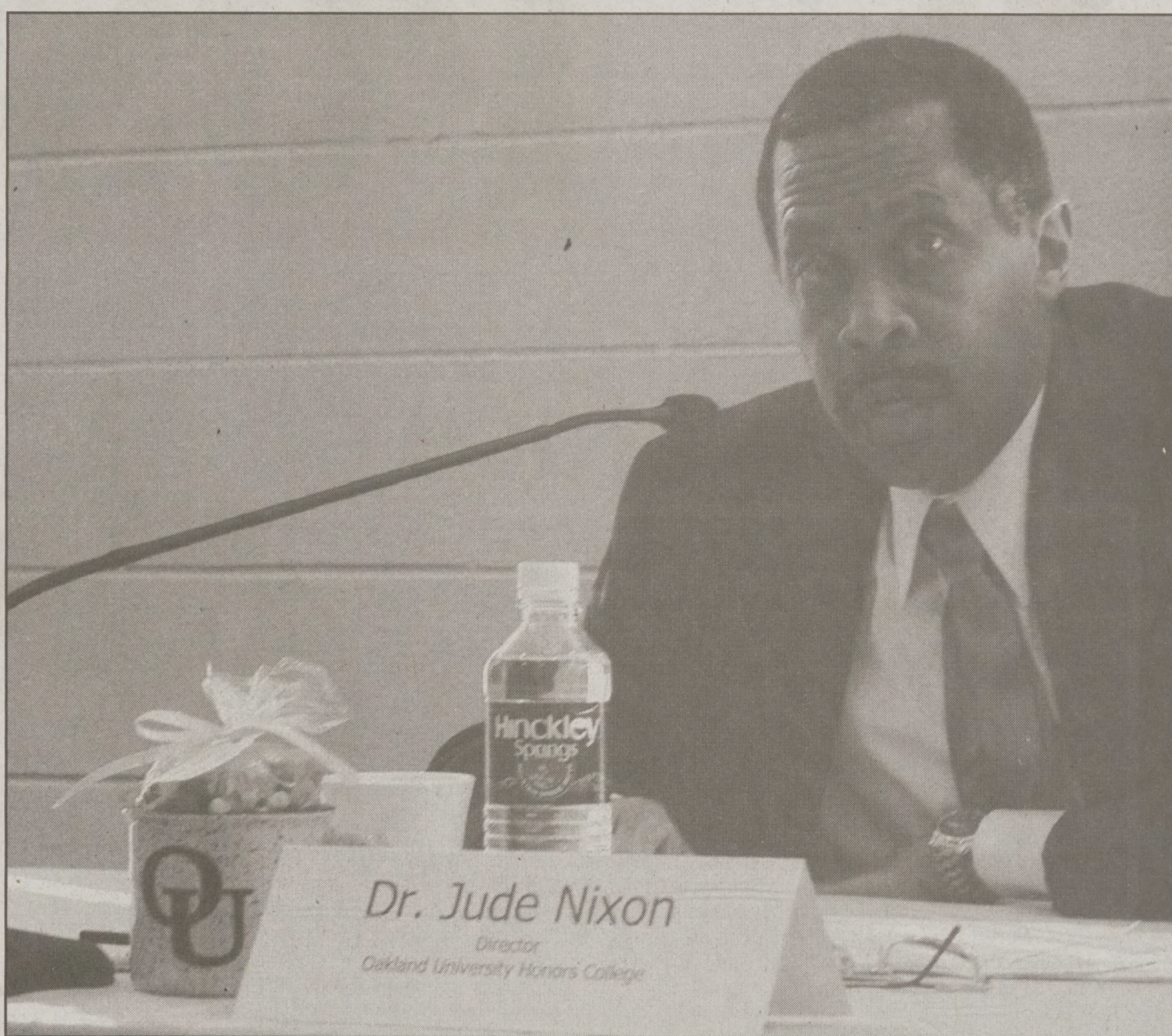
Achieving diversity in work and school settings can be accomplished through a number of different avenues.

Neiman Marcus oversees employee "sensitivity training," a program in which six weeks of meetings, movies and individuals discussing diversity is mandated.

Shani said it's something "eye-opening," but has to be ongoing.

"Our eyes need to be opened more than once," she said.

"Companies can't succeed without an active program promoting diversity. It is up to everyone to make diversity happen. As you go into your workplace,



Dr. Jude Nixon, director of the OU Honors College was a member of the "Diversity At Work" panel discussion on Jan. 23. Having moved from the Caribbean as a child, Nixon said race was never a category until he came to the United States. Nixon had relatives from all different cultures, including Indian, Scottish and Chinese, allowing him to experience diversity at a young age.

you have to make diversity happen. It doesn't just happen," she said.

Starbucks practices the "team concept strategy," Thomas said.

This allows for a regular discussion of diversity.

"Respect and dignity - what does it look like?" is just one question Thomas poses to his employees, "and accountability - if someone uses the n-word, they have to be held accountable."

Riley said to prevent problems in the workplace, they have to be dealt with at home first.

"We don't live in a city, in a state or in a country anymore, we live in a world," she said, illustrating the concept of cultural cohesiveness. "Truly look at diversity in all dimensions, including age and gender."

At DaimlerChrysler, diversity is

defined by distinct qualities people possess, Cook said.

DaimlerChrysler initially started out with a segregated operation all over the metropolitan area. They felt that it was necessary to create platform teams "to help get all the different perspectives together," Cook said.

"Diversity brings innovation, and that makes companies great."

Additionally, Cook explained, DaimlerChrysler has implemented a "diversity council."

Members meet monthly to discuss diversity in an "enterprising perspective." This council is strongly linked to the company's African-American, Hispanic, LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgendered), Asian and women's networks, she said.

Nixon believes in the ideals of integration.

He promoted others to make friends with those who are different - "understand their language and culture."

He said OU's Honors College is "still largely a white institution" that needs to work toward being more multicultural.

Nixon invited Dr. Virinder Moudgil, university provost, to help address this hindrance.

"Why are we not more diverse than we are?" Moudgil asked. "Because diversity cannot change, if people do not change."

Moudgil said he makes it a point to diversify the university's faculty hiring and student recruiting procedures.

"It starts at home. Every one of us is responsible, we have to be committed," he said.

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SPECIAL REPORT: UNDERSTANDING VIOLENCE



GROWING OUR OWN?

Have our efforts to protect the country from foreign violence resulted in a domestic brand?

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Why do humans engage in violence? Is our nation suffering from home-grown violence? In an attempt to protect our nation from foreign violence, have we in turn created home-grown violence?

In August 1971, police cars patrolled through Palo Alto, Calif., arresting male college students who had answered a newspaper advertisement requesting volunteers for a psychological study on the effects of prison life.

The healthy, mentally stable men were randomly assigned to play the roles of either a prisoner or a guard.

The study was supposed to last two weeks, but the students behaved so violently that it came to an end by the sixth day.

"We had learned through videotapes that the guards were escalating their abuse of prisoners in the middle of the night, when they thought no researchers were watching and the experiment was 'off,'" said the lead researcher, Philip Zimbardo, Psy.D., according to his Web site.

"Their boredom had driven them to ever more pornographic and degrading abuse of the prisoners," he said.

A prisoner's privileges were taken away if he rebelled. Some prisoners were not allowed to wash or brush their teeth.

Others were not allowed to eat but had to watch their fellow inmates eat.

"Prisoners were often forced to urinate or defecate in a bucket that was left in their cells. On occasion the guards would not allow prisoners to empty these buckets ... further adding to the degrading quality of the environment," Zimbardo said.

A third of the guards "were hostile, arbitrary and inventive in their forms of prisoner humiliation," he said, "and they appeared to thoroughly enjoy the power they wielded."

Prison abuse, college students and violence

In a recent interview with NPR's Talk to the Nation, Zimbardo compared his study to the torture that Iraqi prisoners suffer at the Abu Ghariib prison in Iraq.

"Those situation forces in our study," he said, have an "exact parallel to what happened in Baghdad."

Zimbardo finds that the secrecy of the situation is a contributing factor.

"When you allow the guards to dehumanize the prisoners, to begin to think of them as less than human - in this case, some of the guards in the Baghdad prison call them animals - where the guards are not accountable to anyone (and) are essentially in the secret environment where there's no supervision, and the

rules are vague and changing," Zimbardo said, "the majority of good people succumb, give in, comply, conform (and) are blindly obedient to authority."

The majority of college students in his study became "sadistic guards," he said.

Some prisoners, dressed in smocks with no underpants, were told to play female camels and bend over. "Their butts were showing" when they bent over, Zimbardo said.

Other prisoners, assigned by the guards to play male camels, were told to "hump" the prisoners playing female camels, he continued.

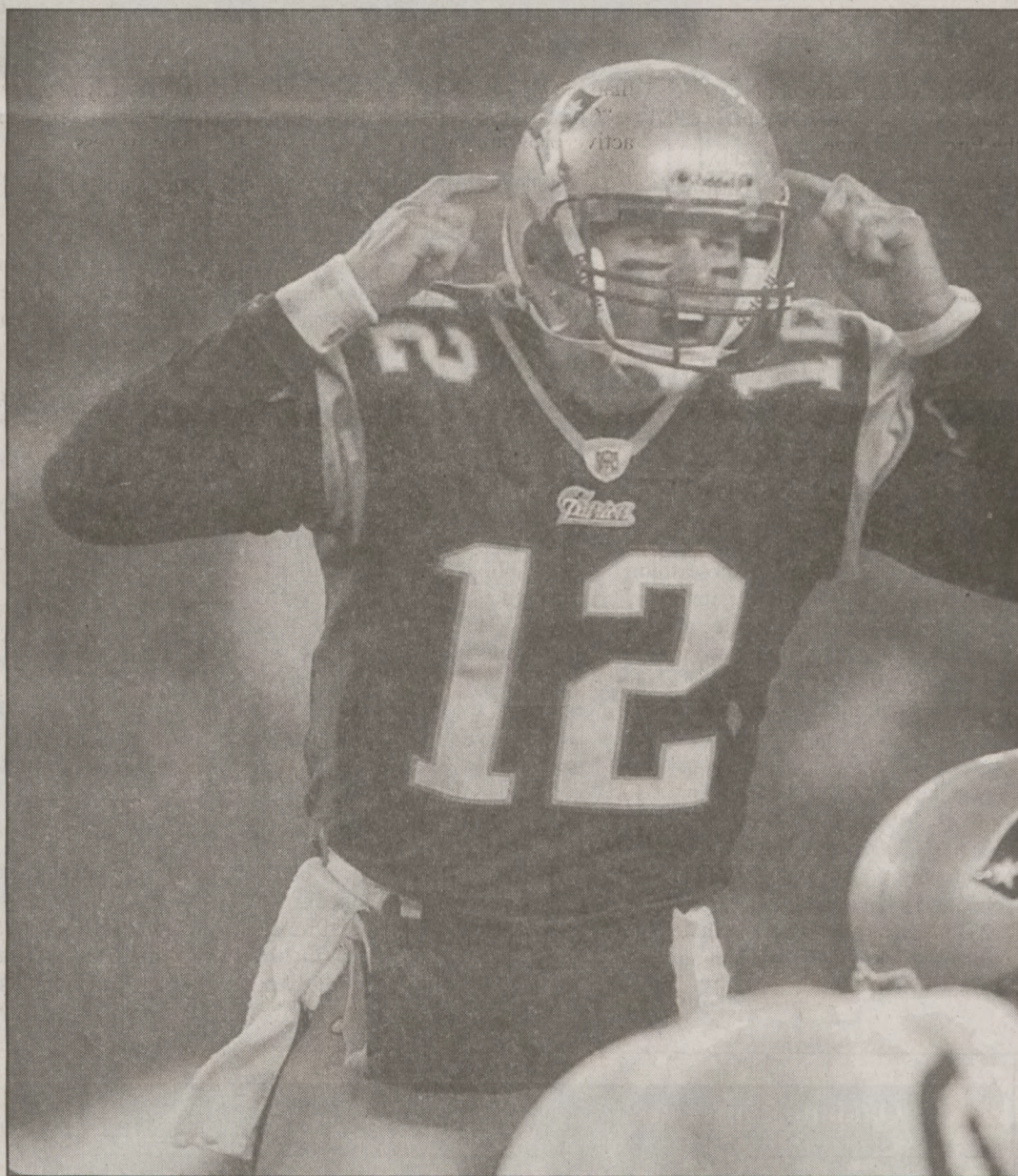
"These are college students, knowing they're in an experiment, making other college students do this and similar kinds of things," he said.

Zimbardo finds that responsibility should be placed on the system. "It's not a few bad apples in a good barrel, it's a bad barrel - a system of evil - and the barrel is war that corrupts the best of Americans."

But "it's not always enough to understand the external circumstances" behind violence, writes Elizabeth Englander, director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center and author of "Understanding Violence."

"Internal or individual factors may be critical in understanding the cause of such behavior," she writes.

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Photos courtesy of Knight Ridder Newspapers
Top: Sociology expert Suzanne Spencer-Wood says military experience may be a factor that contributes to violence in society. The Center for Victims of Torture finds that torturing prisoners "does not yield reliable information" and does not allow the torturer to "retain moral high ground."

Bottom: Sociology expert Albert Meehan says that cultures will select "those things that reinforce" what they're doing. In this case, violent sports may be selected to reinforce an increasing acceptance of violence.

The Center for Victims of Torture

"Based on our experience with torture survivors and understanding the systems in which they have been abused ... we have learned that:

1. Torture does not yield reliable information.
2. Torture does not yield information quickly.
3. Torture will not be used only against the guilty.
4. Torture has a corrupting effect on the perpetrator.
5. Torture has never been confined to narrow conditions.
6. Psychological torture results in long-term damage.
7. Stress and duress techniques are forms of torture.
8. We cannot use torture and still retain the moral high ground."

~ From CVT Executive Director Douglas Johnson's oral testimony presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

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Thus psychological factors may also play a role. "The guards always have to be on guard against the sadistic impulse, which comes with having total power of somebody else," Zimbardo said.

"All you need," he added, "is one or two people to start doing this abhorrent behavior, and they not only model it, (but) in order to not feel guilty, they induce the others around to join."

Zimbardo was unable to answer questions from The Post because of health issues.

War and violence

"We have a lot to learn," said Albert Meehan, professor of sociology at OU. "We should not cast things into good and evil."

Meehan finds that casting people into stereotypes can lead to conflict. "We say they're bad, they're a threat, they're not human, and that causes conflict."

Alienating people from this country is not just about "terrorists," he said, but "it's masking other prejudices."

"We want to keep groups of people out, that's disconcerting."

Stereotyping others not only leads to conflict, but "we almost lower ourselves to the very thing we're trying to fight," Meehan said.

In doing so, Meehan finds that "we are overlooking the other source of conflict," which is "how other societies view us."

"As a society, we're so focused on ourselves, very egocentric," he said. "We are not recognizing that we can be, and are, perceived by many people as terrorists."

Society generally accepts war in self-defense, "it's clear cut," Meehan said, but the United States' war against Iraq is "pre-emptive" and has been "sanitized."

Meehan posed a scenario in which England decides to take a pre-emptive strike during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York because the IRA, which is accused of robbing a bank in England, does fundraising in the United States.

"What would we say? We'd be appalled," he said.

But regardless of reasoning, Meehan describes war as "violent" and a factor that may contribute to increased violence at home.

Because war has been sanitized by the media and the government, "Americans are not really seeing the killing and destruction," Meehan said.

With an increasing threshold of accepting violent behavior, "culture will select those things that reinforce what we're doing and embrace those things that symbolize war-like imagery," Meehan said, and thus violence at home may increase.

"Constant pictures of war and killing certainly contribute to our desensitization" of violence, said Rowell Huessman, professor of communication and psychology at the University of Michigan.

Understanding violence

But why do humans engage in violence and what are contributing factors?

"The causes are complex. There is no one cause," Englander said in an interview with The Post.

"There are many immediate reasons for violent behavior," said Suzanne Spencer-Wood, director of women's studies at OU.

They include "to get one's own way, the desire to control others, to intimidate and have power over others, to dominate, lack of tolerance (and) lack of control of temper."

Englander adds as contributing factors, "how people's brains operate, problems in development that cause emotional difficulties and CNS (central nervous changes), and immediate environmental stressors."

Some individuals may use violence as a form of expression to release anger or frustration. "They think there are no answers to their problems and turn to

lesson from that same situation."

Contributing factors of violence in today's society include "gender ideology that valorizes macho violence in men," and "adult tolerance and even encouragement of physical fighting by boys but not by girls," Spencer-Wood said.

Englander finds that violence may be considered abnormal.

"Many people who are frequently violent have abnormal ways of viewing the world."

"They tend to have paranoid misperceptions and see themselves as victims when in fact they are not," she said.

Spencer-Wood disagrees. "Violence is not at all abnormal in American society, because it is culturally accepted,

children who were non-aggressive before exposure to media violence.

"Repeated viewing of violence in the media, or in the family or the neighborhood, causes children to be more at risk of behaving aggressively," he said.

Huessman finds that identification with the perpetrator is also a factor.

"Our studies show that the strongest imitation effects occur when the child identifies strongly with the person who is behaving violently."

"What this means is that the violent acts of heroes are more likely to be modeled than the violent acts of 'bad' people," he said.

Despite that the "causal effects of media violence were made clear by these studies," Huessman said, "media

In 1999, a 60 Minutes edition declared military families to be five times more likely to be violent than civilian families, according to an article posted on the Defense Technical Information Center's Web site.

"My guess is that desensitization to violence and having it seem more normative are the major factors here, along with the increased stress that the military experiences," Huessman said.

"Stress and frustration - with being trapped in the National Guard and lied to by the President - are coupled with habituation to violence, and these make aggressive acts more likely," he continued.

Violence prevention

Because there is "no single cause of violence," the APA states that there is "no one simple solution."

Experts say that recognizing a propensity toward violence may be essential.

Those prone to violence may have bad tempers, be impatient, hit or throw inanimate objects and "are likely to be verbally and physically abusive to people," Spencer-Wood said.

Englander finds that some individuals "find violence fascinating and seem driven to experience it."

If a threat is sensed, Englander suggests making sure the individual is safe, then informing the proper authorities.

To keep oneself from engaging in violence, Spencer-Wood suggests trying to understand the other's viewpoint and writing about one's feelings of anger.

Englander says to "practice controlling your emotions."

Recognizing signs of oneself engaging in violence may include "impatience, intolerance, beating things or animals, yelling, cursing and verbal abuse," Spencer-Wood said. "Intolerable anger should be discussed with a psychotherapist or counselor."

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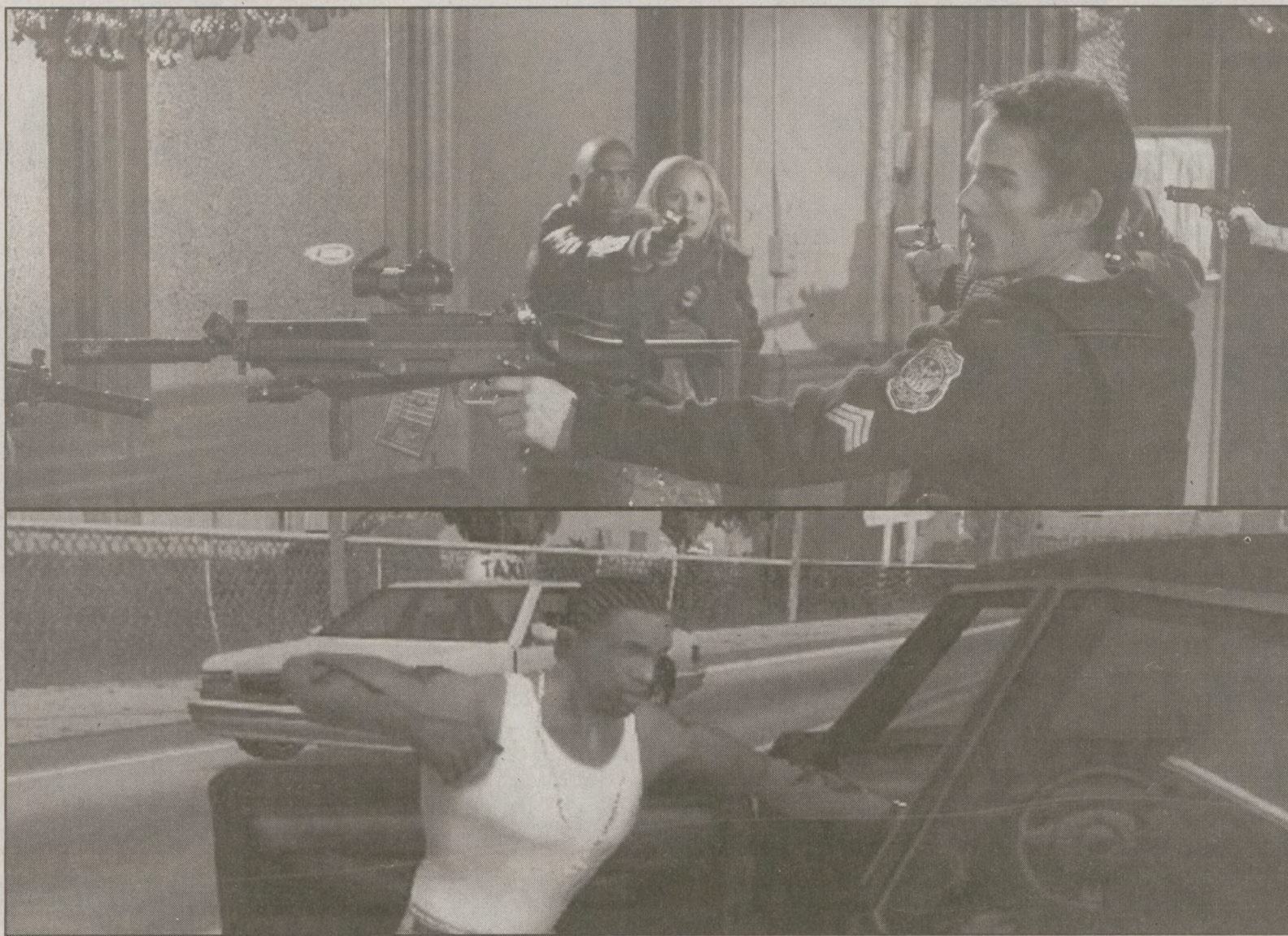
Violent crimes reported to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States decreased by two percent in the first six months of 2004, when compared to numbers reported for the first half of 2003, according to a recent preliminary report released by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The rate of violent crime increased from 1984 to 1994; since then it has been decreasing almost every year.

Violent crime in 2001 decreased by 1.3 percent when compared to 2000; it decreased by 1.7 percent in 2002 when compared to 2001; and a decrease of 3.1 percent in 2003 was found when compared to 2002.

Despite the decrease, approximately 1.4 million violent crimes were committed in the United States in 2003; Michigan, with 51,524 incidents, had the sixth highest number of violent crimes reported in the nation.

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Psychology and sociology experts say that violence portrayed in the entertainment industry can lead to actual violence, but media executives deny this. Photos courtesy of Knight Ridder Newspapers

violence to express their out of control emotions," according to the American Psychological Association.

Others may use violence to retaliate against individuals who have harmed them or someone they care about.

Despite the different reasons for which individuals engage in violence, the APA states that violence is a learned behavior, and "like all learned behaviors, it can be changed."

Spencer-Wood finds that violence may be "learned from parents, siblings, peers and military experience, as well as indirectly from TV and violent novels that are like instruction materials."

She adds that "society, and especially the media, portray violent behavior as acceptable in men and something that they can get away with without being punished for doing, especially against women."

But Englander says that "people learn differently from the same examples."

"While some people will learn to be violent from a particular situation, others will take away an entirely different

condoned and even encouraged, particularly in boys and men."

Huessman's studies examining the effects of exposure to violent media have found otherwise.

He found that "both boys and girls who repeatedly watch more violent

executives wanted to deny the results."

Like Meehan, Huessman also finds that society has become more accepting of violence. "Viewers have become sensitized to violence ... so it takes more violence to make them even notice that there is violence," he said.

"All you need is one or two people to start doing this abhorrent behavior, and they not only model it, (but) in order to not feel guilty, they induce the others around to join."

"These are college students, knowing they're in an experiment, making other college students do this."

Dr. Philip Zimbardo
Psy.D.

shows during their childhood grow up to be significantly more likely to behave violently 10 years later, 20 years later and even 40 years later."

These results were also found for

Spencer-Wood finds that "military experience" is another contributing factor, and the APA finds that "easy access to weapons" can also contribute to increased violence.

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"Where There's A Will There's An A" begin soon. **Introduction Series** is Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, February 1, 12 noon - 1 PM and 6-7 PM. This seminar will provide students with an overview of how to work smarter not harder. Time Management seminars are Wednesday, February 2 and Thursday, February 3, 12 noon - 1 PM and 6-7 PM. This session will help students explore how to manage their lives and get the best grades they can.

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL INITIATIVES

Beginning January 28th, CMI will be accepting applications for the 2005-2006 Peer Mentors in 134 North Foundation Hall. CMI congratulates the Students First Raffle Winners: 1st place- Michael Sims, 2nd place Nicole Dover, 3rd place-Leena Joseph.

CAMPUS RECREATION

www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec/

Wireless at the REC!!! The Rec Center now has wireless capability for anyone with a Grizznet account. Bring your laptop and you can access the net from anywhere in the Rec Center as long as you have the ability to log on to the university network. Come try it out.

Keep those New Year Resolutions! New and exciting programs are happening at the Rec Center to help you get in shape and stay in shape.

Membership Opportunities: sponsor a friend and win. It's always more fun to exercise with a friend so until January 30, 2005 current members may sponsor one additional membership (which cannot exceed the length of the sponsor's membership).

1. Sponsor a friend into semester membership and be eligible to win a prize.
2. Sponsor a friend into an annual membership and receive ONE FREE MONTH added to your annual membership. For more information contact 248-370-4REC or email Marie VanBuskirk at taylor4@oakland.edu.

Winter Wellness Classes Begin! A full schedule of classes and Rec-Structural classes can be found on the web page at www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec/.

Club Sports Update-Men's Hockey club home game schedule is:

1-28-05 vs. Miami, 8:30 PM

1-29-05 vs. Miami, 8:30 PM

2-25-05 vs. Northern Michigan, 8:30 PM

All games are played at the ONYX Rochester Ice Arena.

Intramural Sports Activities-IM racquetball sign up deadline is February 4.

Volleyball Skills Challenge is February 8 at 6 PM.

Volleyball Jamboree is February 8 at 6 PM.

Aquatic News-Adult and child Learn to Swim Classes begin Saturday, February 5.

Saturday classes run 2/5-4/9; Monday classes run 2/7-4/11; Wednesday classes are from 2/9-4/13. The cost for student and Rec Center members is \$45 and for non-members it is \$70. Call 370-4532 to sign up and for additional information.

HALL OF OPRESSION

Vandenberg Hall, January 27 and 28
A program created by Vandenberg Hall residents and staff to target the various "isms" of society. Exhibits create awareness about topics that often get swept under the rug and not frequently discussed in our community. Discussion Groups held January 27 between 11 AM-10 PM
11 AM-1 PM, Sara Crampton facilitates "heterosexism"
7-8 PM, Linda Sisson facilitates "ablism"
8-9 PM Gloria Sosa facilitates "racism"
9-10 PM Christine Engel facilitates "sizism"
Call 370-2976 for more information.

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By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Hundreds of thousands of Detroiters and visitors braved the blistering cold and headed downtown last weekend, just like every other January.

The difference this year was that the 2005 North American International Auto Show played second fiddle to Detroit's first winter celebration.

On a weekend with weather perfect for penguins, with temperatures dropping to a mere 3 degrees below zero, more than a foot of snow and winds up to 35 m.p.h., an estimated 275,000 people darted between the snowflakes and waded through the snowdrifts to make Detroit's first Motown Winter Blast a success.

Because the festival was free and sprawled through the center of the city, the attendance figure is far from exact, said Motown Winter Blast producer Jonathan Witz.

And while the numbers were based on estimates from Detroit's Public Information office and confirmed by the Detroit Police Department, event coordinators said they were probably generously overestimated, but they are still elated with the turnout.

"We are very pleased with the attendance, which exceeded the 200,000 mark we expected," Ken Kettenbeil of the Super Bowl XL Committee, which funded the \$1.5 million event, said in a press release.

Saturday's snowstorm delayed the festival's opening by three hours, but that didn't stop a crowd of about 75,000 from surrounding the ice rink to watch nationally recognized skaters, piling inside the warming tents to listen to local artists or lining the streets to watch seemingly shapeless blocks of ice be transformed into larger-than-life sculptures before their eyes when the celebration began.

And while the storm did prevent some from making it downtown Saturday, Roger Penske, chairman of the Super Bowl XL Host Committee, said the weather conditions helped with planning for next year.

"We needed something like this kind of weather to test us and see how we would respond," Penske said. "Our next step is to ... figure out what needs to improve."

Sunday, the third and final day of the festival, drew 125,000 people and finished off the Super Bowl XL pre-party with larger than expected turnout and long lines at each of the events.

The star of the show was the 200 feet-long, homemade snow slide. A line of more than an hour wait circled the slide all three days of the festival and was a favorite of patrons of all ages.

"I was down it three times already," said 6-year-old Kayla Sutter, getting back in line after her third run down the hill. "I took my mom down with me once, too, but I think she was a little scared."

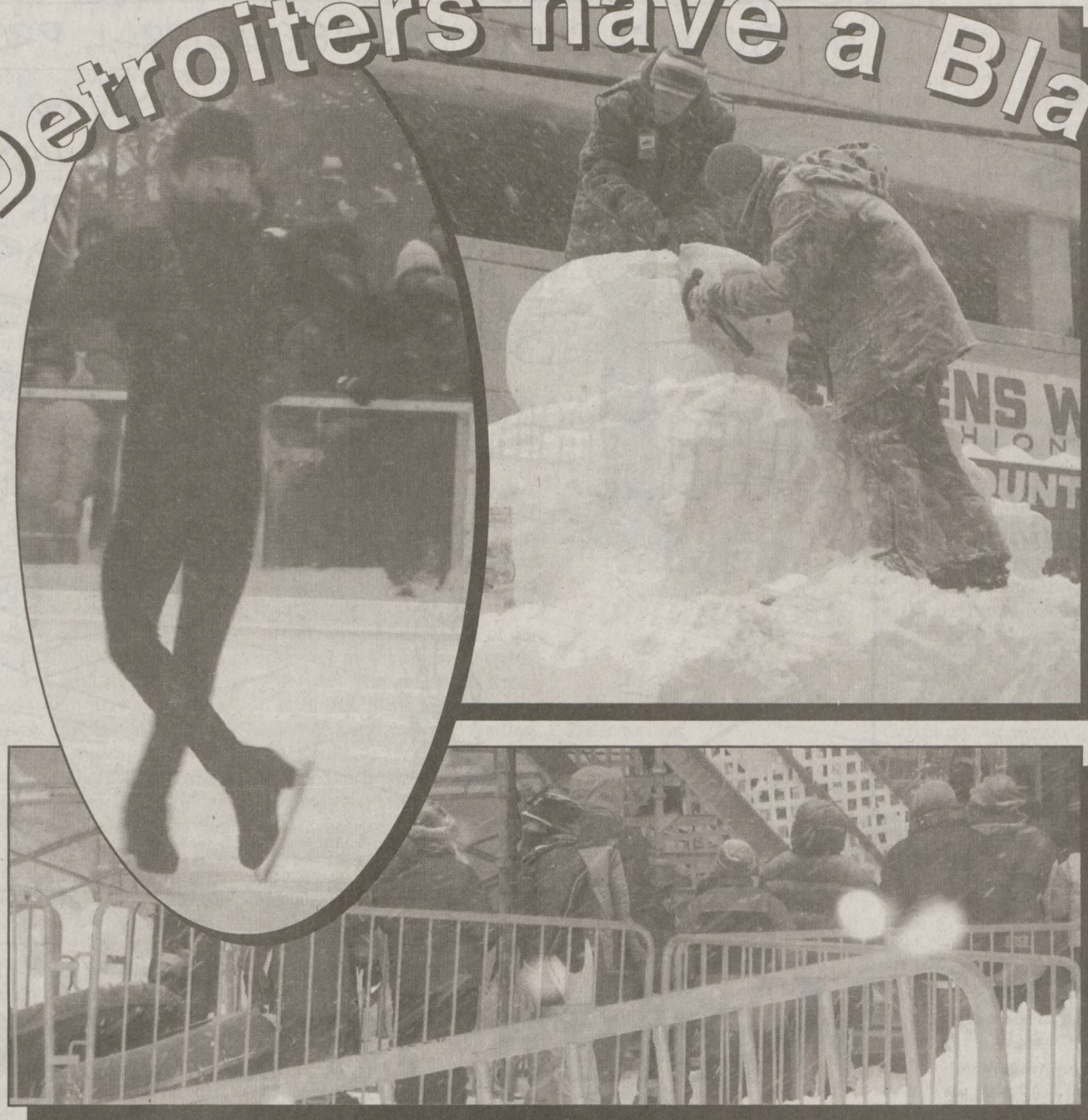
For those not fearless enough to brave the run, there was also snowshoeing at the base of the hill, dogsled racing and Model-T rides.

And while the Winter Blast attendance improved with the weather Sunday, after Saturday's treacherous storm, the Auto Show was not as lucky.

Cobo Center was bustling, but not with the full house many Detroiters are used to seeing during the last days of the Auto Show.

The final day drew 81,677 people, according to Auto Show ticket sales,

Detroiters have a Blast



Top: Artists chisel away at giant blocks of ice during the snowstorm in order to have their creations done in time for the festival.
Bottom: The line to ride the 200 feet-long snow slide circled the park and had people waiting about one-hour.
Circle: Professional figure skaters gave demonstrations and performed between open skating times at the park's new ice rink.

Photos Courtesy of Nilo Ocampo

almost 10,000 less than Saturday's turnout, even with Saturday's storm.

The show drew more than 773,000 onlookers during the nine days it was open to the public, nearly 35,000 less than last year. But Auto Show co-chairman Richard Genthe pointed out that last year's show was open for an extra day.

"We had some unpredictable conditions, which prevented some people from coming down," he said. "All in all, we're pretty pleased."

This year, it was the smallest cars that drew the largest crowds at the show.

Crowds stood three deep to catch a glimpse of the MiniCooper, Smart Car, Saturn Sky and the Chrysler Crossfire.

Roseville resident Ken Bergstrom, who has attended the show for the last eight years, thinks the SUV trend is over and the Auto Show crowd proves it.

"The smaller cars are new and a great change in style from the larger cars of the last few years, and I think they will be the next fad to hit the roads," he said Saturday.

Bergstrom also attended the Motown Winter Blast Saturday and was surprised by the large turnout.

"It's amazing that all of those people came out despite the horrible weather today," Bergstrom said.

"I guess it goes to show that true Detroiters will support their city no matter what, even battling conditions like these, and do what it takes to get Detroit back on a positive track."

'It's just a plant'

By ANTHONY MARTINEZ BEVEN
THE OAKLAND POST

That's the title of a new children's book identifying marijuana and its uses through the tale of Jackie and her pot-toking parents.

"It's just a plant" is for parents who want to be involved in discussing and educating their children about the effects, the dangers and the benefits of marijuana," an excerpt from the book's Web site (www.itsjustaplant.com) states.

The 48-page book starts out with young Jackie waking up in the middle of the night only to find her parents getting high.

"She smelled something funny so she walked down the hall to her parent's bedroom.

"What's that Mommy?" asked Jackie.

"Are you and Daddy smoking a cigarette?"

"No, baby," her Mother said. "This is a joint. It's made of marijuana."

"Mar-a-whah? What's that?" asked

Jackie.

"Marijuana," smiled her Mother, "is a plant."

The book, aimed at 10- to 12-year-olds, is being praised by advocates against adolescent drug-use.

Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance, Ethan Nadelmann, called the book a "jewel."

"I highly recommend this book for students in D.A.R.E. and other drug abuse prevention programs, and their teachers and parents," Nadelmann said in a posted statement on the book's site.

Nadelmann's organization, along with the Marijuana Policy Project and the Magic

Propaganda Mill, provided the funding for the project. The book can be ordered from its

Internet Web site for \$14.95 plus \$4 for shipping and handling fees.

"It's just a plant," written and illustrated by Ricardo Cortés, is scheduled for wide release Jan. 28.



Courtesy of Ricardo Cortés from itsjustaplant.com

The book, due out at the end of the month, follows a fact-finding mission Jackie and her mom take to learn more about marijuana and its effects.

Cuts close Belle Isle Aquarium

By KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND POST

The place more than 1,500 animals call home will soon be abandoned, like many other homes in Detroit.

The Belle Isle Aquarium will be emptied out and boarded up within the coming months.

Detroit's \$230 million budget deficit is the main reason for the closing, according to Detroit Zoo officials. Documents from the Office of the Mayor state the aquarium costs the city \$530,000 a year for basic operations while generating only \$105,000 in revenue. Declining attendance and building maintenance costs are also blamed.

According to the Detroit Zoological Institute, more than 113,000 people visited the aquarium in 1995. Nine years later, in 2004, that number had dropped by more than half to 56,000.

Costly roofing repairs are currently

necessary in the century-old building, along with the basement, animal holding areas and work space.

Three years ago, the flooring was replaced in the 10,000 square-foot building.

An official closing date is still unknown but should be announced in the next several weeks.

It will probably stay open for at least the next couple months, an aquarium employee, who didn't want to be identified, said.

Employees at the aquarium are now working to find new homes for the 146 species housed there. Eighteen of the species are either threatened, endangered or extinct in the wild.

OU student Curt Vanneste visited the

aquarium when he was younger and doesn't agree with the city closing the aquarium.

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The closing of this building is unfortunate...

Ron Kagan,
Detroit Zoo Director

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Zoological Institute understands the impact this closure will have on the community and hopes to reopen in the future.

"The closing of this building is unfortunate," Zoo Director Ron Kagan said. "However, we need a much larger and modern facility as soon as possible."

Global Glance

Gates fights children's viruses

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced yesterday that it will give \$750 million over the next ten years to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization to help pay for vaccines for children in developing countries.

Melinda Gates cited that in 2002, 1.4 million children died in the world from diseases that have been virtually eliminated in the United States and could have been prevented through vaccinations.

215 killed during procession

A stampede during a religious festival in India has killed about 215 people, and injured hundreds of others, police said Tuesday.

The chaos broke out yesterday afternoon when a few impatient religious pilgrims started to push through the crowd of about 200,000 Hindu worshippers who were making their way uphill to the Mandhara Devi shrine on a holy day, witnesses said.

Stampedes during religious festivals are not uncommon, according to CNN International. In the worst-ever accident, about 800 pilgrims died in 1954 at a Hindu festival in the northern city of Allahabad.

Smugglers sentenced to death

A court in Hanoi, Vietnam sentenced 17 people to death and another 10 to life in prison Monday in the nation's biggest prosecution of drug dealers.

Twenty-nine defendants pleaded guilty to trafficking more than 800 kilograms of heroin over nearly five years, the biggest volume ever cited at a drug trial in Vietnam. Trafficking in more than 600 grams is punishable by death by firing squad in Vietnam.

Two other gang members received jail sentences of 20 years and four years, respectively, for illegal money transfers.

Human trials for HIV vaccine begin

Merck & Co. says it has begun enrolling 1,500 candidates to participate in trials of a vaccine to prevent infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The Phase II trials will be conducted by an international coalition for people at risk in North and South America, the Caribbean and Australia. Though the inoculation is called "the most promising candidate that we've seen so far" by a spokeswoman for the HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN), an approved vaccine would still be about a decade away.

Approximately, a dozen companies and organizations worldwide are working to develop an AIDS vaccine.

Global

goof

Women give new urinal a standing ovation

One of the last bastions of gender inequality is about to be banished and with it the long line for the ladies' room.

The Shee Pee, as the women's-only urinal is affectionately called, will make its debut at this year's Melbourne "Big Day Out" event.

"After the huge success of the female-only urinals at the Glastonbury music festival in Britain last year, we thought it was definitely a service that women at the "Big Day Out" in Melbourne would really appreciate," promoter Vivian Lees said.

The Shee Pee's concept works thanks to a disposable, leak-proof paper funnel called the P-Mate, which gives women the freedom to stand.

Company spokesman Kees de Jong said it was "simple to use" with pants, skirts or dresses, however, P-Mate hostesses would be on hand to offer assistance.

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

GUEST COLUMN

Student Congress addresses campus race relations

Important issue topic of event, meeting deliberations



**MICHAEL
MCGUINNESS**

OUSC Body Vice President

A necessary part of any successful student government is the tackling of broad, complex issues that have a lasting impact on the student body.

Your Oakland University Student Congress is demonstrating their ability to do just that by addressing the state of racial relations on our campus.

After fielding concerns from students and their representatives in a variety of settings over recent years, the need for assessment and improvement of the current climate on campus became clear.

The longer we as students don't confront the problem and don't commit to making it better, the less likely we'll make progress at college or beyond.

"Voluntary segregation," or the intentional choice to study and socialize only with those like you, has become a buzzword at Oakland.

From the seating choices in the classrooms to the Pioneer Food Court, even with the composition of residence halls floors, the trend is clearly noticeable.

This is partially to be expected, since many are drawn to those they already know and they're more likely to know someone through shared activities or past bonds.

If students are to get the full college experience, however, the need for diverse interactions on many levels is vital.

Certainly the campus climate in terms of race is far from bleak.

Groups of friends in the Oakland Center, self-initiated study sessions and warm greetings are a few of the many, if minor, examples of how Oakland is the setting for many positive realities.

Much of this is made possible due to the wonderfully diverse nature of Oakland's student population.

All of this is just scratching the surface of the situation.

To learn more, as well as to help chart a path for improvement, Student Congress is hosting a Campus Race Relations Roundtable today.

From 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Oakland Room of the OC, we'll conduct an outstanding dialogue on what the state of relations are today, where we want to go and what we need to accomplish to get there.

In addition to the rare chance to speak on this issue and hear the perspective of others, there will be a great deal of free food. I hope to see you there.

One of the many great things about Oakland is the frequent opportunity to step outside of your comfort zone.

As with the numerous other events, this roundtable is a part of the 2005 African-American Celebration; these activities are an excellent time to discover more about yourself by reaching out to others, whether they look like you.

Both Student Body President Jonathan Parks and myself remain committed to fostering improved relations among all portions of the Oakland community.

The roundtable is one of many steps the administration has taken to address racial relations, which also includes the push for a campus-wide surveying of the current student population through the Dean of Students Office.

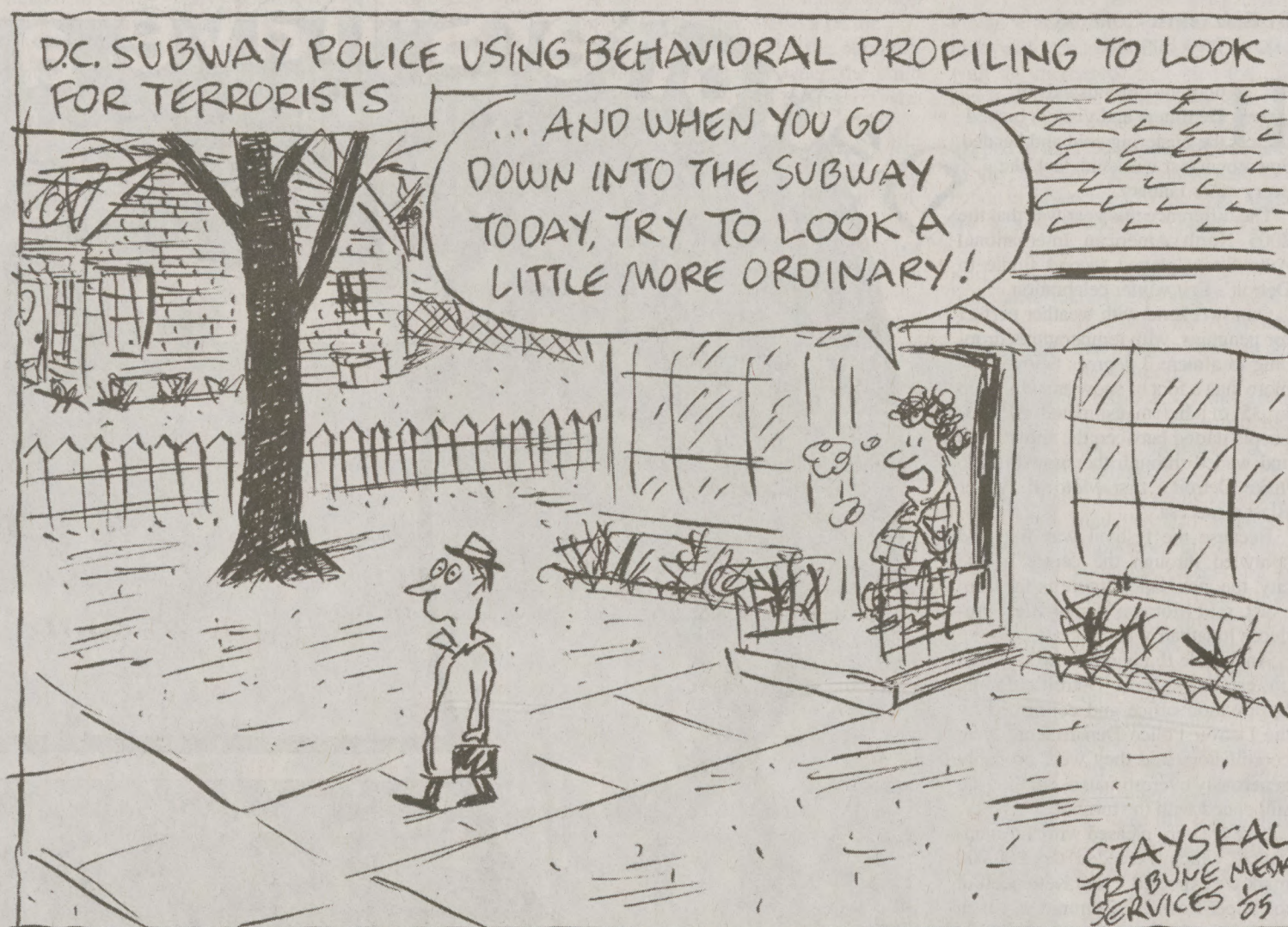
The Student Congress Legislative Body demonstrated their desire for unity, as well, with the passage of the Campus Unity Resolution this month.

Authored by legislators Kori Lynn Caver, Katie Miller and Adam Panchenko, the legislation set a positive course for Student Congress and the student body at-large for improved relations.

Prompted by deliberations at Student Congress meetings, the theme chosen for Welcome Week II earlier this month was "OU: Oakland United."

As our resolution urged, we're working to integrate that positive tone in our office and in our proceedings.

The best way to make progress, after all, is to be united in the cause.



EDITORIAL

Waiting to plan could cost more in long run

Social Security. It's the topic of the day, and it's being discussed across the country from Capitol Hill to the Golden Gate Bridge.

The Social Security Act was signed into law on Aug. 14, 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It included general provisions for welfare, but also created a social insurance program, which provided continued income to retired workers age 65 and older.

In the years since its passage, millions of retirees have benefited.

Social Security also provides disability and survivor benefits to countless other Americans.

Today, nearly 45 million people receive some sort of Social Security benefits, but the program faces potential long-term challenges.

Fifty years ago, there were 16 workers supporting one beneficiary. Today, there are only 3.3 workers supporting each one, and when those entering the workforce now retire, the ratio will have reduced even further to 2:1.

Further, in 2008 nearly 79 million "baby boomers" will begin retiring, according to the Social Security Web site.

It is these problems President Bush hopes to tackle in his second term.

The president proposes partially privatizing the program by giving younger workers the option to create voluntary personal accounts.

Questions have arisen, however, over the president's recommendations and the severity of the problem.

Critics argue it could cost anywhere from \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion to partially privatize the system, because some workers would be putting their funds into personal accounts.

Why is this something younger generations should worry about?

Because whatever the outcome is, we will all retire eventually.

What can college students do now?

Although it sounds silly, we can be proactive and plan for our retirements now, because when our time comes we may not be able to rely on the benefits provided now.

According to the Social Security Web site, in 2042, provided that no changes are made to the current system, benefits for all retirees could be cut by 27 percent.

Regardless, Social Security should not be relied on as a sole source of income. It is merely a component, which should be used in combination with other sources including personal savings and investments and pension

plans.

For additional information on Social Security, visit www.ssa.gov.

Social Security Quick Facts

-The average monthly benefit is \$930. For an aged, married couple it is \$1,532. A widow (er) living alone receives \$896 a month.

-The maximum monthly benefit is \$1,825.

-Thirty-two percent of today's workers have no retirement savings.

Source: www.money.cnn.com and www.ssa.gov

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**MLK and
a dialogue
on race**

Dear Editor,

The much needed dialogue on race, justice and the future that should take place as part of MLK Day did not take place on the campus of Oakland University this (Jan. 17) Monday.

I attended the panel discussion sponsored by the Association of Black Students and Student Congress, titled "When Dreams Become Nightmares."

The room was quite full. Full of black students. Black students were at all the tables in the Ballroom of the OC, it was a sea of African-Americans (two-thirds female I might add). Besides Dean McIntosh, I did not see any senior administration officials nor were there any familiar faculty members.

Apparently, MLK Day observance and a discussion of race (here, in one of the most segregated cities in the country) is not high on the priority list of many university faculty and officials.

The discussion was interesting although one-sided. By one-sided I do not mean that various views were not expressed.

There were many different observations and opinions, however, they all came from a general perspective: MLK has been canonized by "the Media" and his real message has been obscured and forgotten, and that much needs to be done for his vision to be fulfilled.

Why this is worth saying, I don't know. It seems to be a self-evident fact ascertainable just by looking around. What was needed was more dialogue.

I was under the impression that universities are here for the exchange of ideas, not just one-sided, occasionally nuanced sermonizing from left-leaning quasi-intellectuals.

I am suggesting that there is a lack of diverse views and dialogue all across campus. In the four years that I have been here, the Student Life Lecture Board has not brought "majority" speakers to campus for any other purpose than to entertain.

We have seen feminists (Naomi Wolf, Barbara Ehrenreich), black activists and TV hosts (Sister Souljah, Tavis Smiley), those who opposed the war (Scott Ritter) and this year, we even saw a black conservative (J.C. Watts), who I think came only so that people don't think the board is just engaged in liberal propagandizing.

However, for the token conservative they managed to find a token

black, which is commendable.

This lack of public diversity was also reflected on the panel. Don't get me wrong, there was a white male.

This guy happened to be a very gay feminist majoring in women's studies, who, at one point, suggested that whites need to reconceptualize their identities (perhaps so that they better suit his abstractly arrived at notions of how the world should be?), but he was at least a white male.

He also continually harped about the many complexities of identity while pointing out how the oppression of gays is just like the historic oppression of blacks.

When he failed to "refute" various opinions - which seemingly differed from his own - he would pull out the fluffy clichés about varying identities/experiences, the need for acceptance and understanding, which seemed to me to trivialize real struggles as a result of race and injustice.

One would think that in the face of recent elections and the rise of a new and effective ruling coalition of Republican centrists, conservatives and right wingers, it would seem that everyone would benefit from real dialogue and exchange of ideas.

A dialogue about MLK, race and justice is useless if it does not include whites. Perhaps the small, powerless minority, that seems to dominate student programs and forums should reflect on the reasons why the majority of students, faculty and apparently the administration just go about their business as though they do not exist.

Maybe dialogue is more effective than sermonizing and perhaps the only person you can really change is yourself.

Garrett Garcia
Student Assistant/Center for
Multicultural Initiatives
Senior
Sociology

**Theta Chi: A
new chapter**

Dear Editor,

We've all heard the rumors and the stories of outrageous proportions about the Theta Chi Fraternity.

We've seen the boys be boys, and we all know who they are.

Theta Chi (Thay-ta Khi) has unfortunately acquired a bad reputation from previous years and members who are no longer associated, earning them a nickname.

Of course, due to policy, I will not say it, but most of you already know what it is.

It's a nickname that wrongly

suggests the character of the whole fraternity.

Whatever you've heard or experienced, throw it away. Our Theta Chi's are hardworking, intelligent, friendly and if you get to know them, they are the biggest sweet-talkers you'll meet.

But they, too have had their trials and tribulations and are working even harder.

The reality is in fact that the Theta Chi's have had to recently rebuild this chapter from the ground up.

This semester, the spotlight of president has been handed over to Nick Pavledes, a communications major, and an all around warm-hearted person.

As such, he has taken on the responsibility and the burden that has been placed in the position.

They have had a tough year, and it's not over yet.

Nick believes that they are strong, and when they feel overwhelmed, he is there to carry them through.

If we look at the outside of this group we might see, well, chaos.

Besides the numbers dwindling in the pledge class, hectic schedules and lack of funding, they also have a house in desperate need of repair and a good cleaning.

But when we delve deeper into what really makes a fraternity, we can see the blood between brothers, their bond, the support it takes and the warmth that is contained in a house that doesn't circulate much heat.

These are not ordinary guys. They are incomparable. They are dream chasers, star gazers and idealists.

Justin Howland, Nick's right-hand man as vice president, exemplifies this. Hidden behind the symbols, Theta Chi, lays an artist, a musician and strength.

Anyone who knows him can witness the charming and unwavering dedication toward the fraternity and all that it stands for.

Justin merely displays the feelings that all the guys have.

In a common dictionary, the word 'fraternity' is defined as three things: "a body of people associated for a common purpose or interest, a chiefly social organization of men students at a college or university and the quality or condition of being brothers, brotherliness."

It is beneficial that this fraternity has been able to fulfill all definitions.

They take pride in being brothers. They take pride in depending upon each other.

It has been said that you will never meet a closer group of guys. I couldn't agree more.

A fraternity guy is a part of an army. He goes every day into some type of battle in the form of road blocks, or problems that can

occur for anyone.

But with the support of his brothers, his strength and confidence easily found through them, he is able to move quickly to adapt to the situation.

This chapter is being rewritten from the inside out. It would be nice to let you meet all of the men in this distinguished group because right now they are facing some of those obstacles.

It is important that they are recognized on campus, and possibly supported for the positive change and how far they will come.

Maybe one day they can walk a little taller, being respected for who they are now - a new chapter.

Allison Cummings-Stuckman
OUSC Legislator
Freshman
Anthropology

**Students
continue call
for GSC**

Dear Editor,

A Gender and Sexuality Center would be a dynamic and positive addition to our current campus atmosphere. It would be a great incentive for students, including myself, to get involved with activities. As a student, I want to see it happen.

Lauren Donnay
Sophomore
Music Education

Dear Editor,

Oakland University is the third college I've attended. I truthfully enjoy Oakland most of all, mainly because of the outstanding people that I've met.

While I was at the other two colleges, though, there was one asset that they had and Oakland did not.

That would be a center or office that addresses the concerns of female students. Females make up about 65 percent of Oakland students.

Grand Valley State University's Women's Center was extremely welcoming and insightful. They helped me determine what career direction was really best for me.

I know that Oakland has its own Career Services, but collaborating with other offices and directing curious students is part of a center's role.

Oakland Community College's Women's Center is full of highly useful information, particularly for rape and sexual assault. I'd like to see these same resources on our campus.

We have much higher funding than a community college, I imagine.

Having a Gender and Sexuality Center is the smart way to go because it could also house university services and resources for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students. Although I'm heterosexual, I'd still be benefiting from the sexuality aspect of it because there are issues that being 'straight' creates, too.

Cathy DiPonio
Junior
Communication

Dear Editor,

A Gender and Sexuality Center is important to me as an Oakland University student. I look at the strong need as a woman but also as an African-American woman. We should be more knowledgeable and open-minded after attending Oakland.

On the broad issues of gender and sexuality, I see a lot of room for growth and improvement. I feel it would be very beneficial to have a Gender and Sexuality Center on our campus.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my input.

Meghan Redmond
Freshman
Social Work

Dear Editor,

In response to a letter in last week's edition, a Gender and Sexuality Center would serve all Oakland University students.

Every student has a gender and every student has a sexuality. Even if it were just for women, they are definitely in the majority on campus at roughly 65 percent of the student population.

A center would not try to be a hospital. Nor would it duplicate the counseling services already provided by Graham Health Center.

Instead, it could partner with Graham to raise awareness about counseling availability, just like partnerships with the Center for Student Activities and the Center for Multicultural Initiatives can produce outstanding programs and services.

The Gender and Sexuality Center could be a place of safety for those who've been assaulted and attacked to receive assistance and also be directed to outside resources.

It would ideally be a place that cultivates friendship and emotional support to those in need. It could be all this and so much more.

Last week's letter also stated that no institution of higher learning would even entertain such a center.

Most "Top Universities", as the author referenced, actually have such facilities. This is particularly true in Michigan. The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor has an Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs (LGBT). It has been there since 1971.

Michigan State University, the institution that Oakland originally branched from, has a Women's Resource Center.

Don't believe me? Check out their Web site: www.msu.edu/unit/wrc/. MSU also has an Office of LGBT Concerns.

Don't believe me? Check out their Web site: <http://lbgtc.msu.edu/>.

Those are clearly all "Top Universities." U of M-Dearborn has a Women's Resource Center. Grand Valley State University has a Women's Center, and GVSU has a similar campus situation and enrollment compared to Oakland.

Central Michigan has an Office of Gay and Lesbian Programs.

Eastern Michigan has an LGBT Resource Center.

U of M-Flint has an LGBT Center.

Western Michigan has a more limited approach with their Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Services, but they at least have something.

This is all based on limited research, so there is likely more in Michigan alone.

All of these offices and centers are at universities in our state. They are confronted with the same budget realities that we are.

I agree that we must be wise with our money, but not providing adequate student services is not going to benefit our budget with incoming and satisfied students in the future.

Brandon Glatfelter
Student Congress Legislator
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Journalism

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What's the craziest thing you have done or seen in the snow?



"I took my car and spun it around five times on purpose on a snowy road."

—Erica Shelton (right), freshman, nursing and Vesna Tegeltija, freshman, pharmacy

"My brother decided he would lay in the snow after shoveling and take a nap. My neighbor thought he was dead, and called the police. We had a bunch of ambulances and cop cars at our house. We just laughed about it."

—Matt Rice, junior, computer engineering



"We tied our friend Corey to a Jeep and pulled him in the snow on an inner-tube. He almost went under the car. It was still magnificent!"

—Amanda Rymiszewski (left), freshman, business and Erykah Bomarito, freshman, music, theatre and dance



"I was walking past Elliott Hall one afternoon and saw two people rolling around in a snow bank off the path. I didn't know what they were doing, and I didn't want to know either."

—Mike Zielinski, sophomore, secondary education

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FRANCE

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If you visit, Baillargeon recommends not having a set itinerary of what you want to see.

You can step outside and your feet will know where to go, because anyway you go, you are sure to see something of beauty, he adds.

"The more lost I get the more fun I have," he said.

After his pictures of famous buildings, he showed slides of a handful of cathedrals in and around Paris.

Beauvis is the tallest of all cathedrals in France. Its side entrance is so spectacular that Baillargeon's father-in-law, who came to visit, argued it was the main entrance, only until they walked around to the main entrance, which was even more magnificent.

"It is absolutely magical," Baillargeon said of Beauvis.

In a cathedral in Reims, Baillargeon, who has a fascination with confessionals, stuck his digital camera through the screened gate that blocked the confessional to get a couple of shots, with the hopes that one would turn out.

"All the guilt that came with taking that picture was worth it when I saw how beautiful it turned out," he said.

La Maison de Picassiette is a house and garden covered entirely with intricate mosaics of broken plateware. The artist reproduced all the

famous cathedrals of France on the walls of his home.

Baillargeon lucked out the day he visited La Maison de Picassiette because there was only one guard on duty, and he was at the entrance, leaving Baillargeon alone to photograph the garden, even though cameras were not allowed.

Baillargeon's goal of the lecture was to entice people to visit France.

"I hope we all continue to dream about Paris despite the effects of freedom fries," he said.

Susan Wood, professor of art history and chair of the department, introduced the lecture and Baillargeon. She commented that one of the sacrifices art professors have to make is traveling frequently.

Professors return with photographs of places they have been and famous landmarks they have seen, and they wanted a way to showcase



Photo courtesy of Claude Baillargeon

This statue is one of many pieces of artwork visible to the public throughout France. Students, faculty and community members were drawn to Baillargeon's lecture which was aimed at enticing people to visit France.

their visits.

The presentation held Wednesday evening in the Meadowbrook Art Gallery drew students, faculty and community members interested in France.

Visit the Meadowbrook Art Gallery Web site at <http://www.oakland.edu/mbag/> for other lecture dates in the series.

Archbold, along with Sanjeev Sholapurkar, a mechanical engineering graduate student, made the largest donations of \$100.00 each, according to Gummadi.

The money will go specifically to the American Red Cross International Disaster Relief Fund, Miller said.

Students who still wish to donate to the tsunami fund can do so by contacting ISA at isa_ou@yahoo.com or by going to the CSA office at 49 OC.

Students can also donate directly at the American Red Cross Web site, <http://www.redcross.org>.

TSUNAMI

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night. We had people from the community, children, faculty and students that attended," Miller said.

The CSA raised \$890.00 and the total combined with ISA's efforts came to \$2,603.55.

The ISA Web site stressed that even a minimal donation would be a big help toward victims of the tsunami.

Gummadi said that ISA had been thinking about holding a fundraiser to go toward the tsunami relief fund and were encouraged by David Archbold, ISA advisor, to hold it.

SPIRITUALITY

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Important dimensions of the faith are Islam – submitting to God, Iman – having faith and Ishan – doing what is good.

Ishan is the "highest level," Chaudry said.

The basics of Islam lie in its five pillars:

- Declaration that there are no gods but Allah, and that Muhammad is his messenger.
- Performing five daily prayers.
- Fasting from dawn to sunset in Ramadan, the holy month of Islam, during which the Quran was revealed to the prophet Muhammad. Muslims believe the Quran is the word of Allah to mankind.
- The giving of alms or charity.
- Hajj – the pilgrimage to the Kaaba, the holy house of Allah, at least once in a lifetime.

Prayer is vital to all Muslims, as it keeps them spiritually cleansed.

Many Muslims feel spiritually revived after they perform their prayer and communicate directly with Allah.

Muslims pray in masjids – referred to as mosques in English – which are holy sanctuaries.

But they can also perform prayers anywhere, as long as the area is clean

and is not used for excretion purposes, such as a restroom.

Prayers begin at dawn and end in late evening.

Getting up at dawn to pray helps her day go better, Mohammad said. "Prayers are more of a help than a hindrance."

On Fridays, the second prayer of the day is called Jum'aa, and it is a special prayer for Muslims, as they gather together once a week and listen to a sermon given by an imam – a scholar who holds a similar status for Muslims as does a priest for Christians.

Muslims also celebrate two holidays. Eid-ul-Fitr is the celebration of the completion of Ramadan.

And Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated after hajj.

On that day, Muslims celebrate that God spared Abraham the sacrificing of his son, Ishmael, by providing them with a ram to sacrifice instead.

After the presentation, students asked questions ranging from the foods Muslims eat to marriage practices.

And the stereotype that wearing a scarf is oppressive also brought up a lot of questions.

"I'm not oppressed," Muhammad said. Contrary to common stereotypes, women do not veil because men force them to.

Muslims believe it is an order from

Allah, and they believe that dress codes were prescribed for both men and women.

"I'm not being judged physically," Muhammad said.

"People see me for my intelligence and it's not about my whole body. It's liberating."

"I knew very little about the Muslim religion," said freshman Caitlin Reid. "I just liked that it was here. I'm Christian and to know that this was here tonight was fascinating."

"I liked the fact that they respect others," said sophomore Robyn Lampel.

Campus minister and professor of religious studies, Charles Mabey, said, "I thought it was well done, it was prepared well."

"The ladies did a wonderful job," said Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development.

"It was a comprehensive presentation about the Islamic religion. They were very open and honest with their questions."

To learn more about the Muslim Student Association, e-mail them at msaoakland@yahoo.com.

Upon request in advance, the MSA will gladly accept any student that would like to sit in on a Jum'aa prayer on Fridays.

The second "What is Spirituality" session will be held in February and will focus on Judaism.

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ERI attempts to find a cure for the eye's ailments

By LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

High atop Dodge Hall in the labs and offices overlooking OU's campus, scientists and students busily study the eye and its many ailments.

The Eye Research Institute, founded in 1968 by Dr. Everett Kinsey and Dr. Venkat Reddy, is now home to six faculty members who conduct research on diseases such as lens transparency and cataracts, glaucoma and diabetic complications of the eye.

The ERI is a unique component to OU, because much of its funding comes from grant money from the National Institute of Health.

"We don't have any formal teaching responsibilities," said Dr. Frank Giblin, who has been director at the institute since Nov. 1, 2004.

"Our primary responsibility is to carry out research on the eye and blinding eye diseases ... but we also interact quite a bit with students."

Giblin came to OU in 1974, after completing his Ph.D. in biochemistry at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Upon his arrival, he worked as a post-doctorate fellow for Reddy.

During the summer, the ERI offers the Summer Undergraduate Program in Eye Research for a group of selected students.

These individuals are awarded with a \$3,000 fellowship and spend the 12 weeks from early May until the end of July working in the laboratory under the guidance of faculty members.

Aside from gaining hands-on experience in the laboratory, students attend eight lectures, six of which are basic science lectures. The final two are clinical lectures.

The ERI also has a formal affiliation with William Beaumont Hospital's world-renowned department of ophthalmology in Royal Oak.

The affiliations and partnerships the ERI has are a "huge part of this university," said Ted Montgomery, media relations director at OU.

Because of the affiliation, SUPER participants receive two to three lectures from Beaumont's retinal surgeons.

Many students who participate in the program continue to work at the institute after their fellowships have ended, and many eventually go on to

attend medical or graduate school.

Sara Pelliccia, an OU graduate now attending medical school at Michigan State University, participated in the SUPER program in 2002.

Pelliccia worked in Giblin's laboratory, where they perform research on lens transparency and cataracts.

The lab experience has proved invaluable in Pelliccia's further studies.

"Everything I learned in the lab, so much of that is being taught in med school," she said.

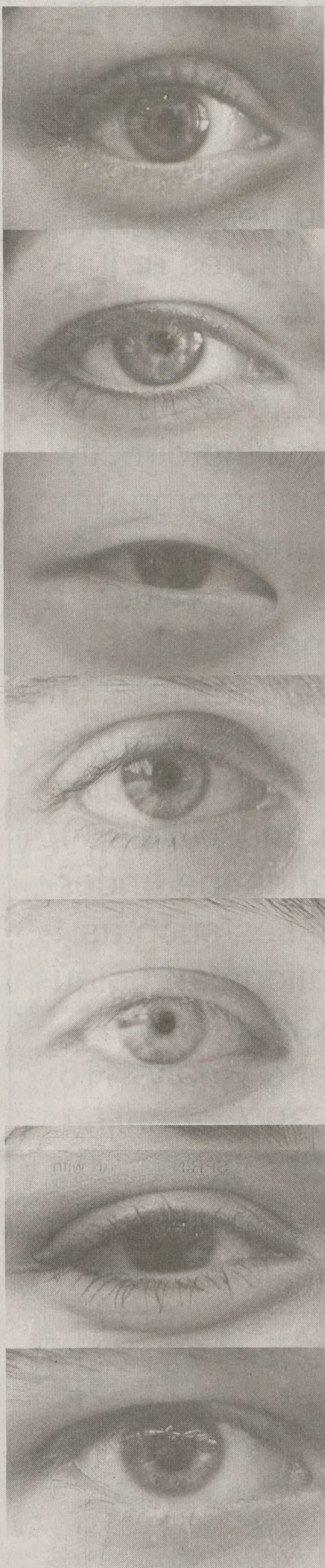
Aside from the SUPER program, the ERI also offers "Science of Vision," a two-credit class taught by all of the faculty in the winter.

As director, Giblin has many plans for the ERI. "One of my main goals is to have the institute grow," he said.

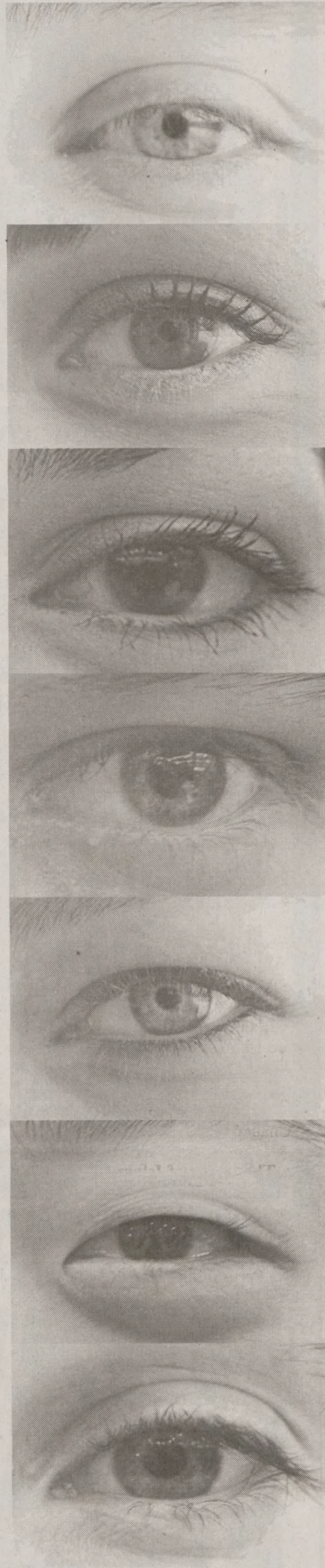
In order to do this, Giblin says the institute will need to hire additional faculty and renovate some of its current space.

He said it is also important for the institute to have state of the art, sophisticated equipment.

"We want to carry this on in the future, and that's going to be my goal as director, to keep the tradition going," he said.



Students interested in joining SUPER can contact Ms. Paulette Realy at (248) 370-2390, visit 416 Dodge Hall, or visit <http://www2.oakland.edu/eri>.



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Left: Senior Marisa Degransky is one of the students who does research at the Eye Research Institute.

Palace features Harlem Globetrotters

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

For years we've become familiar with their whistling song by heart and patriotic uniforms of stars and stripes.

This Saturday, southeast Michiganders can get to know the Harlem Globetrotters even better at the Palace of Auburn Hills in their "World of Fun" North American Tour, when they face the New York Nationals.

Marked as the "Ambassadors of Goodwill," the Harlem Globetrotters feature acrobatic slam dunks and comical routines that have entertained more than 100 million fans internationally in 117 countries, according to their Web site.

"It's a little bit different in their style-play, fancy moves (and) trick shots," said junior Matt Ciaramitaro.

"I think they are pretty spectacular. They definitely put on a good show," said junior Johnny Hill.

"They don't play by NBA rules. It's pretty clear they're entertainment."

Approaching their 80th season, the Globetrotters are known as the community-oriented basketball team that practices the game and entertains.

Many of their merits involve helping schools, hospitals, youth organizations and charities.

Former player Mannie Jackson owns the Harlem Globetrotters.

In 1993, Jackson bought the

team for \$5.5 million, making him the first black to own a major international sports and entertainment organization.

Founded in 1927 by Abe Saperstein, the Harlem Globetrotters were originally named the "Savoy Big Five" after a ballroom in Chicago.

Saperstein renamed the all-black team the "Harlem Globetrotters" for satirical and worldly appeal.

They entered into their first professional basketball championship in 1939, where they charmed the crowd with their humorous stunts.

Saperstein encouraged the players' stunts, but only when they were leading the opposition.

That same year, they were run-

ner-up to the New York Rens in the World Professional Basketball Tournament, which they won the following year.

Until the late 1930s, the Globetrotters were a competitive team; in 77 years running, they had only lost about 340 games of more than 20,000.

But now the Globetrotters are more of an entertainment team.

In 1982, they became the first sports team to be honored with their own star on Hollywood's famous "Walk of Fame," and in 1997 two team members set the world record of a nearly 12 feet high vertical slam dunk.

The Harlem Globetrotters have received numerous awards, including an induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of

Fame in 2002, as well as the Black Sports and Entertainment Hall of Fame.

They also are part of the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame.

The team spread its interest further when it marketed a clothing line by For Us By Us in 2002, the company that also designed its uniforms.

In February, a documentary of its history called "The Team That Changed the World," will air on national television.

It will journey through the Globetrotter's history.

"They don't really have a style, it's just kinda all over the place," said junior Matt Hasse.

"They're definitely good at basketball. Some of the moves

that they do, you have to do a lot of practice.

"Most of the pros can't do that stuff," he said.

"Just seeing the team particularly doesn't interest me," said Andrew Dupont, an OU graduate.

He added that he does not like knowing they are going to win.

The Palace game starts at 1 p.m. and will follow with a half-hour greeting session by players.

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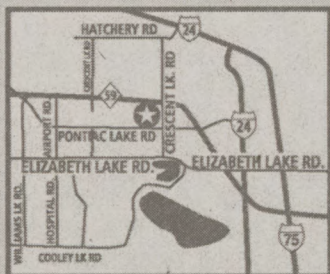
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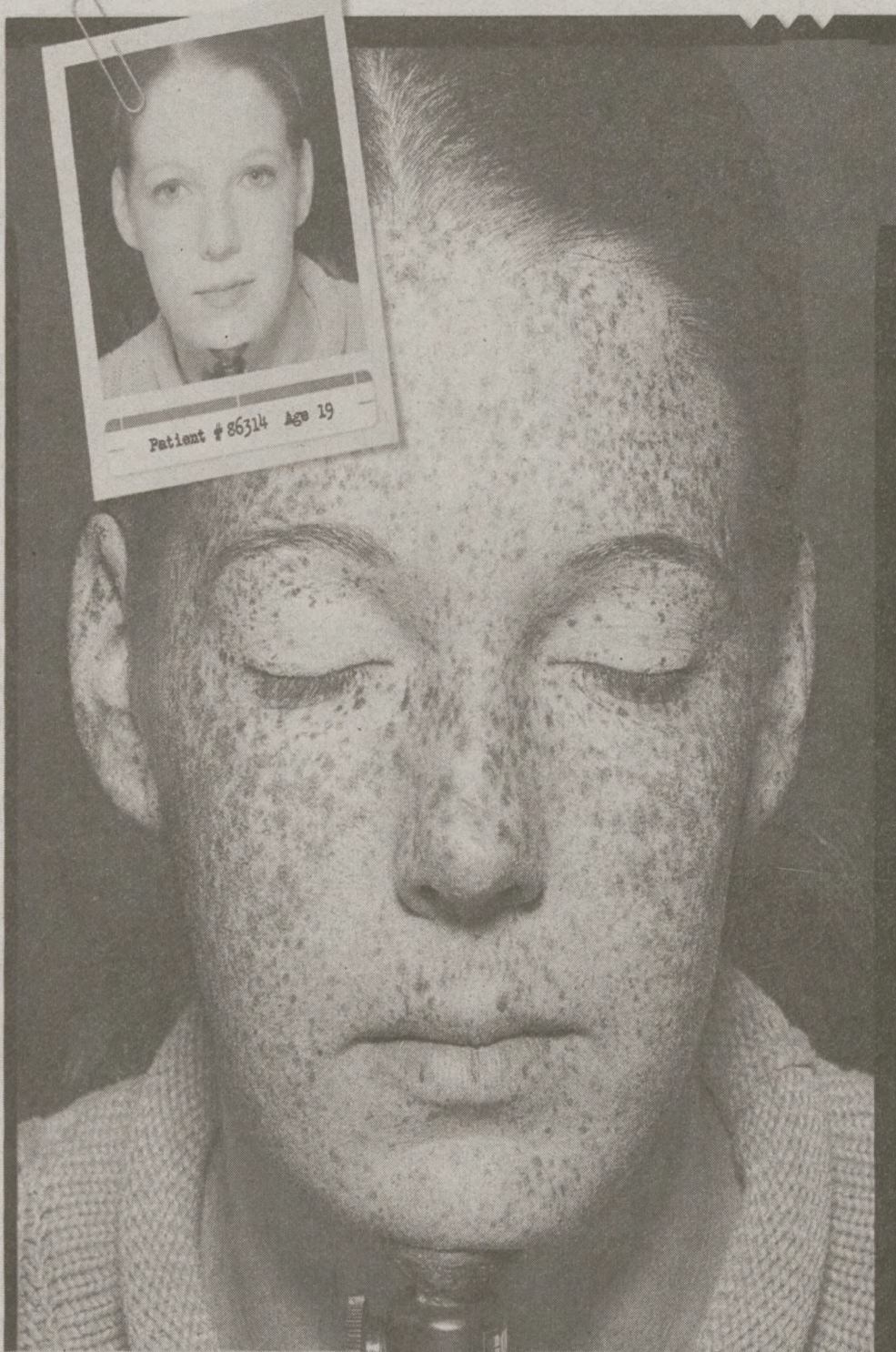
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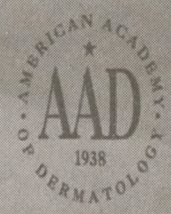
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Nominees must be graduating in April 2005 or have graduated in June, August, or December 2004. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to inter-group understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

Nomination forms are available online at www2.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/ under "Scholarships and Awards" or at 144 Oakland Center. Call 370-3352 for more information.

Deadline for both awards is Friday, January 28, 2005.

Variety drives unique sound

Original mix helps drive The Arcade Fire to new heights

By Dave Phillips
The Oakland Post

Innovation is the reason music is still around today. If artists were afraid to take chances, music, in the form we know it, would have died long ago.

On their first full-length album, "Funeral," The Arcade Fire's creative visions are distinct, helping to advance music's development just a little bit more.

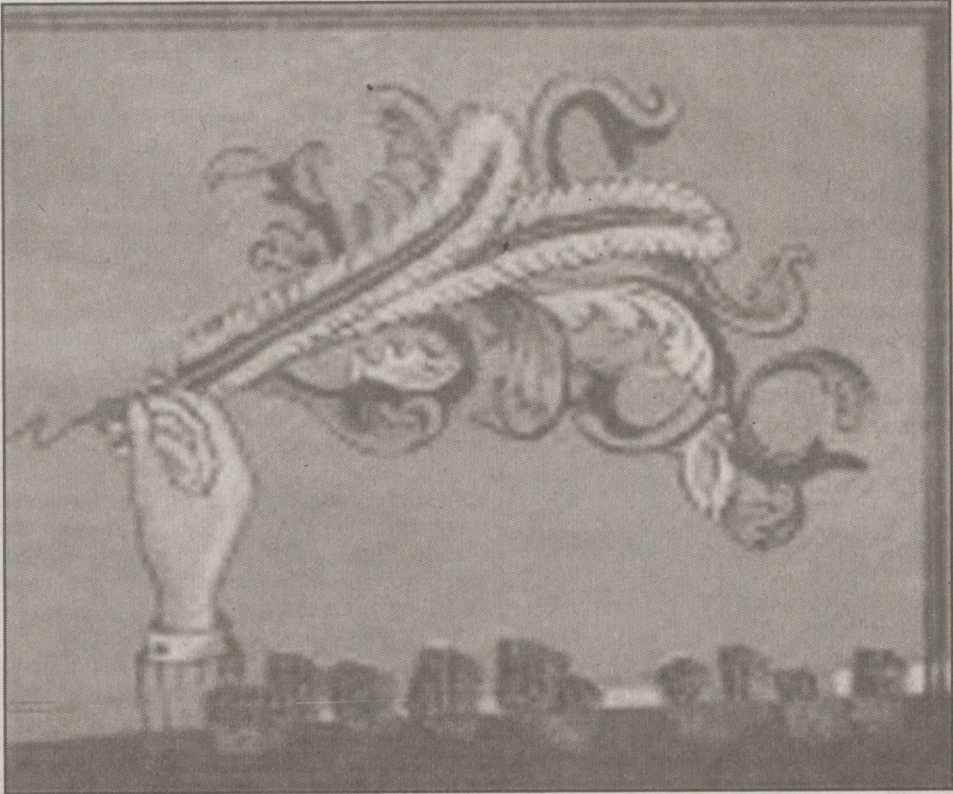
The band's unique sound begins with instrumentation. Twenty-one different instruments are used, ranging from guitar and bass to piano, rickenbacker, recorder and viola.

With some band members originally from Ontario and others from Texas, the band settled in Montreal to record "Funeral."

The French Canadian influence is prevalent on tracks like "Une Anne Sans Lumiere," which is half French, half English, and "Haiti," which is virtually all in French.

Even the packaging is different.

The case is similar to an old record sleeve, just smaller. The "booklet" is in the form of a program for a play, which is a neat touch.



The cover to The Arcade Fire's recently released album, "Funeral."

Photo courtesy of www.arcadefire.com

The songs themselves are distinguishable as well.

"Wake Up" has a driving synth line and what seems like a choir singing backup vocals.

"Haiti" has a nice groove and is one of the few songs that Régine Chassagne sings.

"Rebellion (Lies)" has an interesting vocal arrangement, which it works very well.

"Crown of Love" is a soft, slow song about love and forgiveness. "In the Backseat" is another song Regine sings, and is a nice, laid back album closer.

Perhaps the most innovative part of the album is the connection of four of the first five tracks, by way of titles.

The opener is "Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)." This is the standout track, in my opinion. The vocals, as in the rest of the album, are over the top, but in a good way.

It tells a tale of a snowstorm and a couple

that digs tunnels to meet, only to be isolated from everyone else. "In Neighborhood #2 (Laika)," lead singer Win Butler sings about a character named Alexander, his older brother.

"Neighborhood #3 (Power Out)" is about a power outage in Butler's town during winter, and is the most up-tempo track on the album.

The neighborhood connection is completed by "Neighborhood #4 (7 Kettles)."

The pace slows and time seems to be the prevailing topic.

It's refreshing to listen to an album that has a theme, yet also is so heterogeneous songwise.

Hopefully, the innovation and creativeness of Butler, Chassagne and the rest of The Arcade Fire is not just a one album wonder, because it would seem this band has a bright future.

Either way, The Arcade Fire's "Funeral" is well worth picking up.



"Napoleon Dynamite" has achieved fame for its unusual humor and quirky characters.

Photo courtesy of foxsearchlight

Unusual film has following

By Laurel Droz
The Oakland Post

"The Passion of the Christ." "The Incredibles." "Spiderman 2." "Napoleon Dynamite?"

To quote the bottomless pit-of-wisdom that is "Sesame Street," "One of these things is not like the others, one of these things just doesn't belong."

So how, in the swell of epic movies, family features and beloved web-slingers, does a film like "Napoleon Dynamite," a film about, well, nothing, become such a hit?

For those of you who haven't seen the movie yet (and I recommend you do), "Napoleon Dynamite" is the story of that guy. The weird one. The one with the crazy hair who sits in the back of class drawing unskilled pictures of a "liger" (a cross between a lion and a tiger, "Dynamite" tells us) and talking about his super-hot girlfriend who conveniently lives out of town and can't come to prom because she's got a modeling job that weekend.

The film shows us that strange guy, being strange. Being strange at home. Being strange at school. Being strange at the store... you get the point.

So what's the appeal?

Maybe after so many trips to the cinema to see deeper, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" - type movies, people just needed a break.

"Napoleon Dynamite" makes

you laugh, without all that pesky thinking.

The humor of the movie is unique. It's not slapstick or cerebral. It's not political or satirical. It's just funny. Think "Seinfeld," minus the plot.

So maybe this is just a case of the right movie at the right time.

Eli Janosko, a senior, has another theory.

"Whether just out of high school, or if someone has been out of high school for a while, we ALL knew of that one peer of ours who was a nerd, and we always wondered exactly how the nerd species lived when he's not eating tater tots out of his pocket in class," Janosko said.

Travis Solwold, a junior, agrees the nerd factor is part of the draw. "I think (the reason for the movie's popularity) is 'cause the kid that's in it is just like that kid that everyone laughs at in high school. And in some perverse way, it's still funny," Solwold said.

Is that the draw here? Could it be as simple as we've all known - and, by the way, chances are if you didn't know one you were one - a Napoleon or two? Someone who walks that thin line between annoying and endearing.

No matter the cause of its surprising popularity, "Napoleon Dynamite" is funny.

Not epic. Not life changing. Not the feel good film of the year. Just funny.

And sometimes that's enough.

Academy Awards nominees released

By Roger Moore
Knight Ridder Newspapers

This year's Oscar bout will pit the obsessive-compulsive pilot vs. the lady boxer.

Martin Scorsese's sweeping Howard Hughes biography "The Aviator" will square off against Clint Eastwood's gritty girlfight drama, "Million Dollar Baby" - and Eastwood's legend - on Oscar night.

When the glitter had settled on the nominations Tuesday, "The Aviator" pulled in 11 in all, including best picture and nods for stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett and supporting actor Alan Alda as well as for director Scorsese, who has never won a best-director or best-picture Oscar.

"Million Dollar Baby" racked up seven nominations, including best picture, for Eastwood as both director and actor, Hilary Swank for best actress, and supporting actor Morgan Freeman.

Already billed as the "sentimental favorite," Freeman has never won an Oscar either.

Best-picture nominee "Finding Neverland" also earned seven nominations, including one for star Johnny Depp, portraying Peter Pan playwright J.M. Barrie, but not one for director Marc Forster, which reduces the film's best-picture chances.

Swank and Annette Bening will face off for the best-actress Oscar for the second time in five years. In 2000, Swank won for "Boys Don't Cry," beating Bening in "American Beauty."

This time, Bening was nominated for "Being Julia."

"I knew when I read the script that it was special," Swank said Tuesday of "Million Dollar Baby." "It was a rare find."

Critics' darling "Sideways" picked up a best-picture nod, and supporting-actor and supporting-actress nominations for Thomas Haden Church and Virginia Madsen - five in all - but not for star Paul Giamatti.

"Ray" also picked up five nominations. The winter-long coronation of Jamie Foxx continues as the winner of

Golden Globe and Critic's Choice awards for his impersonation of soul singer Ray Charles picked up two nominations Tuesday - best actor for "Ray," and best supporting actor for Michael Mann's thriller, "Collateral." "Ray" also was nominated for best picture.

Kate Winslet earned her fourth Oscar nomination for "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and had a hard time containing herself.

"I can't believe it. I am ecstatic! This nomination means so much to me. To be remembered for a film that was released a while ago ... I am unbelievably honored and completely overwhelmed."

The animated smash "The Incredibles" earned best animated film, best screenplay, best sound and sound-editing nominations - four in all.

"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" picked up four nominations in technical categories.

Oscar didn't totally dodge the year's most controversial films. While Michael Moore did not want "Fahrenheit 9/11" considered in the best-documentary category and thus shut himself out of any Oscar chances, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," a runaway hit in spite of complaints about its violence and alleged anti-Semitism, picked up nominations for music, makeup and cinematography.

Also picking up three nominations was director Mike Leigh's sympathetic story of a 1950s back-alley abortionist in "Vera Drake," which was recognized in the best director, best actress and best original screenplay categories.

Eastwood's surprise best-actor nomination meant that Liam Neeson ("Kinsey"), Giamatti, Javier Bardem ("The Sea Inside"), Jim Carrey ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind") and Jeff Bridges ("The Door in the Floor") will have to wait for another day.

"It's a dream for everyone who wants to be a movie maker," to land an Oscar nomination, said Christophe Barratier, director of best foreign language film nominee "The Chorus."

"This is, like, crazy," best supporting-actress nominee Natalie Portman told the Associated Press. "How did I get so

lucky to have an amazing experience - have a film ("Closer") I'm really proud of - and then also get recognized by our own community?"

With Moore out of the documentary field, Morgan Spurlock's hilarious hit "Super Size Me," about one man's attempt to ruin his health by eating nothing but McDonald's food for a month, emerges as a favorite.

The first tally of the nation's oddsmakers put "Aviator," Foxx, Swank and Scorsese as the early favorites.

The Academy's juggling of Oscar's nomination and show dates to minimize the impact of earlier awards didn't totally obliterate the Golden Globes from the Oscar landscape. Alda, best actress nominee Catalina Sandino Moreno ("Maria Full of Grace") and best supporting actress pick Sophie Okonedo ("Hotel Rwanda") did not figure in the Globes' balloting. But pretty much every other Oscar nominee earned a Golden Globe nomination first.

The best picture and best director races will pit Hollywood royalty against the director's director, Eastwood vs. Scorsese.

Scorsese won the Critics Choice award for best director. Eastwood won the Golden Globe. Scorsese has been nominated for best director five times, never winning.

But the lack of blockbusters in this year's nominees could spell trouble for the Oscar telecast, to be hosted by Chris Rock.

"I think you're looking at a low-rated show, because rooting interest in the races is a big reason to watch," says Steve Pond, author of "The Big Show: High Times and Dirty Dealings Backstage at the Academy Awards." "If there aren't movies nominated that a lot of people have seen competing for the top awards, people don't watch."

Still, Pond says, with Chris Rock hosting, "people may tune in just to see what he does." Rock, for his part, has joked that if Jamie Foxx doesn't win for "Ray," he'll "take an Oscar from one of the sound or light people that win and give it to him."

The 77th Academy Awards will be broadcast Feb. 27 on ABC.

2005 OSCAR NOMINATIONS

Best actor

Johnny Depp
"Finding Neverland"

Leonardo DiCaprio
"The Aviator"

Jamie Foxx
"Ray"

Clint Eastwood
"Million Dollar Baby"

Don Cheadle
"Hotel Rwanda"

Best actress

Kate Winslet
"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

Imelda Staunton
"Vera Drake"

Annette Bening
"Being Julia"

Catalina Sandino Moreno
"Maria Full of Grace"

Hillary Swank
"Million Dollar Baby"

Best director

Clint Eastwood
"Million Dollar Baby"

Martin Scorsese
"The Aviator"

Taylor Hackford
"Ray"

Alexander Payne
"Sideways"

Mike Leigh
"Vera Drake"

Best supporting actor

Alan Alda
"The Aviator"

Thomas Haden Church
"Sideways"

Jamie Foxx
"Collateral"

Morgan Freeman
"Million Dollar Baby"

Clive Owen
"Closer"

Best supporting actress

Cate Blanchett
"The Aviator"

Laura Linney
"Kinsey"

Virginia Madsen
"Sideways"

Sophie Okonedo
"Hotel Rwanda"

Natalie Portman
"Closer"

Best foreign language film

"As It Is In Heaven"
Sweden

"The Chorus"
France

"Downfall"
Germany

"The Sea Inside"
Spain

"Yesterday"
South Africa

Best picture

"The Aviator"

"Ray"

"Sideways"

"Million Dollar Baby"

"Finding Neverland"

Best animated film

"The Incredibles"

"Shrek 2"

"Shark Tales"

Created by Brendan J. Stevens

Rowland retains reign

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY,
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

The battle began at 1000 hours, where students challenged their knowledge against each other in an intense race for victory.

Oakland University's College Bowl: Varsity Sport of the Mind kicked off with 16 team members in the Oakland Center on Saturday.

"Basically, we are a bunch of dorks, and we're gonna answer some questions," junior Tom Rowland said with a smile. He has been participating in the College Bowl for the last three years.

Rowland was captain of a team which included Michael McGuinness, Michael McLaughlin and Joshua Miller.

Aleksandar Nikolic was captain of Salathiel Palland, John Drabeski and Nick Caporale.

Another team had Bryan Austin as captain with his teammates Steve Townsend, Danny Johnston and Diana Walcott.

Captain Peter Halabu played with his teammates Marc Wingo, Jeff Galecki and Daniel Foeller.

The four teams played against each other to find the winner by the process of elimination in two eight-minute halves.

"It is a challenge," Nikolic said, adding that he likes to watch the game show "Jeopardy". "I like those game questions."

There are two types of questions in the tournament: toss-up and bonus.

A single person answers a toss-up question whereas a team answers a bonus question with five seconds to deliberate after answering a toss-up.

Questions range from 10 to 30 points and the team with the most points wins the round.

"The object is to get as many questions as possible," Paul Franklin, tournament director, said.

Franklin has been tournament director for the last 12 years, he said, and is the coordinator of campus programs for the Center for Student Activities at OU.

Questions were long and complex. For example:

Q: The first trans-Atlantic radio message between two heads of state was sent on Jan. 18, 1903. What president of the U.S. sent the message to what King of England via this new technology?

A: Theodore Roosevelt and King Edward the VII.

"It all depends on the questions. If we get a good batch of questions, we'll do fine," Captain Halabu said to Galecki before a round against Team Nikolic.

Other teams did not base their performance on chance, but rather actual practice for the tournament.

"We played Trivial Pursuit," Palland of team Nikolic said.

She said her team would play between classes in preparation for the tournament; yet McLaughlin of Team Rowland admitted he did not do any preparing, relying rather on his knowledge from his school years.

McGuinness of Team Rowland, also the vice-president of OU Student Congress, showed his extreme delight when a question about the astrological signs was asked to his team, something he has an interest in.

The monitor read, "It is the faintest of the 12 constellations of the Zodiac and lies between Gemini and Leo."

"Cancer," McGuinness shouted with enthusiasm.

During breaks, McGuinness would ask people what their birthday was and tell them their sign. He even would randomly add the astrological sign of a person stated in a question such as Rosa Parks, an Aquarius, and Adolf Hitler's birthday of April 20, making him an Aries.

After several hours, the final game was down to Team Nikolic against Team Rowland.

Team Rowland is the former OU College Bowl champion, and their status did not change Saturday when they defeated Team Nikolic in a 375-95 victory.

Team Rowland won \$400 for first place and runner-up Team Nikolic won \$100.

Team Rowland will go to the regional championship at Wilmington College in Ohio on Feb. 18-20, and could go to the national championship, conducted by the Association of College Unions International, if they take regionals.

Zach Azzam, OU graduate of 2001, was team captain in College Bowl with his last tournament in 2000 and went to three regional tournaments.

"It is something that I look forward to every year," Azzam said, who participated as a monitor this year. "I'd like to see it get bigger at OU."

College Bowl was sponsored by the Center for Student Activities, Oakland Center, OU Branch MSU Federal Credit Union and UPS.

Test your College Bowl knowledge

Question 1: Of the alkaline metals of all human reactives that are soft enough to be cut with a knife, only two are relatively abundant in the earth's crust and those were the first two to be isolated each in 1807. Name those two alkaline metals and the English chemist who discovered both of them.

Question 2: It has been domesticated in the Andes for nearly 5,000 years and is a delicacy said to taste like rabbits. Peruvians consume 22 million of these rodents every year and breed them to weigh up to 10 pounds.

Question 3: It is the usual word spoken when answering a phone in Italy and in Italian means "ready." In English, however, it has borrowed the same word from Spanish with the meaning of "at once" or "immediately."

Question 4: In 1959, he privately admitted he opposed school desegregation because whites were never accepting and black kids would suffer. That was during his final weeks as pastor of the Montgomery Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. He later changed his mind, a lot. Who was the civil rights martyr remembered in a federal holiday?

Answers: 1) sodium, potassium and Sir Humphrey David 2) guinea pigs 3) pronto 4) Martin Luther King Jr.

By LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (01-26-05). You can draw up the plans and let somebody else do the building. This is a joint project. Together you'll get exponentially farther.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 9: Meetings should go well, and it should be relatively easy to reach consensus. Everybody's in the mood to decide, so they can get to work.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 5: Add the finishing touches to make your home just the way you want it. Get ready to entertain, so you can do it spontaneously.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8: If you can only learn the language before you go over there, you'll be amazed at how many doors will open. And, yes, you can.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5: Collect as much as you can when the opportunity presents. Work quickly and be assertive, and gather up the prize.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8: Follow through on the innovations you've recently instigated. You'll get to the part where the money comes in pretty soon, don't worry about that.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5: Follow through on all those promises you made, one way or another. If you can't pay the debt in full, at least make an installment on it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8: A friend can teach you a couple of things that you'll find very useful. You'll be more efficient when you have more technical expertise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 5: Collect up all the little jewels that have been scattered around. Resist the urge to be wasteful. Although there's plenty now, this may have to last you a while.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8: You may get the chance to be the voice of objectivity. A couple of people you know are having trouble finding a compromise. Lend your wisdom to those who need some.

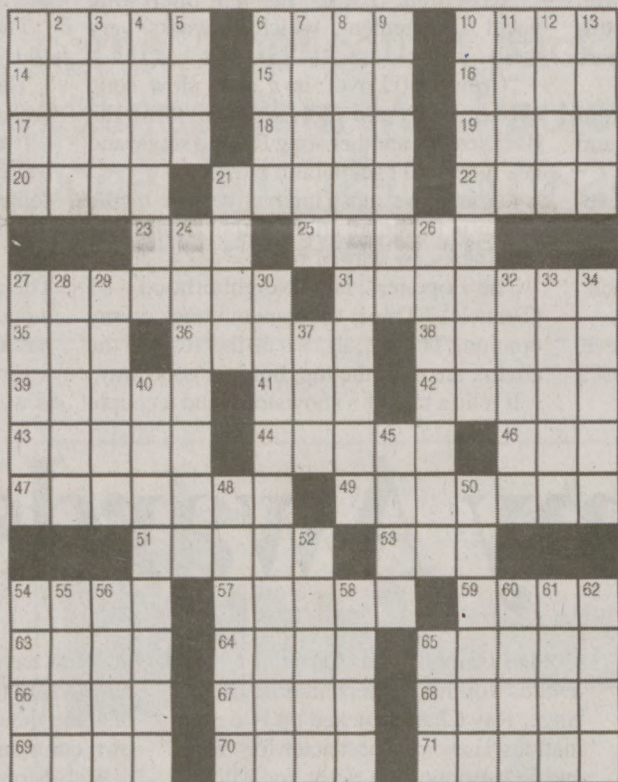
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 5: Keep looking for bargains in all the likely places, including sales at the better stores and catalogs, and even in your own closets. It's not cheating to mend something old.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6: Somebody else may be able to get through where you've been turned aside. This doesn't need to be a problem. Delegate, and then get on to other things.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 4: Concentrate on providing the very best service you can, and do it proudly. You're developing a reputation that's worth more than its weight in gold.

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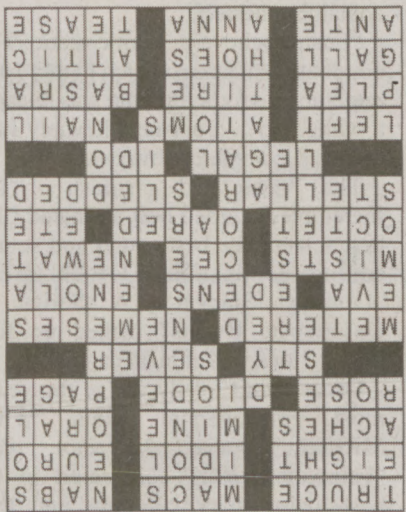
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21 Electron tube
22 Summon
23 Pen
25 Cut off
27 Like utilities
31 Vengeful foes
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36 Utopias
38 "Gay"
39 Fine sprays
41 Average grade
42 Unfamiliar with
43 Two quartets combined
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46 Somme summer
47 Astral
49 Went tobogganing
51 Kind of eagle?
53 Words of commitment
54 Remaining
57 Components of everything
59 Brad or spike
63 Self-defense, e.g.
64 Make weary
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21 Soaked in woad
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27 Written reminders
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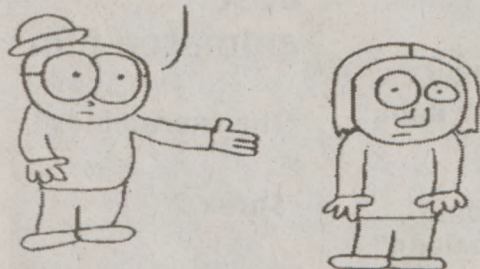
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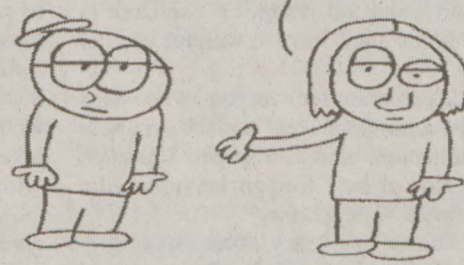
We've all heard "I think, therefore I am," as said by Descartes...



But the Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh turns the quote around and says "I think, therefore I'm not," because thinking prevents us from enjoying the present moment. What's your opinion?



I'd tell you, but thinking of an answer would prohibit me from enjoying the present moment, don't you think?



By John Muller www.geocities.com/researcher965/home.html

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Learn about the job trends in today's market with the Diversity Panel Discussion: Reality in Job Trends from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity, invites students to have fun in Bumpers Game Room and to inquire about their fraternity from 6-8 p.m.

Come get to know the four Panhellenic sororities of OU in their recruiting session when they inform students of their organizations from 5:30- 7p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

As part of African-American Celebration Month, OUSC is sponsoring a roundtable discussion on race relations. Enjoy free food and thought-provoking conversation.

Thursday, Jan. 27

President and CEO of Best Source Credit Union John Normandeau, a guest speaker for the Economic Students Association and Women's Economic Society, will visit OU to speak about money and how to manage it from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in room 234 of Elliot Hall.

A Diversity Career Fair will be held for all students with several employers present from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Banquet rooms of the OC.

Ribs, chicken, corn and rolls are some of the items that Alpha Kappa Psi will provide to students for free, while getting to know the business fraternity from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Friday, Jan. 28

African-American and minority artists will perform in a gala performance held by the Black Collegiate Arts Association at 7:30 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

Along with other events, Alpha Kappa Psi will hold a Blue Mockini Social Evening to inform students of their fraternity from 6-8 p.m. in rooms 128-130 of the OC.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Future students will tour the campus with their families and friends from 10 a.m.-noon in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Watch the OU men's basketball game with fellow OU students and friends at Big Buck Brewery. UPN 50 will be videotaping students at 7 p.m. and the game begins at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Julie Sando will lecture about her photographs displayed in "Shopping for Pleasure" in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, depicting the women's role at home and in her career, at 2 p.m. in 208 Wilson Hall.

Monday, Jan. 31

Last day for 50 percent tuition refund for full semester courses.

An open forum will be held to discuss President Bush's foreign policy in his second term from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Come voice your opinions at the weekly OUSC meeting at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Compiled by: Sheila Kosztowny,
Assistant Life Editor

Writers' meetings are held at noon on Mondays in The Oakland Post's office at 610C, between WXOU and Bumpers.

Hafeli pours in 31 to lead Grizzlies' attack

BY AARON WALKER
THE OAKLAND POST

OU was able to extend its winning streak to three games by defeating Mid-Con foe Oral Roberts University 77-55 at the O'rena Monday night.

The Golden Eagles won the tip, and recorded the game's first points on a three-pointer by guard Katie Langford.

At the other end, junior guard Jayme Wilson countered with a three-pointer assisted by sophomore guard Joya Puryear. On the next OU possession, Wilson drained another three against the ORU zone defense.

Just over four minutes into the game, junior guard Anne Hafeli sank a three of her own, followed by another Wilson three-pointer.

Shortly after, Hafeli grabbed a defensive rebound and took it coast-to-coast against two defenders to give OU an 18-8 lead.

Those baskets were part of a sizzling start for the Grizzlies where they made 10 of 10 field goals in the first seven minutes.

OU effortlessly broke ORU's full court press with precise ball movement, which led to easier baskets. In the half court set, OU was very patient, with sharp plays and passes.

"We have a very nice inside-outside attack. We need an inside attack in order to get the outside shots," said OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard.

Lakeshia White, a six-foot-one forward, provided a tough spark off the bench for OU with seven points and five rebounds in only twelve minutes of play.

Out of a timeout, ORU drained a three-pointer at the 14:30 mark of the first half. Hafeli countered with two consecutive three's, one from Wilson, and the other assisted by Puryear. Puryear netted six of her career-high seven assists in the first half.

"I think when anybody starts making shots it's contagious for the whole team," said senior forward Amanda Batcha, who recorded nine points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

Hafeli had a career night with 31 points, going nine of 12 on three-pointers, and 11 of 15 overall.

Her nine three's were a career high, one shy of a school record, and a tie for second most this season in the NCAA during a single game.

Wilson scored 16 points and sophomore forward Nicole Piggott added 10 points to round out the double-digit scorers.

Each of OU's 11 players recorded either points or an assist on the night.

Maureen Obudho led ORU with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Wilson scored a season-high 28 points in OU's 75-60 win over Southern Utah University on Saturday night in the O'rena.

Her play against ORU and SUU earned Wilson Mid-Con Player of the Week honors.

Wilson scored her career high 32 points against the Thunderbirds last season. Ironically, the game was before a snow-storm last season, too.

"Some days happen to be your day, and I was just fortunate today was one of them, apparently," Wilson said.



Junior Anne Hafeli scored a career high 31 points to help the Grizzlies defeat Oral Roberts.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

The two teams played an up-tempo battle in the first half, changing leads five times in the first ten minutes.

OU was up one when it went on a 10-0 run to take a 31-20 lead with 7:35 remaining in the half.

The Thunderbirds then went on their own 11-0 run to tie the game at 31 with just over four minutes left in the half.

The Grizzlies used a 9-0 run at the end of the first half to take a 40-31 lead into halftime.

Wilson and Piggott took over at the start of the second half.

The duo combined to score OU's first 15 points and put the game out of reach for SUU.

"Southern Utah and the way they play

their zone, we knew it was kind of conducive to kids that have that medium-range game," Hilliard said.

"It was kids who were comfortable knowing when to attack and which direction to attack."

OU's next two games are on the road against two of the Mid-Con's best.

First, the Grizzlies will face Valparaiso University at 7 p.m. on Monday night.

Valpo is tied with OU for second place in the Mid-Con with a 5-2 record.

OU then travels to Western Illinois University on Saturday. The Westerwinds are undefeated so far this season in the Mid-Con at 7-0.

The Westerwinds also are on a 27-game home winning streak.

Game Preview

Who: OU vs. Valparaiso
When: Jan. 31
Where: Valparaiso, Ind.
What: The Grizzlies will look to avenge a 68-63 loss at the O'rena earlier this season. The two teams are currently tied for second place in the Mid-Con conference standings.



Anything you can do, they can do better



BRENDAN J. STEVENS

Editor in Chief

Not many people have noticed, as evidenced by the unfilled seats, but the OU women's basketball team may be turning a corner this year.

With wins over interstate foes Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan, along with a 5-2 Mid-Con record, the Golden Grizzlies are a formidable squad.

An explosive offense, an increasingly more difficult defense and maturing depth have led OU to three consecutive 15+ point victories.

And it may be just the beginning.

After a strong non-conference season (the Grizzlies went 8-3), the team has rebounded from a 2-2 start in league play and now places second in the Mid-Con at 5-2.

Last year, led largely by two sophomore guards, Anne Hafeli and Jayme Wilson, OU finished fourth in the league, but was ousted in the first round of the Mid-Con tournament.

This year has been a different story for the Grizzlies.

While Wilson and Hafeli are still the team's leading scorers, they have one more year's experience under their belts and it's showing.

Both players have made their teammates better while still showing explosive offensive abilities.

Sophomore Nicole Piggott, injured at the end of last season, has emerged as OU's third offensive weapon.

Senior center Petra Manakova, having showed flashes in her first year as a Grizzly, has accepted her role coming off the bench and played well.

Sophomore Joya Puryear has taken over at point guard after some struggles last year.

Junior Lakeshia White has bolstered OU's depth at forward.

The list goes on and on.

A "team first" mentality and excellent coaching from Eileen Shea-Hilliard to complement the always-present skill has the Grizzlies poised for a run you don't want to miss.

Brendan Stevens is a senior majoring in journalism.

Grizzlies fight snow, foes for wins

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In front of 800 fans Friday night, the OU men's club hockey team outlasted Davenport University, 3-2.

Both OU and Davenport are among the American Collegiate Hockey Association's elite, making the contest close.

For most of the first period, the score remained tied at zero, with goalkeeper Chris Joswiak backstopping the Grizzlies.

With the first period winding down, Jordan Ingram took a shot from the left circle that found its way past the Panthers' goalkeeper and gave OU the 1-0 lead at the first intermission.

Early in the second stanza, Davenport evened the score by capitalizing on a power play.

With the defense and hitting intensity picking up, the Grizzlies found a seam by reversing the action with a quick breakout.

Ron Kolito took advantage of the change in momentum and put OU ahead, 2-1, midway through the second period.

With the margin at one goal, each bounce of the puck became crucial.

As the seconds ticked away toward the end of the second period, the Grizzlies caught the next break.

With a scramble in front of the Davenport net, Will McMahon put OU up by two goals when he tipped a shot by Steve Schaffler past the unsuspecting Panthers' goalie.

The Grizzlies continued to swat away Davenport's attempts at a comeback as the third period continued on.

A five-minute major penalty cost OU its two-goal margin when the Panthers scored with only eight seconds remaining in the man advantage.

With more than eight minutes remaining in the game, Joswiak and the Grizzly defense shut

down the Panthers to secure the 3-2 victory.

OU defenseman Scott Elder was suspended for two games after the Davenport contest for fighting with the Panthers' Brett Reid in the third period of Friday's game.

The Grizzlies fought the snow and Central Michigan University Saturday night, prevailing 6-4.

A difficult three-hour drive through snow and wind proved to be the most difficult part of the road trip while penalties directed the flow of the game.

Vinny Jalaba and Ian Charnoby contributed to the two-goal victory by netting two each.

Next up for OU is a pair of games against the University of Miami-Ohio.

Miami, along with the Grizzlies, is part of the Greater Midwest Hockey League, making this weekend's back-to-back contests critical to league play.

The ClubHawks are currently 9-8-2 overall and have been

voted fifth in the Southeast Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

The top four teams from each of the four regions qualify for the national tournament, which will be hosted by the ONYX in Rochester this year.

Taking on the world

The U.S. University Select Team finished 3-3-0 after the Winter World University Games at Telfs Ice Stadium in Austria.

McMahon served as an alternate for the team and OU head coach Craig Furstenau participated in camp to help evaluate talent.

Since 2001, when Team USA rejoined the games with players from the ACHA, the squad has had little success. In the 2001 and 2003 games combined, the team won only one game.

For more information on the World University Team, visit www.achahockey.org.

Upcoming Schedule

The OU men's club hockey team returns home for two games against Greater Midwest Hockey League foe the University of Miami-Ohio at the ONYX ice arena in Rochester.

The ClubHawks currently stand at 9-8-2 and rank fifth in the Southeast Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The fifth-place ranking puts the ClubHawks one spot out of qualifying for the National Tournament. Friday night's game will be featured on CMNTV/53. Be sure to check out their Web site for dates and times at www.cmntv.org.

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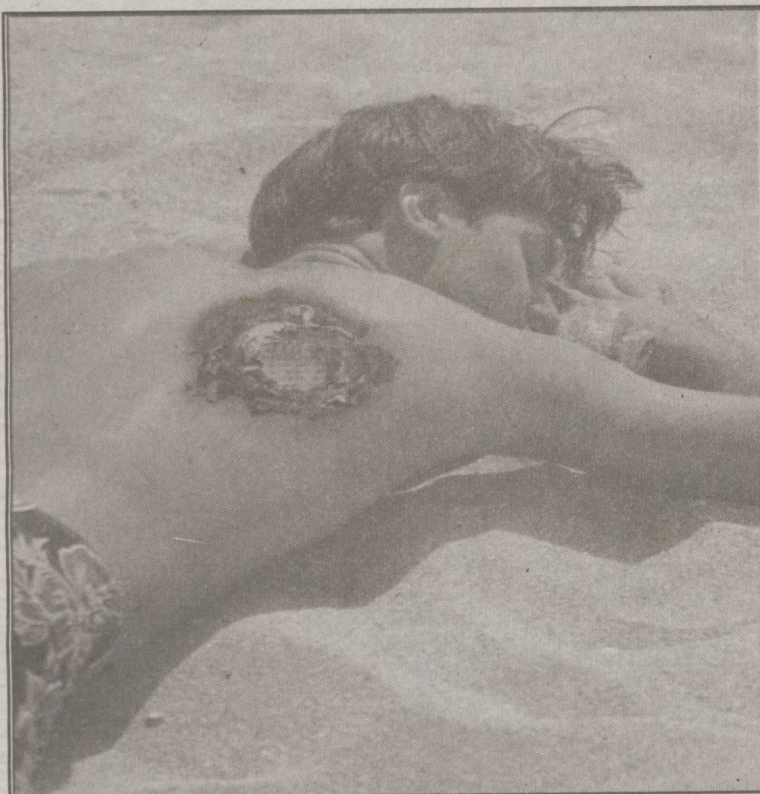
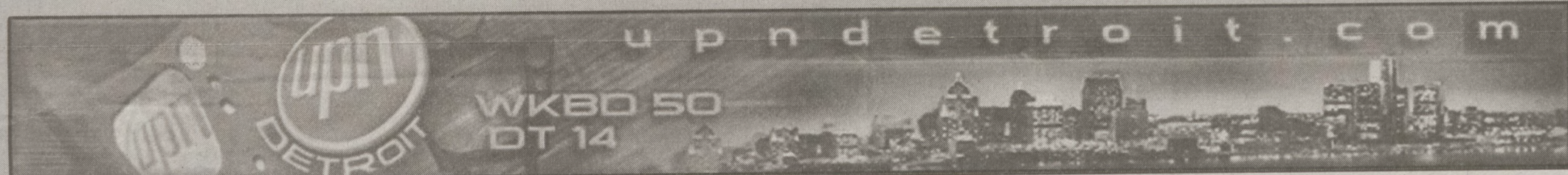
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Marshall's energy lifts OU over Southern Utah



Senior forward Rawle Marshall takes a pass in the post from freshman guard Brandon Cassise in the OU men's basketball team's game against Southern Utah University on Saturday. With the Grizzlies struggling, Marshall took the team "on his back," according to head coach Greg Kampe and let OU to victory.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Great players are often defined by their ability to carry the load when a team needs it the most.

Senior swingman Rawle Marshall began writing his own definition of greatness Saturday night in the O'rena in a 81-60 win over Southern Utah University.

According to head coach Greg Kampe, Marshall had a look in his eye, a look his coach has been waiting for all season.

"As the game wore on, I think Rawle Marshall kind of put us on his back and kind of willed us to victory," Kampe said. "I think it's one of the best games Rawle has played for us since he's been here. I give him a ton of credit."

Kampe didn't discredit the contributions of the rest of the team, however.

"There were a lot of guys that played good," he said. "Our whole team played well over the last 30 minutes, but I just thought Rawle Marshall was special tonight and he carried us."

The turning point actually came on a near steal by Marshall that resulted in an OU turnover.

The long-armed Marshall intercepted an SUU pass, but barely stepped out of bounds as he tried to push the ball upcourt in transition.

When Marshall looked back at the referee, Kampe said he saw a look in his swingman's eyes that said, "I'm playing now."

Kampe called the fiery gaze an event, saying it was the first time it's happened this season.

"He's played good basketball," he said. "I don't care if he hits another shot. I need him to show the leadership he showed tonight (against SUU)."

Just before Marshall found his fire, a pair of three-pointers by freshman guard Brandon Cassise cut the Thunderbirds lead to six points.

The Golden Grizzlies then rallied around Marshall's intensity to go on a 10-5 run to end the first half, cutting the halftime deficit to one point.

SUU bolstered its advantage to start the second half, extending the lead to six points, but OU quickly responded.

The Grizzlies tied the game, 46-46, with more than 15 minutes remaining and then went on a 22-7 run to take control of the game, 68-53, with less than seven minutes to play.

Over the last 6:45, OU's defense gave up only seven points to secure the lopsided victory.

Marshall led the second half charge with 16 of his game-high 26 points coming in the final 20

minutes of the contest. Marshall's play earned him Mid-Con Player of the Week honors for the fourth time in his OU career.

Senior forward Cortney Scott said Marshall played wonderfully.

"He was the energy guy for us tonight," he said.

In addition to the obvious boost Marshall gave the Grizzlies, he also secured his place in the OU record books, becoming the all-time leading shot blocker with 81 career blocks.

"I think I've gotten more blocks. I don't think they've (recorded) all of them," Marshall said with a smile. "That's a nice accomplishment."

With the Grizzlies hovering around the .500 mark in Mid-Con action, Kampe said Saturday's win was important because it's that time of the season.

"Very good win for us. Very proud of our team," Kampe said. "Our young kids have learned a lot of things this year, but it's time to win now. We make a few too many mistakes and we need to force-feed some of these things to our young guards."

Marshall recognized the significance of the win.

"Every conference game is big," he said. "We want to win the conference and eventually do some things in the conference tournament."

Looking to build on the victory over SUU at home, OU hit the road for a Monday night contest against its Achilles' heel, Valparaiso University.

The Grizzlies could not overcome the Crusaders, falling 82-71. The loss pushes OU's all-time record versus Valpo to 0-15.

Both teams opened the game with sloppy play, turning the ball over many times while the Crusaders' held the lead for most of the first 15 minutes.

Having kept the game close, OU finally took the lead on a three-pointer by Cassise that broke the 27-27 tie.

But Valpo responded with a 17-7 run to end the first half, giving the Crusaders a 44-37 lead going into halftime.

Valpo extended its margin by holding the Grizzlies scoreless for more than five minutes to begin the second half.

OU was able to keep the Crusaders' lead under 20, but did not pull any closer than nine.

Senior forward Cortney Scott finished with a team-high 19 points, 15 of which came in the first half. Marshall added 18 points and sophomore guard Kris Kryzminksi contributed 10.

Five Valpo players were in double figures.

OU (3-4, 5th, 5-12) steps out of conference play for a showdown with Michigan State University at 8 p.m. on Saturday in East Lansing.

Big Buck Brewery will be hosting a "watch party" beginning at 7 p.m. with a UPN television crew present.

The Grizzlies return to conference play at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 against the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the O'rena. The game will be aired on Comcast local.

Oakland 81

SUU 60

Super reasons for who will win

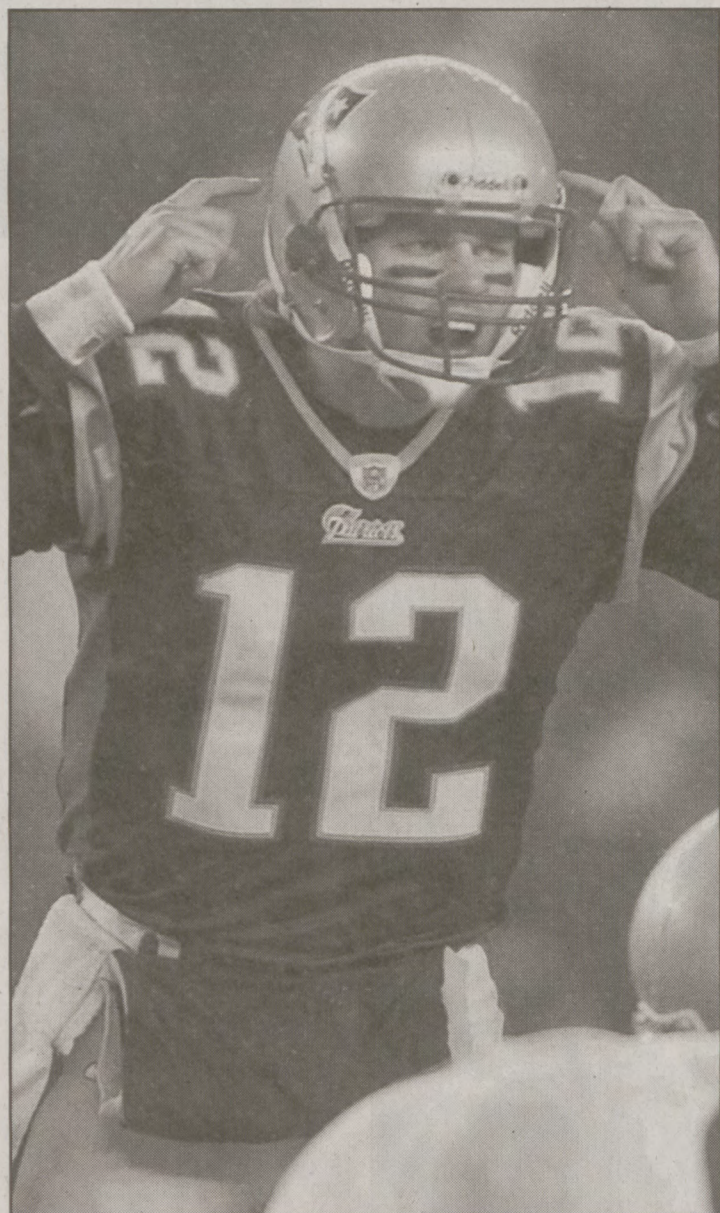


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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

New England

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

1. The top reason New England will win the Super Bowl is experience. The team has already won two out of the last three Super Bowls.

There is no substitute for big game experience. The Patriots will not be rattled by the magnitude of the game.

2. Tom Brady could be one of the best pressure quarterbacks in the history of football.

When a game is on the line, Brady rises to the occasion every time.

3. Head coach Bill Belichick is a master at forcing opposing teams away from their strengths.

Nobody could figure out how to rattle Ben Roethlisberger all season, but the Patriots figured out how and when it mattered the most.

4. Corey Dillon. The Patriots have already won two Super Bowls with no running game.

The emergence of Dillon only makes them more dangerous.

5. No Terrell Owens. Even if the Pro-Bowl receiver does play in the game, he will not be the same.

Owens will be rusty and the Patriots defense will not help him shake off the cobwebs. He will not be a major factor.

Pick — Patriots by 10

Philadelphia

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

1. The pressure is on New England. Philadelphia got the monkey off its back by winning the NFC Championship. Now the Eagles are pumped up and ready to show it wasn't a fluke.

Dynasty talk has put added pressure on the Patriots, and the Eagles will look to capitalize.

2. Running back Brian Westbrook may be the most versatile back in the game right now.

New England's linebackers are talented, but few teams have been able to stop him both on the ground and through the air.

3. Donovan McNabb is ready for the spotlight. The perfect ending to a career season would be a Super Bowl championship.

Don't think Rush Limbaugh's comments aren't still in the back of his mind. McNabb will want to prove any doubters wrong.

4. The Eagles' defense is underrated. New England's D-unit may get a lot of the attention, but the defensive secondary for Philadelphia could ground the Patriots' air attack and the front seven has the ability to slow down Corey Dillon.

5. Terrell Owens. Even if he doesn't play, he has effectively caused a distraction for the Patriots and given them another thing to worry about.

Pick — Eagles by 3

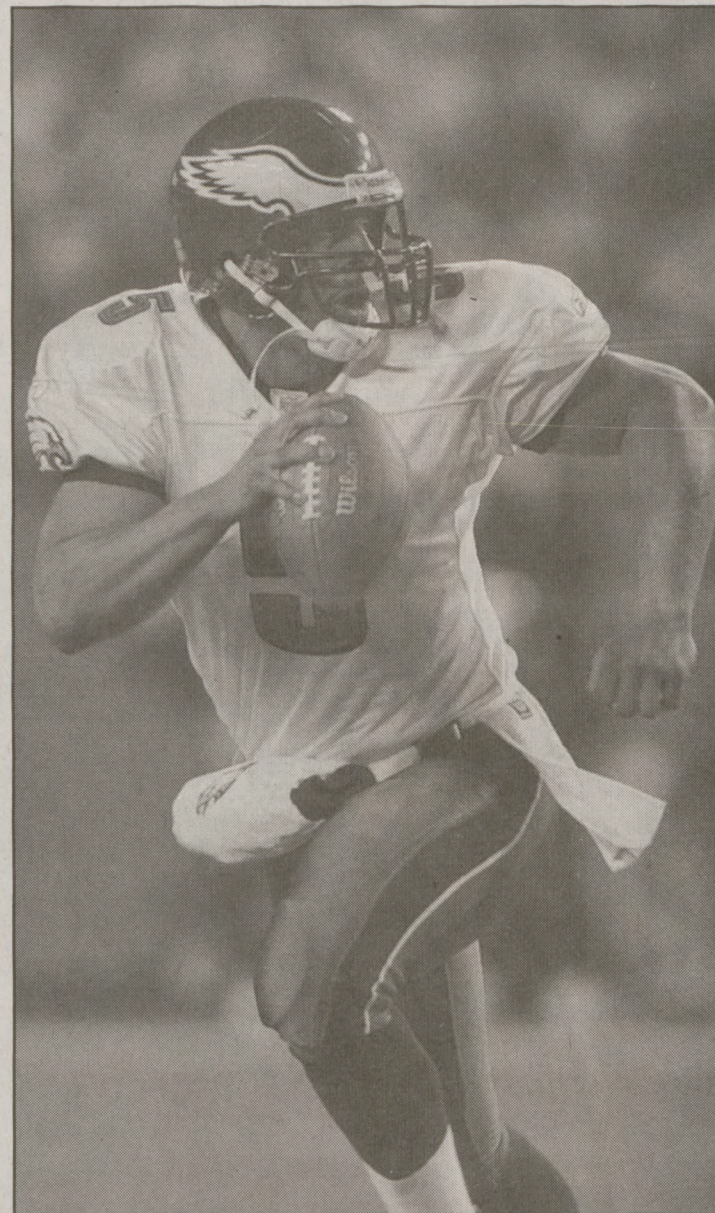


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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb.