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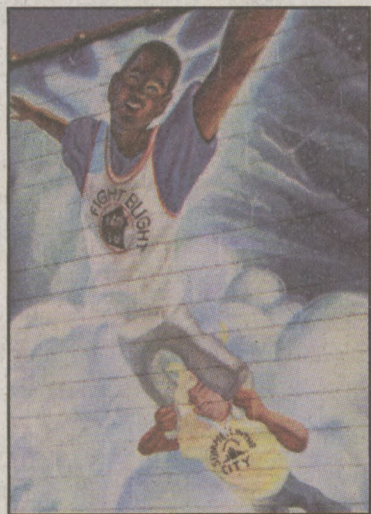
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OUSC consumed with allegations

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY
Managing Editor

A legislator elected to Oakland University Student Congress on Monday night may have a short tenure if allegations of sexual harassment are proved true.

Within 20 minutes of being voted into office by a margin of nine to four, senior Derek Giordano was accused by two legislators of having "sexually harassed" four members of OUSC in past weeks.

Giordano flatly denies the allega-

tions. "I have never met the person that brought the allegations," Giordano said after the meeting. "And I have never done anything in my life that would be considered sexual harassment."

He said he had "absolutely no idea of where these allegations are coming from."

OUSC Legislator Bre Kopson, who was present during the initial approval of Giordano, surprised some by making a motion to reconsider his

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The Associated Press

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., shown while speaking at Unity College in Unity, Maine, Sept. 23, will address environmental issues to OU students.

RFK Jr.

Activist speaks today at OU

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. has three sons with asthma.

"I watch them struggle to breathe on bad-air days," he wrote in a December 2003 issue of "Rolling Stone."

Kennedy, an environmental lawyer and activist, is speaking

on the importance of protecting the environment at OU's Banquet Rooms today.

"The Pentagon recently issued a report that said global warming is a greater threat to global stability than terrorism or war," he said in an interview with The Post, citing the importance of focusing on

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The Associated Press

British flags decorate the largely Protestant area of the Shankill Road area of Belfast, in Northern Ireland, Monday.

Irish activist recounts personal civil rights plight

By JULIE SWIDWINKSI
Campus News Editor

Recent developments in Ireland may turn toward peace as Irish Republican Army members stated Monday that they have disposed of all their stockpiled weapons.

During their struggle for civil rights, Republicans of Ireland created the IRA to protect supporters of their cause and fight against British and unionist forces in their land, often ending up imprisoned for their beliefs.

Caoimhin Mac Giolla Mhin spoke yesterday at Oakland University of the discriminations and hardships that former prisoners face.

"They were just political prisoners. They were not involved as rapists, pedophiles or people involved in robberies," said Mhin, a representative of Coiste na n-larchimi.

Mac Giolla Mhin is touring the United States of America to publicize Coiste, an organization that strives to help the social, economic and emotional well

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The Associated Press

An Irish Republican Army mural in West Belfast, Northern Ireland, Monday. Disarmament officials presented a confidential report Monday to the British and Irish governments detailing the Irish Republican Army's recent secret handover of its weapons stockpiles, a long-elusive goal of Northern Ireland peacemaking.



A father and son pass the Irish News newspaper offices in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sunday. It was announced Sunday that the Irish Republican Army had decommissioned all their weapons.

The Associated Press



Athletic director retires, fulfills dream of taking OU to Division I

By DAVE PEMBERTON
Assistant Sports Editor

In 1995, Oakland University had a successful Division II athletic department, but its athletes dreamt of taking the next step to Division I.

Athletic department members knew they would need strong leader-

ship to make the transition, and the future of the program was put into the hands of then new athletic director Jack Mehl.

Ten years and 34 Mid-Con conference titles later, OU has made a smooth transition to Division I under Mehl. But Mehl will no longer be with OU.

He made the decision to retire as athletic director last week.

"I've been thinking about making this move for some time," Mehl said in a statement.

"With our recent success in the NCAA basketball tournament last March, and having established with the staff a solid framework for per-

formance in Division I athletics, the time will probably never be better for me to transition."

Mehl will continue to be the interim commissioner of the Mid-Con conference. It is unclear if Mehl plans to take the position permanently.

He could not be reached for comment.

Men's basketball coach Greg Kampe will be the interim athletic director, while the search for a new athletic director is conducted.

Kampe served as interim athletic director once before in 1994.

"I've been here before, and I know

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environmental issues. Kennedy, the son of late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is the chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper, an organization that cites as its mission "to safeguard the ecological integrity of the Hudson River, its tributaries and the watershed of New York City."

He has prosecuted companies and the government for polluting the Hudson River and Long

Island Sound and is known for leading the battle to protect New York City's water supply by negotiating the New York City watershed agreement.

Kennedy is also the senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance, an organization dedicated to protecting water from pollution.

According to Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs, Kennedy's visit to OU coincides with this year's College of Arts and Sciences

theme, "Environmental Explorations."

"We wanted to contribute a major speaker for that theme, and Kennedy is a well known environmental activist and lawyer," he said.

Kennedy, a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School, is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York.

Among his publications are

"New York State Apprentice Falconer's Manual, Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., A Biography," and "The Riverkeepers," which he co-wrote in 1997.

He has written articles, which have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, among others.

The lecture at OU is sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board, and seats are free on a first-come basis. No tickets are required.

The lecture will be at 7 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center and interpreted for the hearing impaired. For more information on

Kennedy, please visit <http://riverkeeper.org>.

— Editor in Chief Roqaya Eshamawi contributed to this report.

Who: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
What: Environmental Destiny
Where: Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center
When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Test your knowledge on environmental issues

Circle the most correct answer. Completed forms should be placed inside the box located outside The Oakland Post in the basement of the Oakland Center room 61 no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

1. Who is currently the head of the EPA?

- A) Samuel Jackson
- B) Alfred Wilson
- C) Stephen L. Johnson
- D) Lauren Joseph

2. When was the EPA established?

- A) 1963
- B) 1970
- C) 1985
- D) 2004

3. What date is Earth Day?

- A) January 1
- B) April 6
- C) April 22
- D) November 10

4. How many endangered species of mammals are there in the United States?

- A) 3 species
- B) 12 species
- C) 68 species
- D) 112 species

5. How much of U.S. waste is recycled each year?

- A) 10%
- B) 25%
- C) 33%
- D) 45%

6. In 1999, how many tons of waste were avoided due to recycling?

- A) 1 ton
- B) 62 thousand tons
- C) 12 million tons
- D) 64 million tons

Last week's
winner:
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OUSC Cont. from A1

confirmation. Kopson made the motion, citing allegations of sexual harassment. She did not elaborate.

Kopson's remarks were followed by Katie Miller, OUSC student services director, who said that four unidentified Congress members had allegedly been harassed.

Tuesday, Kopson said she did not vote for Giordano. She also said she did not voice her concerns during discussions following the motion to approve him because she was confused about the procedures.

A spirited and often chaotic debate followed Kopson's motion for nearly 30 minutes.

OUSC Legislator George Nahas suggested that the matter be forwarded to OUSC's Disciplinary Committee.

"This is a serious, serious allegation, and I would like to think that any man or woman is innocent until proven guilty," Nahas, who is also a member of the committee, said.

"You're innocent until proven guilty, as far as I know in the United States," he said.

Research and Review Committee Chair Kristina Butler agreed with Nahas' suggestion and moved to have the Disciplinary Committee review the matter.

OUSC Legislator and Disciplinary Committee Chair Montrell Porter seconded the motion.

"Before you go making a charge against someone of that caliber, I think it is something that should be dealt in private," Porter said. "This is something that could ruin this man's life around campus."

"Some select people knew there was some sort of discomfort beforehand," OU Student Body President Michael McGuinness said after Monday's meeting, though he declined to provide any names.

Under OUSC by-laws, legislators can elect students to fill legislator vacancies.

To qualify, they must attend three OUSC meetings and be in good academic standing.

They are also screened for any disciplinary actions or misconduct.

Giordano's record was clean, said Samantha Hardenburgh, coordinator of student leadership development for the Center for Student Activities.

However, McGuinness alleged that Giordano may not have fulfilled the requirements of application to become a legislator.

According to McGuinness, Giordano did not attend three OUSC meetings as required to become a legislator.

Giordano said that this was also untrue.

"I have, in fact, met the regulations," he said.

Giordano said he attended four OUSC sessions, including Monday night's meeting.

After the meeting, McGuinness said that Giordano may have misrepresented himself as an OUSC legislator in the past weeks.

While working on the Anti-Hate campaign, Giordano allegedly made several phone calls promoting the campaign from the OUSC office.

During Monday's meeting, Legislator Allison Cummings-Stuckman said Giordano may have represented himself as being a member of OUSC, although he was not at that time.

"I made calls saying I was from Student Congress' office, meaning that I was in the office," Giordano said.

The Disciplinary Committee is looking into these allegations this week and expects to have a full report for next week's meeting.

Committee members include Porter, Nahas, Kopson, Butler and Legislator Jilian Key.

According to Kopson, members of the Executive Board are considering whether her position on the Disciplinary Committee is a conflict of interest in the investigation.

Meanwhile, McGuinness said that because OUSC's by-laws do not cover these allegations, the laws are being examined

and reconstructed.

"It's new territory," McGuinness said, "because we have never had a situation like this, at least to my knowledge."

"It's going to end up coming to he's on or he's off (Congress)," Porter said regarding Giordano's recently approved position.

According to Oakland University's Administrative Policies and Procedures, sexual harassment includes "explicitly or implicitly requiring sexual

favors as a term or condition of an individual's employment, education or use of educational facilities."

It also includes "conduct of a sexual nature that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work, academic performance, or use of University services, or which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, educational or service environment."

The guidelines also specify

that students who are found to make false complaints may be subject to academic discipline including expulsion.

As of Tuesday night, no Congress members could be found by The Oakland Post who had come forward with any formal charges of sexual harassment against Giordano.

"I have a right to face my accuser and defend myself," Giordano said late Tuesday, "but that is not even possible yet."

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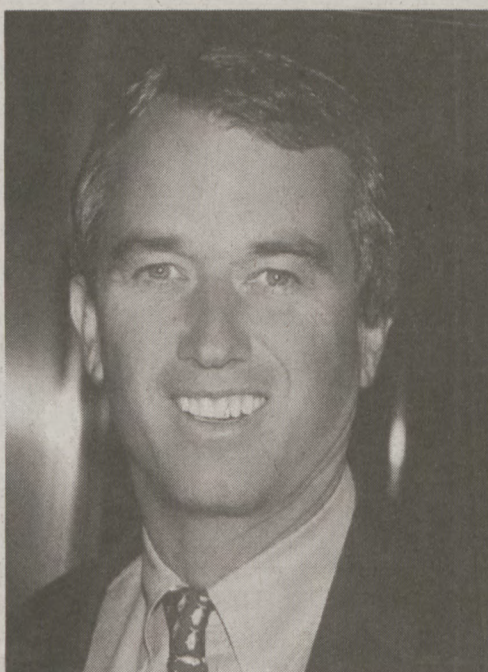
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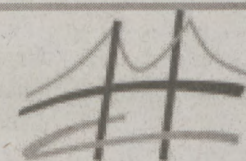
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Solar power illuminates OU

By **JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI**
The Oakland Post

As natural gas and heating oil prices become increasingly unstable, Oakland University still stands behind its investment in its solar electric roof project, located in the University Student Apartment's community building.

Since 2003, the building began functioning on electricity converted from solar energy from solar panels placed on and around the building.

"I think it's great Oakland took a step to move toward an experimentation of how to save future energy," senior Theresa Vitale said. "Not only is it better for the environment, but it will maybe save students money in the future, as well."

The project began when OU's Energy Manager, Jim Leidel applied for a grant through the state of Michigan.

In the spring of 2002, OU was awarded with a \$100,000 grant from the State of Michigan of Energy Office to undertake a "Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Demonstration Project."

OU met this grant with \$30,000, making the project funding total \$130,000. According to Leidel, the main objective for putting the photovoltaic energy into the building was for demonstration purposes.

"The community building of the apartments was chosen because we wanted the project to be easily viewable," Leidel said. "We also



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post

OU's solar power project serves to help light up the apartment community building and is part of some university curriculum.

had to consider where the best place to build the project would have been at the time engineering wise."

Historical considerations were also taken into account, Leidel said.

The goal of this project was also to design an integrated building.

The design uses four separate roof sections, facing north, east, south and west.

"A south facing roof is best for energy results," Leidel said, "but the apartment community building required more energy than the south side of the building could provide."

The building is engineered to have the technology built

into solar panels, made up of photovoltaic cells, placed on the roof of the building, as well as into the windows.

Each cell consists of a crystalline or amorphous semiconductor material, which produces a direct electrical current when exposed to light.

Any of the energy produced by the system is used entirely by the community building or is distributed to the campus electricity grid.

"At times the building is run off of all solar energy," Leidel said. "Though, in all reality, there isn't enough to power the community center, the offices and everything else in there."

The building is a part of a solar tour through an open house.

According to Leidel, people come by and take a look at it during the first Saturday in October every year.

OU and Oakland Community College classes both study the project inside their university curriculum.

"I hope to see more professors incorporate this into their syllabus," Leidel said. "We have a great opportunity right here on our campus to take advantage of."

Although a great investment, the project is expected to save OU money in due time.

According to Leidel, as of right now OU saves approximately \$2,000 a year.

"It's like building a new house," Leidel said. "To make it worth while you have to give it time, most likely you aren't going to get a pay back on it for 30 to 40 years."

As of right now, OU has no more photovoltaic energy plans for its buildings, though it will be considered for other future endeavors.

"It is very expensive to incorporate photovoltaic technology into buildings," Leidel said. "It is a great way to help the environment, but I think it's just a few years ahead of its time."

Ford funds study to fight pollution

By **KRISTIN SOMMER**
Senior Reporter

After decades of polluting the area around the Rouge Center in Dearborn, Ford Motor Co. knew they had to do something to clean it up.

In 2000, the area was full of coke dust, a byproduct of turning coal into steel.

Ford granted money to a group of natural scientists to find a way to remove the pollution in the coke dust from the area.

This was the "first time that the Ford Motor Company has funded a program in plant research," said Dr. John Thomas, associate professor of natural sciences at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Thomas, along with researchers from Michigan State University, Notre Dame and other universities, developed a plan to remove the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from the dust through phytoremediation, which uses plants to remove pollutants from the environment.

The plants created microbes that broke down the carcinogens in the dust.

Microbes could be created in a laboratory that broke down the dust particles, but most did not stay alive outside of the lab.

The team knew they needed to find a way to help the microbes survive in nature. "That's what we're hoping to do with the plant matter," Thomas said.

One important factor in determining which plants to use was to find ones that would keep the PAHs in the root system. The group did not want the contamination to break down in the leaves, which, in turn, animals eat.

"What's done in the soil stays in the soil," Thomas said.

Two criteria were used in the selection of plants, Thomas said. The plants had to be native to Michigan and available commercially.

To test their ideas, the group went to the Allen Park Clay Mine, a site used for industrial waste.

At the end of a year "even though the toxicants are in the soil, the plants are growing," Thomas said. "They tend to grow a little bit slower, however," he added.

The next step was to grow the best performing plants at the Rouge Center site.

More than 30,000 plants were grown in a 1.6-acre plot of land at the center. The original plan was to have the remaining 36 acres converted to a giant park at the unused center.

The center was shut down after six workers were killed and 30 more injured in an explosion at the power plant in 1999.

A memorial site for the workers was also planned at the Rouge Center.

The initial garden contained more than 30,000 plants, all individually planted and maintained by the researchers.

After three years, the team was able to reduce the PAH level to an acceptable 50 parts per million.

If left alone, the contaminants would have taken hundreds of years to break-down naturally.

Since the experiment, the area of the Rouge Center used in the project was sold to a Russian company that plans to store coke dust on the site.

The 1.6-acre garden will be removed in the spring.

Thomas and the other researchers continue to analyze the information from the experiment and plan on working on the topic in the future.

"I think it was a step in the right direction, but clearly more technology is needed" to get the PAH level even lower, Thomas said.

The event, hosted by biological sciences, brought about 30 students and faculty to the Science and Engineering Building Tuesday.

"I've learned a lot. I didn't know much about the topic at hand," senior Katie Lesosky said. "I'm interested in pursuing it in the future."

"I just find it very interesting," said senior Chris LeMessurier. "It's kind of like the Discovery Channel live."

Plagiarism problem increases at OU

By **ALICIA SOSSI**
Senior Reporter

Plagiarism is a problem that involves serious consequences for college students.

According to the Annual Report for the Academic Conduct Committee at Oakland University, 71 cases of plagiarism, involving 112 students were submitted for the 2004-05 academic year. That was an increase from the previous year, in which 63 cases involving 82 students came before the committee.

The penalty for someone found guilty of plagiarism can be as harsh as suspension, or even expulsion, from the university.

But, for a problem with such severe consequences, many students are still unclear on what plagiarism is and how to tell whether they are improperly using information.

Rachel Smydra is a

special instructor in the OU English department. Last week, she and Serge Kruk, an assistant professor in the OU Mathematics and Statistics department, presented their research at a University of Michigan-hosted conference titled

Plagiarize: To take and use, as one's own, the writings or ideas of another.

The American Heritage Dictionary

"Originality, Imitation, and Plagiarism: A Cross-Disciplinary Conference on Writing."

According to a survey conducted by Smydra and Kruk and given to OU students in a variety of majors and grade levels, "Fifty percent of those surveyed (did) not understand what constitutes correct citation."

This lack of knowledge and the ability to cut and paste information from the Internet have led to an increase in the exposure of plagiarism, Smydra said.

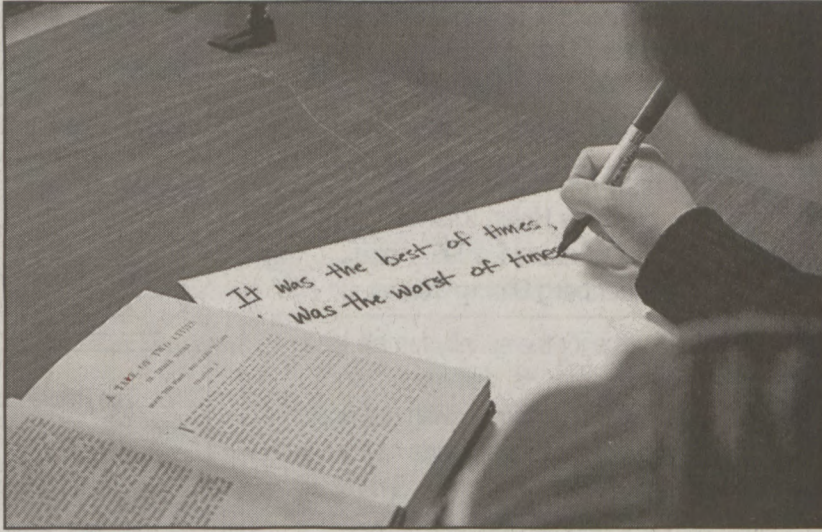
"Students are coming in (to college) without the necessary skills to cite properly," Smydra said.

"Students do not grasp how to cite, when to cite, and most, I think, are worried about it."

At the first year transition workshop "Don't Fail Your Courses: Cite Your Sources," held Tuesday, Shawn V. Lombardo, a reference librarian at Kresge Library, gave OU students a

rundown of the elements of plagiarism, as well as guidelines about how to avoid it. Citing information from the Bedford Handbook,

Lombardo explained that plagiarism occurs when a student does not cite information, fails to use



Chris Tait/The Gauntlet

To avoid plagiarism, check with the library or a professor about citing sources.

quotation marks, or neglects to summarize or paraphrase information in his or her own words.

According to Lombardo, some students do this intentionally, even by purchasing papers online.

However, others plagiarize unintentionally because they do not know the rules of proper documentation.

Lombardo provided the following guidelines for proper documentation.

■ For an exact phrase, you must cite the source and put the phrase in quotes.

■ To paraphrase, you must cite the source and change both the original wording and the structure of the sentence.

■ For ideas that are not your own, cite the source.

In addition, a student does not have to cite a source if the information is common knowledge.

Lombardo also recommended that students be especially careful to give credit for information they find on the Web.

She suggested that students avoid plagiarism by taking good notes, being organized, writing the first draft of a paper without using sources and citing sources when in doubt.

Asking a professor, librarian or someone at the Academic Skills Center about citation is also helpful, she said.

POLICEFILES

■ Three students were given minor in possession citations after they were caught drinking in Anibal Hall. One student was found vomiting into a trash can, and the other two had bloodshot eyes and were slurring their speech. Police found empty alcohol bottles in the room. All three students were given Breathalyzers and were found to be under the influence of alcohol.

■ A hair straightener on a paper towel caught OUPD's

attention after a smoke detector was set off. Officers entered the Hamlin Hall resident's dorm and cleared the room of danger.

■ Two students in East Vandenberg Hall were given minor in possessions. The students showed signs of intoxication, such as slurred speech and poor coordination. Police also smelled alcohol. Both were given Breathalyzers that indicated they had been drinking.

■ A female student and her male friend got into a verbal fight in the Vandenberg Cafeteria. The two were talking to a group

of their mutual friends sitting at a table. According to the female, the male began to make embarrassing comments about her, and then the two argued loudly. Police found her crying and upset. The woman left the scene with a friend and a Hamlin resident assistant.

■ A female accused another female of stealing her future husband. She approached the woman's car, called her names and said she was angry that the woman took her boyfriend. The other female did not recognize her accuser and reported the incident to police.

Emergency expert to speak at conference at OU

A renowned emergency management expert is scheduled to be a featured speaker at OU on Nov. 10. Jerry Hauer, who has appeared on numerous news programs, including Good Morning America, Primetime and Nightline, will speak at the second Emergency Preparedness for Business Continuity Conference, which runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference will focus on informing local employers and businesses about emergency response plans and improving preparedness programs for safety through a day full of interactive seminars. The conference costs \$195 per person if registered by Oct. 13; after then, registration is \$235 per person. A preview of the agenda is available at <http://www.sba.oakland.edu/ce> or by calling (248) 370-3128.

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UP AND COMING

Wednesday, Oct. 5

As part of Meadow Brook Hall's Fall Lecture Program, a presentation about the times of the Civil War will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Meadow Brook Hall. The presentation will cover the times of the civil war with a lecture and slide show presentation. Tickets are \$8 per person.

The Student Life Lecture Board is hosting a speech by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms starting at 7 p.m. Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and activist and son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. The lecture is free with seating for the first 600 attendees. Kennedy serves as Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and President of Waterkeeper Alliance.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Today is the last day of officially withdraw from first half classes.

Friday, Oct. 7

The Center for Student Activities is hosting Good Morning Commuters! today from 9 to 11 a.m. The CSA will be giving away free snacks and students may also get information about ticket sales and upcoming events.

Health-related fields grow, prosper

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

The health industry is one of the fastest growing fields in the country. Nearly 2,000 students at Oakland University are currently working toward a degree — and ultimately a job — in this field.

Both the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences have seen increased enrollment for at least the last three years.

The SON is growing to keep up with this demand by admitting students during both fall and winter semesters.

The Oakland Post talked with Dr. Pam Marin, assistant dean of the SON and Tamra Bays, academic advisor in the SHS about what their schools have to offer.

What majors are offered?

In the SON, there is only one major, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Of the roughly 1,300 students in the SON, 380 have major standing. Approximately 675 more are in Pre-Nursing.

Registered nurses wishing to complete their bachelor's degree can enroll in a degree completion sequence, Marin said. Nearly 170 nurses are currently taking advantage of this program.

An accelerated second-degree program was recently added and awards a bachelor's in just one year. Last spring the program had 50 students and will

expand to accommodate 100 more students this spring.

Four programs are offered in the SHS and about 660 students are in the school.

Students majoring in health sciences can focus in four areas. Approximately 310 students are enrolled in pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy, pre-professional studies or exercise science.

These programs prepare students for graduate study in the field they choose.

Pre-pharmacy was just added this semester and is offered in cooperation with Wayne State University.

Medical laboratory sciences' 110 students specialize in areas like cytotechnology, histotechnology, clinical laboratory sciences, nuclear medicine technology or radiation therapy.

Wellness, health promotion and injury prevention has around 80 students enrolled and about 35 students in occupational safety and health.

How is the job market for graduates?

The job market for nurses is "wide open," Marin said. "There is a critical shortage of nurses" nationwide.

"Our students know before they complete their program where they'll be working," Marin said.

In SHS the market is "excellent for professionals in the health industry," Bays said. The majority of graduates report employment within four

months of graduation, she added.

Are there any special programs in the schools?

There are two student organizations in the SON, Marin said.

The Student Nursing Association at OU is open to all nursing students. Some advanced students are invited to be a part of Sigma Theta Tau, an honor fraternity.

There are four clubs in SHS, Bays said. These are Medical Laboratory Sciences Society; Pre-Physical Therapy Club; Wellness, Health Promotion Society and a chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Is there a GPA requirement for the schools?

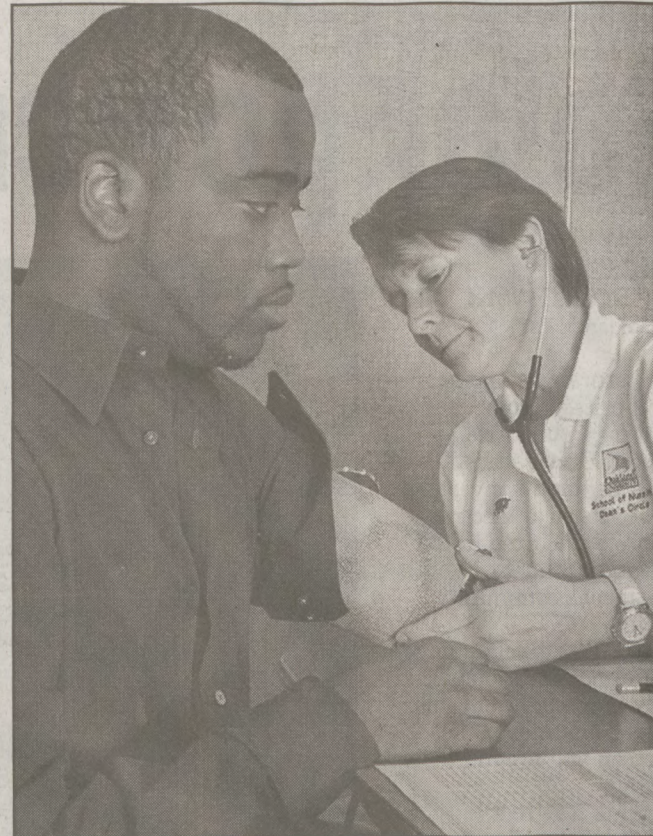
Individual classes may be different, but generally, students need a 3.0 GPA in their pre-nursing courses to be granted major standing.

Requirements in SHS depend on major.

Health science majors focusing in pre-physical therapy, exercise science and pre-professional studies need a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Students majoring in Medical laboratory science and wellness, health promotion and injury prevention are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA.

The most exclusive program is health sciences with a pre-pharmacy focus. Students in these programs need to maintain a 3.5 GPA.



Dante Ciullo/File Photo
Senior Darnell Wilson gets his blood pressure taken at the School of Nursing Health Exhibit.

Both the SON and SHS will be part of Advising Week from Oct. 17-21.

The campus-wide event will bring advisors to students and answer any questions students may have.

Students who want to change majors or undecided students are encouraged to attend events to find out more information about the programs at OU.

For more information about the School of Nursing, contact the advising office at (248) 370-4253. The School of Health Sciences can be reached at (248) 370-4038. For more information on Advising Week, call the Office of New Student Programs at (248) 370-2100.

Interested in writing campus news? Contact the Campus News Editor Julie Swidwinski at (248) 370- 4267 or news@oakpostonline.com.

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Student Affairs

2006 Keeper of the Dream Award Application Deadline Extended One Week

Nomination/application form is available online at www.oakland.edu/dean_of_students/ under "Awards and Scholarships."

New deadline is Friday, October 7, 2005

Depression Screening Day

sponsored by
Graham Counseling Center
Wednesday, October 19, 2005,
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Oakland Center, across from food court

This program will help students identify mood difficulties and provide referrals as needed.
Call 248-370-3465 for more information.

New Student Programs First-Year Transition Workshops We'll help you find the way!

Memorizing Techniques
Thursday, October 6, 5-6 p.m.
Rooms 126-127, Oakland Center

Friday Night Live Fall 2005 presents Helen Keaney Friday, October 14, 2005, 7 p.m., Vandenberg Dining Center

She did the voice for the spunky female lead on the popular game "Pandemonium," so geeks everywhere are familiar with her work. Her stand-up appearances include A&E's "An Evening at the Improv," Lifetime's "Girls Night Out," VH-1's "Stand-up Spotlight," NBC's

"Friday Night," and Comedy Central's "Make Me Laugh." Helen also landed guest spots on NBC's "The John Larroquette Show," HBO's "Not Necessarily the News" with Dennis Miller, and USA's "Lost on Earth." Recent television hosting gigs include TBS's "Movies for Guys Who Like Movies," GSN's "Lovers Lounge" and she can currently be seen hosting "You're Invited" on the Style Network.

Free refreshments and admission.

October Career Prep Month Events

October 20 - Entrepreneurship Forum, noon-1 p.m., Gold Rooms B&C, OC
October 26 - CAST Networking Reception, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.-Banquet Room B, OC
October 27 - Professional/Graduate School Fair, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC

Check out www.oakland.edu/careerservices for more specific details on all scheduled activities.

Campus Recreation

The Rec Center is a great place to relieve stress through exercise, massage, acupuncture, personal training or many other activities! For more information about these and other activities, please visit our website at www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec.

Graham Counseling Center

If you are experiencing problems with stress, anxiety or depression, contact the Graham Counseling Center located in the Graham Health Center building, or call 370-3465. The first six visits are free, and the professional staff is eager to help. Please take advantage of this student service.

Join the Majority, Become a NonSmoker

What: Freedom From Smoking Clinic
Who: American Lung Association, Facilitator Jodi Brucia, RN, PhD, CFNP
Where: Graham Health Center
When: 8 sessions on Thursdays from 12-1:30 p.m. Starts: October 6, 2005 and ends December 1, 2005
Cost: \$50 for students, \$70 for staff and community.
How: Attend free informational session on Thursday, October 6 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Graham Health Center or register by phone at 248-370-2341

Academic Skills Center

Free tutoring for all enrolled OU students is available at the Academic Skills Center. Schedule appointments online at www.oakland.edu/oakland/asc, stop by 103 N. Foundation Hall, or call 370-4215. Appointment hours vary. Walk-in hours are also available.

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Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- DSO Pops: Toast to Ole Blue Eyes (Oct 6)
- Norma (Oct 12 & 14)
- Late Night Catechism (Oct 18)
- Peter Pan (Oct 18 & 23)
- The Kirov Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty (Oct 21)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers (Nov 2)
- DSO Pops: The Best of the Tonys (Nov 3)
- Menopause: The Musical (Nov 6)
- The Flying Karamarov Brothers (Nov 6)
- La Boheme (Nov 9 & 11)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (Nov 10)
- Cats (Nov 13)
- Golda's Balcony (Nov 20)
- Savion Glover (Nov 20)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular With the "Rockettes" (Dec 1, 5, 22)
- Joffrey Ballet: "The Nutcracker" (Dec 2)
- DSO: Ode to Joy (Dec 15)
- Broadway's Spirit of Christmas (Dec 4)
- Russian National Ballet Company: Swan Lake (Jan 8)

Carnaval WOCOU & Oakland Center Lower Level Extravaganza!

Tuesday, October 11
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Featuring the Grand Opening of the Student Resource Center and Gender & Sexuality Center

Good Morning Commuters!

Friday, October 7
9 - 11 a.m.
South Foundation Hall

Come get some free snacks and take some information about the CSA Office and activities that are coming up on campus!

Next week is the Week Of Champions at OU!

Carnaval WOCOU October 10 - 14!

Monday, Oct 10
Matilda Wilson's 122nd B-day Bash!
noon - 1 p.m.
Food Court, OC

Student & Greek Organization Officer Training

October 10, 2005
5 - 6:30 p.m., Rooms 128-130, OC
Presidents and treasurers who have not attended training, please plan to attend! Sign up in the CSA Office!

Student Organization Advisors Training & Roundtable

Thursday, October 6
noon - 1 p.m.
Rooms 128-130, OC

This event is open to all faculty and staff members who advise student organizations. This training will provide updated information on any new policies and procedures for student organizations.

Student Life Lecture Board Presents:

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

TODAY! October 5
7 p.m.
Banquet Rooms, OC

Noted environmental lawyer/activist and son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy will be speaking at OU. The lecture is free and seating for 600 will be available on a first come basis. The lecture will be interpreted for the deaf.

"Celebrate Yourself, Celebrate Your World": A Coming Out Day Speakers' Panel.

Brought to you by the Gay - Straight Alliance at OU.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11
Rooms 126-127, OC



Kara O'Connell/The Oakland Post

Top: This mural, found on the PAWZ building, was created by founder and director Chazz Miller. Miller is also one of the founders of the Johansen Charles Gallery in Detroit.

Bottom: This mural, blocks away from the PAWZ building, was created in 2003 by Miller and was sponsored by Motor City Blight Busters, a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to removing negative energy from Detroit.



Kara O'Connell/The Oakland Post

A volunteer paints a mural on the PAWZ building, Saturday. Murals are found in Old Redford — the Northwest side of Detroit — on Lahser Road between McNichols and 7 Mile roads.

Art makes over Detroit

Murals "bring a sense of hope" to locals

By KARA O'CONNELL
The Oakland Post

The city of Detroit is getting a makeover, and it's got a whole team of stylists. Through art and elbow grease, the Motor City Blight Busters and partner Public Art Workz are transforming Northwest Detroit into a work of art.

The change started two years ago when muralist Chazz Miller met with John J. George, the president and founder of the Motor City Blight Busters. The nonprofit organization of 18 years has been converting unsightly lots, abandoned homes and rundown buildings into blossoming Detroit neighborhoods.

George acquired buildings in the Old Redford district with the hopes of refurbishing a section of Detroit.

"I had always had a vision of painting murals in Detroit," Miller said. "I had paint and he had walls," he said in reference to his collaboration with George.

Through his partnership with the Blight Busters, Miller acquired his brick wall building and sized the canvases he needed to spread his murals across Detroit.

Volunteers dedicate their time to the creation of all the murals using donated supplies.

"To give is to receive," Miller said of the donations by the community. "You give to the community, and they'll give back."

The thousands of gallons required to paint a mural are largely received through the donations of local paint stores, as well as from people trying to unload their garages and basements of unused or leftover paint.

Although Miller designs and forms the basic layout on his own, the assistance of volunteers is required to paint the first layers of the mural.

"Sometimes we have three, sometimes 300 (volunteers)," he said.

After the basics layers of paint have been applied, he then adds his own personal magic to the masterpiece.

Miller has painted over a dozen murals in Detroit and plans to continue "for as long as I can," he said.

His most recent murals can be found on Lahser Road between McNichols and 7 Mile roads.

Although his murals make a big impression, Miller also wanted to make a big difference.

"I had a vision to create a place for artists," he said. So, with the help of the Blight Busters, Miller founded Public Art Workz, or PAWZ, two years ago, signed a lease for a studio and began renovating the building.

"We really tore this place up," Miller said about the renovations. "This place has really been upgraded, first class." He boasts that he has played a major role in designing his studio from the ground up.

His studio, the Artist Village, serves as a multipurpose room that houses art classes, poetry readings and dance rehearsals. It acts as a community gathering place. Miller

hopes to expand the building's repertoire and have every aspect of the arts under one roof.

"Eventually, we're going to have a coffee house and cyber café," he said.

In the meantime, Miller is in the midst of creating another mural. As a part of the Comcast Community Service Program, he has created a mural with the theme of a care package.

"It's a cardboard box filled with a bunch of goodies," he said.

"The murals bring a sense of hope," Miller said. "They let Detroit know that somebody cares."



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Chazz Miller, founder of PAWZ, paints a mural on the side of their building. PAWZ, along with other nonprofit organizations, took the day to help paint the city.

Rochester Hills committee helps fight for newer roads

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Crack! Whizz! Pow! Bang! It's not an episode of the classic Batman television program, but it may be the sound coming from vehicles traveling through some subdivisions in Rochester Hills.

Many subdivision roads in Oakland County are nearing the end of their lifetime.

The various conditions of local roads might often be discussion at a gathering, but in Rochester Hills, a group of residents have gotten together to do something about it.

The Residential Streets Ad-Hoc Committee has gotten the ball rolling by developing a ballot proposal for the Nov. 8 election.

The group drew up a millage that would dedicate funds to the city's local roads, giving the city a legitimate go-to source to fund local road projects.

The proposed 10-year millage starts at 1.5 mills and will increase 0.33 mills each year until it reaches the maximum amount, 2.75 mills.

For homeowners in the community, it will cost them \$1.50 for every \$1,000 of taxable value of their home. For example, a home with a taxable value of \$150,000 would equal \$225 in tax for the first year.

"This isn't buying a hot tub, this is patching

your roof," said Beth Tilove, a committee chairperson. "This is a necessity for the city to keep functioning, and I would hope that residents do realize that."

This proposal is estimated to generate over \$5.1 million in its first year and it would cover the city's residential roads and subdivision streets.

The city's Department of Public Services would oversee the road maintenance and reconstruction. The money generated by the proposal would be responsible for maintenance such as pothole patching, snow plowing and the grading of gravel roads.

Tilove said that when the 2004 proposal failed during the presidential election, many residents didn't realize that the impact would reach services such as snow plowing.

The proposal last year was a 2.913 mill 10-year tax, which would have raised almost an estimated \$9.5 million in the first year.

Residential Streets formed after Rochester Hills residents gathered to dispute with the city about a disruption with the city's snow removal service last winter.

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Beth Tilove
Residential Streets Ad-Hoc Committee Chair

The members heeded the city's request for an ad-hoc committee to develop a potential solution.

Tilove said that there were 50 members when the group started by making suggestions, but now the group has members.

The committee had to take a crash course in legislation to get the group from its beginnings all the way to the proposal.

She said that initially the committee did not know that a

millage would be necessary to raise the funds.

"We hope that we can just show people that the need is real, and the problem is not going to go away," said Bryan Barnett, a Rochester Hills city councilman.

DPS Director Roger Rouse said that many of the city's local roads were constructed around the same time.

"Consequently they're all wearing out in the same time, so that's why this has become a funding crisis," he said.

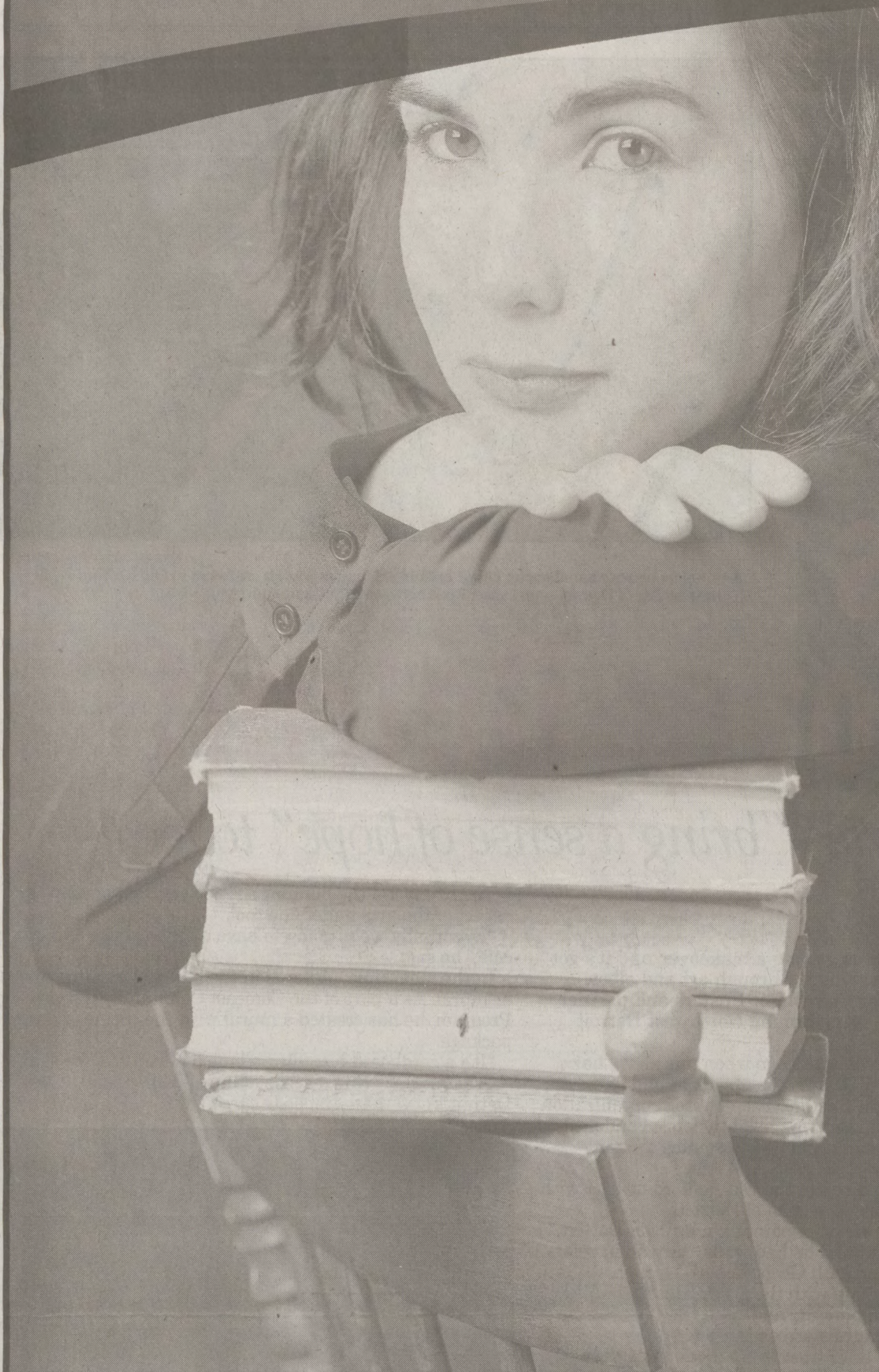
Rouse also said that a certified public accounting firm evaluated the road system last year. Their findings determined that the city would need approximately \$100 million over the next 10 years to bring the roads up to fair or better condition.

The road funds have no dedicated source of funding. They have been surviving on supplements from the city's general fund.

The Rochester Hills city publication, The Hills Herald, will feature an insert in its next issue to explain the proposal and road funding.

Do you live in Rochester Hills?
What do you think of the proposed millage? E-mail
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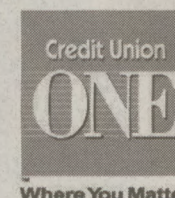
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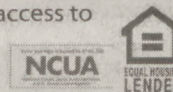
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EDITORIAL

Environmental threats are barely heard

We have heard about the chemical pollutant, Dioxin, that has seeped into the land, water, and, in turn, Michigan's animals, affecting the residents in Midland and Saginaw. Hundreds of residents are ill from absorbing Dioxins that were pumped out of the nearby chemical plant.

And we have seen the flames rise up from the Romulus chemical plant that exploded this past August. The smoke filled the sky, turning it from blue to gray. It took more than 100 firefighters to extinguish the blaze.

We have seen the deterioration of the Ash trees as they die and have to cut down by crews with grinders. Thousands of Ash trees have plummeted to the ground, falling victim to the foreign Emerald Ash Borer.

We have witnessed firsthand the considerable gas leak last May that affected residents around OU's campus. The natural gas line ruptured in Orion Township, a square-mile near Squirrel and Silverbell roads, and the gas filled the air for over an hour. Residents will never forget the sound and smell of the natural gas rushing out of a 22-inch pipeline.

The environment is deteriorating right here in our midst, and very few members of our student body care.

Just ask yourself. Where were you when the environmental student organization, Students Participating In Nature, conducted a series of events related to preserving and cleaning up our campus? Where were you during their lectures and open forums?

SPIN organized all of these events this fall semester. And how many people showed up? ZERO. Not one student showed up for any of these events on campus, and only SPIN members seem to care.

Meanwhile, besides SPIN, the College of Arts and Sciences gets a thumbs up for trying to motivate our ecologically-challenged student body. They launched the theme, "Environmental Explorations," this semester, which began on Sept. 6.

They realize the dire need to preserve this environment and were aware of the lack of support from the OU community.

EPA polluted proposal doesn't favor the environment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently proposed cutting down information releases pertaining to chemical emissions to the public.

The EPA requested that they should be excused from reporting chemical releases less than 5,000 pounds.

Under their proposal, factories and power plants would only need to report on chemical waste every other year, instead of annually.

Currently, the EPA must inform Congress of a company's chemical emissions annually under a 1986 law.

But if the EPA's request is passed, these companies would be cut some slack. And with companies such as Dow Chemical Co., this is not a good thing.

By cutting the data flow, the government

is not keeping these companies accountable.

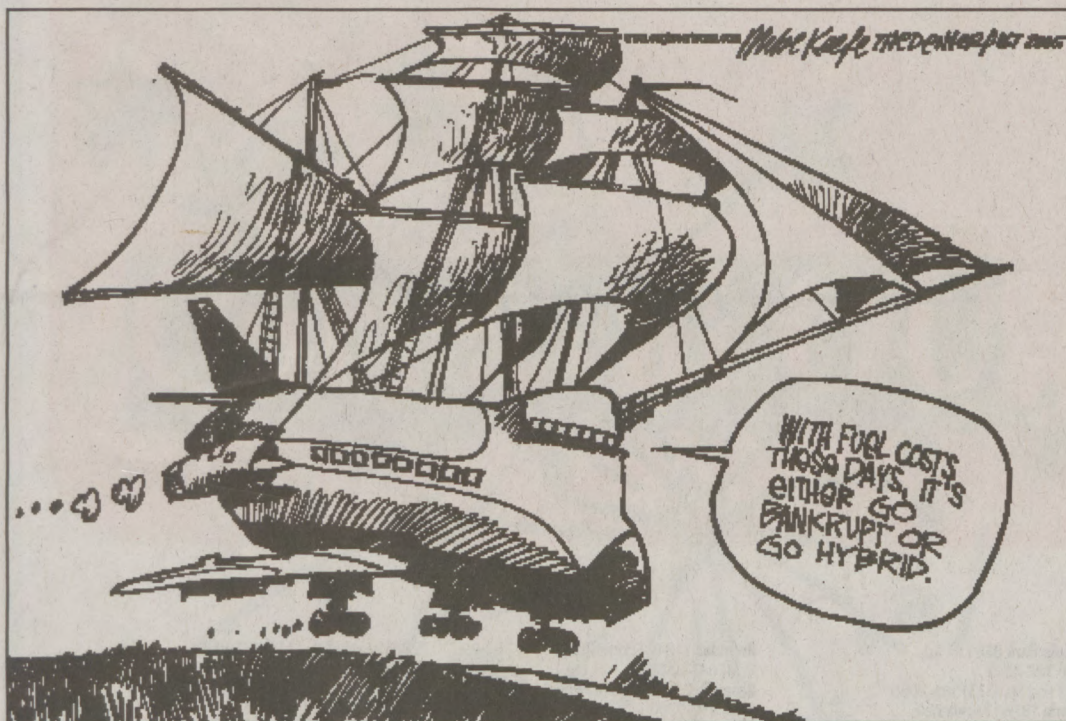
With these cuts, it would make it more difficult to track companies illegal activities, in which they are trying to cover up already.

And consider this, the cuts would also make it harder to track the amount of pollution going into our government. The trends would not be as defined.

The EPA claims that the current data intake is too overwhelming, and often the data is not processed to its full extent.

The EPA should accommodate the workload, by not making cuts but rather adjusting staffing. If this is approved, the environment could face even more serious threats. This would just add to the pile of pollutants on this earth.

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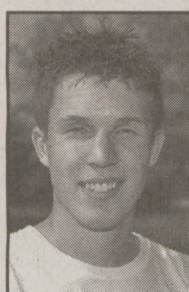
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Student Opinion



"This is the first time I really had to think about it. I go out in the woods and hunt and see a lot of trash, so that bothers me."

Jason Majchrzak
Junior
Psychology

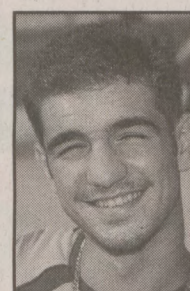


"Development because they're taking it to a level that is extreme with those big homes."

Danielle Turo
Freshman
Nursing

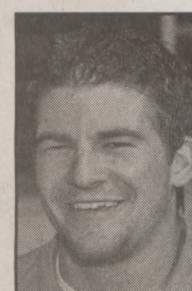
"Not much. I don't have that long of a life span, so it won't even affect my kids."

Rob Pruteanu
Freshman
Pre-med



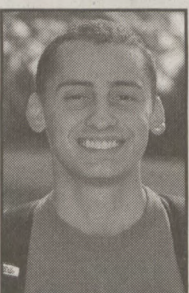
"How they're developing all the forests in subdivisions for half-million dollar houses."

Eric Fraser
Junior
Finance and Accounting



"Extinction concerns me. I feel like all the animals are dying out. The more we screw up their environment, the more we screw up their home."

Tara Blickenstaff
Senior
English and Linguistics



"Corporations are using a lot of toxic waste. They try to make us do our part to help the environment, but that's a small percentage. Most of the problem is the toxic waste they produce."

Chris Gjerovski
Junior
Pre-med



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Detroit has potential to improve

As a one-time managing editor of a college newspaper myself (at U of D Mercy in the 1980s before it was U of D Mercy), I appreciate the awesome amount of effort it takes to put out a quality product such as you do.

I was very interested in Ms. Forman's column on Sept. 28, regarding her walk down Woodward from the wealthy suburb of Birmingham to the center city area of Detroit.

Many of us students think we're insulated from the city and its ills, but in truth we are not. Our regional economy (one of the worst in the U.S.) and our population (we are losing population relative to every other large urban area on the continent) are inextricably linked to the decay of the urban core.

However, it doesn't need to be hopeless. Do you want something to fight for?

See if you can figure out why, of the 20 largest U.S. urban areas (by population), our region is the only one without regional rapid transit.

If you went to a suburban university of this size outside of Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Boston or Toronto, you would scarcely need to own a car at all (which for a student is an enormous expense). You could go to the big city nightclubs, comedy clubs, shopping or sporting events just by hopping on the transit.

In Detroit, a region which is failing relative to other regions by nearly any reasonable metric, our political leaders have failed to provide a basic public service.

Every other big city has figured this out, and we aren't even trying.

The reason I mention that — relative to Ms. Forman's column — is that over the last 30 to 40 years, many big cities that had not heretofore provided rapid transit have built it. In cities from Cleveland to Denver, the central city areas near the new transit lines have been rebuilt, directly as a result of the new transportation choice, and I truly believe the entire regions have benefited.

Anyhow, that's just my opinion, and I'm just one guy. But if you were in the mood to rabble-rouse toward a useful end, that's a topic with lots of possibilities.

Scott Anderson
Doctoral Student
Applied Mathematics

Bush is a category 5 president

Category 5 is not only for hurricanes anymore. After hearing and reading President Bush's comments on "intelligent design," I hereby declare him a Category 5 president, with a yellow warning!

Ummm, or is it orange? Or, perhaps, it's red? I dunno! These color warning systems confuse the heck out of me.

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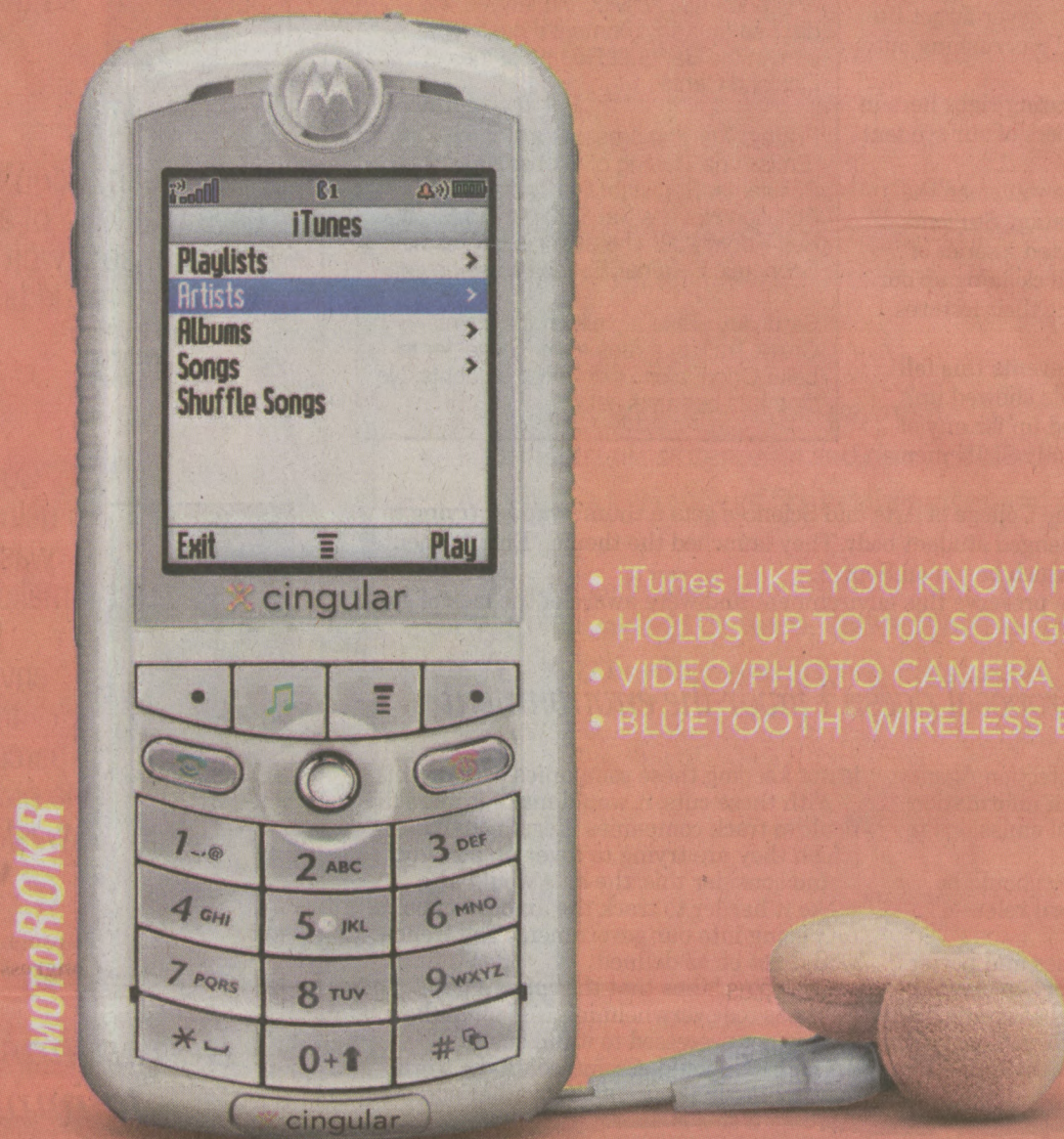
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Scientists discover moon orbiting 'planet'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The astronomers who claim to have discovered the 10th planet in the solar system have another intriguing announcement: It has a moon.

While observing the new, so-called planet from Hawaii last month, a team of astronomers led by Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology spotted a faint object trailing next to it. Because it was moving, astronomers ruled it was a moon and not a background star, which is stationary.

The moon discovery is important because it can help scientists determine the new planet's mass. In July, Brown announced the discovery of an icy, rocky object larger than Pluto in the Kuiper Belt, a disc of icy bodies beyond Neptune.

Brown labeled the object a planet and nicknamed it Xena after the lead character in the

former TV series "Xena: Warrior Princess." The moon was nicknamed Gabrielle, after Xena's faithful traveling sidekick.

By determining the moon's distance and orbit around Xena, scientists can calculate how heavy Xena is.

For example, the faster a moon goes around a planet, the more massive a planet is.

But the discovery of the moon is not likely to quell debate about what exactly makes a planet.

The problem is there is no official definition for a planet and setting standards like size limits potentially invites other objects to take the "planet" label.

Possessing a moon is not a criteria of planethood since Mercury and Venus are moonless planets.

Brown said he expected to find a moon orbiting Xena

because many Kuiper Belt objects are paired with moons.

The newly discovered moon is about 155 miles wide and 60 times fainter than Xena, the farthest-known object in the solar system.

It is currently 9 billion miles away from the sun, or about three times Pluto's current distance from the sun.

Scientists believe Xena's moon was formed when Kuiper Belt objects collided with one another.

The Earth's moon formed in a similar way when Earth crashed into an object the size of Mars.

The moon was first spotted by a 10-meter telescope at the W.M. Keck Observatory in Hawaii on Sept. 10.

Scientists expect to learn more about the moon's composition during further observations with the Hubble Space Telescope in November.



This artist's concept provided by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., shows a view from what astronomers call the 10th planet, left, in our solar system and its newly discovered moon, upper right, looking back toward the distant sun.

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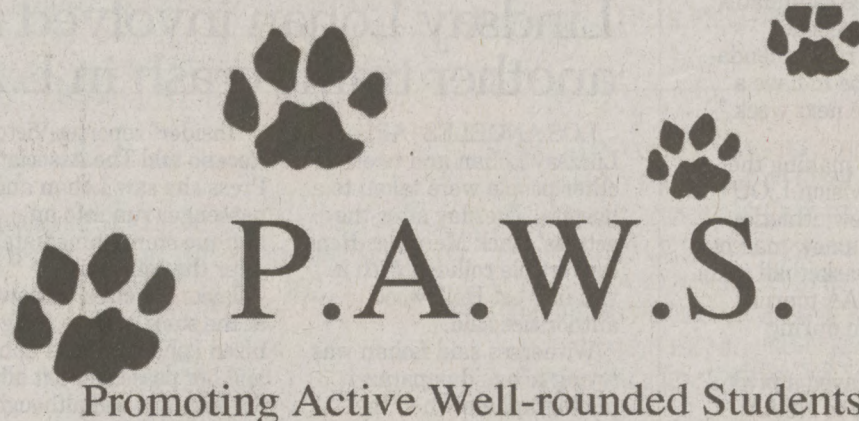
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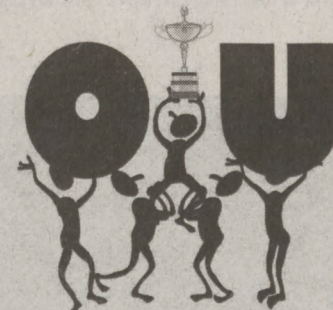
Jorge Moreno is "a guitar wielding singer-songwriter that fuses the old Havana big-band sound of his Cuban-American heritage with elements of the classic rock-pop structure taken from his love of the Beatles, 60's surf-rock, and hints of modern day alt rock." He was featured with Santana on the motion picture soundtrack "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights," performed Desi Arnaz' signature song, "Babalu," on the CBS primetime special celebrating the 50th anniversary of the "I Love Lucy Show," and has appeared on Good Morning America and MTV Espanol.

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being of ex-political prisoners who were held during struggles between unionists and republicans of Ireland. "In North Belfast, 66 percent of those ex-prisoners are economically inactive, 42 percent are registered as unemployed," Mac Giolla Mhin said. He stressed that the reason for this was discrimination against the prisoner status that these people now have because of their political views. "Fifty-eight percent of these

ex-prisoners state that they are in either in poor or very poor health," he said, adding that "78 percent of female ex-prisoners state that they are emotionally distressed." Coiste estimates that up to 15,000 ex-political prisoners were released in Ireland and currently battle these hardships along other issues such as disabilities to adopt children, find employment or find mortgages for homes. "We want to expunge political records," Mac Giolla Mhin said. "We are asking people throughout our trip to America to join in this lobby," he said,

"and to lobby the British and Irish governments by use of your Congress mail." He also stressed the need to remove travel barriers against these ex-prisoners, which were strengthened considerably after the events of 9/11. Mac Giolla Mhin's tour is only one small part of Coiste's plans to remember and support those held because of their political views. Coiste is working to turn these prisons into historic museums. Other programs, such as counseling and emotional support, family support and youth training, help to assist

the daily lives of those who struggle because of their days behind bars. "These people spent up to 20 years in jail. When they went into prison, their son or daughter was two or three years old; by the time they came out, their son or daughter is older, they are wearing make-up or smoking," Mac Giolla Mhin said. "This is creating lots and lot problems in the family environment." The IRA's decision to remove their weapon stockpiles may be a step in the right direction but is also a huge risk, Mac Giolla Mhin said.

"It is quite a large risk, but we need people to look in on this process and see what's happening. We need the British government to put pressure on these unionists to re-establish institutions and increase stability," he said. "I'd like to think that the Protestant majority is happy that the IRA got rid of all their weapons, but for some strange and bizarre reason, they're not," Mac Giolla Mhin said. "Maybe we need to give time to the unionists to let this sink in," he said. Whether it is more time, protesting or speaking what

needs to be done to gain equality in Ireland, Mac Giolla Mhin said he is determined to continue preaching his political views without intimidation from others. "I dedicate the rest of my life to removing the British presence in Ireland because of the oppressive nature that I've come through, my parent have come through, my grandparents have come through. That is where my heart lies and that's where it'll remain to lie," he said. For more information, visit <http://www.coiste.ie> /politicaltours or <http://www.inac.org>.

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what I'm doing," Kampe said. "The schedule will be busier, but for the most part, things will be the same." Currently, the athletic department has two assistant athletic director positions to fill, and is without a woman's basketball coach since Eileen Hilliard resigned in August. "We have three candidates right now," Kampe said. "I'll make my recommendation, and we hope to have a coach within the next week," he said. In addition to making the transition to Division I, OU constructed a new athletics center, adopted a new mascot, and the men's basketball team reached the NCAA tournament last season during Mehl's tenure. "Jack Mehl played a pivotal role in our move to NCAA Division I and helped put Oakland University athletics on the fast track to national recognition," OU President Gary D. Russi said in a statement. "His leadership and vision stand as his legacy to athletics at Oakland," he said.

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Eminem's publishing companies aim to block illegal use of songs

DETROIT (AP) — Grammy-winning rapper Eminem's publishing companies filed a lawsuit Tuesday in an effort to stop his songs from being used as cell phone ring tones. Michigan-based Eight Mile Style and Martin Affiliated filed suit against five compa-

nies Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Detroit. They're asking for a court order to prohibit the companies from illegally selling Eminem song ring tones on the Internet. Lawyers for the rapper, whose real name is Marshall

Mathers III, said they also plan to sue karaoke companies that sell Eminem songs without getting the proper licenses. "This is a big business. We're talking hundreds of thousands of dollars a year," Howard Hertz, a Bloomfield

Hills-based lawyer who represents Eminem and the companies, told The Detroit News. The companies named in the ring tone lawsuit are Colorado-based Cellus USA, Georgia-based FanMobile, New York-based Nextones.com, New Jersey-

based MyPhoneFiles and New Jersey-based MatrixM LLC. What do you think of selling song ring tones on the Internet? E-mail editor @oakpostonline.com


Lindsay Lohan involved in another traffic crash in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan and two other people were taken to a hospital Tuesday after the actress' black Mercedes-Benz convertible collided with a van in West Hollywood, authorities said. Witnesses said Lohan was trying to avoid paparazzi photographers when the crash occurred. Lohan and a female passenger in her car suffered minor injuries, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Diane Hecht. The driver of the van, which was knocked into a parked vehicle, suffered moderate injuries, Hecht said. The identities of Lohan's passenger and the male driver of the van were not immediately released. The accident, was witnessed by a number of people, including a reporter for the syndicated television show "The Insider."

"Insider" reporter Victoria Recano told The Associated Press she saw Lohan and a passenger run into an antique store immediately after the collision. Javier Ramirez, who works at the store, said he recognized Lohan. He said Lohan and her passenger left after a few minutes and although both were shaken up, neither appeared badly hurt. Television news footage showed a badly damaged black Mercedes outside the store with both its driver- and passenger-side air bags inflated. The sheriff's department said the driver of the van appeared to be turning in front of Lohan's car when the vehicles collided. There was no evidence alcohol was involved in the crash, Hecht said in a news release. The crash was the second one Lohan, 19, has been involved in recent months.

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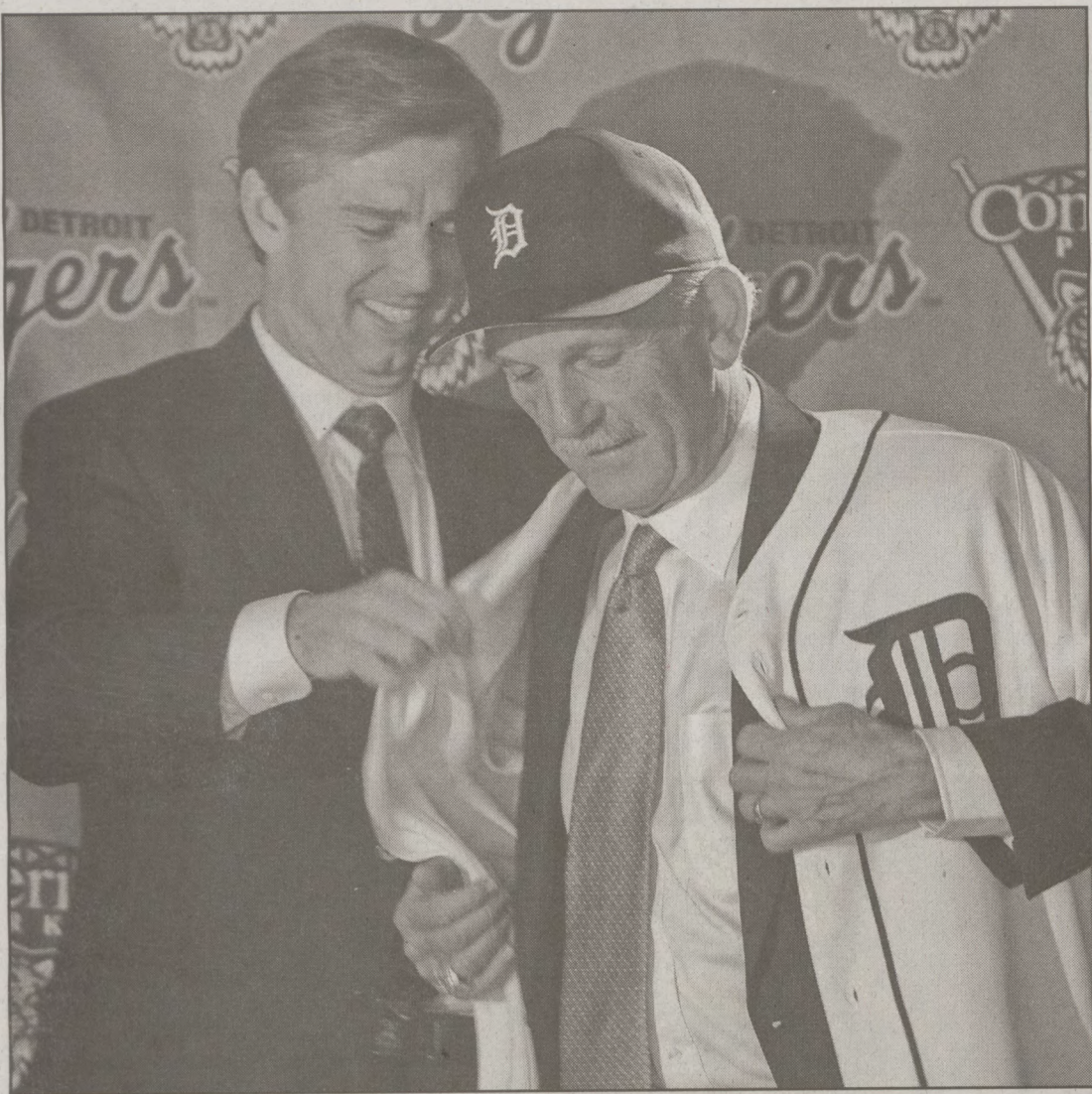
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Detroit Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski, left, helps new manager Jim Leyland with a Tigers jersey while being introduced as the teams manager in Detroit, Tuesday. The Tigers hired Leyland as their manager to replace Alan Trammell, fired a day earlier after three seasons.

Tigers hire Leyland as manager

DETROIT (AP) — Jim Leyland was enjoying his leisurely life working as a major league scout for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 60-year-old could've been content with his managerial career that included a World Series title, two NL Manager of the Year awards and three division championships.

But he wasn't — so Leyland accepted the challenge of trying to turn around the Detroit Tigers.

Detroit signed Leyland on Tuesday to a three-year contract to replace manager Alan Trammell, who was fired a day earlier after three seasons.

Leyland found he was regretting his last experience as a manager six years ago in Colorado more than he was reminiscing about leading the Florida Marlins and Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I did a lousy job my last year of managing," Leyland said. "I stunk because I was burned out. When I left there, I sincerely believed that I would not manage again."

"I always missed the competition, but the last couple of years — and this stuck in my craw a little bit, I did not want my managerial career to end like that."

Leyland worked with current Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski during Florida's World Series championship in 1997.

Dombrowski decided to fire Trammell last month and knew Leyland would be on his short list if he had enough energy for the job.

During interviews Monday night and Tuesday morning, Dombrowski saw and heard what he needed to from Leyland.

"That passion that Jim Leyland has had throughout his career is back within him to manage," Dombrowski said.

"The decision to name one of the top managers in the game of baseball in recent time, to bring him back to this organization, is a very big day for our franchise," he said.

Leyland ranks sixth among active managers with 1,069 victories over his 14 seasons.

He was a two-time NL Manager of the Year in Pittsburgh, where he won three division titles in the early 1990s on teams that featured Barry Bonds.

"When I talk about people like Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox, that's the type of category Jim Leyland is in," Dombrowski said.

In an interview with The Associated Press earlier Tuesday, Trammell said Leyland was a good choice to replace him.

"Whether I'm there or not, I'll always be a Tiger, and I'll always root for the Tigers," Trammell said.

As a three-sport prep star in Perrysburg, Ohio, Leyland grew up rooting for the Tigers in the middle of Detroit-Cleveland territory.

His first 18 years in professional baseball, starting in 1964, were in the Tigers' farm system — six as a player, one as a coach and 11 as a manager.

After minor league managing stints in the Tigers organization and coaching third base with the Chicago White Sox, Leyland finally got a chance to manage in the majors in 1986, but he ran into some of the economic realities of the game.

He asked out of his contract in Pittsburgh so he could go to a contender and landed in Florida. The Marlins came through on their pledge to spend money — for one season — and Leyland helped them win a championship.

When the Marlins' owner ordered the payroll cut, Leyland was let out of his contract to manage elsewhere — and was hired by the Rockies. He resigned after one 72-90 season in Colorado, leaving with two years and \$4 million left on his contract.

"It would've been more of a disaster and morally wrong to go back and take their money for two more years," Leyland said.

He turned down other opportunities after leading Colorado, saying he wouldn't manage again, before interviewing last winter in Philadelphia.

If the Tigers are granted permission to speak with them, Leyland said he would like to add former Pittsburgh managers Lloyd McClendon and Gene Lamont to his coaching staff in Detroit.

The Tigers have won four championships in nine World Series appearances, but haven't won a division title since 1987 or a World Series since 1984.

They finished this season 71-91, their 12th straight losing season.

The Tigers were 186-300 in three years under Trammell, a six-time All-Star and four-time Gold Glove winner in his 20-year career with Detroit.

Dombrowski offered Trammell an opportunity to stay with the Tigers as one of his special assistants, but the MVP of the 1984 World Series said he is not sure he'll accept it because he'd like to be manager or a coach in the major leagues.

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Red Cross recognizes OU



Paul Franklin, coordinator Student Programs for the Center for Student Activities, receives a Platinum Sponsor Award from the Red Cross Tuesday. The CSA was recognized for the blood drives it held and OU's contribution to the Blood Program.

What do you think of the Tigers' decision to hire Leyland? E-mail sports@oakpostonline.com.

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Bush reasserts his faith in Court choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the face of criticism from the left and right, President Bush insisted Tuesday that Harriet Miers is the best-qualified candidate for the Supreme Court and assured skeptical conservatives that his lawyer-turned-nominee shares his judicial philosophy — and won't stray from a rightward course.

"I've known her long enough to know she's not going to change, that 20 years from now she will be the same person with the same judicial

philosophy she has today," Bush said. "She'll have more experience. She'll have been a judge, but nevertheless the philosophy won't change, and that's important to me."

Dismissing Democratic charges of cronyism, Bush said: "I picked the best person I could find. People know we're close." Bush has known Miers for more than 10 years, first as his personal lawyer and most recently as a White House counsel.

Asked point-blank whether she was the most qualified person in the

country to serve on the high court, Bush said, "Yes. Otherwise, I wouldn't have put her on."

While she has never served as a judge, Bush said Miers will bring "a fresh approach" to the bench as a trial lawyer who was a leader in the Texas legal community.

While no senator has come out against the nomination, conservatives and liberals alike are questioning whether she was the most qualified candidate for the high court.

Some of Bush's own supporters are

expressing dismay that he chose a White House lawyer with no judicial experience over several well-documented conservative jurists.

Bush needs to keep conservative senators in line to push Miers' nomination through the Senate. More broadly, Bush can't afford to alienate his political base now that Democrats and many moderate voters are telling pollsters they're unhappy with his job performance.

Paul Weyrich, a conservative leader from the Free Congress

Foundation, said he was disappointed with the pick but would withhold judgment until he learns more. "The grassroots are not happy," he told The Associated Press.

Bush did not take the bait when asked about fears of some conservatives that Miers would follow the path of Justice David Souter, who was nominated by his father only to be more liberal than expected.

"You're trying to get me in trouble with my father," Bush said with a chuckle.



The Associated Press
Zachary Frye, 4, is shown at Akron Children's Hospital, Monday, in Akron, Ohio. Frye fell out of his bedroom window Sunday and plunged seven stories onto a bed of mulch, which provided a softer landing that probably helped save his life, his doctor said.



The Associated Press
Katrina refugees at the Red Cross shelter in Baton Rouge, La. voiced complaints about its conditions when they met with Former President Clinton Tuesday.



The Associated Press
Stars appear to move over Keffler Kamp near County Road 27 at the American Electric Power ReCreation Lands in northeastern Morgan County, Ohio, in this time exposure photograph taken early Monday.

NATION

New Orleans Mayor Nagin announces as many as 3,000 employee layoffs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mayor Ray Nagin said Tuesday the city is laying off as many as 3,000 employees — or about half its workforce — because of the financial damage inflicted on New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. Nagin announced with "great sadness" that he had been unable to find the money to keep the workers on the payroll.

Bush asks Congress for authority to call in military in fight against flu

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, stirring debate on the worrisome possibility of a bird flu pandemic, suggested dispatching American troops to enforce quarantines in any areas with outbreaks of the killer virus. Bush asserted aggressive action could be needed to prevent a potentially crippling U.S. outbreak of a bird flu strain that is sweeping through Asian poultry and causing experts to fear it could become the next deadly pandemic. Citing concern that state and local authorities might be unable to contain and deal with such an outbreak, Bush asked Congress to give him the authority to call in the military.

DeLay conspiracy charge relies on little-used Texas law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A little-used Texas law could decide the future of Rep. Tom DeLay, the former House majority leader who is charged with conspiracy and money laundering in an alleged campaign-finance scheme. Grand jurors looking into 2002 campaign contributions indicted DeLay on Monday for the second time in less than a week. DeLay was first charged with conspiracy to violate the state election code, which bans the direct use of corporate money for political campaigns. His lawyers filed court papers Monday attacking that charge on technical grounds. Hours later, a new grand jury brought an indictment against DeLay that included one count of conspiracy to launder money and one count of money laundering.

Kidney-swap program posts high success rate, researchers say

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers are reporting a high success rate for a novel kidney-swap program that proponents say could someday ease the nation's shortage of transplant organs. In a

live-donor practice used increasingly in the U.S. over the past few years, a patient who needs a kidney is matched up with a compatible stranger; in return, the patient must line up a friend or relative willing to donate an organ to a stranger, too. In the first U.S. success-rate study of what are called "kidney paired donations," Johns Hopkins University researchers tracked 22 patients who received kidneys from living strangers. Of the 22 transplants, only one failed, because of clotting problems unrelated to organ rejection. That patient eventually received a kidney from a dead donor. Four patients also had treatable immune-system reactions. There were no deaths.

Gay community divided over efforts to 'out' closeted public figures

NEW YORK (AP) — Though decried by many gay-rights leaders, "outing" — the practice of exposing secretly gay public figures — is expanding into new terrain as Internet bloggers target congressional staffers, political strategists, even black clergy whose sermons and speeches contain anti-gay rhetoric. "It's not the gay thing that's the problem — it's the hypocrisy," said Michael Rogers, creator of a Web log that has been at the fore of several recent outing campaigns. "I'm going to be calling out the politicians who vote against us and work against the interests of the very community they come from." Numerous gay organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign and the Log Cabin Republicans, staunchly oppose outing, yet many other activists support the concept when the targets are public figures who work against gay rights or condemn homosexuality.

Food and Drug Administration strives to stop mad cow disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to close a gap in the nation's defense against mad cow disease, the Bush administration on Tuesday proposed to eliminate cow brains and spinal cords from feed for all animals, including chickens, pigs and pets. The government already bans virtually all cattle remains from cattle feed. The new proposal from the Food and Drug Administration "will make an already small risk even smaller," acting FDA Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach said.

WORLD

Hurricane Stan hits Mexico's Gulf Coast

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Stan barreled into Mexico's Gulf coast Tuesday, pummeling this major port city with heavy rain and punishing waves, and forcing the evacuation of thousands of residents and several offshore oil platforms. Stan packed maximum sustained winds near 80 mph, the National Hurricane Center in Miami reported. It was centered just inland about 85 miles southeast of the city of 425,000 people and was moving southwest at about 7 mph.

Typhoon raises China's death toll to 50

BEIJING (AP) — Emergency workers found 50 bodies and were searching for dozens of people missing after Typhoon Longwang slammed into southeastern China and unleashed raging floods, state media reported Tuesday. Among the missing were 59 members of a paramilitary police brigade swept away in Fujian province Sunday night after the typhoon came ashore with 74 mph winds, state media said. The missing paramilitary officers, members of China's armed force in charge of domestic security, were in a training school barracks when they were washed away, state media said. President Hu Jintao ordered that no efforts be spared to search for them, state newspapers reported. By late Tuesday, emergency workers had retrieved 50 bodies in Fujian, China Central Television reported. The typhoon also killed at least one person on the island of Taiwan before hitting mainland China. The typhoon, whose name means "Dragon King" in Chinese, was downgraded Monday to a tropical storm, but not before raining havoc on low-lying coastal areas. It was raining lightly in parts of Fujian on Tuesday, and top wind speeds had slowed to 45 mph, the local weather bureau said.

France says Turkey needs 'major cultural revolution' to join EU

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac said Tuesday that Turkey would need to undergo a "major cultural revolution" before entering the European Union, and he reiterated that France would hold a referendum on admitting Ankara to the bloc. The comments by Chirac represented the tough road ahead in Turkey's membership in the 25-nation EU. It took last-minute wrangling after two days of

arduous talks between EU foreign ministers to overcome Austrian objections to start the negotiations. The entry talks are expected to last for at least 10 years before the EU can absorb Turkey and stretch its borders to the Middle East. There is broad opposition among Europeans to admitting the poor, predominantly Muslim nation of 70 million people.

Bomb kills three in southwest Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A bomb packed inside a pickup truck and apparently meant to target government forces killed three members of a family, including two children, when it exploded as they passed by, police said Tuesday. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, probably planted the bomb, said police Col. Uriel Toro. "That would be most likely, that it was the rebels, probably hoping that an army or police convoy would pass by," Toro added. A 9-year-old girl, a 10-year-old boy and a man were walking past the abandoned truck Monday in Florida county, a FARC stronghold in southwest Colombia, when one of the children apparently touched the truck or tried to open a door, triggering the blast, Toro said. The three victims were members of an extended family, Toro said, but he did not know precisely how they were related.

Iraqi electoral laws changes criticized

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United Nations has criticized last-minute changes Iraq's Shiite-led government made to its electoral laws before an Oct. 15 vote on a new constitution, and U.N. officials Tuesday were trying to persuade lawmakers to reverse the amendments, a U.N. spokesman said. U.N. officials warned the Iraqis that the changes — which make it nearly impossible for Sunni Arabs to defeat the constitution at the polls — violate international standards. Sunni leaders threatened to boycott the vote. "Ultimately, this will be a sovereign decision by the Iraqis, and it's up to the Iraqi National Assembly to decide on the appropriate electoral framework," spokesman Stephane Dujarric said at U.N. headquarters in New York. "That being said, it is our duty in our role in Iraq to point out when the process does not meet international standards," he said, adding that as far as he knew there had been no discussion between the United Nations and U.S. officials on the issue.

Residents find their way across a flooded street in Fuzhou after the passage of Typhoon Longwang, southeastern China's Fujian province, Monday. China said 59 of its soldiers were washed away by raging floodwaters sparked by Typhoon Longwang, and the country's president called for an all-out search, state media reported Tuesday.

The Associated Press



A man uses a bucket to get water out of his home in one of the neighborhoods of the port city of Veracruz, Mexico on Tuesday, after Hurricane Stan slammed into Mexico's Gulf coast.

The Associated Press



Tarmo Mitt from Latvia competes during the 2005 World's Strongest man Championship in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, Tuesday. Mitt won the first place of this event by pulling the two 160kg poles with 71 seconds. The 26 strongest men from China, the United States, Russia and Finland participated in this game.

The Associated Press



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Wait is almost over for OU play

By CHERYL HIGGINSON
The Oakland Post

"The Waiting Room," a dark comedy, will be opening this Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Varner Studio Theatre at Oakland University.

Written by Lisa Loomer, a contemporary female playwright, the play is an OU student production through the Department of Music, Theatre & Dance. It is directed by Karen Sheridan, associate professor of theatre, and the set is designed by faculty and students.

The play is about three women from different time periods and the alterations they have made to their bodies in the name of beauty.

The women are in the waiting room in a modern day doctor's office. One woman is Chinese and has her feet bound, another is a Victorian woman in a corset and the last is a modern woman with silicone breasts.

Physical ailments resulting from these practices, the role of men, the FDA and even Sigmund Freud are examined in the play.

Sheridan said the play stirs up questions about the medical and drug industry, but it also raises gender issues.

The play also contains adult language and content.

Sheridan said she feels the play shows that regardless of different cultures and time periods, these issues are "something that connects us." The interesting way this play combines its seriousness and humor is what drew her to the production, she said.

"It has a little something for everybody. It's very funny, charming, appealing ... it's like life — unpredictable," Sheridan said.

Sheridan said the overall message of the play is for people to step up to be themselves because they only have one life to live.

The play focuses on societal beauty, and the way women change themselves as opposed to seeing the beauty in themselves.

The characters come to the realization of "how much some things have not changed over time," said Daniel Banas, 22, a communications major, who plays the husband of the Chinese woman. "It's an interesting story which, is just as important today when beauty is defined by a single cultural ideal. (It sends a) message of empowerment."

For ticket information call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or e-mail mtd@oakland.edu.



Photo courtesy of Varner Studio Theatre.

Three women in a doctor's office, all come from a different time period in the new play, "The Waiting Room," opening this Thursday.

TICKET PRICES: General admission \$12, students \$6 and matinee showing \$6.

SHOW DATES: Oct. 6-8 at 8 p.m., Oct. 9 at 2 p.m., Oct. 13-15 at 8 p.m., Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 14 matinee at 10 a.m.

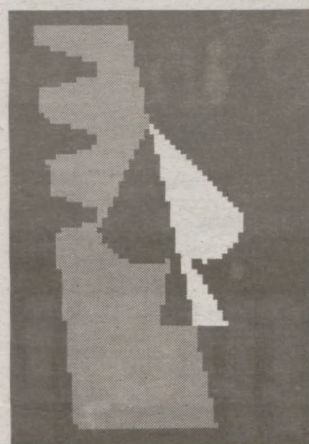


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The All-In Poker Club logo.

OU goes all in for new poker club

By CHERYL HIGGINSON
The Oakland Post

A new club, called All-In Poker Club, held its first official meeting last Wednesday.

The president and founder, business and administration major Brandon Burskey, decided to start the club to refine his skills.

Secretary Matthew Hasse said a lot of people on campus play, and "most can't find people to play with, so it gives them the chance."

Some people look at poker as a negative thing because it's gambling, Hasse said.

However, Burskey said it keeps people out of trouble, builds confidence and brings students together.

It is free for anyone to play. No money is exchanged ever. You play with poker chips, and everyone starts with the same amount.

The club plans on holding fundraisers so they can buy prizes, which to be given away during tournaments.

Along with the tournaments on OU's

campus, the top four students travel and represent the school in tournaments against other colleges and universities.

The club is for players of all skill level. For those who do not know how to play, it there will be a beginners' table every week, Burskey said.

The meetings for the All-In Poker Club will be held from 6:30- 0 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information, visit <http://www.oakland.edu/org/pokerclub>.

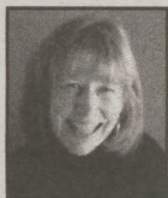
Attention students, faculty and staff! Are you getting married, expecting a baby or celebrating an anniversary in the near future? If so, please e-mail your information to life@oakpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268. Announcements are coming soon to the Life section.

Flip over
B section for Sports

Poet celebrates life of Brown

By ERIN MALLARD
The Oakland Post

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Maurice Brown loved poetry,
Wendy Barker
does too.



Barker

Every year, Oakland University students, faculty and one of the nation's great poets join together to celebrate the life of a great lover of poetry.

The 18th annual Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading was held Thursday in Varner Recital Hall.

The reading was established to honor OU's first professor of American literature, Maurice F. Brown, who taught from 1961 until his death in 1985.

Wendy Barker, this year's poet, is a professor of English at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

She is the author of several books and collections of poetry, including her most recent, "Poems from Paradise," and has received several prestigious poetry awards.

Barker's work has been translated into Hindi, Japanese and Bulgarian.

The diversity of her poem's topics may account for their universal appeal.

Thursday's reading included poems with topics ranging from the war in Kosovo, to the weather, to her neighbor's chickens.

Barker has participated in many poetry readings across the country.

"I love going to people's readings and love reading. It's a pleasure to be around other people who care about literature," Barker said.

"It's a joy to share things you've worked on for a long time with people who are attentive, intelligent and responsive," she said.

Students and faculty gathered after

the reading for refreshments and discussion.

Student response to the event was generally positive.

Although many students were encouraged or even required to attend the event by their professors, many said they found it worth their time.

"It was a multi-textural experience," said graduate student Stacey Tonkiewicz. "Her words can fade light and sound and scent. It was uplifting to hear language used that way."

Sean Buono's professor suggested he attend the event, but he said he went because he loves poetry.

"It's interesting to hear different poet's styles," he said. "She's down to earth."

"Wendy Barker is my ideal type of poet because of the way she is really honest, her poems are simple," Marc Wingl said.

Natalie Cole, professor of English, said she was happy to see that many of her students attended the event. She found the mixture of poems fascinating.

Brown had a special interest in con-

temporary American poetry and in "bringing living writers into campus," said Edward Haworth-Hoeppner, Professor of English.

"We have a lot to thank him for," said Jane Eberwein, professor of English, who thought of the idea to honor her colleague with the reading instead of a plaque.

Eberwein remembers Brown as "a very clever man, very witty and whimsical."

She is one of three remaining faculty who worked with Brown, including her husband Robert Eberwein and Brown's wife, Judith Brown, professor of anthropology.

"I'm delighted, and I think Maurice would be delighted, too," Brown said of the event. "I think it would be wonderful if Maurice could just be here for it."

The Maurice F. Brown Collection of Contemporary Poetry can be found in Kresge Library. The reading is cosponsored by the Department of English and the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Program Fund.

Big beads equal big bucks

By MICHELLE COTTER
The Oakland Post

Every celebrity is wearing them, and everybody wants them: long, chunky necklaces in every color of the rainbow.

Some students at Oakland University pay all, if not a portion, of their own tuition. Buying the latest trends depletes our saving accounts, and sometimes leaves us broke.

I'm here to help rebuild savings accounts and still have money to play with.

I recently started experimenting with different beads made of wood, glass and plastic, mainly to save money and to create one of a kind necklaces.

In the process, I have broken two because of weak leather threading. A strong string is the key to durability.

I recently discovered a strong yarn like cord found at Wal-Mart for 25 cents. It is strong and comes in every color of the rainbow.

Depending on your taste, you can go for a thick or fine string to link your beads on.

Different sized beads add personality and will set your necklace apart from the ones everybody else is wearing.

To measure how long or short the necklace will be, take your string and drape it around your neck.

Wrap it around once, twice, three or four times to

the length that you desire.

Cut the string at the end, lay it out on the ground or on a table and start threading.

Starting with beads or a charm in the middle and working outward will keep uniformity to the necklace.

Check out local craft stores and places like Wal-Mart that have craft departments to purchase your materials.

Depending on the type of beads, the texture of the string and any additional charms, a one of a kind necklace can be created for around four to eight dollars.



Dante Cuillo/The Oakland Post

Above are tools and supplies used to make bead necklaces.

Senior Cathy Kimmel is a jeans and t-shirt girl and loves how her beaded necklaces dress up any outfit.

She chooses to buy her jewelry from craft shows because they are less expensive and more unique than the ones found in clothing stores. Kimmel said she has a necklace in every color scheme.

"I choose the budget friendly pieces so I can get more," Kimmel said.

The clothing store Wet Seal has an inexpensive beaded necklace at \$14 on the low end with little variety.

On the high end, the upscale clothing store Express has beaded necklaces ranging from \$24 to \$58.50.

You can draw some inspiration from necklaces at stores, which is what I do sometimes.

My pocket book usually never allows me to splurge. Constructing my jewelry is less costly than buying them from a store. Plus, I run the risk of someone else having the same one.

Celebrities like Selma Blair, Sienna Miller and Vanessa Carlton are seen in magazines like InStyle and UsWeekly layering long with short, and pale to bold beads with everyday casual outfits as well as to red carpet events.

Do not be afraid to layer and experiment. Fashion is, and will always be, about individuality. I can already hear your saving account thanking me.

Class teaches calligraphy

By ZENNA SYEDA
Senior Reporter

Students filled up seats to the max to learn the beginning steps of calligraphy. This was a one time, hour long class held in the Oakland Center hosted by the Center for Student Activities as part of the Lunch and Learn series.

Members from the Michigan Association of Calligraphers taught the class that was comprised of faculty, staff and students of Oakland University. "We wanted to hold this class

here at OU to peak the interest of students and to give everyone a chance to see how calligraphy works," said Vicki Cormin, member of the association.

The session included brief practices and techniques on how to acquire a smooth rhythm of italic handwriting.

Attendees were supplied with stationery and a calligraphic maker to practice the ancient strokes simultaneously with the instructor.

The pack also included stroke-by-stroke guides for every letter and number, as well as informa-

tion about calligraphy.

"I really enjoyed the class. I've done some amateur calligraphy so I wanted to come to learn more correct methods," said senior Lisa Lozen.

The CSA is currently planning the next class in the series.

It will be at the end of October and the topic will be rubber stamping.

"I had a great time with my friends while learning calligraphy. We are definitely going to be back next month for the rubber stamping class," junior Krystal Minarik said.

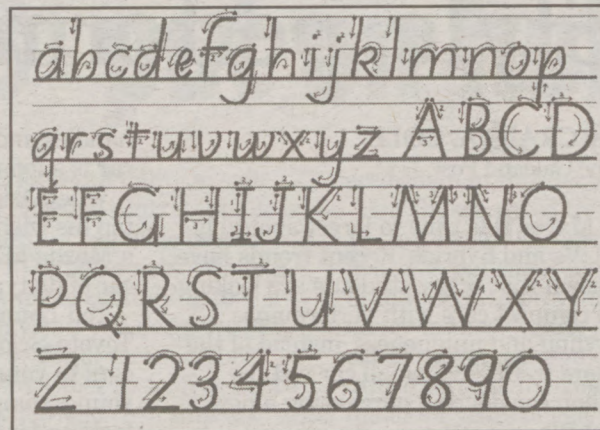


Photo courtesy <http://www.studioarts.net>

Above is a sheet of strokes for letters and numbers in basic calligraphy. Each attendee received a copy in their packet.



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post

Far left: Two students enjoy a good match of jousting Friday night at Rec Fest. The game was one of many that filled the basketball court of the Recreation Center.

Left: Three ladies turn to pose in their Rec Fest 2005 Shirts. Everyone attendance was given the opportunity to tie-dye and design the shirts, and could take them with them.

Students flock to free festival

By AARON KOCHENDERFER
The Oakland Post

Rec Fest (noun), def: An exciting event that took place at the Rec Center which featured numerous prizes, free food, inflatable games, poker and euchre, a cash machine, tie-dyed shirts and a great opportunity to have fun with all of your friends.

Synonyms: fun, free stuff, laughs, a chance to meet new people, the best thing to do on a Friday night.

Yes, Webster knows the best ingredients for a good time, and the Rec Fest was definitely an event that had all the right activities for everyone to enjoy.

"I think the Rec Fest is a good idea to get students to have fun on campus and meet many new people," sophomore Angie Freeman said.

It took place last Friday from 9 p.m. until mid-

night at OU's Recreation Center. One appealing aspect of the event was that it was free to all students. One guest was allowed per student and paid at a price of five dollars.

One blue raffle ticket was handed out to every person that entered Rec Fest. Drawings were held periodically throughout the night so participants had to hold on to their tickets if they wanted to claim any prizes.

In the Pioneer Room on the upper level, poker and euchre games were held where participants could win more raffle tickets. On the lower level, food was everywhere, and all of it free. There was popcorn, nacho, ice cream and hot dog vendors. In the smaller basketball court, there was a Cash Cube.

People stuck out the 30 minute wait to get into the cube for twenty seconds while fake and real money was blown around them. They got to keep as much as they could grab. Some walked away with nothing, while others had five or six dollars.

Inflatable activities and other events awaited Rec Festers in the large basketball court. There was the Human Fly in which people put Velcro suits on and

could jump onto a Velcro wall. Some attendees did somersaults and flips while others simply jumped and slowly peeled off.

"It's hilarious watching people I know," Fred DeNault IV, a senior, said.

There was also the bungee cord racing game, a giant rat obstacle course, a basketball contest and a boxing ring was set-up with contestants hitting each other with foam sticks.

Prizes for the evening included stereos, an Xbox, DVD players, an I-Pod mini, gift cards for gas worth up to \$100, T-shirts, autographed Pistons merchandise, and the final giveaway for the night was a 24-inch flat screen television.

Sophomore Jack Arens was the happy recipient of the television.

"I only had one ticket unlike many of the other people who participated in the poker tournament. In fact, for the past couple weeks it seemed that I lost at everything I tried. Video games, chess, raquetball, and poker all fell into the categories of 'Jack's Failures.' And then I won a T.V. I guess all I can say is 'yeah Karma.'"

Style, performance rank high with students

By CRAIG A. COLE
The Oakland Post

Maybe it is time to forget about big SUVs and hybrids. Recent trends have shown that many students are looking to compact cars with performance, styling and uniqueness, instead of the more traditional small car virtues when considering purchasing a new vehicle.

Sophomore Brandon Turkus has definite ideas of what he looks for in a compact car.

"Performance, definitely, a manual transmission, and you've got to be able to customize it," he said. "I autocross on a regular basis. I want a car that will perform, a car that you'll have fun with." His ideal compact car is the Mini Cooper S.

Rebeca Romero's small car priorities are similar to those of Turkus. Her favorite small car features include "styling and gas mileage."

"I don't want to be driving something that older people drive, I want something age appropriate," Romero, a senior, said.

Practicality also ranks high on Romero's needs list. "I am a taller person, I want a car I can get in easily," she said. As for her number one small car choice, Romero gives the Pontiac Grand Prix a thumbs up.

Jeff Jerome, a junior, said "performance, styling and economy" are his small-car priorities.

He also said he wants a "car that

handles and performs well — like a car is supposed to."

When asked what small car would top his wish list, Jerome said "probably a Mazda MX-5. It handles well for a car of its type."

Ted Loumanis, sales lead at Fox Toyota-Scion in Rochester, sells many cars to young people and said most young, compact-car shoppers are looking for "low prices, reliability and safety."

Scion, Toyota's youth-oriented division, was started in 2004 as an affordable small-car alternative; an alternative tailor made for young people.

Currently, Scion's lineup contains three cars; the small, rounded XA, the cube-like XB, and the sporty TC coupe.

According to Loumanis, Scions are a hit with the 18 to 25 year-old crowd, with over 30 percent of sales going to this coveted demographic.

Loumanis said the Scion XB or "the box" sells the best with college students.

Another Scion specialty is the plethora of options available to consumers. Customers can customize their Scions with over 52 dealer-installed accessories.

Loumanis said these options range from wheels to cold ram intakes to interior LED lighting, with the most popular features being wheels.

Volkswagen is another popular vehicle brand amongst college-age adults. The main draws to Volkswagen's vehicles are, according to Ken Bourns,



Associated Press

Compact cars like the Nissan Versa may be getting more attention if gas prices continue to rise.

salesperson at Fox Volkswagen in Rochester, are "fuel economy, a good warranty, and longevity." When asked which car is their best seller, Bourns said the Jetta ranked no. 1.

Bourns added, "(The Jetta) meets the requirements of the single oriented and also the family oriented." Bourns estimates that about 20 percent of his customers fall into the 18 to 25 age bracket.

According to AutoBytel.com, top selling compact cars also include the Saturn ION, the Honda Insight, the new Volkswagen Beetle and the Toyota Camry Solara.

Jerome summed-up what seems to be a trend towards style and performance, over economy and price.

"Its got to look good going down the road. I don't want to drive a shoe-box," he said.

What do you look for
when you buy a car?
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Getting a great letter of recommendation made easier

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
Money/Health Editor

Many scholarship and graduate school applications require students to submit letters of recommendation along with their application.

While this may seem like a giant pain, what professors or employers write can be just as important as being on the dean's list or having a thousand hours of community service. Getting a great letter of recommendation can be easy with a little planning.

According to FastWeb.com, the first step in getting a glowing letter is choosing the right recommender. It's crucial that it's someone who knows you well and can write a pretty in-depth letter.

Don't always look for impressive credentials, either. A professor with a Ph.D. who couldn't pick you out of a lineup does you no good.

Graduate schools and scholarship judges want to know what projects you worked on and how you stood out from your classmates.

Being punctual is always good, so ask four to six weeks before the deadline. You want them to have plenty of time to think about all of your achievements and then create glowing remarks.

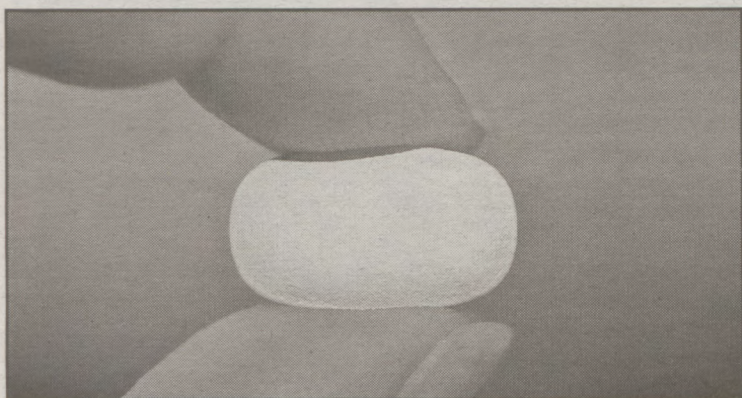
Professors are busy people, and many of them welcome a little direction when writing recommendation letters. Preparing a one-page cheat sheet and resume can go a long way in giving professors a complete picture of yourself.

For scholarships and graduate

school applications, list the schools you're applying to and what qualities their admissions board might be looking for. Then talk about your work and successes in that teacher's class, as well as outside interests you have.

Finally, make sure to follow up one to two weeks before the deadline. Call or send an email making sure they have all the info they need for your letter. Hopefully, you'll be pleasantly surprised and hear that it was already mailed out, but if not, at least there's still time to fix the problem.

FDA decision on 'Plan B' put on hold



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(AP) — The government recently rejected over-the-counter sales of morning-after birth control because of concerns about young teenagers' use of the pills.

Regulators, however, did leave open the possibility that they will reconsider the sale of the drug.

The Food and Drug Administration had been under intense political pressure about whether to lift the prescription requirement for emergency contraception, with conservatives arguing that doing so could encourage sexual promiscuity.

In a letter to Barr Laboratories, the FDA said there was no evidence that teens younger than 16 could safely use the pills without a doctor's guidance, and thus it

was rejecting the move until Barr could provide that evidence.

"The FDA is siding with our nation's teens and their health," said Rep. Dave Weldon, Florida Republican and a physician in private life.

The FDA had told Barr about the teen concern in February, and the company proposed allowing nonprescription sales for everyone 16 and older, but requiring anyone younger to have a doctor's prescription.

Such a step, which presumably would require drugstores to check customers' ages, never has been tried. The FDA said the company did not provide many details, making it impossible to decide whether such a program would be legal and doable.

Proponents said easier access to the pills could prevent thousands of abortions — and the FDA's scientific advisers had backed the change in a 23-4 vote in December.

Kirsten Moore of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project accused the FDA of bowing to political pressure.

"The decision blatantly disregards the overwhelming scientific evidence," she said. "But the Bush administration has denied American women timely access to a safe, proven second chance to prevent pregnancy."

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry criticized the move through a spokesman.

"The White House is putting its own political interests ahead of sound medical policies that have broad support," campaign spokesman Phil Singer said.

But yesterday, FDA officials left open the door for Barr to try again, telling the company what information they would need to reconsider their decision. Barr would have to either show that young teens could use the pills safely without a prescription or provide details on making the mixed-marketing approach work.

"Wide availability of safe and effective contraceptives is important to public health," the FDA letter said. "We look forward to continuing to work with you if you decide to pursue either of these options."

Barr Chief Executive Bruce Downey said the company rapidly would pursue one or both of those options — while it more actively advertises the prescription version of its morning-after brand, called Plan B.

"It's a matter of weeks and months to deal with this objection," Downey said, adding that means the FDA could reconsider the issue within a year. "Clearly ... the door's open, and we plan to go through it."

An agency memo, obtained by the Associated Press, suggests medical reviewers backed nonprescription sales of Plan B, but were overruled by senior officials.

"Some staff have expressed the concern that this decision is based on nonmedical implications of teen sexual behavior or judgments about the propriety of this activity," said the memo, written by FDA acting Drug Chief Dr. Steven Galson. "These issues are beyond the scope of our drug-approval process, and I have not consid-

ered them in this decision."

Dr. Galson noted that some 11- to 14-year-olds are sexually active, but that "despite the urgent need to prevent pregnancy in these young adolescents, the application contained no data in subjects under 14 years of age."

Wendy Wright, senior policy director for the pro-life group Concerned Women for America, said the FDA was "right to be cautious about having a potent drug that can harm women next to candy bars and toothpaste."

The morning-after pill is a higher dose of regular hormonal contraception. Taken within 72 hours of intercourse, the pills cut the chances of getting pregnant by up to 89 percent.

Plan B is available on Oakland University's campus at the Graham Health Center. A required office visit, the medication and pregnancy test cost about \$50 for students. Other forms of contraceptives and contraceptive counseling are available.

For more information, contact the Graham Health Center at (248) 370-2341.

— Money/Health Editor
Blythe A. Simmons contributed to this report

OU Relay for Life gears up to raise cancer awareness

By CINDI POZZI
The Oakland Post

The American Cancer Society, Colleges Against Cancer and Oakland University will come together this weekend to help in the battle against cancer with the Relay for Life.

In this overnight fundraiser, sponsored teams want to keep at least one enlisted teammate on a running track for 24 hours.

Relay for Life not only raises money,

it also provides an opportunity to elevate cancer awareness, honor survivors and remember those who lost their fight against cancer.

One of the reasons cited for having this event on campus is the popularity of smoking in the college-age group, ages 18 to 24. Tobacco use accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths and 87 percent of lung cancer deaths, according to the American Cancer Society.

Event coordinator Jeremy Agler

plans to make this year's event more fruitful than last year's, where OU generated over \$44,000.

"It was just great to see the students come together and stay motivated all throughout the night," Agler said.

Colleges Against Cancer has planned to include a disk jockey and several contests, like best costume, to encourage volunteers to reach their new goal of \$50,000.

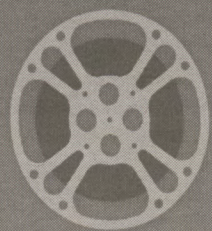
There will also be the traditional

"Luminaria Ceremony" in which lights will be set up around the track, each one representing someone who struggled with cancer.

Relay for Life will begin on Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds and will conclude with a closing ceremony on Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Students and faculty still have time to form teams and join in the event.

For more information, contact Jeremy Agler at (586) 263-8000.



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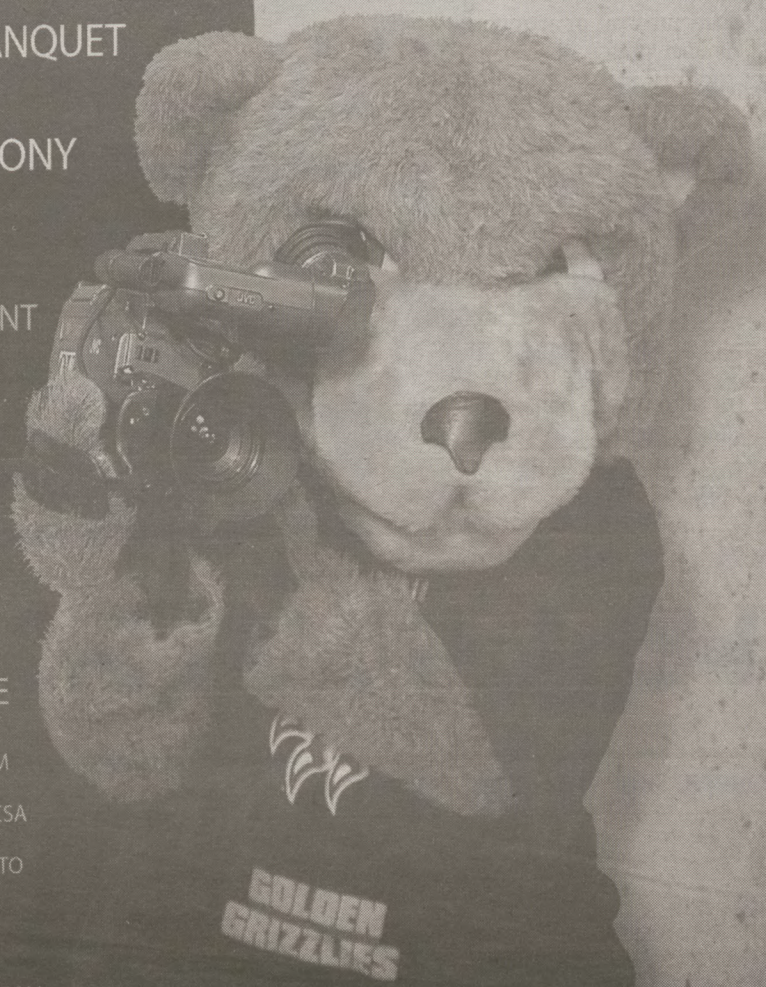
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Defying odds?

(AP) — Old people consuming a disproportionate share of the available resources may turn out to be the ruin of this country, but it isn't doing baseball any harm yet.

Every time you looked up in the mad playoff scramble last week, there were geezers staring down off the mound at the biggest moments: 40-somethings Randy Johnson, David Wells and Roger Clemens, their masterful outings tied off Sunday with a bow by Curt Schilling, who's 38.

It makes you wonder: After a season spent smoking out steroid use, shouldn't we have been on the lookout for old-age serums instead?

Pitchers pushing 40 and beyond used to be regarded as marvels. Warren Spahn threw a no-hitter just five days after crossing the threshold, pitched 262 innings that season, 269 the next and 259 in his final season, finishing 23-7. Spahn was 42 at the time.

Stan Musial once worried aloud that Spahn wouldn't get into the Hall of Fame because he wouldn't stop pitching.

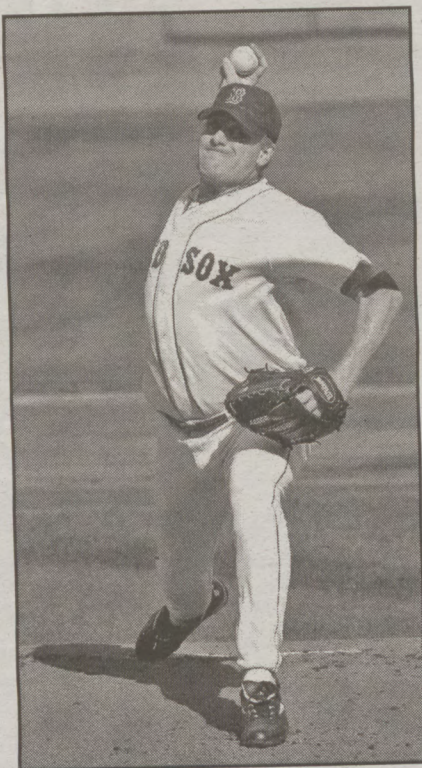
Even rarer was Nolan Ryan, an out-and-out power pitcher who hung on until age 46. His staying power so impressed Time magazine a few years back that a feature about the Texan concluded, "What man in his 40s would not like to look in the mirror and find Nolan Ryan?"

But Ryan himself spent the last 10 years of his career nervously looking elsewhere, during almost every outing, for some telltale sign that his time was done. He waited for his fastball to shorten up, for hitters to start moving up in the box, for the flameout that claimed his role models, pitchers like Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson, his contemporaries, guys like Tom Seaver and Steve Carlton, and more than a few of his would-be successors, fireballing phenoms like "Sudden" Sam McDowell and Mark "The Bird" Fidrych.

But Ryan no longer seems like such an oddball, and the grueling workouts that seemed so exotic just a decade ago have become routine for the old pitchers of this generation.

Clemens, for one, boasts an even more maniacal work ethic and has the numbers to show for it. In the process of pitching the Astros to the National League wild-card spot, he finished with a 1.87 ERA and won his first NL title to go along with six he won in the AL. The 15-year gap between those titles was double the previous high, set by none other than Spahn.

But Clemens is hardly alone in hanging on to his velocity. Johnson did exactly what the Yankees paid him big money to do, going 5-0 in



The Associated Press
Curt Schilling pitched six innings of scoreless baseball in the Red Sox win over the Yankees on Sunday.

six starts against rival Boston, the last coming in the AL-East clinching game.

Pitchers who can do that in big games are rare at any age, but it's easy to forget that Johnson has been doing it for so long. Former Mariners teammate Luis Sojo remembered how, in a pennant race 10 years ago, just knowing Johnson would be pitching that day translated into a few runs worth of confidence.

"This guy," Sojo told the Daily News of New York, "he knows what to do. He's been around, so he knows how important he is to the teams he plays for. He's as important for the Yanks now as he was for us back in '95."

Johnson's importance is reflected not just by his teammates, but by his salary:

Including bonus money, he'll collect \$48 million for this season and the next two. It's less than the \$18,000,022 Clemens will get from Houston for this one season (22 is Clemens' jersey number) and a little better than

the \$52.5 million Schilling got for four seasons from the Red Sox.

If you're looking for the biggest difference between that trio and Ryan, it's money. They've become mercenaries, offering themselves to the highest bidder, extracting a salary that reflects all the time spent staying in shape and all the big-game experience accumulated.

Wells, of course, is the notable exception. At 42, he doesn't throw very hard and the closest he gets to working out is when a postcard for a free health club membership gets left in his locker.

He's not in the same neighborhood, either, in terms of velocity or pay — \$8.15 million for 2005-6, plus a \$3 million performance bonus he pocketed this season — but he didn't linger this long without learning a thing or two.

Pitching Wednesday for the Red Sox against his old batterymate, Wells couldn't rear back and throw an aspirin by Yankees catcher Jorge Posada in a tight spot.

Posada, after all, had been on the receiving end of Wells' best stuff when they worked together on a perfect game in New York seven years ago, so trickery seemed out of the question, too.

But even after missing with every one of his first half-dozen curveballs, Wells enticed Posada into a swing-and-miss, steered clear of a jam and went on to give the Red Sox a win they needed to stay in the hunt.

"To be where we are says as much about the people as it does about the talent," Schilling said, without mentioning that some people, defying odds, have had the talent for a long, long time.

SPORTS

Men's soccer opens Mid-Con with win

Western Illinois (2-7, 1-1) took a 1-0 lead into halftime against the visiting Grizzlies (3-5, 1-0), but three goals in the second half gave OU the win and the start it needed in conference play. OU newcomer Doron Draï assisted on the tying goal and scored his first goal of the season in the win. Brandon Felker and Jim Denk added the other two goals for the Grizzlies. Oakland goes west next week for a match-up with Michigan State on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Game time is set for 4 p.m. in East Lansing.

Women's soccer downs Colorado College

The Grizzlies (4-4-1) beat Colorado College 2-1 in the Stanford Nike Invitational in Palo Alto, California. Kristi Swaving opened the scoring with a header off a Kristi Mitchell corner kick. The second OU goal came when a Colorado College defender headed the ball into her own net while trying to clear. OU goalkeeper Jessica Howard had five saves in the win.

Women's soccer falls to tough competition

The women's soccer team lost a tough game to No. 5 Santa Clara 2-0. Swaving and Lauren Brodie both had chances to bring OU close in the second half, but SCU goalkeeper Julie Ryder kept them scoreless. Howard made five saves in the game for OU and brought her total to 54 for the season. OU doesn't play again until Sunday when they open the Mid-Con season at Western Illinois.

Coach Rice part of local Hall of Fame

Men's and women's cross country coach Paul Rice and his assistant John Nemens were inducted into the East Detroit High School Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday. It was the third class to be inducted and the ceremony took place at the East Detroit High School Fieldhouse. Rice graduated from East Detroit in 1988 and Nemens ended his Shamrock career in 1990. Rice ran as a Golden Grizzly from 1990-93 and was a three-year captain for the cross country team. In his eight years as Oakland's men's and women's head cross country coach, Rice has been named Mid-Con Coach of the Year twice.

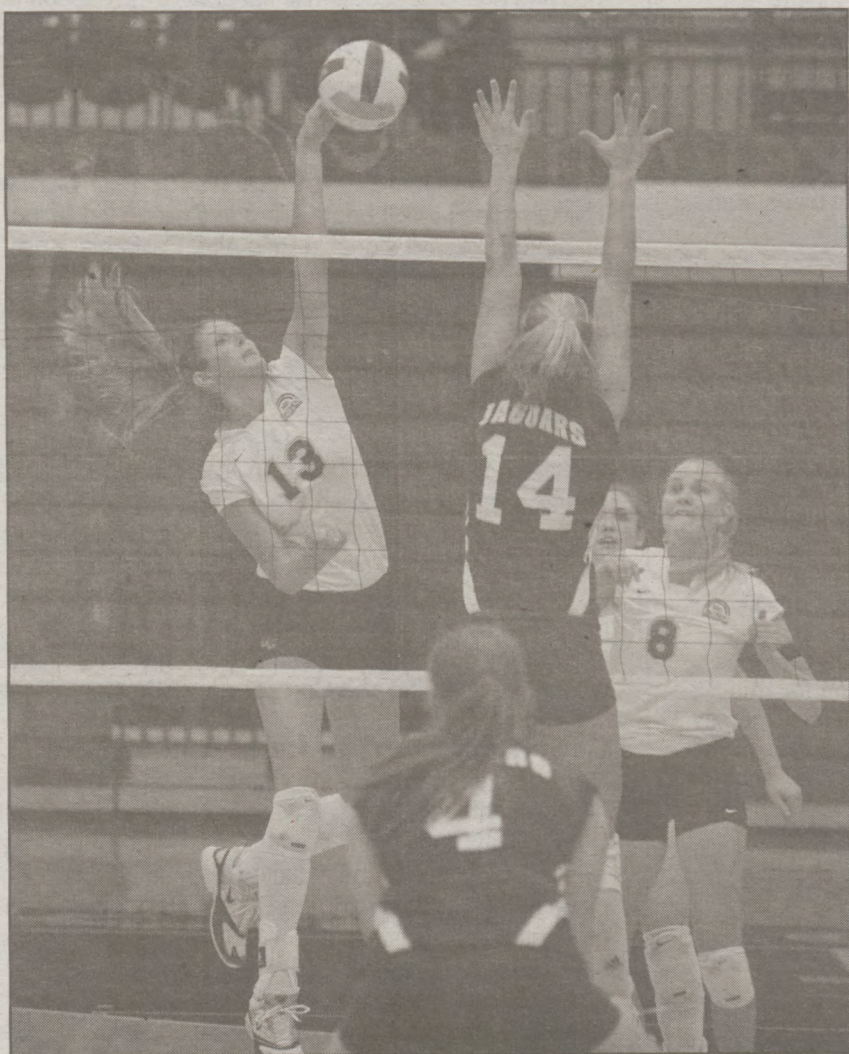
Gold defeats Black at intrasquad meet

OU men's and women's swimming and diving teams readied for the upcoming season with a friendly warm-up. Melissa Jaeger, Steve Weaver and John VanPortfleet led the Gold team over the black team — captained by Maria Musialczyk and Nick McCollum — by a score of 263-229. Amanda Burwell and Zoltan Horvath led the Gold squad with three individual wins apiece. Chris Sullivan, Sophia Gustafsson and David Tatarczyk each had two individual wins for the Black squad. Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams open up their competitive season at the Notre Dame Relays on Friday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. The Golden Grizzlies will host their first meet of the season on Friday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. against the University of Toledo and the University of Illinois.

— Compiled by Dustin Frucci,
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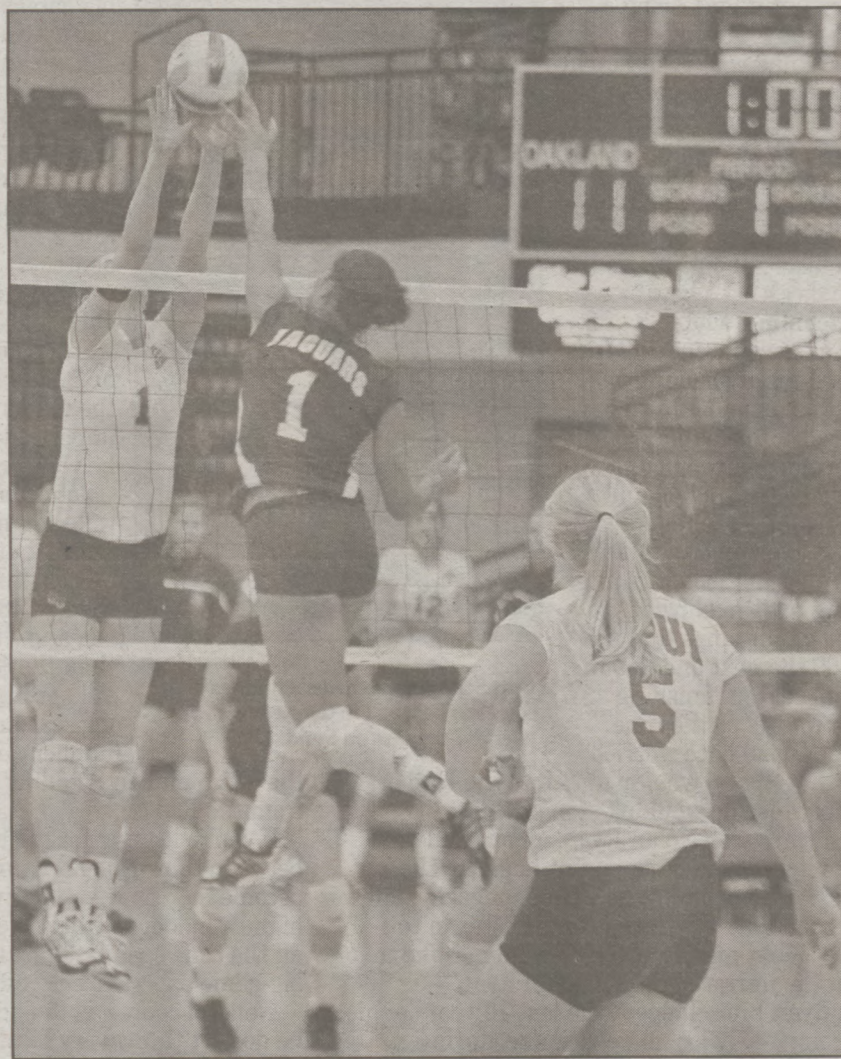
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Drawing even in the Mid-Con



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Whitney Lane attempts to spike in OU's match against IUPUI. OU led two games to one, but the Jaguars came back to win the match in five games.



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Heather Lippert goes up for the block in the IUPUI match. Lippert set the school record for blocks with 14 in OU's four-game win over Chicago State the following night.

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

An improving offense, the progression of some of its younger players and a huge match from its leader allowed the volleyball team to remain .500 in conference play after back-to-back matches over the weekend.

On Friday, OU led IUPUI (9-6, 2-0 Mid-Con) two games to one, but would end up falling to the Jaguars in five games by scores of 28-30, 30-24, 27-30, 30-26, 15-12.

OU freshman Leah Dupuie played one of her best matches of the season, accumulating 17 kills and five blocks over the five games.

"She has been a pleasant surprise," head coach Dave Schmidlin said. "She's really been playing well most of the season."

Not much of a surprise was the play of senior Whitney Lane. Lane had consecutive kills in game three that broke open a 20-20 tie. OU would go on a 7-0 run and take the advantage in the match.

The Jaguars took the next three games behind solid play from Tracy Bailey, who pushed a 3-0 run in the deciding fifth game with a pair of kills that ended up being the difference.

OU fell to 1-2 in the conference, but quickly made up for it the following night.

On Saturday, OU defeated Chicago State (1-16, 0-3 Mid-Con) by scores of 30-25, 20-30, 30-26, 30-15.

OU's senior leader, Heather Lippert, tied a school record with 14 blocks over the four-game match.

"She was in position all night," Schmidlin said. "She was really focused at the net and just did what she's been doing most of her career."

After leading the first game 17-13, OU allowed the

Cougars to make it interesting. Five straight points made the game 28-24, but a kill from Dupuie and a block from Lippert sealed the game.

Chicago State took the second game behind the strong play of Zuana Pokovicova, who had three consecutive aces late to even the match.

OU took the match, winning games three and four behind their offense. In game three, OU raced out to a 6-0 advantage. In game four, OU had a .487 hitting percentage.

OU lost a non-conference match on Sunday against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne. The four-game match was scored, 24-30, 30-25, 30-26, 30-17.

Lippert led OU with 14 kills and 15.5 points in the loss. Freshman Stephanie Parkin had 14 kills.

OU (3-16, 2-2 Mid-Con) will face Valparaiso this Friday at 7:00 p.m. They then go on a three-match road trip before returning to face UMKC.



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