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STUDENT CONGRESS ELECTIONS

Who will it be?



At right, running for president:

Incumbent Student Body President Michael McGuinness

Educational background: Political science, junior
Current, former posts: Student Congress vice president, Student Activities Funding Board chair, Association of Michigan Universities vice chair, College Democrats co-president, Gay/Straight Alliance president, Women's Issues Forum member, Association of Black Students member, WXOU board of directors student representative, Americorps-Oakland member

At left, running for vice president:

Student Program Board Chair Madalyn Miller

Educational background: Political science, junior
Current, former posts: Student Program Board Visual and Performing Arts chair, Student Congress legislator, Student Congress Constitutional Commission member, University Senate student senator, Association of Michigan Universities clerk, Gay/Straight Alliance member, Women's Issues Forum member, College Democrats treasurer, Phi Sigma Sigma member



One more day!

The ballots close tonight at 7 p.m.
Visit <http://www.oakland.edu/voteou> with your Grizzly ID to cast your vote.

HERE'S HOW IT HAPPENS

Wednesday, March 29

Ballots and poll stations close at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

Elections Validations Committee will meet to validate the election at 5 p.m. in rooms 126 and 127 of the Oakland Center.

Friday, March 31

Election results will be announced at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

HERE'S WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Monday, Jan. 31

Candidates announce their plans to run for office to The Oakland Post.

Monday, Feb. 6

Petition forms are available to individuals wishing to run for office within Student Congress.

Friday, Feb. 24

Petitions and platforms are to be turned in to the Elections Commissions chair.

Monday, March 6

Candidates are informed of their eligibility to run for office.

■ Incumbent Student Body President Michael McGuinness and Student Program Board Chair Madalyn Miller run for the offices of student body president and vice president.

■ Legislators Peter Vitale and Mark Ewing run for the offices of student body president and vice president.

■ Juniors Eric Perich and Mike Palmer are ineligible to run due to not having enough validated signatures on their petitions.

■ Timothy Atwood, Renee Blackburn, Kayla Burton, Joseph Coppola, Danielle Fallis, Christopher Goeth, Aaron Kochenderfer, Dan Kubicek, Michael Mersol-Barg, Joshua Miller, Christine Nguyen, Naasshon Phifer, Angelica Proffett, Joshua Rotarius, Dmitry Shapiro and Jordan Twardy run for legislative office.

Wednesday, March 8

Candidates meet with the public during the Campaign Kickoff/Candidate Meet and Greet held in the Oakland Center.

Tuesday, March 14

Presidential debates are held.

Thursday, March 16

Vice presidential debates are held.

Friday, March 24

Open forum has presidential and vice presidential candidates available to answer questions.



At left, running for president:

Legislator Peter Vitale

Educational background: Political science, junior
Current, former posts: College Republicans member, Political Science Student Association member

At right, running for vice president:

Legislator Mark Ewing

Educational Background: Political science, junior
Current, former posts: Gay/Straight Alliance president, S.A.F.E. on Campus advisory board member, residence hall assistant



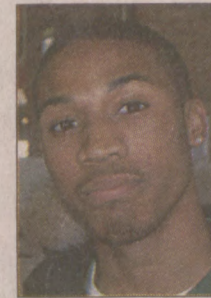
Not voting:
"The people who are elected don't end up doing what they say they will."
— Matthew Rice, senior



Voting for Vitale/Ewing:
"I voted for Peter because of his publicity. He was well known around campus, and four out of five people I talked to told me to vote for Peter."
— Jessica Crittendon, freshman



Voting for Perich/Palmer:
"I know them and I like their platform. Also, we need more choices than just Republicans and Democrats."
— Jonathan Dalton, sophomore



Voting for McGuinness/Miller:
"I have a personal relationship with both of them, I believe in what they stand for and I have total confidence in them."
— Stephen Wasson, junior

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Candidate debate photos, student photos by DAN WILKINSON of The Oakland Post

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ELECTIONS

Voting kicks off without a hitch

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

With the ballots closing tonight at 7 p.m., the Elections Commission is hopeful turnout continues on the same upward streak as previous years.

Last year, 1,275, or 8 percent of students, logged on to the Web site to cast their votes.

The number of voting students has increased every year since 2003, a year after the switch to online voting.

Members of the Elections Commission hosted voting tables around campus all three days of voting.

"There was a pretty good turnout at the stations," said Elections Commission Chair Crystal Allen.

Other members of the commission agreed with Allen.

"I think it's been a really good turnout," said Amanda Rillston, a member of the Elections Commission.

Allen estimates the turnout should be about the same as last year.

"Most people have said they have already voted," said Jessica Goodman, Elections Commission member, of the students who have passed the voting table.

Since 2002, voting has been done electronically.

Voting online "is much easier

and quicker, especially if people are on their way to class," Rillston said. She added many students have stopped because of the online option.

However, some students, especially graduating seniors, are choosing not to vote this school year.

"A lot of people have remarked that they don't know who the candidates are, or they don't show interest," Rillston said.

Candidate positions and platforms are posted online and also available at the voting stations.

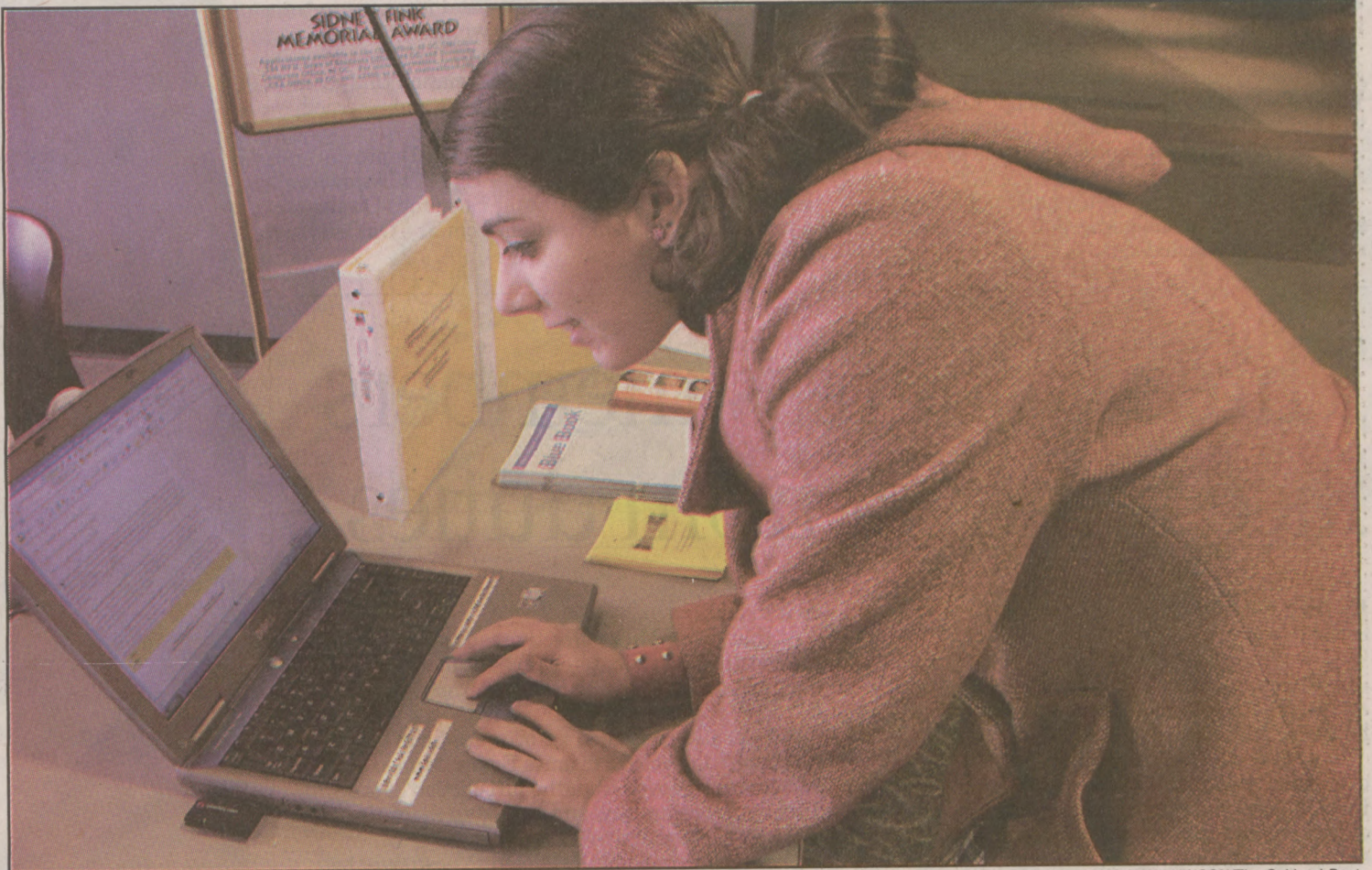
Ron Lalone is one of those seniors.

"Honestly, I just don't have the time," he said. "I'm a regular voter in the real world, but I don't know anything about (the candidates)."

Goodman, who is a senior, said other seniors should vote even though the elected officials won't take office until the spring semester.

"I think it's important because, regardless (of graduating), you're going to be an alumni, and if you want to be active you're going to want to know what's going on," she said.

For those who think their vote doesn't matter, four years ago Brian Tomina and Michelle Jamian won the stu-



Jeni Schroers, a sophomore studying women's issues and human resource development, uses a laptop in the Oakland Center to cast her ballot.

dent body elections by just one vote. They beat out their competition, Kristina Ivanovic and Kenton Lewis, with a count of

382 to 381 votes. Students can vote online at <http://www.oakland.edu/voteou> until 7 p.m. today

This year's ballot also includes a proposal to increase the student activities fee from \$21 each fall and winter

semester to \$25. It would also eliminate the deficit safety net and allocate 2 percent of the fee to the special projects fund.

POLICEFILES

■ Oakland University Police responded to a fight on the basketball courts of the Rec Center. While walking off the courts after playing a heated game, a male student was knocked to the floor from behind and repeatedly

punched in the back of his head. The victim had visible red marks on his forehead and neck and had a bleeding wound on his elbow. The attacker was interviewed by police and no charges have been pressed at this time.

■ A student in the apartments reported damage to his door

frame after he woke up to find his front door open. He reported that nothing was stolen or moved and did not know who was responsible.

■ A domestic dispute ended with a car being taken without permission. A female student was pushed and attacked by her boyfriend and sustained scratches

and bite marks to her neck and arm. After the dispute, her boyfriend took cars keys from the victim and left in the vehicle.

■ A missing cell phone led to disturbing the peace charges. OUPD responded to a call in the student parking lots and found a male student with a broken cell

phone lying next to him. The male stated that he believed that his girlfriend had his phone stashed in her purse. The two tussled over the purse and dropped it to the ground. Neither complained of any injuries or intentional harm.

■ Officers responded to a tip of underage drinking at a party on

campus. Upon arrival to the student apartments, a male underage student was questioned and agreed to a Breathalyzer. He admitted to having drank a few beers and blew a .098 BAC. He was issued a minor in possession citation while others who were also drinking at the party were told to not drive.

Fashion artist visits MBAG

Painter uses Detroit surroundings as inspiration for work

By ELIZABETH PERALES
Contributing Reporter

Meadow Brook Art Gallery's current artist Kristin Beaver, a Detroit figurative painter, draws upon friends and fashion photography as major influences for inspiring her work.

Beaver admits that figurative painting is something that has interested her since she was a little girl. However, growing up and going to school in Illinois, a place where traditional painting is valued, she never took a figurative painting class.

"There was a group of students and we would get together money to bring in a model once a week," Beaver said.

These days, Beaver uses herself and her friends as models and they dress themselves up in wigs and out-dated thrift store fashions.

Once they have been dressed up, she takes over 100 photographs of her models, eventually putting only one or two of them on canvas in the end.

"Being a photographer I immediately noticed the photographic elements in her paintings," Wayne State University student Martin Vecchio said. "It's a really interesting composition tool."

Beaver said that while she doesn't really know how to properly take photographs, she does try to play around with light, color and shadows to make the photograph more inter-

esting visually.

"I started to take notice of the shadows in the background and they have become very much a part of my painting now, almost like a third person," Beaver said.

The pictures she takes are usually developed at a CVS drugstore.

She admits to being drawn to the look of amateur photography as well as out-dated fashion for her paintings.

However, her major inspiration comes from fashion photography itself.

Coming from such a small town, Beaver said that she was very into fashion magazines because they allowed her to see a world outside of where she was.

As time went on, she started collecting album covers, yoga manuals and aerobic albums. She was especially drawn to old country and western music imagery.

"In grad school I did an entire series of women in western shirts," Beaver said.

"They have a lot of concealed sensuality in them."

Although she paints photographs of herself and her friends, Beaver said the people in her paintings are characters and do not fully represent the actual person.

"I don't want it to be about the people. That's why, in many of my paintings, I conceal their eyes with sunglasses or hair," Beaver said.

"Everyone I take pictures of is really performing for the camera."

"They have to be extremely comfortable with themselves and their body."

She said she tries to play around with the idea that these are people from another time and place.

"It's interesting to see how she uses the same people over and over by changing their appearance and taking them out of context," Vecchio said.

After graduating with a bachelor's of Fine Art from Western Illinois University, Beaver decided to move to Detroit to go for her MFA at Wayne State University.

"I had an instructor in Illinois who was originally from Detroit," Beaver said. "I decided to come to Detroit because I knew that they would be completely appreciative of figurative work."

Since she has been in Detroit, she has used her surroundings as another source of inspiration.

"I lived in Hamtramck for a while and everything seemed so out-dated there, especially the storefronts," Beaver said. "It seemed like they were behind the rest of the world in terms of pop culture, but I loved it."

Looking back, Beaver said that while she is very much a minimalist, her paintings have become more realistic that she ever thought they would. Beaver admits that she is not done perfecting her technique, but she is taking the time to realize things about herself and her work.

"I'm not fully aware of where it's going to go but I'm starting to just run with it," Beaver said. "I'm getting more efficient and I'm really trying to make each mark mean something."

Beaver's exhibition can be seen at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery until April 16.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Art Gallery
Kristin Beaver's "Striped Shirt" is on display at Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 208 Wilson Hall, until April 16. MBAG is open noon to 5 p.m. and is closed on Mondays.

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\$5,000 await solid journalism

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

A journalism program benefactor has ensured that two Oakland University students are going to have a sweet start to their summer.

Five thousand dollars were donated to be awarded to two OU students for an exceptional published or broadcast story produced between April 14, 2005 and April 14, 2006. The two winners will be awarded \$2,500 each.

Michael Lewis, director of the OU journalism program, faculty member Holly Gilbert and former WDIV-TV4 news reporter and anchor Emory Lewis, will judge the stories and decide the winners.

Stories should be submitted to Lewis by 5 p.m., April 14.

Entries should be in full-text, and published versions along with a one-paragraph abstract of the story should be included.



Roman

All stories must have been published by a legitimate media outlet, which will be determined by the judges.

Lewis said students can submit as many stories as they want, although only one may be selected for the award.

Winners will be selected on the basis of writing ability and significance or contribution of the story to the community.

"We're excited about it," Lewis said. "There's a lot of excellent journalism being produced by our students, and it's going to be difficult selecting just two winners."

Senior Heidi Roman received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Michigan Press Association this year. Roman wrote for The Oakland Post and interned for The Oakland Press and Fox 2.

Last year, current Post staff member Dante Ciullo, former Post staff member Shiela Kosztowny and contributing reporter Leslie Shephard-Owsley all received scholarship awards from The Oakland Press.

Three Congress members face removal from duties

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

A string of non-traditional procedure, outbursts and walkouts dominated Monday's three and a half-hour long Student Congress meeting.

In a move that ignited over an hour turbulent discussion at the start of the meeting, the Disciplinary Committee recommended the removal of four student legislators for their continued absences to general weekly meetings.

The legislative body ultimately decided to postpone the official decision to remove those individuals until next week.

Disciplinary Committee members said they investigated and resolved that Legislators Mia C. Evans, Stephanie Mungo, Montrell Porter and George Nahas had all officially missed three or more general meetings.

They also said that according to the current constitution, three absences — no matter what the reason — calls for immediate dismissal.

Acting Disciplinary Chair Michael Mersol-Barg announced early on that Nahas had already unofficially called in his resignation that day, and of the remaining three members who faced removal, only Evans and Mungo were present at the meeting.

Porter, who had been serving as chair of the Disciplinary Committee, was not in attendance.

"The Disciplinary Committee was simply carrying out an unfortunate and unreasonable portion of the constitution, which it was constitutionally bound to do," Mersol-Barg told The Post after Monday's meeting.

During the meeting, Evans said she had been given no warning from the committee that her removal was forthcoming.

"Let's be for real," she said to the congressional body and a full gallery. "This was very unprofessional. Why weren't we informed after our second absence that we could be removed?"

"It clearly says in our constitution that three absences is reason for a no-debate removal ... everyone at this table is bound by the constitution," said Disciplinary Committee member Joshua Miller in response to Evans' question, adding that Porter is responsible for answering such questions.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness weighed in heavily on behalf of the individuals whose membership was in question.

"Mungo and Evans are good representatives of the student body," McGuinness said. "They have no petition for redress? That's not the way we've done it in the past, and that's not the way we're going to

do it today."

At that point, Miller directly read the section of the constitution that states three or more absences result in removal, saying that the constitution left no room for interpretation.

The debates continued for over one hour, but eventually the vote to dismiss Evans, Mungo and Porter was removed from the jurisdiction of the disciplinary committee and shifted to the voting power of the legislative body.

The legislative body then voted to postpone the final decision to uphold the removals until next week, so that Evans, Mungo and Porter could have time to prepare their defenses.

The second issue addressed at Monday's meeting was brought to Congress' attention by Miller, who presented a resolution to censure the members of the Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee.

He also brought forth a bill that would have prohibited those members from reoccupying their current positions on the committee.

SAFAC is a standing committee of OUSC comprised of one member from the seven student organization that draw from the Student Activity Fee, which are Congress, Student Activities Funding Board, Student Program Board, The Oakland Post, Student Life Lecture Board, WXOU and Student Video Productions.

The members are called upon to assist the financial assistant in analyzing the usage of the the Student Activities Fee.

The 2004-2005 Student Congress created a Deficit Safety Net by setting aside 2 percent of the Student Activities Fee.

The fee was placed under the care of SAFAC.

The original proposal stated that the Deficit Safety Net was to remain untouched for a period of at least two years.

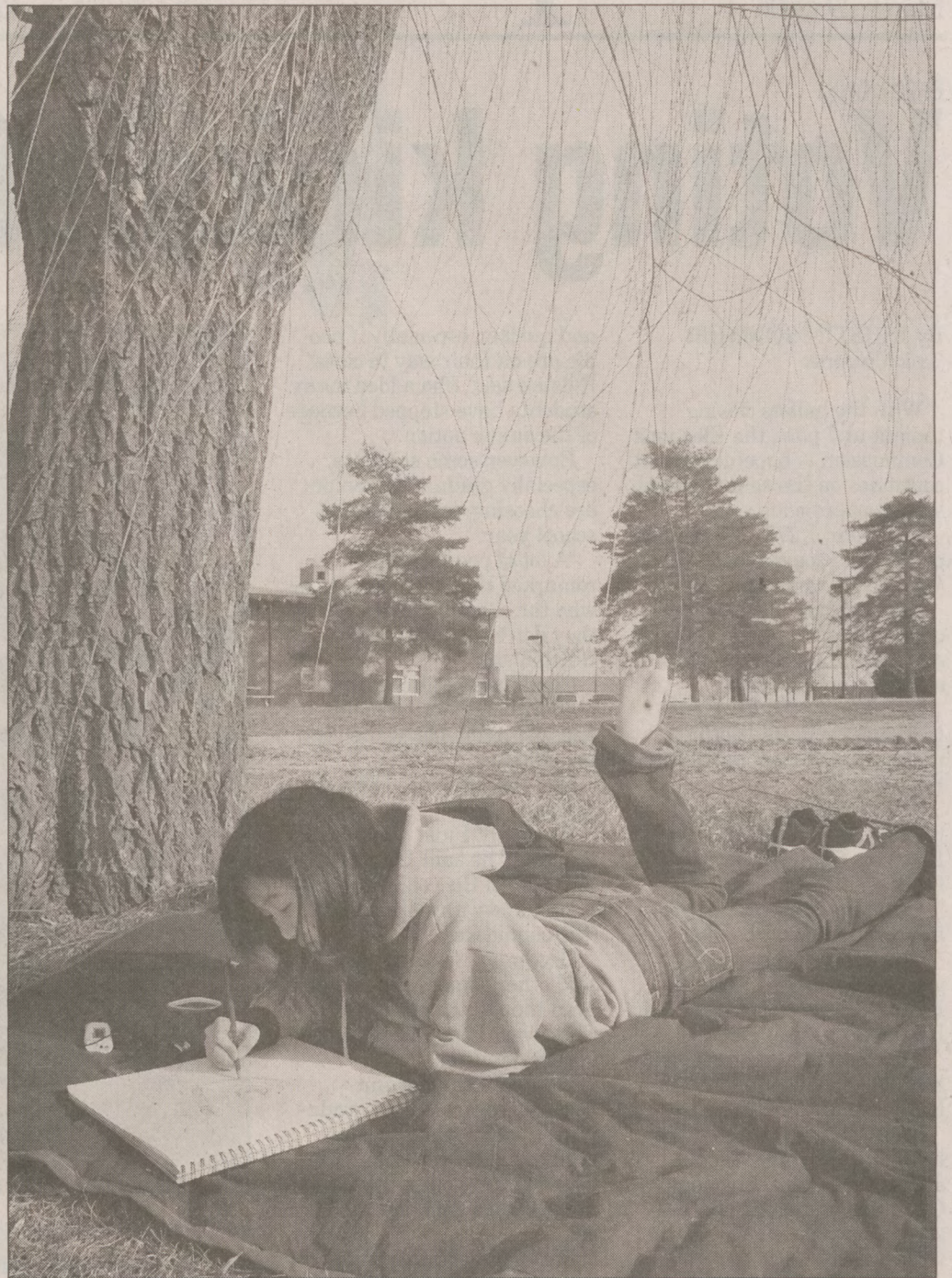
Miller's legislation stated that the members of SAFAC violated those initial guidelines when they decided earlier this month to disburse the Deficit Safety Net less than one calendar year had passed.

Scott Burke, guest lecturer and faculty advisor of Student Video Productions, spoke out against the legislation.

"The main issue at fault in the resolution is that it states that we 'chose willfully to ignore it,'" Burke said from the guest speaker's podium. "We discussed whether we should touch it (the fund) or not. The way I saw it is that we had every authority to make that decision."

The two pieces of legislation were tossed around for a lengthy discussion before they were voted down.

LAZY DAY



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

A student draws underneath the shade of a tree outside the residence halls.

'Take a stroll down Main Street'

Spring weather brings along outdoor studying and an increase in outdoor recreational activities.

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1. When do the OUSC election polls close?
- Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm
 - Friday, March 31 at 7:00 pm
 - Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm
 - None of the above

2. When are the OUSC results announced?
- Tuesday, April 4 at 2:00 pm
 - Wednesday, March 29 at 9:00 pm
 - Friday, March 31 at 7:00 pm
 - Friday, March 31 at noon

3. Voting yes on Proposal A lowers the student activity fee for next year.
- True
False

4. What role is junior theater performance major Kara Kimmer playing in a Midsummer Night's Dream.
- Hermia
 - Demetrius
 - Helena
 - Zeus

5. One million people in Detroit and Grand Rapids protested against new legislation regarding illegal immigration?
- True
False

6. Sleep deprivation can lead to obesity and high blood pressure.
- True
 - False

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McGuinness and Miller proved themselves during debates

Dear Editor,
After I have seen the presidential and vice presidential debates, I believe the students of Oakland University should have a much clearer stance on who is right for the job. Michael McGuinness and Madalyn Miller proved themselves during the debates. It was clear and concise about the way they want to lead the OUSC in the 06/07 year. Candidates Vitale and Ewing consistently agreed with what candidates McGuinness and Miller were saying. They also offered many compliments about how this past year has gone and indicated they will continue many of the initiatives. Since this year has been so strong and Vitale and Ewing even agree with much of what McGuinness and Miller plan on doing, then we should go with McGuinness and Miller.

Dan Kubicek
Oakland University
Student Congress
Legislator

McGuinness/Miller have 'strong leadership and representation'

Dear Editor,
As the elections approach, I'm compelled to express my support for the McGuinness/Miller presidential ticket. In addition to Michael and Madalyn's uplifting personalities, their motivation to serve Oakland students remains strong. It is important to have two proven and capable candidates representing the student body. I also will be on the ballot for position of legislator. I would be most confident serving the students with the solid leadership and representation that only a McGuinness/Miller victory can secure. I encourage all students to review the candidates platforms online and vote March 27 through March 29!

Joe Coppola
Candidate for
OUSC Legislator

'I am issues-based, rather than agenda based'

Dear Editor,
As everyone is aware, student elections are up and coming and all the typical buzz that surrounds campus politics is quickly emerging. Just like any other aspiring student politician, I thought that I'd get my own two cents in the mix. My name is Christopher Darin and I'm hoping to get nominated as a write-in candidate for the legislative body. I've had extensive experience with Student Congress and league debate throughout high school and think that this background coupled with an intense interest in student politics makes

me a good candidate. As a moderate independent I am issues-based rather than agenda-based, and I encourage anyone who feels the same to consider including me on their ballot. I hope that the student body allows me to serve the campus in the best way I know how. Either way, it's going to be an interesting election week.

Christopher Darin

It's time for OU administration to treat CT's with respect

Dear Editor,
The clerical/technical (CT) employees have waited over 39 weeks to negotiate a fair contract. Why must this hardworking group be treated by some members of the OU administration as though we were substandard employees every time our contract expires? The students keep this university in business, and the CTs handle many of their needs. Have you considered who is responsible for entering hundreds of course sections into banner so students can register for classes? How about the people who process financial aid awards? Or the paychecks that student employees depend upon, on a bi-weekly basis? All of this work is completed by a dedicated group of CTs—and this is only a sliver of what CTs are responsible for performing on campus. Michigan's budget crisis required all of us to scale back on labor and operating costs. The CTs assisted in that effort, and in some cases, were the ones who came up with cost saving measures. CTs are one of the lowest paid groups on campus. Many of us struggle to make ends meet. The salary increases we've received in the last couple of contracts have mostly been eaten away by soaring health care costs. I think it is time for OU's administration to treat the CTs with respect and bargain fairly with the negotiation team.

Donna Seairight
Editor, Postscript
OUPSA MEA-NEA

'Flex accounts' cause problem for student org

Dear Editor,
I am the president of the Swing & Salsa Club here on campus. Halfway through this semester, we lost our meeting room (which is another story), and after searching unsuccessfully for another room we have been forced to call it quits for the semester. We collected dues for this semester, and since we cut the semester short I felt it my duty as president to refund those dues. This is where my problem comes in. I went to the CSA office to withdraw these same dues, where I had deposited them (into our "flex account") earlier this semester. The employee at

the CSA window informed me that I couldn't make withdrawals there — I had to go inside to do that. However, when I did go inside to inquire about withdrawing, I was treated as though I was the first person in OU history to request such a thing. First of all, apparently I am not allowed to withdraw the money myself. Either the group members must pick up the money themselves from the CSA office, or the school will issue reimbursement checks by mail. I find it disturbing that — as the president of my organization — I cannot be trusted with money I myself collected in good faith and deposited of my own free will. Even more insulting, however, is that fact that I must provide the CSA with a written explanation in order to get any sort of withdrawal at all! Allow me to clarify: I was under no obligation whatsoever to deposit the dues in the first place — in many cases, I actually find it easier to pay directly with cash. I deposited the dues because I felt it was more responsible of me, as president, to keep the money in the school's care and thereby remove any suspicion of mismanagement on my part. Now I think I would have done better to take my chances with keeping the money in a drawer! I understand that there are bureaucratic issues involved with student org funds — the school uses these funds for its own operation, much as banks do. And I am fine with that. But my bank doesn't make me provide a written explanation to make a withdrawal. The school is now considering raising the student org fee from \$21 to \$25, and I am all for it. I think it's great that the university is so willing to subsidize its groups' activities — my groups have taken advantage of this generosity many times over, and I am grateful to SAFB and the university for it. Notwithstanding this, however, I can't help noticing how reluctant Oakland is to part with actual cash, deposited for safekeeping in the first place — how it seems to assume that it's in charge of my group's money, not myself or my fellow officers, and it has final authority as to where that money goes. That makes sense for SAFB funding — not for "flex accounts." My first obligation is to my members, and so I am currently jumping through these hoops to get their dues back to them. At the same time, however, I would caution all my fellow student org officers to think long and hard before depositing any actual cash into their "flex accounts" — a misnomer if I've ever heard one. As for myself — I'll be shopping for a lock for my drawer.

Peter Halabu
Junior
English

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GUEST COLUMN

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Paul Kampe
Local Editor

Ever wonder about the different products that are thrown at you during your adventures in TV world? Not the ones in the commercial breaks, but the ones that come at you during the show.

When a company pays a load of money to have their product placed, and placed well, it's another invasion of privacy.

I recently read about the advertising that companies are doing toward spring break participants that made me curious. What is off limits to advertisers? Advertisements on bathroom towels, ads on pillowcases, an ad at the bottom of a pool that can only be seen from atop the water, for example, from the balcony view out of your hotel room. Where will you find it next?

Whenever we watch television, go to the movies, pick up the newspaper, login to our email, we are inundated with advertisers' images. Those messages used to be used to fill in the "cracks" in a program. And now it seems with these placements, the fusion of program and advertising leaves me wondering—how stupid do they think I am? Do advertisers really think I won't notice they are trying to manipulate my shopping based on my viewing?

Does the advertising jeopardize the entertainment value of the program? How many lines have been re-written to include the sponsor?

Last year, the Writers Guild of America issued a statement regarding so-called "stealth advertising" in the industry. One measure that the guild is calling for is "full and clear disclosure" both visually and aurally of any product integration in a program. Its letter says the idea that guild members are being forced to integrate advertising and story lines "concerns them a great deal."

This reminds me a bit of placement in old television shows, where the talent would hold the product and read the cue cards. Back then, would marketing gurus imagine the types of things that we see today?

In the mid 1990s, Apple Computer caused a ruckus by paying for the rights to have their products in "Independence Day," and that was a big deal then, but now, advertisers are digitally placing products into programs in post-production editing. Jeff Goldblum used a PowerBook to kill aliens and Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan "got mail" on their Apple's also.

Does anyone remember far enough back to when Elliott fed E.T. Reese's Pieces? Business Week reports that sales increased 65 percent following the extra terrestrial encounter.

Didn't MTV used to blur all of the product logos used on "The Real World" because they didn't have the rights to use them? Go figure, the network did not get the rights to use some company's logo!

On television today, "Arrested Development," "The Office," "Medium" and, of course, "The Apprentice" have all offered us blatant product placement.

The Writers Guild said that product-related revenue increased 84 percent in 2004 television and 44 percent overall, with revenue exceeding \$1 billion.

The thing is, though, I do enjoy the advertisements every time spot them—and I think the advertisers are doing their job very well. I think of the line, "Don't hate the player—hate the game," that's what seems to be going on here.

Next time you watch a show or visit the movies, look at what the characters are wearing, drinking, watching, playing, listening to, what computer they're using and what kind of car they're driving.

I seem to remember a fun movie, "The Truman Show," a few years back that was one ad after another.

It starts when Truman's wife comes home with a "Chef's Pal" dicer, peeler, grater all in one, that never needs sharpening, perfectly propped between her hands with a big bright smile on her face.

The movie about a reality show based on one man's entire life comically littered with advertisements that are stitched within the show.

The movie makes a wonderful mockery of product placement. The show's producer, Christof, explains that the overhead cost of the program is offset by product placement, where space is available in every asset of Truman's day. In this time and age of advertising — I am starting to feel a bit like Truman Burbank myself.

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Thousands rally for immigrants

*Protests
against
legislation
flood cities*

By SARAH KARUSH
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Thousands of people, many waving U.S., Mexican and other Latin American flags, marched through Michigan's two biggest cities Monday as part of a national protest against congressional legislation that would make it a felony to be an undocumented immigrant.

The demonstrations in Detroit and Grand Rapids followed weekend protests around the country, including in Los Angeles, where 500,000 rallied Saturday.

On Monday, thousands of students walked out of class in California and Texas, and hundreds demonstrated in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

Chanting "Si se puede," a Mexican-American civil rights



The Detroit Free Press
Supporters rallied against Senate legislation that would crack down on illegal immigrants in Detroit Monday. The protest followed weekend rallies nationwide.

slogan that means "Yes, we can," the protesters in Detroit marched from the southwest side of the city, home to many Latin American immigrants, to the downtown area, passing a federal building and stopping

for a rally in front of the offices of WDIV-TV. Some pushed strollers; others held up signs or waved flags, including some from Honduras and Guatemala.

In Grand Rapids, demonstrators also waved flags as they marched north from a park in the heart of the city toward downtown's Calder Plaza, for an hourlong rally near where many government offices are located.

Many held signs with slogans such as, "We are not Terrorists, We are Hard Workers."

"A lot of people missed work to be here," protest organizer Gonzalo Verduzco said after the Grand Rapids rally.

"A lot of people closed down

their businesses, a lot of factories closed down so their employees could come."

There were no reports of arrests being made during the march or rally in Grand Rapids, police said.

Janet Padron, 22, who marched in Detroit with a homemade sign reading, "We are all immigrants," said she was particularly angry about a provision of the legislation that would erect a 700-mile fence along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

"We are illegal immigrants if you trace our heritage all the way back," the Allen Park resident said of her own family. "but we are here and we are working and we are living the American dream."

INTERNATIONAL BORDER

Second border to border bridge considered

By SARAH KARUSH
The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Ambassador Bridge is the busiest vehicle border crossing in North America and is the auto industry's main conduit between the United States and Canada. Ever since Sept. 11, 2001, officials in Michigan and Ontario and at the companies that rely on the bridge have been acutely aware of the danger of this near monopoly.

A joint Canadian-U.S. commission has been studying where to locate another crossing, but a new bridge won't be operational until 2013. Until then, the entire auto industry continues to rely on one bridge owned by one man, Manuel "Matty" Moroun.

In Detroit, the Ambassador Bridge competes with the

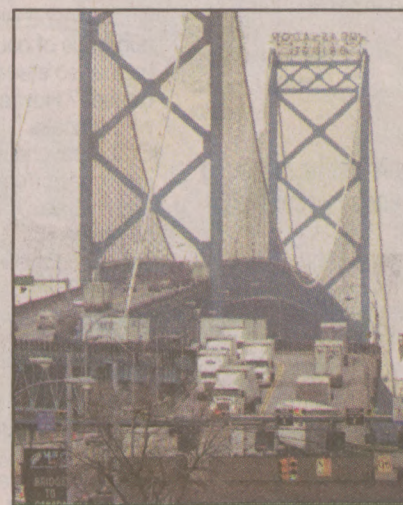
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel for passenger traffic. But the tunnel allows only a limited number of trucks, cannot accommodate bigger ones, and is located between two downtowns. So for big semi-trailers, the nearest alternative to the Ambassador Bridge is the Blue Water Bridge, connecting Port Huron, Mich. and Sarnia, Ontario, about 60 miles to the northeast.

Daimler-Chrysler AG's Chrysler Group provides a prime example of the bridge's importance. The company has about 1,400 to 1,500 truckloads of vehicles and parts crossing at the Ambassador Bridge every day, said Peter Weiss, Chrysler's director of logistics. It sends about 120 trucks over the Blue Water Bridge, and about 50 over the Peace Bridge connecting

Buffalo, N.Y., and Fort Erie, Ontario, he said. Government and industry started paying attention to the border issue after the terrorism attacks, when the sudden boost in security led to backups of up to 17

hours, said Tom Wickham, a General Motors spokesman.

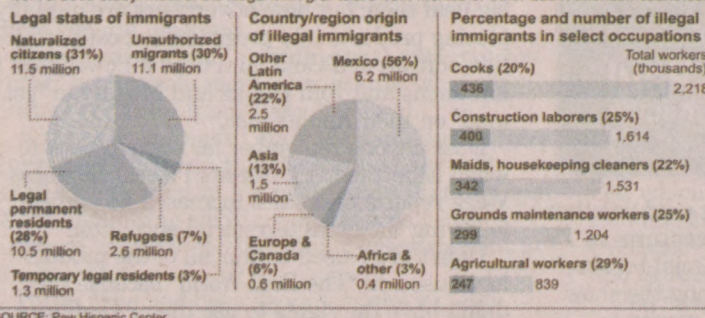
Crossing the border is again fairly predictable because of an increase in the number of customs booths and government programs designed to help speed the process for approved drivers.



The Associated Press
The Ambassador Bridge opened in 1929. Another international bridge would not be operational until 2013.

Nearly one-third of immigrants in United States illegally

More than 11 million immigrants are not authorized to be in the United States, based on estimates from a 2005 study. Most of the illegal immigrants are from Mexico or other Latin American countries.



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The Second City

'Bobble Heads of State'

turns everyday life into a laughing matter



The cast of "Bobble Heads of State" performs Second City's newest sketch comedy, which opened March 22. The show features songs and improvisation comedy about a variety of topics. *Courtesy of Second City*

By **ROXANNA RIVES**
 Contributing Reporter

This time around, The Second City troupe proves once again why they are just so irresistibly funny.

The troupe has just opened the new show "Bobble Heads of State," a fast moving sketch comedy complete with Second City's famous interactive improvisation.

The improvisers for "Bobble Heads of State" include Margaret Exner, Jenny Hagel, Shawn Handlon, Quintin Hicks, Tiffany Jones and Topher Owen. With this cast of actors not too short on performances, the scenes come from real life scenarios.

"Bobble Heads" is Second City's 27th comedy revue, and like the previous performances such as "In iPod we Trust" and "Woodward to your Mutha" that have kept audiences laughing and crying at the same time, this one is successful in making audiences laugh.

The scenes offer something beyond the looking glass. Some of the hilarious topics include over-reacting parents verbally ripping apart their daughter for her "teenage habits," a nagging couple who lost the steam in the bedroom with one partner resorting to Internet "love," as well as the everyday life that just happens to the general population.

The actors are occasionally in the audience aisles, where they encourage audience participation by adding to their scene. Then, the inevitable seems to happen, and the bright smiles and large grins of audience members shine throughout. The expressions on the actors' faces alone are enough to push out the giggles from even the most prudish viewer.

This latest show, which reminds us that life can't be that serious, is really just the beginning for the very compatible troupe. The release of "Bobble Heads of State" generates reason to go out for a night of comedy. I highly recommend that everyone visit this venue to see the show. The Second City is, as always, a definite must see.

Second City Detroit's 27th revue, "Bobble Heads of State," is the second revue at the club since its move from Detroit, where it stood, tucked in the rear of the Hockeytown Café for a decade.

Now the upstairs extension of Andiamo Novi, an Italian food restaurant, The Second City seems to have a more defined presence at its new home. "iPod" was the groups' debut, which opened in late August of last year and is running through the fall.

For ticket information, call (248) 348-4448 or visit <http://secondcity.com/?id=theatres/detroit>.

Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster or the theater box office.

Spotlight ...

STUDENT ACTRESS KARA KIMMER
"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

By **LIRIA IVEZAJ**
 Contributing Reporter

Sudden silence clouds over the audience, lights fade and Shakespeare once again charms us with his astonishing work.

Kara Kimmer, a junior at Oakland University, is working to keep Shakespeare's fans entertained. With the passion she puts into theater and the heart she puts into her roles, it's no wonder this serious actress was handed the role of Helena, a lovesick Athenian, in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

To prepare for the audition, the 20-year-old music theater major did her homework. "I read the script, and to be very honest, it was difficult to follow — and, it was Shakespeare," Kimmer said. "I watched the movie five or six times to help me out. I'm much of a visual person."

Helena wasn't the role Kimmer expected, but the role has broadened her ability to take on different roles.

"When I auditioned for the play, I always thought it would be fun playing a queen, princess — a more domineering role. When I got the role of Helena, I wasn't disappointed, but I knew it was going to be a challenge," Kimmer said. "It's good to take challenges."

Playing Helena was just the beginning of the challenge. Kimmer had to apply to Gillespie's unorthodox, Hawaiian twist. Certain gestures and phrases are important factors Kimmer has to pay attention to, making sure everything is done native to Hawaii.

"Out of all the plays I've done, with Shakespeare, you have to adjust yourself," Kimmer said. "This show out of all shows puts the most pressure, but it's good pressure because I know I need it."

Once a dancer for the Detroit Pistons Dance Team, Automotion, the Duran resident has now chosen to dedicate her time to theater and school.

Kimmer keeps herself active by teaching dance to children at a daycare at the YMCA, and also conducts an aerobics class.

In addition, she has recently begun choreographing for the Meadow Brook Estate, a program for singers, actors and dancers.

Once Miss Boatown, Kimmer will be heading to the Miss Michigan Competition this year and faces the possibility of being chosen to partake in the American College Theatre Festival scholarship competition.

Climbing high and reaching for her goals doesn't come easily for Kimmer. She strived to accomplish, starting at the bottom of the steps, working her way up.

"I was behind the scenes and I definitely did my work to move up and be part of the program," she says.

When she first attended OU, Kimmer came from a high school that did not offer a drama program. She started out as a tech for the play "Starting Here, Starting Now" by Tom Sudah, taking on assignments like lighting and patchwork. "Being the tech in black gives you a huge appreciation for them," Kimmer said.

From tech, she went on to costume dressing for "In the Woods." After working backstage for a while, Kimmer was finally handed a lead role as Little Becky Two Shoes in "Urinetown," which was also directed by Gillespie.

Kimmer thanked OU's department of music, theatre and dance for teaming her up with talented actors such as her co-stars Tony Edgerton (Demetrius) and Katie Pierce (Hermia).

"I can make Helena come more alive thanks to my fellow actors," Kimmer said.

Kimmer also said she appreciates any advice or feedback the actors put forth.

"Taking constructive criticism and using it is what makes you a better actor. You won't grow at all if you don't take constructive criticism," Kimmer said. "I keep learning more and more at every rehearsal."

According to Kimmer, in order to make it in theater, you need to analyze what other talents you have besides the ones you're working to perfect. She also added that it is important to reach your goals for yourself and not for anyone else.

"Some actors think it's all about proving something, but you really have to do the business and be in the business because you enjoy what you do," Kimmer said.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" plays at the Varner Studio Theatre through April 2. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$6 for students and all matinees. For ticket information, call (248) 370-3013.

Here are **seven** things OU students say you should **NEVER** do on a date.

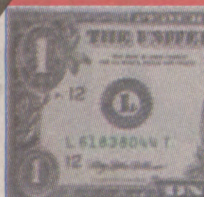
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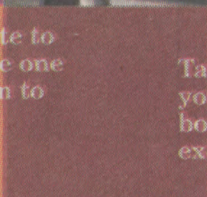
Act insecure.
 Being relaxed and confident is the way to go.



Sit in your car when you go to pick up your date. Always walk up to the door.



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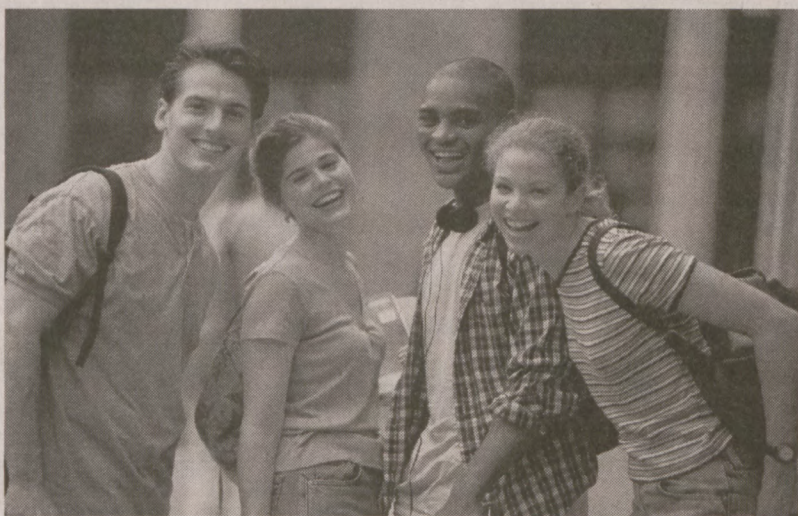
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HE SAID, SHE SAID ...

"Sleep deprivation is a really big problem with this age group, but it is typically part of other problems."

— Joanne Talarek, Graham Health Center director

Lack of sleep can lead to obesity, high blood pressure

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

Do you have trouble sleeping? Do you find that you get easily irritated with friends, family or co-workers? Have you have problems concentrating in class or remembering facts? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be suffering from sleep deprivation.

This week kicked off National Sleep Awareness Week, organized and sponsored by the National Sleep Foundation.

Now in its ninth year, this week is a nationwide effort designed to make sleep consciousness a part of every person's lifestyle, according to the NSF.

According to Joanne Talarek, director of the Graham Health Center, many students come to see her because of sleep deprivation or ailments due to their lack of sleep.

"Sleep deprivation is a really big problem with this age group, but it is typically part of other problems," Talarek said. "It can be a symptom of depression and anxiety, but can also exacerbate the depression and anxiety. It can become a downward spiral. It can also be due to lifestyle choices. People are just trying to work more and take more classes so they think that they can cut down on their amount of sleep, which doesn't work. They can be more susceptible to colds and the flu. With sleep deprivation, the first thing you lose is short-term memory. So when people stay up all night studying for an exam, they get into the exam in the morning and have problems remembering the information because they are so exhausted."

Talarek suggests that students come into the Graham Health Center if sleep deprivation becomes problematic.

The staff can explore the things that hinder students from sleeping. They can also look into any anxiety or depression that may be feeding the deprivation or that is caused by the lack of sleep.

According to the NSF, a recent "Sleep in America" poll found that the majority of American adults experience some degree of sleep problems, but few of them recognized the importance of adequate rest or that effective methods of preventing and managing sleep now exist.

Marci Cleary of the NSF said many college students are like the majority of adults in that they have busy schedules during the day, putting sleep at the bottom of their priority list.

College students need to "take a conscious step to make sleep a priority," Cleary said. "A lack of sleep impacts all aspects of life, thoughts, actions and health. Sleep is the third leg of healthy living. You should have a balanced diet, adequate exercise and adequate sleep."

Cleary also said extended lack of sleep or sleep deprivation can lead to obesity, heart disease and hypertension, so it's extremely important for college student to take control of their sleeping habits now.

Lack of sleep may also affect memory, learning and logical reasoning. Those with chronic insomnia are more likely than others to develop psychiatric problems.

The NSF suggests that most adults get seven to nine hours of sleep per night. Cleary said that college students may want to get eight to nine hours of sleep per night in order to maximize their potential during their hectic schedules.

Sleep is not just a time out from our busy schedules, according to the NSF, it's essential for good health, mental and emotional functioning.

The NSF has made a list of their biggest "sleep stealers," or things that may be hindering getting adequate amounts of sleep.

They include psychological factors, lifestyle stressors, those who work different shifts, jet lag, environmental interferences, physical factors and medications.

For more information about National Sleep Awareness Week or how to get a more restful night's sleep, visit <http://www.sleepfoundation.org>.

The National Sleep Foundation has published 10 tips on how to have healthy, restful sleep. Below are their suggestions, according to their Web site, <http://www.sleepfoundation.org>.

1. Maintain a regular bed and wake time schedule, including during weekends.

A regular waking time in the morning strengthens the circadian function, which regulates sleep and can help with sleep onset at night.

2. Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine such as soaking in a hot bath or hot tub and then reading a book or listening to soothing music.

A relaxing, routine activity right before bedtime conducted away from bright lights help separate your sleep time from activities that cause excitement, stress or anxiety, which can make it more difficult to fall asleep, get sound and deep sleep or remain asleep. Avoid arousing activities before bedtime like working, paying bills, engaging in competitive games or family problem solving. If you are unable to avoid tension and stress, it may be helpful to learn relaxation therapy from a trained professional.

3. Create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool.

Consider using blackout curtains, eye shades, ear plugs, "white noise," humidifiers, fans and other devices in order to design your sleep environment.

4. Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows.

Have comfortable pillows and make the room attractive and inviting for sleep, but also free of allergens that might affect you and objects that might cause you to slip or fall if you have to get up during the night.

5. Use your bedroom only for sleep.

It's best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment. Use your bed only for sleep to strengthen the association between bed and sleep.

6. Finish eating at least two to three hours before your regular bedtime.

Eating or drinking too much may make you less comfortable when settling down for bed. Try to restrict fluids close to bedtime to prevent nighttime awakenings to go to the bathroom, though some people may find milk, herbal tea or non-caffeinated teas to be soothing and a helpful part of bedtime routine.

7. Exercise regularly. It's best to complete your workout at least a few hours before bedtime.

In general, exercising regularly makes it easier to fall asleep and contributes to sounder sleep. However, exercising sporadically or right before going to bed will make falling asleep more difficult. Finish your exercise at least three hours before bedtime.

8. Avoid caffeine close to bedtime. It can keep you awake.

Caffeine is a stimulant, which means it can produce an alerting effect. Caffeine products such as coffee, tea, colas and chocolate remain in the body on average from three to five hours, but can affect some people up to 12 hours later.

9. Avoid nicotine. Used close to bedtime, it can lead to poor sleep.

Nicotine is a stimulant. Smoking before bed makes it more difficult to fall asleep. When smokers go to sleep, they experience withdrawal symptoms from nicotine, which may also cause sleep problems.

10. Avoid alcohol close to bedtime. Although many people think of alcohol as a sedative, it actually disrupts sleep, causing nighttime awakenings. Consuming alcohol leads to a night of less restful sleep.

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HOCKEY

Hard work worth it for McMahon

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

"Leading by example" is a phrase commonly associated with a winning team, and what better example for OU's hockey team to follow than that of two-time ACHA DII player of the year, Will McMahon.

McMahon, a 5-foot-9, 185 pound, senior forward and assistant captain, led the Golden Grizzlies to a 30-9-1 record and the 2006 ACHA DII national championship.

"He's probably the nation's best player at the level we're at," head coach Sean Hogan said. "The fact that we'll have him for another year is very good for us."

The dedication and hard work put forth by McMahon, who finished with 74 goals, has "other players taking notes," according to Hogan.

But with great success comes even greater preparation, as there is always hard work going on behind the scenes.

"It was an incredible amount of work," said McMahon. "It's a seven-month season and we play 35-40 games. We have practices that start at 7:30 in the morning and cut into school time, but at the end of the season, this (winning the ACHA tournament) makes the sense of accomplishment all much sweeter."

OU's hockey team has won two championships in the past three seasons. But the road to such success wasn't always an easy one. Just ask McMahon.

"My first year was disappointing; I think we were ranked sixth," he said. "But in my second season, we knew if we wanted to win, it'd be this season. We had a lot of seniors

on our team that year who had been founding members of the team. It was nice to let the founders of our team go out with a championship."

After taking the title in 2004, it was heart-breaking to not repeat, losing in an overtime game to Michigan State University during the 2005 tournament.

"I didn't want to lose in overtime again (like in the 2005 tournament)," said McMahon. "With high expectations come hard work. It was amazing to come back this year and claim the title."

That was apparently the motivation McMahon and his teammates needed, and it lit a fire underneath them throughout the season. Not even three overtime games could bring the Golden Grizzlies down during their tournament run.

McMahon ranked number

one in scoring and had 116 points, leading the division.

In the offseason, McMahon is concentrating on his studies. For the summer, McMahon, an accounting major, will be working an internship at Plante Moran.

After next season, McMahon doesn't plan on hanging up the skates.

"If hockey presents itself in the future, I'll play," said McMahon. "But if not, I'm going to get an education and work full-time."

In the meantime, the Golden Grizzlies will need to continue their hard work ethic next season for the big changes to start in 2006-07. OU will compete in the Division I ranks as an Independent, where they will play teams such as Penn State, Eastern Michigan, and the 2006 DI champions, Rhode Island.



BOB KNOSKA/Oakland Post file photo
Senior Will McMahon (18) moves past a defender against Indiana back in November. McMahon helped lead OU's club hockey team to the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II national championship. OU will move up to Division I play starting next season. As an Independent, OU will play teams like Penn State and defending champion, Rhode Island.

Grizzlies Sports Roundup

Senior Chris Edwards picked 15th overall in 2006 MISL draft

Edwards was drafted as the first pick in the third round, making him the 15th overall pick, in the 2006 Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) draft by Detroit, an expansion franchise. Edwards is no stranger to praise and has a laundry list of awards to his resume. Edwards, along with teammate Jeff Wiese, are the only Golden Grizzlies to earn All-Conference honors for all four years of eligibility. In addition, Edwards was named to the Great Lakes All-Region team in December for the second year in a row and is a five time Mid-Con Player of the Week. An April 19 press conference by the Detroit franchise has been scheduled to announce its coach, team name, and information regarding the 2006-2007 season.

— Samantha Franz

Baseball drops two games to University of Michigan

OU dropped the first game of a doubleheader, 3-2, and the second game, 8-5. Freshman Andrew Stafford hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning of the nightcap to get his first home run of the season. OU will play one game with Central Michigan University at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

— Dustin Frucci

Sullivan turns in All-American performance at championships

Senior Chris Sullivan earned All-American status after finishing eighth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 42.94. Swimming against some of the fastest swimmers in the country, Sullivan bested his personal record of 43.27 that he swam in 2003. Garret Weber-Gale of Texas took the overall event title with a time of 42.11. Sullivan also broke the 47 second mark in the 100-yard butterfly. "It's hard to put in words," head coach Pete Hovland told OU news. "All those hours, early mornings, lifting weights, for it all to come together like this, it's all very gratifying. We're so excited we're floating on a cloud right now."

— Dustin Frucci

Women's golf finishes fifth at Northern Kentucky Invitational

Christina Cibrario led three OU golfers in the top 20 to place the team fifth in the 17-team field. Cibrario finished with a two-day total of 154 and tied for eighth place overall. Patricia Ellsworth and Stacey Goins were the other two OU golfers in the top 20. Ellsworth and Goins both finished with a two-day total of 158.

— Dustin Frucci

OU to get football team starting in the fall of 2008

OU will begin preparations this spring for a Division III football team to start competing as an Independent in the fall of 2008. OU is hoping to play its home games at one of the neighboring high schools until they can reach a deal to build their own stadium.

— Dustin Frucci

We here at the Oakland Post like to keep our readers on their toes, so here's our APRIL FOOLS to you. We know that it's not quite the first of April, but we also know that we had to get the jump on you if you thought we could really get you to believe the possibility of an OU football team in 2008. Seriously though, there are no preparations going on for a football team. Do not contact the athletic office looking for pre-order information on season tickets and do not look for any ground breaking to occur in the next couple of years on a new stadium — it's an APRIL FOOLS joke.

George Mason's upset by no means a fluke



George Mason is headed to the final four. There's no witty lead or indelible remark capable of catching your attention quite like those eight words do.

As the NCAA tournament regional final unfolded between George Mason and Connecticut, I couldn't believe what I was witnessing. Did the small commuter school from Fairfax, Va. actually defeat the mighty Huskies? Did a team from the Colonial Athletic Association, who barely got into the tournament as an at-large, just beat a Big East power chalked full of future NBA players?

There have been plenty of upsets in college basketball, but most of those were due to a fluke play, turnovers or a last-second shot. But what happened Sunday was nothing like most upsets.

The Patriots just outplayed the Huskies. They had more rebounds (37-34), shot better from the field (50 percent) and all five starters scored in double figures.

As with most upsets, Cinderella escapes because the favorite played a bad game — not Sunday.

The Huskies shot nearly as well from the field (47 percent), were 15-for-19 at the foul line and only turned the ball over nine times.

No, it wasn't that UConn played badly. It was that an undersized Patriot frontline dominated their bigger, more athletic counterparts.

Who knew 6-foot-7 Will Thomas would knock down every left-handed hook he took over 6-foot-11 Josh Boone? Who knew 6-foot-7, 275-pound, Jai Lewis would bull dose his way through 6-foot-11, 235 pound, Hilton Armstrong?

Boone (six points) and Armstrong (eight points) are likely NBA first-rounders. Thomas (19 points) and Lewis (20 points) will be lucky to sniff the NBA draft.

Even when the Huskies sent the game into overtime, and you began to get the feeling that UConn would finally take control, the Patriots didn't waver.

What's even more impressive is that George Mason beat up on UConn after having done the same thing to two other national powers.

The Patriots knocked off Michigan State in the first round and North Carolina in the



The Associated Press
Folarin Campbell and George Mason cut the nets.

sweet 16, two teams who made the final four last year. Now, with the victory over UConn, the Patriots have defeated four of the last seven national championship schools.

For a Duke or Kentucky to knock off those three teams in the same tournament would be impressive, for George Mason — well, you can see why I'm writing this column.

Some people are calling the Patriots victory over the Huskies the greatest upset in tournament history. I'm not pretentious enough to do that — for I wasn't around when Texas Western beat Kentucky in 1966, I wasn't even a year old when North Carolina State beat Phi Slamma Jamma in 1983 and I was yet to turn three when Villanova played the perfect game to beat Georgetown in 1985.

But it is the greatest upset since 1985. Better than Richmond over Syracuse in 1991 or Princeton over UCLA in 1996.

Different from the Richmonds or Princetons of the world is that George Mason didn't just slip by. The Patriots handily defeated their first three opponents and should have never been in overtime against UConn.

Regardless of where you rank it in history, what George Mason has done over the last two weeks is truly special.

If you're not an avid college basketball fan, watch the final four this weekend. If the Patriots can pull off two more upsets, there won't be any arguing over this question; "What's the most surprising/unprecedented accomplishment by a team in NCAA tournament history?"

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