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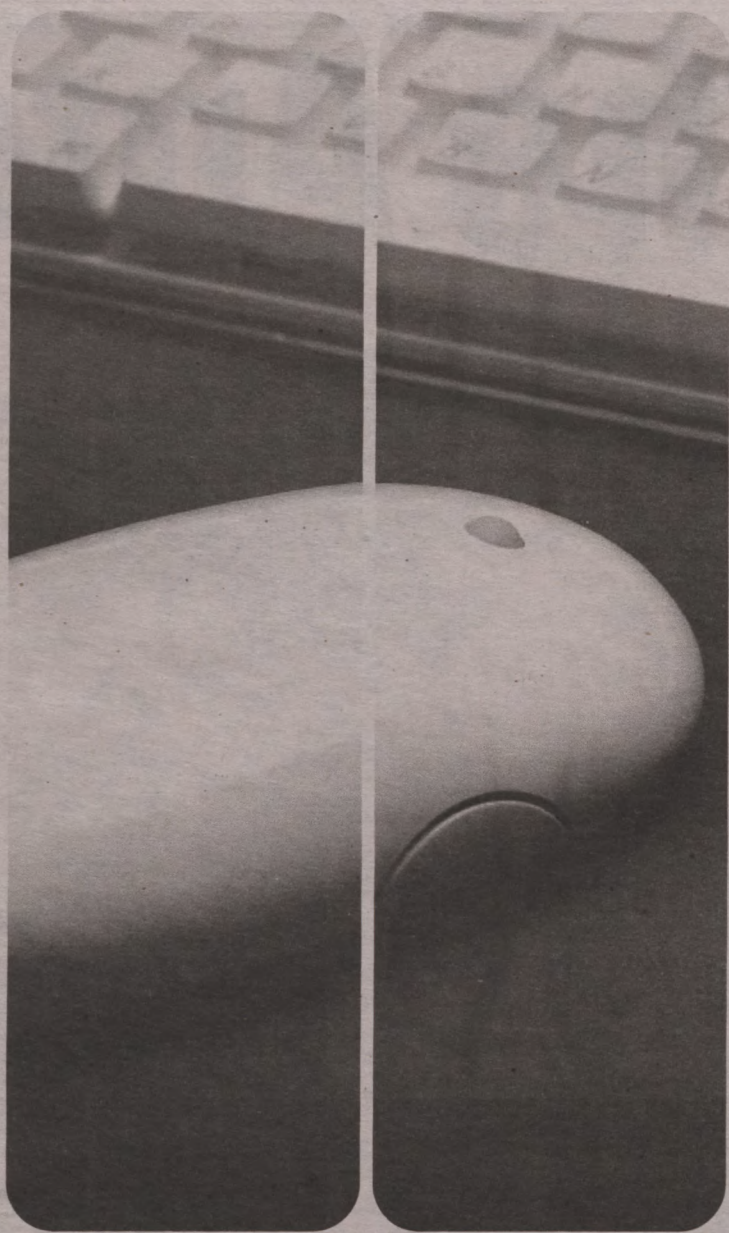
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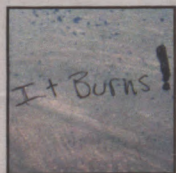
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Kwame, take a tip from Spitzer: cut and run!

Politics is historically the venue for the unattractive to become famous. It is intriguing that such an unsexy profession is consistently invigorated by sensationalized acts of infidelity.

From Eliot Spitzer's cute call girl, to Larry Craig's wide stance, to the recent titillating texts of Kwame Kilpatrick, there is no escaping the love affair between politics and sex.

And the sexual is always mixed with some other inappropriate acts: waste of taxpayer money, fired police officers and so on.

Involving the most recent and local political sex fiasco, a total of eight felony counts have been filed against the 37-year-old mayor. They include obstruction of justice, perjury and misconduct in office. In addition, Christine Beatty, the female half of the affair, has seven charges against her.

Also, it is alleged that \$8.4 million of taxpayer money was used to silence the fired officers, in addition to other misdeeds.

Here is where the individual must be held responsible. But Kwame doesn't need to continue to serve as a mayor to uphold this responsibility.

The man has become an embarrassment to the city.

With so many problems facing the Motor City, the escapades of a public servant are the last thing needed.

Kwame needs to follow the example of his philandering colleague, Eliot Spitzer, who resigned in two days. Kwame should take a drive down this road.

The Detroit City Council has called for Kilpatrick to do so as well.

Kwame's arrogance and ego are stationed directly in the way of progress for

Detroit.

Resignation places the public first.

Of course, there should still be a trial for Kwame. But this need not be while he is mayor.

A new mayor concentrating on the true issues of Detroit could be appointed as Kwame faces the trial.

Kwame's situation is burning in the public eye, and the fire is far from being extinguished.

If Kwame actually cares about the city, the state of the city should be placed before his personal arrogance.

Basically, the outcome of the trial is not about Detroit. It is about Kwame.

Apologizing to his wife and family is not what the city needs to see. These individuals are not part of the challenge that has been placed on the city.

An apology to the city, with the three police officers by his side, would express a genuine concern for the community.

In most other sex scandals, the largest problem is always the narcissist politician attempting to resurrect his destroyed dignity.

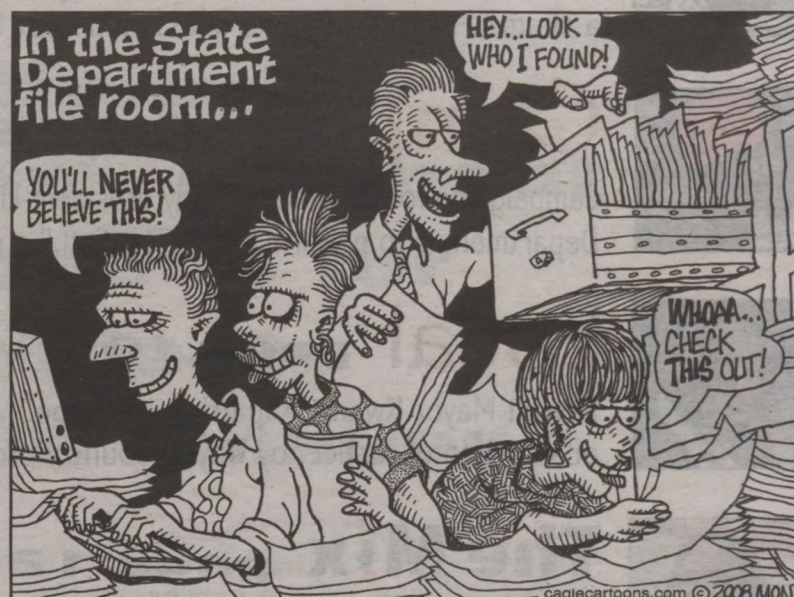
For instance, Larry Craig cared more about preserving his "heterosexuality," and Bill Clinton transformed the issue into a discussion about the definition of sex.

Like other political sex offenders in the past, Kwame has fallen victim to this same problem.

Kwame's best solution is to attempt to maintain one's fake innocence after the resignation.

Not only will it assist the city, but also will make the offender appear much less pathetic while he is mayor.

So, tell Kwame to resign — preferably by text message.



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CORRECTIONS CORNER

Corrections from the last edition (March 19, 2008) of The Oakland Post:

■ CSA Director Jean Ann Miller is to receive the Phyllis Law Googasian Award on April 30.

■ The quoted material in Andrew Bashi's "Goal of Candidacy" in the Campus section (page 8) was incorrectly printed as a continuous quote. It should have read as follows: "We want to change Student Congress and make it work with students more. ... Our motto is 'Pride through Ownership.' ... We want to build the right community and keep people here."

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He checks those.

Declare Hillary winner of Michigan's primary

Mich.'s Democratic Party leader must demand its delegates be seated in order to maintain party support

Guest Columnist

Kenneth Hreha

OU Alumnus, 2002

The Michigan primary season has officially ended. The loyal minority who showed up to cast their primary vote haven't the time nor the desire to recast their selection.

No matter how one views this matter, it is unfair to each contender.

Depending on which side of the argument one takes, each contender would have an advantage or disadvantage in new ballots that would have been cast.

Hillary Clinton, technically, has already won Michigan's primary; why would she support a caucus?

Barack Obama, who by his own free will decided to keep his name off the bal-

lot, turned his back on Michigan voters. Now he wants full representation?

His choice to stay off the primary ballot was simply a bad decision, one that John McCain can and will gain political muscle from by pressing the issue.

This leads me to also now question his decision making abilities.

As a student of politics, one of the first lessons learned is that there are too many election cycles in our democracy.

With off-year elections when we vote for governor, then off-off years when many mayors are elected, it's no wonder we have low turnout.

We also have to add to the mix all the many public school district elections to contend with. Turn-out is so low, espe-

cially during primary season, because of voter fatigue.

However, Democratic Party leader Howard Dean must seat Michigan's delegates at the convention or face the consequences of losing Michigan in November during the general election.

I know I'm ready to sit this one out if Michigan delegates aren't seated. And I surely am not going to make one phone call on behalf of any candidate

until this issue is resolved. The electorate can strike back too and play political hardball.

Michigan Democratic Party leader Mark Brewer must demand that Dean declare Sen. Clinton our state's offi-

cial winner, thus saving Michigan's Democratic Party a whole lot of time and energy that can be utilized in supporting the party nominee.

Our governor and state Democrat Party leaders will be freed up to get to work on fixing Michigan.

They are way behind in their work addressing the problems and issues facing our state and haven't the time to be embroiled in such an arcane, juvenile political party process.

What the Michigan Dems absolutely don't need, yet should fear, is Democratic-leaning voters questioning their party, in the same manner as Republican Party conservatives are questioning their party nominee, John McCain.

One thing is for certain: Thanks to the flawed effort of party leaders to move the primary forward, many who have historically voted for the Democratic ticket in Michigan now see the primary process as both a sham and a shame.

"What the Michigan Dems absolutely don't need ... is Democratic-leaning voters questioning their party"



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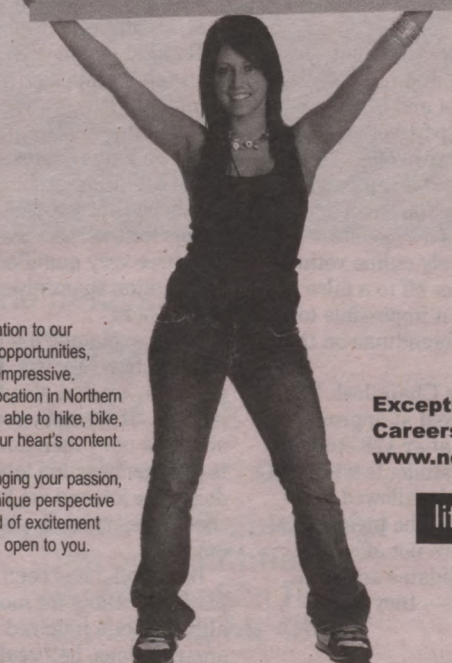
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Steve Clark's (left) campaign has largely focused on Greek community, athletes and word of mouth. Jordan Twardy (middle) has met with many student orgs, as well as fraternities and sororities during his run. Andrew Bashi (right) has gone for high visibility, attracting the attention of students with food and entertainment while establishing a consistent presence on campus.

Election evolution spawns new tactics

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

Anyone paying attention can see it's the home stretch of election time.

Jean Szura, assistant director of student activities leadership development was working a polling station upstairs in the OC. "I think it's changed a lot since I was a student," she said.

For one, this campaign has an online presence.

As has been a tradition in recent years, each presidential ticket has a Facebook group.

At press time, Andrew Bashi and Steven Clark were neck and neck on the Facebook front, with 324 and 328 members in their groups, respectively, while Twardy's group trailed with 240.

Bashi has also produced a campaign video and uploaded it to YouTube, and the Twardy/Neale ticket has a Web site.

The new and exclusively online voting system used this year got off to a false start when a bug made it impossible to place a vote for both referendums on the ballot.

Elections Commission Chair Josh Miller said the problem was fixed at approximately 8 a.m. Monday, after 128 students had already voted. The students were notified via e-mail, and will be allowed to re-vote on the referendums. The presidential and legislative votes were not affected.

The presidential candidates are probably happy to hear that — they have enough to think about.

Bashi/Karner

In the war of visibility, the unquestioned victor is Andrew Bashi. In addition to

flyers, Bashi's campaign has included buttons, T-shirts, a table of free cookies and kabob (complete with a giant sign), musicians, a card-trick-performing magician, and liberal use of sidewalk chalk (often used by Bashi's four-year-old cousin, to draw rocket ships pointing toward the kabob table).

And the campaign has even spread outside OU. The "Ron Paul for Peace" sign that has for months been looming on a nearby overpass was recently replaced with an "OU for Bashi" sign.

"I saw it on my way [to campus]," Bashi said, laughing. "I'm close friends with a lot of Ron Paul supporters, so it was probably the same people who put up the Ron Paul signs."

Student Activities Funding Board Chair Danielle Fallis expressed some concern about attention-grabbing techniques. "I just hope that [students are] voting for people for the right reasons. I think there are three very qualified people, and some have gotten themselves out there more than others."

Bashi explained his reasons for the publicity tactics. "For me, I just want people to get really excited about this entire thing," he said. "If we can't get people excited about us now, then how are we going to get them excited later on when we're doing our job and we have a lot of events that we're trying to plan and bring people out to?"

Bashi, who has been running on a platform calling for more activities, said although he's involved with many student organizations, he's really focusing on students who aren't currently involved in such things. "They're the ones that are upset [about a lack of activities]."

Whether the events are trying to call attention to OUSC or win a popularity contest, they've successfully left an impression on some students.

"I've only really seen this Bashi guy," said freshman Julie Barbaro.

"He's the only person I knew," said senior Matt Anton, "so I voted for him."

Twardy/Neale

But some people said they have yet to run across Bashi's large-scale efforts or those of the other candidates.

And there's some competition for the student org vote.

In last week's debate, Twardy, currently OUSC student services director, expressed his desire to make event planning easier and faster for student orgs.

According to Twardy, prior to the official start of the campaign, he e-mailed every organization on campus, asking to meet with them during the campaign.

He's spoken at about two dozen meetings, he said. With an average of six meetings a week, "I was cutting work and class to meet with these guys," he said.

He and a dozen volunteers also polled their classes, and he said he'd be doing a last-minute campaign with individual students around campus.

"I feel like I'm the underdog in the campaign," he said, "because, yeah, I have the Congress experience and the qualifications, but in contests like these, it's about who you know."

He feels he's got the support of the groups he spoke to. "I show them that I have substance and also personality. ... I feel like every group I spoke to, I'd like to be able to claim at least half."

He said he's also been in contact with

the Greek community, and that they seem to like his ideas for involving Greek life more on campus.

"It's hard with a fraternity candidate running," Twardy said, referring to Clark's running mate Dan Evola, who is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "It's understandable, and you don't hold that against people; they support their guy."

Twardy does have some Greek support, though.

"Jordan is the only one who has talked to us and talked to us as a group," said David Wyatt, president of Alpha Phi Omega at OU.

Clark/Evola

Phi Sigma Sigma Archon Amanda Linska said she believes some of her sorority offers support Twardy, though Evola's candidacy for VP earns more.

"I think a lot of women think because [Evola is] Greek, he'll know what we need and what we want," said Linska.

"I think they'll want to keep a Greek in office," said Clark.

Besides the Greek vote, Clark, captain of OU's soccer team and a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, is counting on help from student athletes.

"I feel like the athletes are going to support athletes. You have to go through being what it means to be a college athlete before you can understand that."

His appeal to athletes — or just people who know him — is apparent.

Golfer Frank McAuliffe is for Clark. "I've only heard of Steve," he said.

Basketball player Derick Nelson said

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that, in the end, he voted for Clark because he knew him.

He may have to rely on that support, having not had the time to meet with student orgs or set up a highly visible campaign, though he has tabled in the OC.

Clark, instead, has been focusing on networking with people he's familiar with, relying on "word of mouth."

"I don't think people vote by seeing a flyer; I think people vote when you look them in the eye and say, 'Listen, man, I think I can make this place better.'"

"My campaign is, I'm not a politician; I'm a student," said Clark. "I'd like to spend more time campaigning, but I've got a 25-page paper due in History 300."

A new look to the election

OUSC President Rob Meyer knows this election is different from last year's, which he ran in unopposed. "Obviously, it's a lot more competitive," Meyer said. "I think all three candidates have qualities that the president should have, and all three of them working together would be an ideal situation, but obviously that can't happen. I think it will be a really close election," he added.

Graduate student Mike Palmer worked the downstairs poll on Tuesday. With the exception of last year, previous years have been much less friendly than this, he said, citing accusations of harassment. "This year's been pretty tame."

All the candidates were enthused that students had gotten so involved in the process.

"Apathy built up," Twardy said. "These guys that I'm running against, they had a giant following before they got on the ballot. So these people are all paying attention now, which is great. So it's hard to be bitter, even if you lose. ... I hope that every year is like this."

Students protest 5 years in Iraq



PAUL GULLY/The Oakland Post

Oakland University students were joined by others from outside the OU community in a peace march, which took place on March 21 and 22. Approximately 30 people walked through the Oakland Center and around campus grounds holding signs and reciting anti-war chants such as "Money for education, not for war," and "One, two, three, four, we don't want your f---in' war." The protesters were accompanied by OU student body presidential hopeful Andrew Bashi and a guitar player, strumming to their chants. The march was organized by OU's chapter of Students for a democratic Society (SdS).

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Author warns 'End of America'

By JESSE DUNSMORE & ADAM ROBERTS
Senior Reporters

Naomi Wolf wants you to be more aware of your government. The author and political commentator will be visiting Oakland University April 2 to talk about her latest book, "The End of America."

Wolf calls her book a "basic call to awareness" about the state of politics in America and discussed how our personal freedom is slowly being taken away from us.

She details in the book 10 things that dictators have done in the past to eliminate democracy, from Hitler's Germany to Stalin's Russia. Wolf also makes a case that modern Americans are seeing examples of those 10 things from the Bush administration.

"It's a scary thing," said Wolf. "Slowly and systematically our rights are being taken away."

She stated that we, as citizens, have to recognize these signs and be proactive about keeping our liberties.

The first step toward encroachment of liberty, according to Wolf, is a terrifying internal or external threat, whether it be real or imagined.

She gave terrorism and the threat of weapons of mass destruction as examples, comparing them to the issue of insurgents in Stalin's administration.

"One sign of eroding liberty today is legalized torture and illegal prison systems," said Wolf, highlighting the second sign to watch out for.

The controversy over Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay, as well as the closed trials held for terror suspects, are ways Wolf ties that sign to modern America.

"The State department bypassing Congress is troubling," she said, noting its use of controversial surveillance apparatuses.

According to Wolf, the last step in the process is declaring martial law, but it will take many small encroachments on our liberty to end up there, she emphasized.

Another sign to look out for, according to Wolf, is violence against political dissidents. She gave the example of the student who was subdued by a Taser™ in Florida after asking Sen. John Kerry a question.

What does she hope to accomplish with the book, and what does she think will save America?

"Student activism and student protest are staples of democracy," she said, urging students to get involved in the political process.

"As these trends continue, it will be scary or dangerous for citizens to assemble," she said.

Wolf said that rights of privacy have been trampled, and that the government has access to every facet of citizens' lives, including the use of warrantless wiretaps.

She included that campus life is a microcosm of what is going on in the country as a whole. As the government is putting pressure on citizens, so too is it putting pressure on professors and students.

In her next book, Wolf plans to detail what needs to be done to reverse this trend.

"What we need in the short term is a democracy movement," she said, saying students like those at OU are a vital part of the democratic process.

For more information about Wolf and her views, go to www.americanfreedomcampaign.org.

Web Exclusives

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■ Students and faculty discuss literature written by alums at "Authors at OU"

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Play resurrected after 43 years, now at Varner

By BRENDAN LOSINSKI
Staff Intern

For the first time in more than 40 years, the musical "Drat! The Cat!" will be performed on stage.

Debuting on Broadway in 1965, the play, which starred Elliott Gould and Leslie Ann Warren, was pulled by its producers after a handful of performances due to negative reviews.

Now, thanks to musical theatre professor Fred Love, the play will be resurrected on Oakland University's campus.

"It's a chance to see something they may not get to see anywhere else," said Karen Sheridan, the play's director and an OU professor.

"Drat! The Cat!" is the mystery of a notorious cat burglar who has been robbing members of high society, leaving only his calling card: "So long, Charlie, the Cat strikes again!"

"Drat has brains, intelligence and style, heart, genuine and believable emotion and courage [and] the guts to do something creative and exciting," Love said.

Sheridan said that she enjoyed the physical comedy and said that the fun feeling of the play drew her to it.

"I like walking into a room of students and seeing how we can make people laugh," she said. "Plus, the music is so good."

Since "Drat! The Cat!," which was written by Ira Levin, who also penned such films as "Rosemary's Baby" and "The Stepford Wives," hadn't been performed in 43 years, Sheridan and her cast were briefly impeded due to the fact that the production company didn't have any printed scripts to give them.

Sheridan is excited to perform in Varner's small theatre, which allows the action on stage to be performed next to, and around, the audience.

Sheridan is also looking forward to the prospect of debuting a play that everyone in the audience is all but guaranteed to have never seen before.

The play is student-acted and produced with faculty assistance. It will run from March 27 to April 6 in Varner Studio Theatre. Student tickets are \$8, while general admission is \$16.

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Kilpatrick press conference in faces



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Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy



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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick



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Christine Beatty, former chief of staff

Kwame refuses to resign

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick began his journey through the legal process on Tuesday, offering a not-guilty plea during a brief arraignment hearing in a downtown courtroom.

The mayor and former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty appeared for separate hearings, neither of which lasted more than 10 minutes.

Not-guilty pleas were entered on charges of perjury, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and misconduct in office in a scandal that is threatening to prematurely end Kilpatrick's second term.

Both were released on personal bonds, but would have to pay \$75,000 if they break them.

District Court Magistrate Steve Lockhart set June 9 as the date for their preliminary examinations.

In setting the mayor's personal bond, Lockhart noted defendants generally are restricted to the state of Michigan while their cases are pending. However, given Kilpatrick's position, Lockhart granted him the right to travel anywhere within the United States without prior permission, but said Kilpatrick still must give advance notice to the court.

Lockhart also gave Beatty permission to travel to Chicago on Wednesday to get her children and said she would need advance permission to travel outside Michigan for any other legitimate purposes.

When asked by one of his defense attorneys if he would agree to waive the 14-day rule for holding a preliminary exam, Kilpatrick shrugged his shoulders and said "Sure." It was the only word he or Beatty uttered in the courtroom.

Beatty kept her eyes focused down for much of her six-minute appearance, turning quickly at its conclusion to grab a bag and rush out of the room.

Kilpatrick and Beatty are accused of lying under oath about an affair and their roles in the firing of a top police official. Defense attorneys say their clients will be exonerated.

It was business as usual for Kilpatrick earlier in the day. He met with the leaders of several philanthropic organizations, just hours before the arraignment.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran told Lockhart he wanted to point out for the record that there could be a potential conflict of interest with the entire 36th District Court because one or two sitting judges could be called as witnesses in the case. He also said attorney Mayer Morganroth could have a potential conflict of interest because he's representing Beatty in this case and the city and Kilpatrick in a separate civil matter.

Kilpatrick lawyer Dan Webb said he was aware of the prosecution's concern about the judges and may address that later. Morganroth told the court there was no conflict at this time "nor is there any potential that we see."

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced the charges on Monday after an investigation that began in late January after the Detroit Free Press published excerpts from 14,000 text messages that were sent or received in 2002-03 from Beatty's city-issued pager.

The messages called into question testimony Kilpatrick and Beatty gave last August in a lawsuit filed by two police officers who said they were fired for investigating claims that the mayor used his security unit to cover up extramarital affairs.

In court, Kilpatrick and Beatty strongly denied having an intimate relationship. But the text messages revealed a flirty, sometimes sexually explicit, dialogue about where to meet and how to conceal their trysts.

Kilpatrick, 37, is married with three children. Beatty, also 37, was married at the time and has two children.

The city eventually agreed to pay \$8.4 million to the two officers and a third former officer. Some of the charges brought against the mayor accuse him of agreeing to the settlement in an effort to keep the text messages from becoming public.

All of the charges against the mayor are felonies. Under the city charter, a felony conviction would mean the mayor's immediate expulsion.

Kilpatrick has said he will not resign, and Webb said forcing him to step down now would punish the mayor before he has had his day in court.

NEWS IN BRIEF

State Senate talks cash, pushes for funding increase

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The state Senate on Tuesday passed a spending plan that would give each of the state's 15 public universities the same percentage increase. Each school would get 3 percent more in state aid next year than it's getting now. Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants to base the increase on factors such as how much research is done and how many students graduate. That formula would give some schools more than 6 percent more and others just over 2 percent more. The Republican-led Senate prefers an across-the-board increase. It passed the university spending bill 37-1 and sent it to the Democratic-led House, which will start working on university funding next month.

Barbershop forced to end free beer tradition

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The owner of Jude's Barbershops will continue offering haircuts and shaves to his customers but no more free beer. The Michigan attorney general's office has ruled Thomas Martin's 11 shops in the Grand Rapids area may not hand out a brew with each cut. The ruling says Martin needs a liquor license if he wants to continue giving away beer. Martin told The Grand Rapids Press for a story Tuesday he was just continuing an old-fashioned complimentary service for his customers that started years ago. Police in Kent and Ottawa counties had told him that handing out free beer violated local and state laws.

Student charged with gem theft

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — An Eastern Michigan University student has been charged in the theft of tens of thousands of dollars worth of semiprecious gems from University of Michigan's geology department. The Ann Arbor News reports 27-year-old Michael Edward-Lopez Sherer was arrested Friday while trying to have several appraised. Authorities say the crafted gems and uncut minerals were stolen in mid-March from display cases.

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"Kayne West because he's my favorite rapper. When he came out, he pointed at the crowd and it felt like he was pointing right at me, even though he wasn't."

Joe Palushaj
Junior, History/Secondary Ed.



"Velvet Revolver, last year. They played a lot of Guns & Roses and Stone Temple Pilots — two of the best bands of all time."

Kyle Shaughnessy
Junior, General Business



"Mary Mary. They're a gospel group. They're influential and powerful."

Andraya Lee
Sophomore, Finance



"T.I. and Ciara, because it featured a lot of the artists that I like."

Taurienne Lauderdale
Freshman, Undecided

Concerts by the numbers

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Average price of concert tickets sold on Stubhub.com in 2007.

Source: www.reuters.com

\$131.9 million

Earned by The Police for the highest-grossing North American tour in 2007.

Source: www.news.bbc.co.uk

\$15

Price of an ounce of marijuana at the Woodstock Festival in 1969.

Source: www.woodstock69.com

They're gonna make a big star out of me

If you were a musical instrument what would you be?



"If I was a musical instrument, I would be a guitar because I think it's one of the most famous instruments."

Anthony Parker
Freshman,
Mechanical Engineering



"I would like to be the drums because they make the most noise."

Morgan Cardmanone
Freshman, Clinical Lab



"Bass, because I play it and it's unique. It's still a young instrument."

Chris Luteran
Junior,
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DID YOU KNOW?

The first drum set originated in the late 1800s, after the invention of the bass drum pedal.

Source: www.library.thinkquest.org

"None of us wanted to be the bass player. It wasn't the number one job — we wanted to be up front. In our minds, it was the fat guy in the group who nearly always played the bass and he stood at the back. None of us wanted that. We wanted to be up front singing, looking good, to pull the birds."

— Paul McCartney on taking over for original Beatles bass player

Stu Sutcliffe

Source: "Bass Player" magazine, July/August 1995

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Why not Oakland?

With all the Cinderella teams advancing in the NCAA tournament over the past few years, is it time to question why the Golden Grizzlies haven't followed suit?

COLUMN

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Although Oakland University will not be partaking in any March Madness this year, is it out of the question to think that the Golden Grizzlies could have had a run in this year's Big Dance as a lower seed?

This has happened in several instances in this year's tournament. Tenth-seed Davidson College, a private liberal arts college of 1,700 undergraduate students out of the Southern Conference, defeated seventh-seed Gonzaga March 21 and upset second-seed Georgetown 74-70 two days later to secure a spot in the Sweet 16.

Stephen Curry, a player few outside of the North Carolina school had heard of, made himself the topic of sports talk shows across the country with his 40-point effort against Gonzaga, following it up with 30 points against the Hoyas.

Another case is Western Kentucky, a team in the Sun Belt Conference, that hasn't reached the Final Four since 1971. In fact, a Sun Belt conference team hadn't won a first-round NCAA tournament game since 1995.

Brackets were busted everywhere when senior Ty Rogers nailed a 3-point-er over two Drake defenders to defeat the fifth-seeded Bulldogs 101-99 in overtime March 21. They then defeated no.13-seeded San Diego to also advance to the Sweet 16.

If these little schools can make a deep run in the NCAA tournament, then why can't Oakland University?

Size doesn't matter

It's a common belief in the world of sports that an arena full of supportive fans can act as a sixth man for a team, especially in a tight contest with the

final seconds ticking away. Some of the smaller colleges competing in this year's NCAA tournament come from humble backgrounds, but easily pack their houses.

Marquette, a sixth-seed who was recently knocked out in the second round by Stanford University, is a Catholic college in Wisconsin with approximately 10,000 students, but plays in the Bradley Center, an arena that sells seats to 19,000 fans.

Stanford houses 6,689 undergraduates, but fills the Maples Pavilion's 7,392 seats with a fan base that has helped the Cardinals exceed to an all-time winning percentage of 87 percent at home.

Oakland University's student population far exceeds that of these schools, with current enrollment around 18,000 students this past fall semester. And yet, the O'Rena holds merely 4,000 fans and did not sell out a single game the entire 2007-08 season.

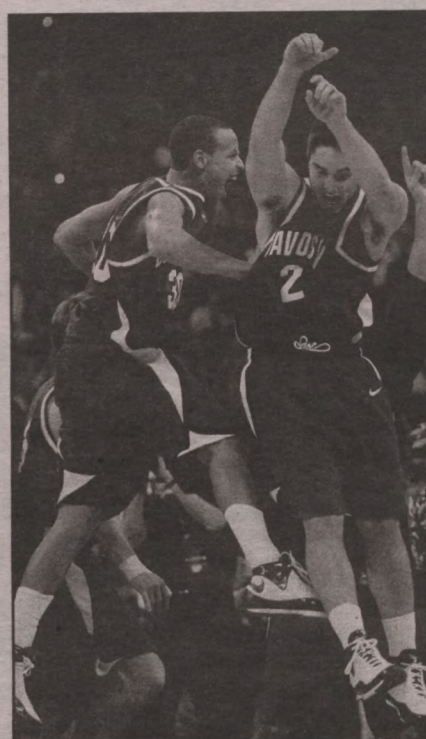
Even the all-time attendance record, set Feb. 23 against Western Illinois, housed fewer than maximum capacity, with 3,855 fans.

If OU's own population is not interested enough to sell out a mere 4,000 seats, how will the program be able to make enough noise to generate a stronger following?

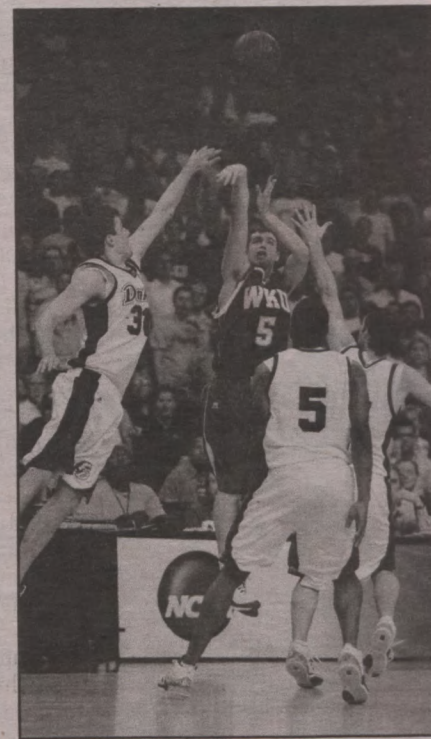
TV makes it better

After a Division I team record of 19 wins last season, Oakland University took a step in the right direction this year by inking a deal with Fox Sports Detroit to broadcast select home games over the next few seasons. FSN Detroit personality Mario Impemba was also on the call for 15 games on 1310 AM.

In addition to the bragging rights bestowed upon a team when they make it to the top-65, they also have the opportunity to play in front of a national audience.



MEL EVANS/The Associated Press
Davidson College, located in Charlotte, N.C., brings a 24-game winning streak into its Sweet 16 matchup against Wisconsin this Friday at Ford Field. Stephen Curry (30) is averaging 35 points per game in the NCAA Tournament.



CLIFF McBRIDE/The Associated Press
Ty Rogers of Western Kentucky lets go of the game-winning shot against Drake in the first-round of the NCAA Tournament. Western Kentucky had a 27-6 record entering the NCAA Tournament.

It is games like these in which junior Derick Nelson, OU's closest thing to a star player, shines the brightest and plays some of his best basketball.

Consider this: In OU's six televised games on bigger networks this season, Nelson averaged 20.3 points, compared to the 17.3 he averaged overall this season.

In the only game of these where he scored under 19 points, he had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds against Bowling Green Dec. 1.

In three of those games, against

Michigan State University, University of Oregon and Oral Roberts, Nelson came very close to notching double-doubles, putting up nine rebounds to complement his double-digit point tally.

TV time equals recognition and if Oakland was given more opportunity to play in front of a bigger audience, perhaps the Golden Grizzlies would be better prepared to take their game to the national stage come March Madness.

See MEN'S HOOPS on page 16



Photo courtesy of Allison Shishakly

The synchronized skating club completed its first full season of competition this year. The team finished fifth at the Midwestern Tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

Synchronized Skating club wraps up season

Inaugural year a success for OU

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

If all your knowledge of figure skating came from Will Ferrell and Jon Heder in "Blades of Glory," Oakland University's synchronized skating club can help you broaden your horizons.

Unlike the figure skating in "Blades of Glory" and other televised skating events, synchronized skating doesn't involve any fancy jumps or spins (that's competitive singles), but it requires everyone doing the same thing at the same time, all while attached and moving in sync to a beat.

The Synchronized Skating Club started a little over a year ago with the help of physical therapy students Allison Shishakly, Michele Skladzien and their professor Chris Stiller, whose daughter Jamie Pillow is a student at Oakland and also skates.

While most competitive singles skaters were exposed to synchronized skating for a season here or there, it was Skladzien who had grown up around the sport and was really familiar with how it worked.

The foursome got together and began forming the team in the winter of 2006, but had to scramble to get girls together for their first season, relying mostly on word-of-mouth to recruit skaters last season.

After competing only once last season, the team placed second in the Dr. Richard Porter Classic in Ann Arbor this year. They also placed third in the Mid-America tournament in Fraser and fifth in the Midwestern Tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

"Midwesterns for Open Collegiate, which is the division we compete in, is

basically the biggest competition of the year. We competed against a couple of schools that are really, really good and the fact that we held our own said a lot," said Shishakly, the team's president. "Our program was a lot more difficult than the teams that beat us; theirs were just a lot cleaner."

One of the perks of synchronized skating, compared to competitive singles, is that it requires a lot less time to train.

The team practices every Thursday at the Detroit Skate Club in Bloomfield Hills, with an hour of on-ice practice and an hour of off-ice practice. As competitions near, they may add another night of practice.

The off-ice practice consists of warm-ups, cardio, stretching and walking through the routine so they don't waste on-ice time learning it and can focus on cleaning up the routine and perfecting it.

The Student Allocations Funding Board covers the cost of ice time and tournament fees, but each skater must contribute about \$700 — \$100 each month over the seven month season. The team also holds fundraisers to help offset costs, the biggest of which is a golf tournament.

Shishakly encourages anyone interested in trying out for next year's squad to join the group "OU Synchronized Skating" on Facebook where all the information is posted.

"We're off until April or May, when we begin pre-tryouts and tryouts. Then practice starts August and competitions begin in November or December, so it's nice to have a bit of an off-season now," Shishakly said.

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Softball looking ahead to the Westerwinds

OU to take on WIU this week

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

Spring has finally sprung and as long as the weather is on the Golden Grizzlies' side, the softball team is slated to host its first home series this weekend against Summit League opponent Western Illinois.

The three-game series against the Westerwinds kicks off Saturday with a double-header beginning at noon and wraps up with a Sunday finale.

Last season, the teams split the four meetings, with each team taking a pair of victories.

The Grizzlies (9-10 overall, 2-3 conference) were swept by Centenary last

weekend by scores of 3-0, 5-0 and 6-0. The Westerwinds (3-14, 2-0) have been off since March 14 following a sweep of IPFW.



Sophomore Angela Righetti

OU Pitcher Jessica Granger has spent a bulk of the time on the mound for the Grizzlies, compiling a 5-8 record thus far this season.

Catcher Angela Righetti leads Oakland with a .383 average and was tapped as the Grizzlies' first Summit League Player of the Week March 3.

Third baseman Caitlin Lynch also nabbed the accolade on March 17.

For Western Illinois, Samantha Valentine leads her team with a .373 average, while Colleen Biebel is hitting .341 and has nine stolen bases.

OU baseball ready for marks in win column

By **TIM RATH**
Contributing Reporter

The Oakland University baseball team is hoping that a little home cooking can help save the season.

The Grizzlies return to Michigan this week with a 2-10 record after their month-long road trip to begin the season.

OU swept a double-header against George Washington March 9 after starting the season 0-8.

Senior Matt Trausch struck out seven while junior Rob Merkle drove in three runs to lead OU to a 10-4 win in the opener.

Sophomore Andrew Estes tossed a five-hit shutout and struck out five in the second half of the twinbill, a 7-0 Grizzlies victory.

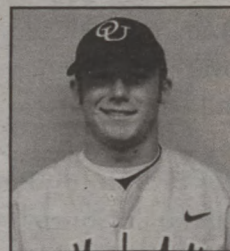
Trausch leads all Grizzlies with 17 strikeouts, 22 innings pitched, and a 1-3 record.

But pitching hasn't been the Grizzlies' strong suit this season, as its team ERA hovers well above nine per game.

In addition, aside from a 19-16 loss against George Washington, in which OU allowed six runs in the eighth inning, run support hasn't always been there either.

OU was shut out three times in a series against Tulane last week, while the team's batting average rests at .272 for the year.

Freshman Scott Sexton leads the Grizzlies at the plate with a .366 batting



Sophomore Andrew Estes

average, eight RBI, and 15 hits on the season.

Senior Dustin Jeffrion has provided left-handed power with 10 RBI, three home runs, and a .280 average.

The Grizzlies' home opener with Concordia Thursday, March 27 has been postponed and will be made up at a later date.

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MEN'S HOOPS

Tourney in sight?

But miracles don't happen overnight. Davidson, who's undefeated since Dec. 21 has, no doubt, had to work for each win.

And Rogers, whose 147 3-pointers are ninth on WKU's all-time list, must have certainly put in his time at the gym.

Oakland University will have to keep building on the foundation they have in order to achieve that national recognition once more.

OU had a first-round run in 2005's Big Dance, losing to the eventual tournament winner University of North Carolina.

It is possible for the Golden Grizzlies

to have a deeper run in the tournament. Just look at George Mason.

A little-known school in Virginia, the Patriots made a national name for themselves in 2006 as an eleventh-seed from the Colonial Athletic Association.

Not only did they win their first-ever tournament game that year, but they also became the first mid-major team since 1979 to reach the Final Four.

With a strong recruiting class coming in and the loss of just one senior in Pat McCloskey, the nation may be singing OU's praises in the near future.

And with the Fox Sports Detroit deal extending into next year, as well as the possible return of Impemba on the call, maybe this time next year, the national media will be talking about the mid-major team from Rochester, Mich., who is making waves in the 2009 tournament.

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Spring menswear affair

*Business and casual attire
have a fling this season*

By SHANEIA CALDWELL
Contributing Reporter

The phrase "mixing business with pleasure" has been put to the test with the spring season's wardrobe essentials for men.

This spring has brought versatile narrow-fitting clothing to store shelves. Pairing a piece that is usually worn in the office with an item that might be worn during a leisure activity is in.

"This season it's about mixing business and casual, whether it is a graphic tee and dress pants or jeans and a dress shirt," said Kyle Patterson, sales manager at Express.

This year's cool, comfortable and clean must-haves range from light-weight jackets to weightless denim, blazers and oxfords.

Men are sure to step out in style this spring with the right pieces.

As below-zero days begin to fade away, lose your bulky coat and grab a light-weight jacket.

Take your pick from the short-zip bar-racuda, jean jacket, military-inspired fatigue or cotton peacoat. All four jackets can be found at Gap and range from \$59 to \$98.

And don't be alarmed if jackets fit more snug than usual.

"Everything is supposed to fit tighter this season. The shirts and coats are made slimmer," said Patterson. "Slimmer and sexy is our [Express] season theme."

This spring, oxfords are more tailored than usual, while relaxed in weightless fabrics. The button-up is timeless, yet striking in the season's hues.

Button-ups range from \$40 to \$100 at Club Monaco, Macy's, Banana Republic and Bachrach.

"Lavender, orange and aqua blue are the season's colors," said Zhanna Good, senior assistant manager at Bachrach.

Throw on a paisley tie and cuff links to complement the oxford.

"Embroidered paisley ties and shirts are very popular for men," Good said.

Finish the look with a pair of dis-

tressed denim or cargo shorts and head out the door.

If you aren't ready to take it to the next level with shorts or are simply a denim man, there is a pair for you. "It's definitely all about jeans," said Good.

Jeans are not only offered in lighter shades this season but are light-weight. Whether it's straight, boot-cut, relaxed or original fit, feel weightless in a pair of denim at Levi's for \$40-\$180.

Among the most popular is denim that looks worn, according to Patterson. "My favorite are the new jeans, King of Pride. They are distressed and have a worn look," he said, when asked his favorite denim in Express Men. Express jeans range from \$59-\$100.

Sport your denim style of choice with a graphic tee and vest or match with a striped blue oxford and grey cardigan.

"It's about wearing French cuff shirts or graphic tees with jeans," said Good. Add a blazer to the ensemble for more layers.

The loose-fitting, lightweight sports jacket has been worn by men since the turn of the 20th century. Whether you are bold enough to sport it with a pair of colored jeans and converse sneakers, keep it preppy with a V-neck argyle sweater or go the classic route with dark denim and an oxford — there is a blazer suitable for almost every look.

Choose from an array of grey, muted navy, patchwork plaid or light-colored cotton for spring.

If you have a double-breasted blazer in the back of your closet stored away from a formal event, this is the time to throw it on and give it an informal look.

Shop Express, Club Monaco, J.Crew and Gap for blazers starting from \$80.

This spring is about narrowing down those baggy clothes and moving toward a clean look.

Take advantage of versatility by combining business professional with street wear.

Don't let the season pass without adding these essentials to your wardrobe.

What's in your closet?

As winter parkas and boots get tucked away to the back of the closet, many begin the hunt for the perfect spring wardrobe.

Renewing one's wardrobe is usually a more difficult task for men, as women's fashion trends are typically those that grace fashion magazines.

However, men are beginning to prove that fashion isn't just a woman's thing.

A trio of Oakland University males with dissimilar styles speak out about fashion, trends, style and their spring wardrobe.

CLAYTON CORTEZ SMITH, junior, Communication major

PERSONAL STYLE: "My style is business professional, urban, hip-hop and sometimes casual."

"I love business professional attire, because it gives me confidence. It all depends on the mood I'm in."

FAVORITE STORES: Macy's, Suit Wearhouse, 4Men, AJ Wright

TRENDS: "I build off of a trend by putting my own twist to it. You can call me a trendsetter."

STAY FASHION SAVVY: "Attend fashion shows, read magazines, research celebrities and independent designers give me a spin on where to shop."

FASHION FAUX-PAS: "I don't like men's purses [messenger bags]."

FASHION DISASTER: "I remember going to a club and somebody stepping on my new white Air Force Ones, but I couldn't do anything about it."

SPRING ATTIRE: "I'll be wearing browns, whites, khakis, polos and wife-beaters."



SHANEIA CALDWELL/The Oakland Post
Clayton Smith's urban attire is complete with a brown and white striped polo and a pair of black denim jeans.

SPRING FASHION PREDICTION: "Different types of sneakers, such as colorful Air Force Ones with fabric. The rock 'n roll look, bright pinks, greens and tight shirts are all popular. This look isn't for me."

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CLOSET

OWEN SEXTON, senior,
journalism major

PERSONAL STYLE: "My personal take on fashion has always followed basic rules. I keep it clean, classic and simple — no labels or brands on the outside. I look for colors and styles that remain timeless and unaffected by trends."

FAVORITE STORES: Club Monaco, Ralph Lauren and Nordstrom.

TRENDS: "I think trends are like buying a car. It's financially the worst investment you can make. I've always tried to avoid them, because they never last. I want someone to look at my style and see that it is sophisticated, not because a brand or logo tells them it is."

STAY FASHION SAVVY: "Shopping, online catalogs, read GQ and I have friends that enjoy talking about fashion and are conscious of it."

WARDROBE MUST-HAVE: "A pair of Chucks and maybe a black or gray wool blazer."



PAUL GULLY/The Oakland Post
Owen Sexton goes for a clean, classic and simple look with his style.

FASHION FAUX-PAS: "I wish ripped up jeans would go away. They were cool six years ago when Abercrombie did what they always do, took distressed denim, which is a cool thing, and made it obnoxious times-10. Also, the short-sleeve button down should die."

SPRING ATTIRE: "A Macintosh trench, different shades of Grey and white Chuck Taylors."

SPRING FASHION PREDICTION: "3/4 trenches ... and khakis ..."

BRETT RADKE, sophomore, theatre major

PERSONAL STYLE:

"It's really cool and very unique. I tend to go for vintage and retro stuff. I love fun patterns and mixing weird stuff together. I don't buy outfits but individual pieces and put it together."

FAVORITE STORES:

H&M, Express, Gap, American Eagle, Urban Outfitters and sometimes thrift stores.

TRENDS: "It depends if the trend looks good. I tend to go for a timeless classic look over trendy."

STAY FASHION

SAVVY: "Staying updated is a lot easier for women, but I look at mannequins in stores, movies, magazines and watch 'What Not to Wear' on the Style Channel."

WARDROBE MUST-HAVE: "My shirt that is see-through with lots of colors and can be layered."



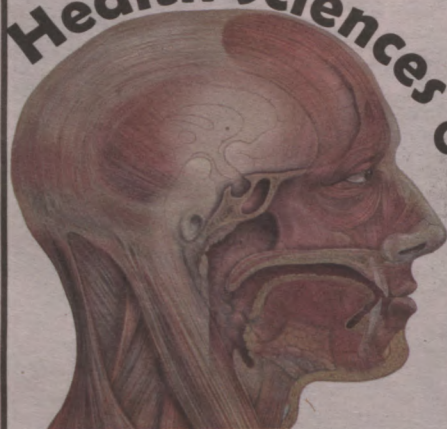
SHANEIA CALDWELL/The Oakland Post
Brett Radke wears a brown cap, a paisley button-up and light blue denim paired with his favorite colorful striped sneakers.

FASHION FAVORITE: "These shoes I'm wearing are my favorite because they are colorful and crazy."

SPRING ATTIRE: "I'll be going for a fresh, plaid look for spring."

SPRING FASHION PREDICTION: "It seems like plaid is still going to be popular along with typical spring stuff like bright colors and pastels."

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Pirates and shipwrecks make way to Detroit

By RORY McCARTY
Contributing Reporter

Sunken ships and golden treasures are not just adventures for the movies. At the Detroit Science Center's new "SHIPWRECK!: Pirates & Treasure" exhibit, visitors can see artifacts brought up from the ocean floor and experience what it would be like to live the life of a pirate.

The main attraction is treasure from the wreck of the S.S. Republic, a 19th century paddle steamer that sank off the coast of Georgia in a massive hurricane, taking with it a treasure trove of precious coins valued at \$17 million.

"On the S.S. Republic we found hundreds of gold coins ... and tens of thousands of silver coins," said John Longley, Odyssey Marine Exploration's director of business development.

Visitors can use a computer simulation to experience what it's like to explore the ocean floor using Odyssey's robot submersible, Zeus.

Television screens provide different facts about the history of the S.S. Republic, and a full-size replica of the Republic's paddle wheel hangs over the

display area. The wheel measures 28 feet in diameter, according to Ellen Gerth, the curator of collections at the Detroit Science Center.

Some of the other recovered sunken treasures on display include bottles and spoons from the S.S. Regina, china from the Edmund Fitzgerald, and a gold bar from the 15th-century Tortuga.

However, the standout piece of the exhibit is the hurricane tube, which lets visitors experience what it's like to be on a ship in the middle of a storm like the one that sank the Republic. The tube uses flashes of light to emulate lightning and creates simulated winds of up to 78.9 mph.

But that's only half of the exhibit.

The other half gives visitors insight into the lives of pirates. Visitors can learn about famous pirates like Blackbeard, Captain Kidd and Mary Read and their infamous deeds. For example, one particular story centers around pirate Francois l'Olonnais, who reportedly punished a man by cutting open his chest and forcing another man to eat his beating heart.

Interactive parts of the exhibit let visitors create their own pirate through a



Photo courtesy of Detroit Science Center
Odyssey Marine's Exploration found many treasures like gold coins, bottles, spoons, china and gold bars. These artifacts from the exploration are on display at the Detroit Science Center.

computer program, raise a pirate flag, or try their hand at tying complicated rope knots like a Reef Knot or a Round Turn and Two Half-Hitches.

"SHIPWRECK!," which opened March 22, runs until the beginning of September.

Fan favorites return to TV

By BRENDAN LOSINSKI
Staff Intern

TV fans around the country can begin to relax this week, as many of their favorite programs will begin returning to the airwaves.

When the Writer's Guild of America strike started last November, viewers watched as their favorite shows were taken off the air until all that was left was three months of reruns, game shows, and reality TV.

Although some programs like ABC's "Lost" and NBC's "Law & Order" had enough episodes filmed to last through much of the strike, most had their seasons drastically cut short or interrupted.

Since the strike ended February 12, networks have begun to bring back fan favorites.

CBS is the first to bring back many of its shows. On March 17, their comedies "Two and a Half Men," "The Big Bang Theory" and "How I Met Your Mother" returned each with nine episodes that will be ready in time to make it back to the airwaves.

"CSI: Miami" also returned this week starting an eight-episode run. CBS's mainstay "CSI" will not return until April 3.

NBC will also be bringing back many of their most popular programs. "The

Office," "30 Rock," "My Name is Earl," "Scrubs" and "ER" will all be returning April 10, at their normal Thursday time slots.

"Scrubs" may be short lived however, as there are only a handful of finished episodes and there have been disagreements between the show's producers and the studio.

"Law and Order: Special Victims Unit" will return the following week on April 15.

ABC's "Grey's Anatomy" has already aired the first of at least four episodes that are ready for return to TV. Those waiting for "Desperate Housewives" and "Ugly Betty" will have to wait a little longer as they are slated to return April 13 and April 24, respectively.

Fox's new program "Back to You" delivered a handful of episodes to fans in February, and will be returning with more on April 16.

The crime drama "Bones" is to return April 14 and the disgruntled medical genius "House" is scheduled to come back April 28.

Some programs won't be returning as quickly. The new "Grey's Anatomy" spin-off "Private Practice" won't be returning until the fall, and neither will "Heroes" and "Pushing Daisies." Jack Bauer of "24" won't be busting terrorists again until 2009.

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The writings on the stall

Former OU student publishes humor book about bathroom graffiti

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

Doug Rice graduated from Oakland University in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Now, as a member of the the Detroit Ignition soccer team, he recently became a published author. His book "From the Stall" contains nearly 140 photos of bathroom stall graffiti. The Oakland Post caught up with Rice via telephone while he was taking a break from reading stall inscriptions in California.

The Oakland Post: At what point did you first think, "Hey, I could make a book out of bathroom graffiti?"

Doug Rice: I think it must have been finals week. I was studying forever, and I needed to ... swing by "the office." So I go down to the bottom floor of Kresge Library, and in the stall I'm reading on the wall, it says, "Rick Moranis has enormous horse balls."

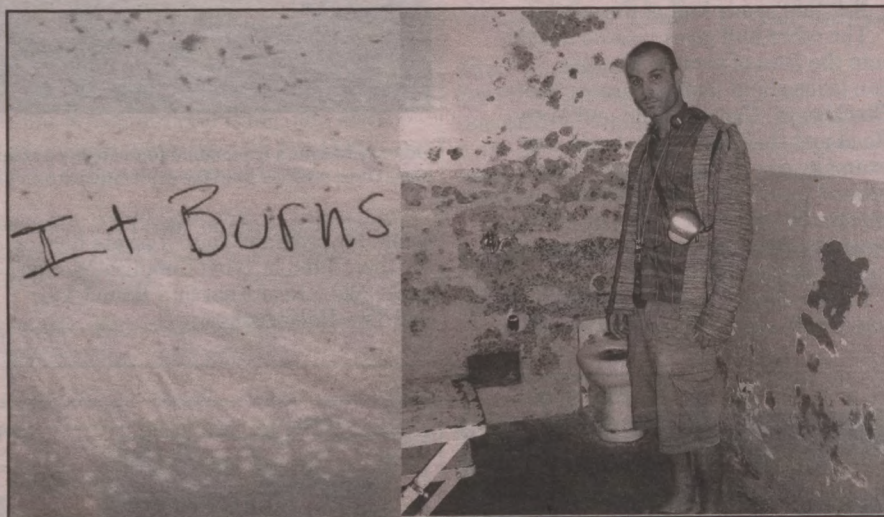
I was just so baffled and confused that anybody would even think of something like that, let alone write it on the stall wall, I just thought it was brilliant.

I was thinking it'd make a great home bathroom reading book, to be able to enjoy photographs of all this stuff people write in public bathrooms in the comfort of your own home.

Post: Did you immediately start collecting research?

Rice: I went around OU a few times; I went around Michigan State, Michigan. I didn't really quite have the financial means to travel the country. There's one from Montana, there's one from Boston. I went to Greece soon after I had the idea, so I had my camera handy and I snagged a few from there.

Post: Will the Greek ones mean anything to us?



Photos courtesy of DOUG RICE

Left: A page from Rice's book with a picture taken on Western Michigan University's campus. Right: Doug Rice's journeys lead him to the secluded and eerie toilets in Alcatraz Prison.

Rice: No. But they are funny.

Post: During the course of collecting your material, did anyone look at you kind of, you know ... oddly?

Rice: Yeah. I was really apprehensive. If someone was in a stall, I'd leave and come back. I didn't want them to see a flash in the stall next to them and wonder what I was doing. I didn't really want to broadcast to everybody what I was doing, because it's kind of bizarre.

Sometimes I'd have to take multiple pictures before I'd get a usable one. Sometimes I'd be in a stall for a minute or two and someone would come in the bathroom. So I'd have to sit and wait it out to leave. I think I kept it pretty discrete for the most part.

Post: Which university's got the best

graffiti — the amount or the quality?

Rice: Oakland's right up there, and Western was right up there. How much and the best, in a way, go hand-in-hand. The best building for Oakland could be South Foundation Hall, or SEB has a lot too. And the main floor of O'Dowd.

Post: How many samples of lavatory artwork are in the book?

Rice: I think there's 137 pictures of bathroom stall graffiti, and at the end of the

book, I included a part called "Shooting Blanks." It's like, six or seven pictures of blank dirty stall walls.

And hopefully, after the reader's been inspired by reading the previous pages, they can write their own graffiti into the book. It's definitely geared toward a dorm, where you've got a roommate or suitemates you share the bathroom with.

You can write each other notes.

Post: Do you have a personal favorite?

Rice: [The Rick Moranis one] might be my favorite, just because it started the whole thing. But there was another one from U-M which was pretty creative. It said, "Before you criticize a man, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, when you criticize him, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have his shoes." There's one from [Kresge Library] that says, "My nipples sweat when I eat ham."

Post: Did you see a lot of nasty, racist, just plain-old not-funny stuff in the stalls?

Rice: Oh, yeah, and I definitely included some racial, some political, everything. I wanted to get the whole gamut of bathroom stall atmosphere. I didn't want to discriminate against a piece of graffiti. There's a few racial ones, but it goes both ways. If somebody writes something, someone else writes a rebuttal.

Post: What do you think inspires someone to leave a deeply political or racial thought on a stall wall?

Rice: That's a good question. I really have no idea why. I don't know. Once one person does it, it makes it that much easier for other people to leave another comment. Sometimes I'd see peoples' writing on the stall wall, making fun of people writing on the stall wall.

Post: Thanks again for the best interview of my life.

Rice: You're welcome, and thank you.

Rice's book is available at his Web site, www.fromthestall.com. Visitors to the site can also submit their own restroom-graffiti photos, which Rice says may even make it into his next book.

Handling your taxes

By **MASUDUR RAHMAN**
Staff Intern

Have you filed your tax returns yet? If not, there is less than a month to file paperwork as the income tax returns for 2007 are due on April 15.

The Oakland Post surveyed 25 students, of which 16 said that they already filed their tax returns. Six students didn't need to file tax returns because they didn't work. Two students started preparing the forms but haven't finished yet. And one student said that he hasn't even started preparing the forms yet.

The majority of the students said that they had assistance filing their tax returns from either their parents, Certified Public Accountants (CPA) or from tax-preparing companies such as H&R Block.

OU student Shawn Proctor believes it is better to be safe than sorry when it comes to taxes.

"I'm pretty sure I could've done this myself, but I didn't want to take any chances," said Proctor. "So I got my documents together with my parents' help and went to H&R Block."

Only four students said they prepared and filed taxes by themselves, using their knowledge or computer software.

Only one said he had yet to receive their refund.

WHERE WILL THE DOUGH GO?

So what do OU students want to spend their tax refunds on? About one-fourth said that they plan on paying bills with it and about one-third said they want to spend it on doing something fun.

A few students said they want to spend their refund money shopping.

"I want to buy a part for my guitar, and then I want to spend the rest in bars," said student Nick Hillard.

One student is putting his money toward buying a Nintendo Wii.

What can you do if you haven't filed your tax returns yet?

There is always the old-fashioned way, which is picking up a phonebook and looking up a CPA firm.

TAX TUTORS

If you don't want to pay for a CPA but still want some cheap assistance, there are computer programs and books available to help you. Two examples are TaxCut and TaxACT. You can find these tax-assistance software CDs in stores or online for under \$20. In fact, you can order a TaxACT CD on Amazon.com for free.

Many cities offer free help in preparing taxes. These cities provide certified volunteers to help taxpaying residents

— usually lower-and middle-class taxpayers — to prepare tax return forms and file them. Information on these services can be found online on the cities' Web sites or at community centers.

The Accounting Aid Society provides free assistance to individuals in Michigan who earn less than \$20,000 a year and families who earn less than \$40,000 a year. This is part of the Internal Revenue Service-sponsored program called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Trained volunteers are available in 25 different locations in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Livingston counties. To see the list of sites and times, visit www.accounting-aidsociety.org.

The IRS provides free online assistance and e-filing services at www.irs.gov for people with a gross-income of \$52,000 or less — currently 70 percent of American taxpayers. Students can visit TaxACT for free at www.taxact.com, regardless of their income. It helps people prepare and file their tax returns electronically.

HELP AT OU

Assistance in filing tax returns was also available this year through OU organizations for students. Oakland University does not offer a tax assistance program to its students, but there have been events held to provide help for filing tax returns.

OU's Beta Alpha Psi chapter participates in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance every January through the Accounting Aid Society of Oakland County.

"Once students have been educated on federal and state tax regulations impacting low-income taxpayers, they are asked to volunteer for a minimum of three Saturdays to actually prepare tax returns for individuals who meet the threshold requirements for free assistance," said Sandra Pelfrey, an associate professor of accounting. "Many times our students volunteer more than the minimum required."

The International Students and Scholars Office held seminars restricted to only international students and scholars on Feb. 12 and March 5. In these seminars, a tax preparer and a certified accountant helped attendees learn how to prepare and file tax returns as foreign nationals.

David Archbold, the director of International Students and Scholars Office, estimated that only about 45 of the 409 international students and scholars at Oakland University attended the seminars.

"I hope that the rest found other ways to file their tax returns," said Archbold.

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Cowboy joy: A truck and a twang away

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

The American cowboy is a very real figure, but is typically only seen through the mists of myth.

Clint Eastwood and John Wayne, the legendary leather-faced gunslingers, romanticized the lives of real-life cattle-driving mercenaries. And in turn, the Duke and Clint gave way to another breed of cowboy, more accustomed to the modern definitions of manliness, personified in Toby Keith and Big & Rich.

I like to think that the cowboy I became the week after spring break fell somewhere in its own category.

First, some explanation: I was supposed to go to Indiana to visit some friends during the last weekend of spring break. Yes, I know Indiana is not as far south as some people think you should go.

I wasn't planning on drinking, and pardon me if that makes me "uncool," but it's very hard to play WarCraft 3 on my friends' LAN while intoxicated.

And Dungeons & Dragons would become downright impossible. (Insert a moment of silence for Gary Gygax.)

Anyway, I got an oil change, then headed to a friend's house the next evening. My engine light was blinking, but I assumed the mechanics had screwed something up and just kept driving.

On the way there, the car accelerated funny and shook at stoplights and spit exhaust out in spurts.

I got there and thought, "Surely I won't be able to diagnose this mysterious and arcane problem in my engine, but I should give it a shot."

So I popped the hood, got out of the car, and walked to the front, trying to ignore the electric sizzling sound coming from my engine compartment. I lifted the hood over my head and froze in place as my brain went into shock.

I quickly diagnosed the problem as being connected to two things:

1. A sparking wire cut completely in half, which I later identified as a spark plug wire.

2. A live rabbit. That's right. Live. As in, not-cooked, electrocuted or squished after riding in my engine compartment for 16 miles. He ran away.

Later, the car wouldn't start.

So, I ended up towing it to my mechanic, who called me back five days later to inform me that my 1997 Chevy Malibu was "broken" and the problem likely had something to do with "electricity."

After missing three days of work and two classes, I broke down and rented something.

I know a guy who did lots of body work on my last car. I was a good customer.

A quick driving-record round-up, in case you're interested: I have sideswiped a car carrier, been sideswiped by a truck, rear-ended two SUVs, and obliterated a deer, all in a four-year period. I think I actually put this man's children through a year of college. So he found it in his heart to rent me one of his loaner cars for \$15 a day.

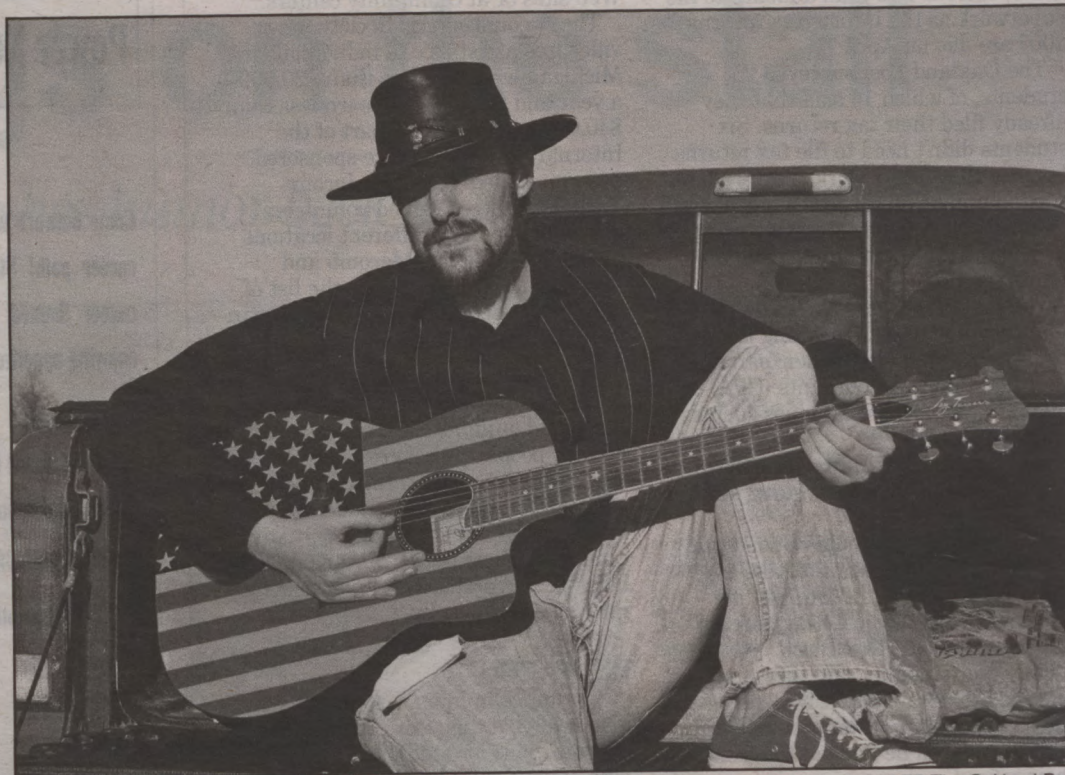
It was with this vehicle, a 1995 Ford F-150, that my transformation into cowboy began.

See, old cowboys rode horses. But they got horrible mileage and were notoriously dangerous on the freeway (no one ever survives sideswiping a car carrier on a horse).

The pickup truck is the vehicle of choice for the modern cowboy. Whether you need to haul lumber or drag the Eiffel Tower behind you through downtown Paris to put all those Frenchies in their place, there's a truck for you.

And I really got used to this, though the main ability mine had was to make me sit higher off the ground than my Malibu ever did.

There were a few minor hitches — for example, the first four times I attempted to pull out of the parking lot, I was almost killed due to my unfamiliarity with the rear-wheel drive on icy pavement, the light back end, and the fact that I really, really suck at driving trucks.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Senior reporter Jesse Dunsmore maintains all of the elements of the modern cowboy, complete with a truck and a twang.

The first two things I took care of by stopping further from corners and stacking hundreds of pounds worth of cedar fenceposts in the bed. To deal with the third, I gripped my steering wheel until all feeling drained from my forearms and my face froze into a terrified grimace.

This led into the next step of transformation: the music.

With my hands locked rigor mortis-like to the wheel, I couldn't control the radio. This meant the previous listener's station of choice was a permanent fixture in the cab, thus, my love affair with country music was ignited.

I've always held a special place in my heart for country music, assuming the heart is the part of the body responsible for hate.

But gradually — by which I mean suddenly and without warning, like sequels to "Bring it On" — I began to enjoy the twang of such songs as "International Harvester" by Craig Morgan and "I'm a Complete and Total Sellout

Who's Lost All Touch With His Roots, But Y'all Still Sing Along to This if I Just Point the Microphone at You During the Chorus (Yee-haw)!" by Garth Brooks.

Now, while I was bobbing my head to those ditties, other pre-existing factors were coming into play to continue my cowboy metamorphosis.

The scruff: For personal reasons (I lost my Norelco charger), I recently decided to grow a beard. While modern man has maimed his mane of masculinity, trimmed his tares of testosterone (forsaken his furious facial fuzz?), the cowboy has perfected it.

The guitar: Not just any guitar. In that truck I had a guitar with an American flag pattern on it.

This made me 120 percent more 'cowboy,' and ensured that my beard didn't make me look like a terrorist.

The attire: My jeans are ripped — not because I bought them that way, but because they were damaged in the

course of use — like a man's jeans should be (cut with a knife while opening a new USB mini-mouse).

I had a cowboy hat I picked up back in senior year for Marine City High School's Winterfest Dance, which was country-western themed. Combined with a black denim duster, the hat helped me win \$10 off prom tickets for being "Best Cowboy."

Of course, since the hat itself cost \$40, I was denied the title of "Best Accountant." When I drove the truck back to school, it seemed like the thing to wear. (The duster had gone back into my dad's wardrobe.)

Finally, my dad: As well as being a biker, a rock star, a philosopher, a gearhead and an aging hippie, my father is a cowboy. The only man I've ever known to wear a jacket with those dangly leather things and bead-work on the back to work, he didn't know what mid-life crisis to have, so he took them all. One of them probably influenced me somehow.

Sometimes the best endorsement is to shut up

By TODD M. BUTKOVICH
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If you support a candidate in the ongoing presidential election, do one simple thing: vote for them.

That's it, just vote. Don't campaign. Don't promote them to others. Don't even say their name. Just shut up and vote.

Don't just do it for me, do it for your candidate.

First, consider the recent stepping down of Hillary Clinton campaign staffer Geraldine Ferraro, the 1984 Democratic party's vice presidential nominee, following comments she made about Clinton's competition on the Democratic side, Barack Obama. Ferraro said Obama was only in his position as likely nominee because he's lucky enough to be black.

Ferraro's exit from the campaign means she won't be around to tell us how lucky John McCain was to be held captive for five years in a Vietnamese prison/torture camp.

And, speaking of Senator McCain, he recently had to distance himself from his own overzealous supporter, Ohio radio personality Bill Cunningham after Cunningham repeatedly referred to

Obama by emphasizing his middle name, "Hussein."

As a fellow member of the "Really Unfortunate Middle Name Club" (the M. stands for "Mussolini"), I was highly offended by Cunningham's remarks and applaud McCain's decision. We didn't choose to have these terrible middle names and would appreciate it if we were treated just like everyone else. My

ogy demeaning.

With the population of Pennsylvania being nearly 40 percent vampire, this was a crushing blow — the final nail in the coffin — to Obama's chance of winning the last major primary.

But Power is really the least of Obama's problems this week, as the news media has been focused on comments made by Obama's friend and former pas-

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close friends Robert Hitler Davidson, Leo Qaddafi Rodriguez, and Alex W. Bush Cherup all agree with me on this one.

Of course, Obama is in enough trouble with his own supporters to be dealing with his middle name. First, there was Samantha Power, who resigned from her post as foreign policy advisor, after publicly calling Clinton a "monster."

Apparently this move cost Power's boss the crucial vampire vote, as creatures of the night found the use of this terminol-

tor, Jeremiah Wright.

Like many religious leaders, Wright chose to augment his sermons by preaching on social issues in modern society. This included addressing the plight of urban black populations due to crime and drugs and how little is being done to rectify the problem.

Wright also spoke on the global issue of AIDS ... and how he thinks the government invented it.

Immediately, Obama took to the air-

waves for some effective damage control in a speech regarding the racial divide in America and how people, both white and black, continue to facilitate it. That's all good, but Obama failed to address the real issue: the divide between the sane and the insane.

Of course none of this really matters any more than if Obama had an anti-Semitic dentist, or if McCain was endorsed by the American Association of Tinfoil Hat-Wearers, or even if it came out that Hillary Clinton's husband is kind of a pervert (hypothetically).

But to some people, seeing a candidate's name mentioned near that of a racist, a crazy person, or an anti-monsterite is enough to turn them off that candidate.

So, even though you think your endorsement is helping, it's probably not, whether you're an influential radio host or just some guy sitting in my 3:30 class.

But, for those on the other side of the most recent implosion, it can be a lot of fun to watch a well-meaning supporter sink a billion-dollar campaign with one remark.

And it doesn't look like it will end soon.

After all, Kwame still hasn't announced his endorsement yet.

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Missile parts sent to Taiwan in error by U.S.

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon announced Tuesday that the United States mistakenly shipped to Taiwan four electrical fuses designed for use on intercontinental ballistic missiles, but has since recovered them.

The error is particularly disturbing, officials said, because of its indirect link to nuclear weaponry and because of the sensitivity of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, which China regularly denounces as provocative. The Defense Department said an investigation of the incident is under way.

At a news conference, Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne said the misshipped items were four electrical fuses for nose cone assemblies for ICBMs. He also said they were delivered to Taiwan in 2006 and had been sent instead of heli-

copter batteries ordered by Taiwan.

Wynne said the investigation is meant to sort out what happened and how.

President Bush was briefed about the mistaken shipment and is glad that the parts have been recovered, said White House press secretary Dana Perino.

The fuses were manufactured for use on a Minuteman strategic nuclear missile but contained no nuclear materials.

It is the second nuclear-related mistake involving the Air Force in recent months. Last August an Air Force B-52 bomber was mistakenly armed with six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles and flown from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale Air Force Base, La. At the time, the pilot and crew were unaware they had nuclear arms aboard.

Wynne emphasized that the mistaken shipment to Taiwan did not include nuclear materials, although the fuses are linked

to the triggering mechanism in the nose cone of a Minuteman nuclear missile.

"We are very concerned about it,"

Wynne said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates ordered the investigation, putting Navy Adm. Kirkland H. Donald in charge.

Wynne said that Taiwanese authorities alerted U.S. officials of the mistake, but it was not clear when the notification was made.

Ryan Henry, the No. 2 policy official in Gates' office, called the mistake "disconcerting" and intolerable. He said the Chinese government has been notified of the error. The Chinese Embassy did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Henry said an examination of the site in Taiwan where the components had been stored after delivery indicated that they had not been tampered with.



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Policemen detain a protester as he holds a banner at the beginning of the flame-lighting ceremony for the Beijing 2008 games in ancient Olympia, Greece, on March 24, 2008.

Protester disrupts Olympic ceremony

Demonstration against China not covered in Chinese media

By **STEPHEN WADE**
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BEIJING — According to the state-run media, anti-Chinese government protests that marred the Olympic torch-lighting ceremony simply didn't happen.

State-controlled Chinese media did not mention the embarrassing disruption, which took place Monday in Greece when a protester evaded security and ran up behind Beijing Olympic organizing committee President Liu Qi as he was giving a speech.

The image and the report of the protester unfurling a black banner — the Olympic rings replaced by handcuffs — appeared around the world in newspapers, on Web sites and on television broadcasts. But not in China.

The domestic censorship comes as China tries to avoid a public relations disaster abroad.

The torch relay and the Olympics were supposed to feature a modern China. Instead, the intense coverage of Beijing preparations has become a stage for protests by pro-Tibet activists, and human rights and religious groups.

The games have also highlighted Beijing's choking pollution, tensions over Taiwan and issues with a Muslim minority in the west of the country.

The English-language China Daily published at least eight articles about the torch-lighting without mentioning the disruption.

While ignoring the protests, the paper carried a front-page article accusing some media of "distorted and sometimes dishonest" coverage of the riots in Tibet.

TV also ignored the protests. China state-run TV cut away just before the protests on Monday and showed a prerecorded scene, preventing Chinese viewers from seeing the incident.

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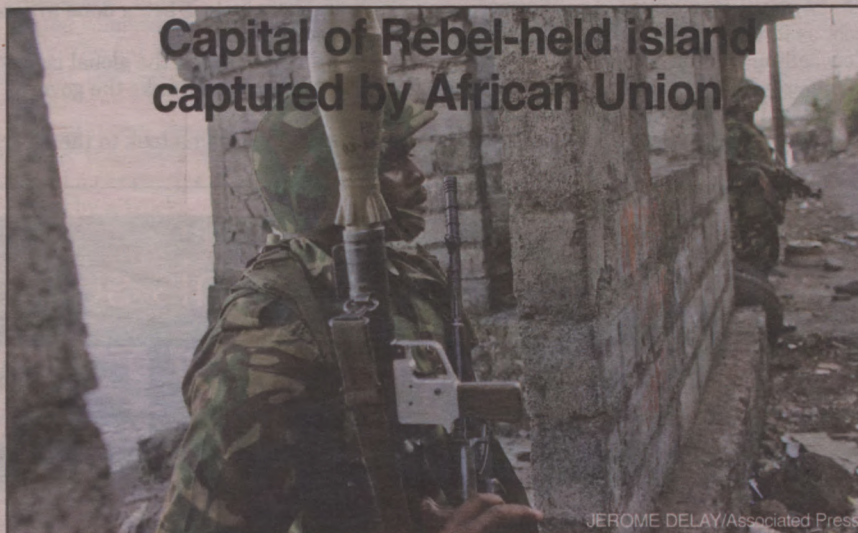
3-20 | The Dalai Lama offers to meet the President of the People's Republic of China Hu Jintao and other Chinese officials to rectify the problems between Tibet and China.

3-22 | Magdi Allam, Italy's most prominent Muslim, converts to Catholicism and is baptised by Pope Benedict XVI. | JP Morgan ups its offer to purchase Bear Stearns from \$2 a share to \$10.

3-24 | The U.S. Justice Department gave approval to a planned merger of satellite radio groups Sirius and XM, saying the tie-up is unlikely to harm consumers or lessen competition.

3-25 | A chunk of Antarctic ice approximately seven times the size of Manhattan suddenly collapsed, putting an even greater portion of glacial ice at risk, scientists said.

Capital of Rebel-held island captured by African Union



JEROME DELAY/Associated Press

Tanzanian African Union troops take position, shortly after arriving by sea in Anjouan, Comoros, Tuesday, March 25. The Comoros government captured the capital of the rebel-held island of Anjouan on Tuesday, just hours after an African Union-backed military operation got under way to oust a renegade colonel who took power in May, a defense official said. The take-over occurred a day after Comoros army helicopters dropped leaflets on Anjouan warning citizens of troop landings.

Bush says 4,000 US deaths in Iraq will 'merit the sacrifice'

By **BEN FELLER**
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WASHINGTON — Marking a grim milestone, a determined President Bush declared Monday the lives of 4,000 U.S. military men and women who have died in Iraq "were not lost in vain." The White House signaled anew that additional troops won't be pulled out soon.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad killed four U.S. soldiers Sunday night, pushing the death toll to 4,000.

That number pales compared with those of other lengthy U.S. wars, but it is much higher than many Americans,

including Bush, ever expected after the swift U.S. invasion of Iraq five years ago.

Bush proclaimed the end of major combat operations in Iraq in May 2003. Almost all of the U.S. deaths there have happened since then.

"One day people will look back at this moment in history and say, 'Thank God there were courageous people willing to serve, because they laid the foundations for peace for generations to come,'" Bush said after a State Department briefing about long-term diplomacy efforts.

"I have vowed in the past, and I will vow so long as I'm president, to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain

— that, in fact, there is an outcome that will merit the sacrifice," Bush said.

The news of 4,000 dead in Iraq came the week after the war rolled into its sixth year, dominating most of Bush's presidency. Almost 30,000 U.S. service members have been wounded in the war.

Early in April, Bush is expected to announce the next steps in the war, and he is likely to embrace a pause in any troop withdrawals beyond those scheduled to end this July.

Democrats in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail continue to push for a faster end to war. But Bush still has the upper hand for 10 months.