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BEAR NECESSITIES

OU WEAR SALES ARE CONFINED TO CAMPUS FOR NOW

By JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI
The Oakland Post

Getting their black and gold on might be more of a challenge than a simple trip to Great Lakes Crossings for Oakland University students.

Off-campus streets are kept dry of OU spirit because of tight licensed agreements.

Sophomore Louis Gola went in search of an OU shirt at Steve and Barry's at Great Lakes Crossings a few weeks ago.

He discovered his school name and colors did not adorn the display walls of T-shirts like his friends' schools:

Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Central Michigan University.

"I was really bummed about it," Gola said. "I don't really have time to drive 30 minutes to get out to campus and buy it."

Gola does not stand alone in this frustration. Junior Amy Brown encountered the same disappointment as Gola.

"I was a little upset about

not finding Oakland stuff anywhere," Brown said.

Students are not only upset about their inability to locate their school logo and Grizzly merchandise, but also express their disapproval of the price they have to pay to show their school spirit.

"Prices here on campus are so high," Brown said. "It would be much easier if you could

buy more Oakland stuff off-campus at places like Steve and Barry's because it would be much more affordable."

Junior Lauren McIntyre agrees.

"I really think that people would have so much more school spirit if they had better access to OU gear and if it wasn't priced more for college students," McIntyre said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder said she recognizes students' frustration.

"I, too, would like to see more of a representation of Oakland within the community," Snyder said. "We are making steps toward it, but for legality reasons we can only move so fast."

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OUPD issues 191 tickets

Left: Individuals parked their cars on the lawn at the main parking lot during the first week of classes.
Right: OUPD Officer R.S. Marshall places a ticket on the windshield of a car. Almost 200 tickets were distributed during the first week of classes.

Roqaya Eshamawi/The Oakland Post



Disaster chief waited until after Katrina hit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's disaster chief waited until hours after Hurricane Katrina had already struck the Gulf Coast before asking his boss to dispatch 1,000 Homeland Security employees to the region — and gave them two days to arrive, according to internal documents.

Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, sought the approval from Homeland

Security Secretary Mike Chertoff roughly five hours after Katrina made landfall on Aug. 29.

Brown said that among duties of these employees was to "convey a positive image" about the government's response for victims.

Before then, FEMA had positioned smaller rescue and communications teams across the Gulf Coast. But officials acknowledged Tuesday the first depart-

ment-wide appeal for help came only as the storm raged.

Brown's memo to Chertoff described Katrina as "this near catastrophic event" but otherwise lacked any urgent language. The memo politely ended, "Thank you for your consideration in helping us to meet our responsibilities."

The initial responses of the government and Brown came under escalating criticism as the breadth of

destruction and death grew.

President Bush and Congress on Tuesday pledged separate investigations into the federal response to Katrina. "Governments at all levels failed," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said Brown had positioned front-line rescue teams and Coast Guard helicopters

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Lt. General Russel Honore, left, talks with reporters in New Orleans, La., Sunday, Sept. 4. At center is Homeland Security Director Michael Chertoff, and FEMA Director Mike Brown, right.
The Associated Press

Drunken-driving deaths decline in 32 states in 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drunken-driving deaths declined slightly across the nation and fell in 32 states last year, traffic safety officials said in beginning a campaign to crack down on drunken driving during the Labor Day holiday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported a 2 percent decrease in fatal crashes in 2004 involving at least a driver or a motorcycle rider with an

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Roberts

The Associated Press

Supreme Court seat 'wide open'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said the list of possibilities for his second Supreme Court nomination was "wide open" Tuesday as Senate Republicans urged him to consider a woman and Democrats pressed him to consult with them before making his next pick.

The president said the Senate

should concentrate on confirming U.S. Appeals Judge John Roberts to replace the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist before worrying about any other choices.

"I want the Senate to focus not on who the next nominee is going to be, but the nominee I got up there now," Bush said.

Roberts' confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee will begin next Monday, one week after Bush named him to replace the justice he worked for as a Supreme Court law clerk. Roberts was originally slated to be Sandra

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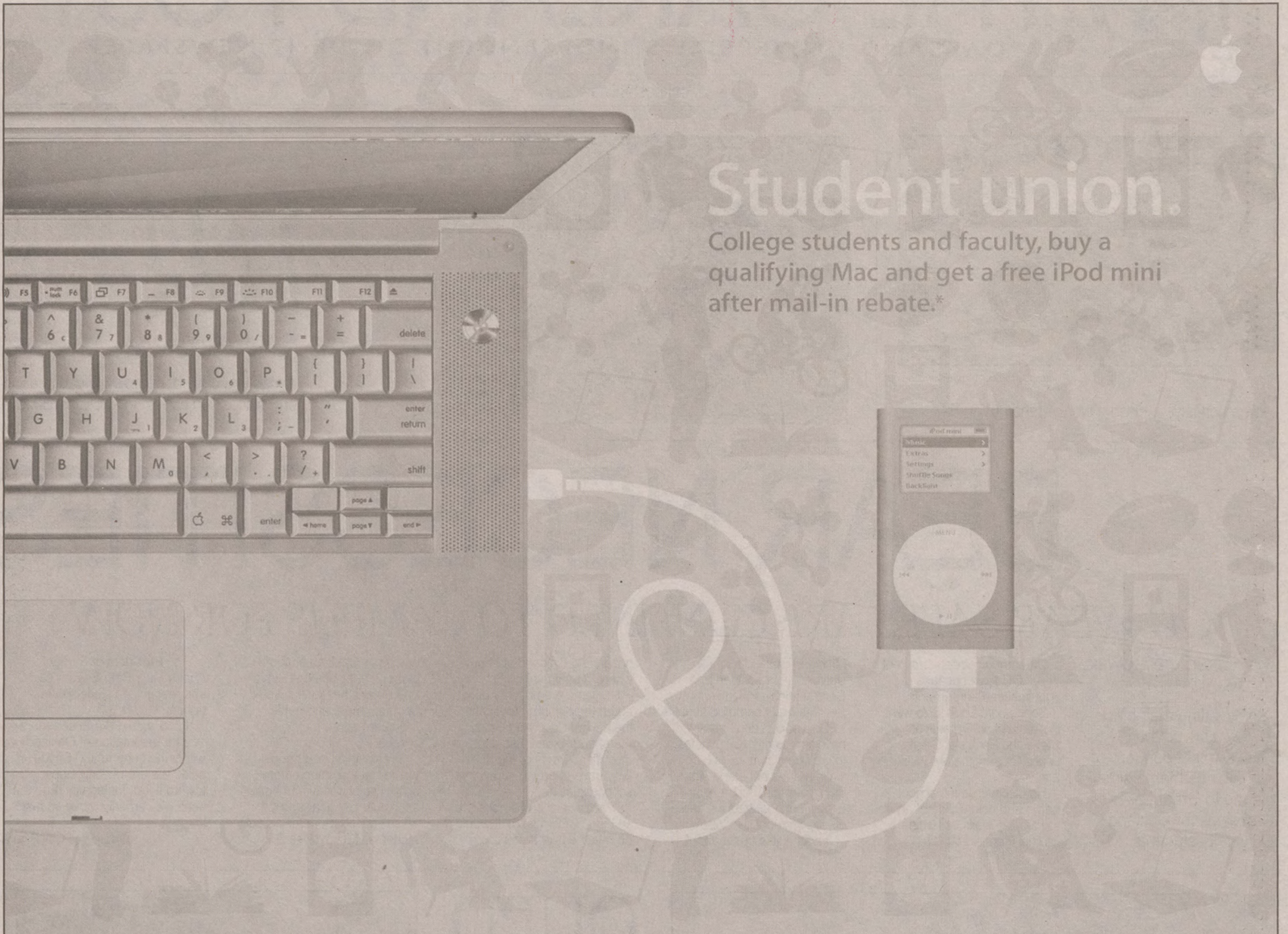
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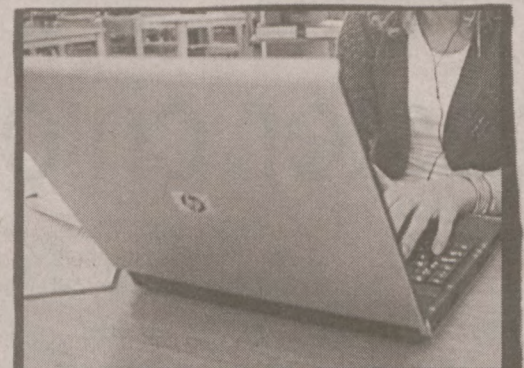
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Tech center teaches users to be tech savvy

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Students who want to learn more about computers or need assistance understanding programs for a class project now have a free on-campus resource to use.

The Oakland University Student Technology Center opened last Wednesday at 40 Oakland Center, across from the Center for Student Activities office.

The technology center has been in the works since last fall, and is meant to help beginners learning the basics as well as experts seeking to hone their computer skills, said Brandon Bernier, information systems specialist.

"It is being established because, while most college students know how to surf the Web for information, download songs to an iPod or MP3

player, and use basic e-mail and word processing functions, many don't have the background and skills to truly use the latest technology in ways that will advance their academic pursuits and personal development," Bernier said.

In addition to 11 PCs and four MAC computers, some of the latest technology provided at the Student Technology Center includes scan-

ners, digital cameras, and digital video cameras with tripods.

For junior Nina Blundy, the availability of cameras is a benefit. "I am a business major, so having the capabilities of using the camera would be excellent during presentations," she said.

Students can learn a variety of programs through walk-in training, technology mentoring and group technology training.

"There are many benefits to students," Bernier said. "The STC's training, education

and hands-on learning experiences offers on-campus services to OU students' ever-increasing technology needs."

Technology mentoring assigns students to a peer who can walk them through the various technology available at the center.

Walk-ins receive help from a professional staff member or a mentor. Students can also be trained on equipment provided at the center or on their own personal laptops.

For some students, just knowing the center is available is important because it provides a place to go to solve computer problems.

"I'd probably think about using the center, then try to fix the problem myself, but end up going because I know help is available and the hours are convenient," said senior Olivia Paglia.

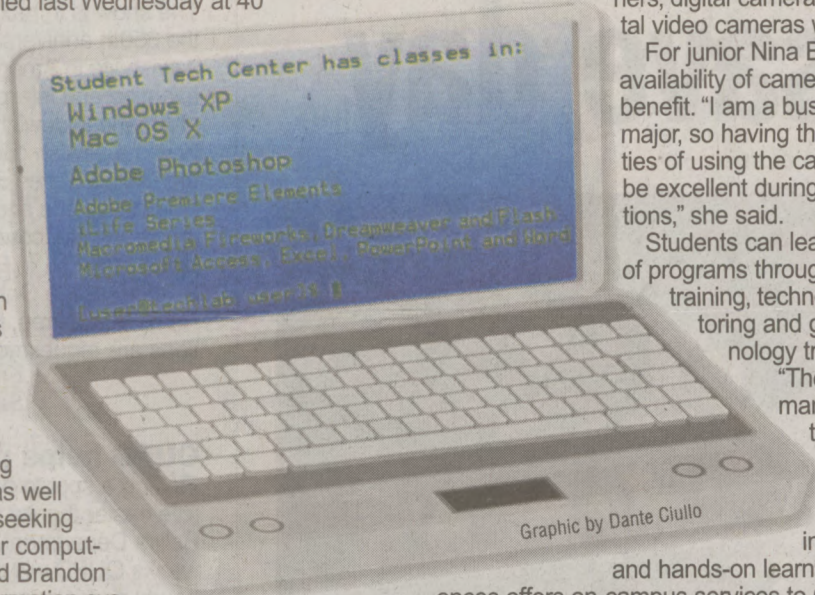
For others, the center's hours are appealing. "Especially for anyone who lives on campus, that's really helpful because you can use the center whenever you have a problem," said junior Anthony Wright.

The technology center is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Student Technology Center
40 Oakland Center

Monday through Thursday
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Graphic by Dante Ciullo

POLICEFILES

■ OUPD stumbled upon a minor in possession while issuing parking tickets at 3 a.m. last Wednesday. A young man was found passed out in his back seat. He was unresponsive when the two officers knocked several times on the window of the vehicle. When entry was gained, a strong smell of intoxicants was noticed, along with vomit on the man's front shirt. The Auburn Hills Fire Department was called for possible alcohol detoxification. After treatment began, the young man admitted that he had been at Tiki Bob's with friends earlier in the evening and had been drinking Jagermeister. His friends had left him in the back seat while they visited friends in Hamlin Hall. After passing a breathalyzer, his friends were allowed to drive the vehicle home. The young man was issued a MIP and transported to Crittenton Hospital.

■ While in the Recreation Center, a woman reported that her cell phone was stolen from her purse while it sat on a bench. A witness stated seeing a man going through the purse and asking the suspect what he was doing. The suspect told the witness that he was just moving it. The suspect was also questioned by OUPD and said that he was just sitting by the purse. RAC management advised the suspect to leave and not return.

■ More packages were removed from a mailbox room at the student apartments. It was reported that one package containing computer equipment was stolen while another was taken, opened and returned — there was only a book inside. No signs of forced entry were seen, but it is believed that the door to the room was left open or a key to the room is in the hands of an unknown person.

■ While attending class, a male student felt the onset of a seizure. He left the classroom and fell to the floor. He told officers that he was being treated for the condition and refused to be taken to the hospital. The man's mother picked him up.

OU helps freshmen transition

By JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI
The Oakland Post

The daily life of locker combinations, free books and the complete well-balanced lunches for only \$2 has since been abandoned.

What has begun is the freshman transition.

"Freshman transition is the process where freshmen students are making the jump from one environment to another," said Sara Crampton, coordinator of New Student Programs.

The transition is a big change for some freshmen, Crampton said.

"You go from a smaller classroom setting to a place with 17,000 other people, where you, in the past, had a teacher who knew you on a first

name basis after the first day, to a professor that might not ever take the time to learn your name," Crampton said.

OU's incoming freshman class this year is up by 8.6 percent compared to last year, which totals to 2,202 freshmen as of the first day of classes' head count.

"I was excited to go to Oakland because it was close enough to home, but far enough to get away," freshman Rebecca Hopkins said. "I have heard nothing but good things about Oakland from my friends who already go here."

Hopkins said she finds that college is different than high school.

"The workload is much heavier," Hopkins said. "Everything is more my

responsibility, not anyone else."

OU offers programs to incoming students to assist with freshman transition.

One of the first programs that kicks off the fall semester is Jump Start.

Jump Start is formulated to be a more social start for freshmen, versus the academic transition they received at freshman orientation.

"It's a great way for freshmen to become introduced to the university in a well-coming way," said Samantha Hardenburgh, coordinator of Student Leadership.

The program is run by 40 student leaders from Greek organizations, OU's Student Congress, the Leadership Institute and former Orientation Group Leaders.

At the program, freshmen participated in icebreakers, a scavenger hunt around campus and a diversity exercise.

The students of Jump Start also enjoyed a Mexican bar for lunch and

a pizza party for dinner.

"That is the best part of this program," Hardenburgh said. "These students weren't learning from us, the staff. I am sure Sara (Crampton),

Jean Ann (Miller) or I could have gotten up there and said the same information. But when it comes from upper-classmen who are already student leaders on campus, it really makes the difference."

She said she believes it is important for freshmen to become involved on campus.

"Being a part of programs like these teach these new students how to become both socially and academically successful and make the best of their four years here and become a proud graduate of

Oakland," Hardenburgh said.

Another program freshmen students had the opportunity to be a part of is the Connections program.

This program allows a group of 20 first-year freshmen to take their Rhetoric 150 class, another general education class and participate in a seminar taught by a peer leader.

"It's a great way for freshmen to

create study groups together and get to know other students in their classes," said sophomore Naasshon Phifer, a Connections Peer leader.

In addition, New Student Programs puts on Freshman Transition Workshops.

"These workshops are created to assist first-year students in adapting to college life by providing them with fun, interactive programs where they will learn academic and life skills," Crampton said.

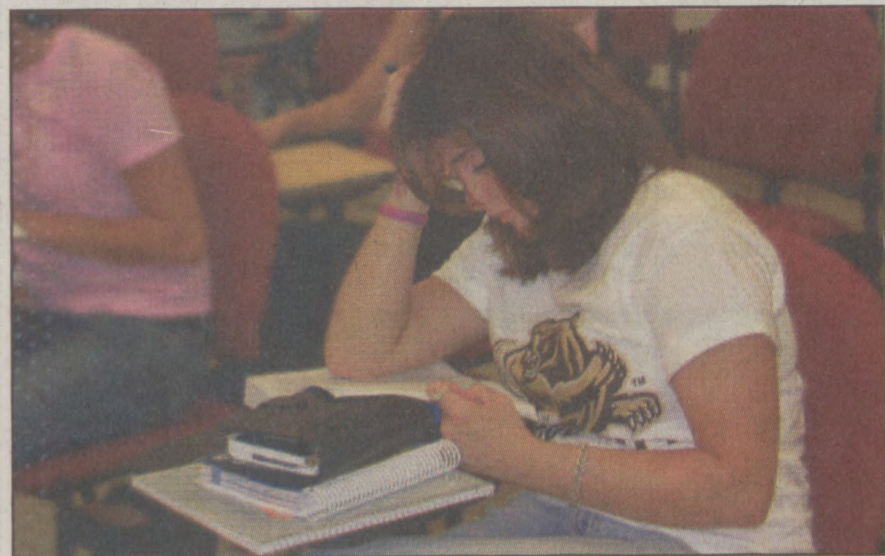
Workshops discuss topics of student leadership, money management skills, beating the freshman 15 and how to use the online SAIL system for class registration.

This year, New Student Programs has also developed a partnership with the Academic Skills Center to offer four academic workshops that all students can benefit from: Survivor OU, Testing Techniques, Memorizing Techniques and Studying and Note Taking.

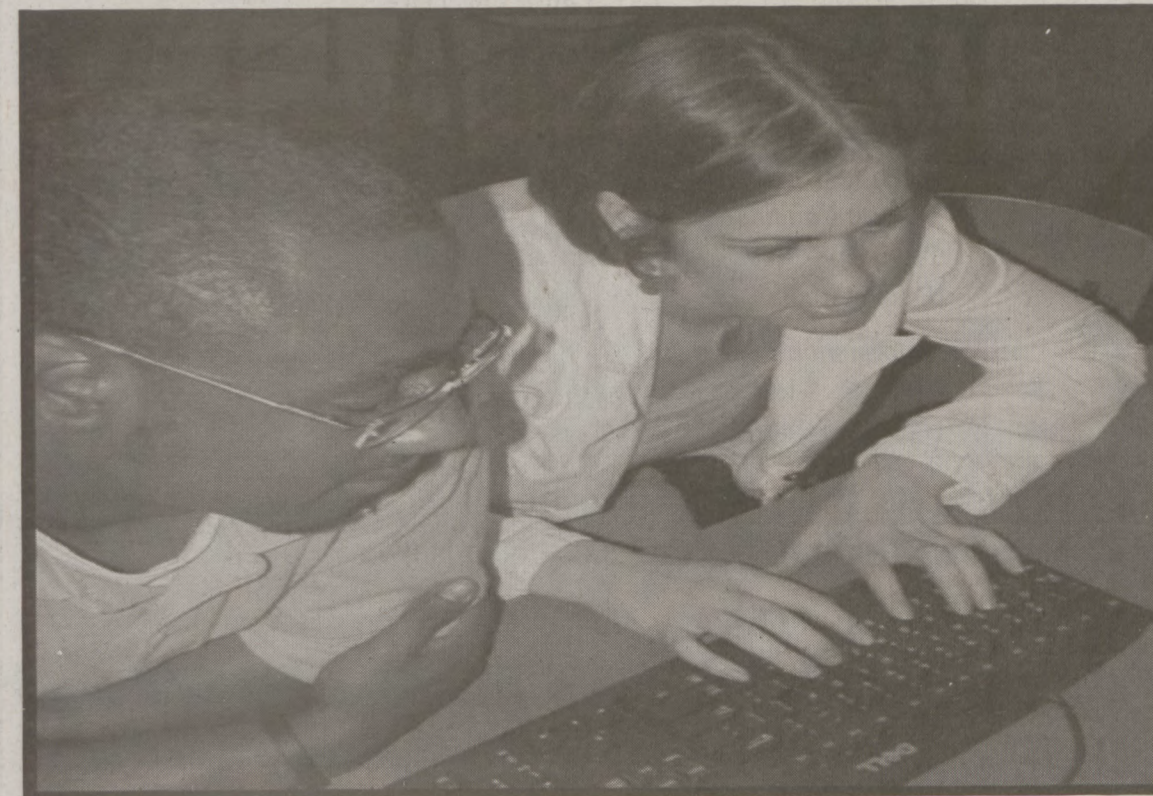
"By attending these workshops, first-year students will hopefully discover techniques and develop skills that will assist them academically and personally for the remainder of their college career," Crampton said.

Students also have the chance to win prizes donated by the MSU Federal Credit Union and the university's bookstore by attending the workshops.

For more information, visit the New Student Program page on OU's Web site at www2.oakland.edu/oakland/ouportal/index.asp?site=64.



Freshman Siehara Sorrell catches up on reading before the start of class.



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UP AND COMING

Help victims of Hurricane Katrina

The Salvation Army will be on campus Friday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the fireside lounge as a part of "Oakland University Cares and Shares." The fundraiser to support Hurricane Katrina victims includes a phone-a-thon and drop-off center for monetary and gift card donations. Those wishing to donate can call during phone-a-thon hours at (248) 370-4300. A Salvation Army kettle will be in the main hallway of the Oakland Center on Wednesday, Sept. 7, and Thursday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those who wish to make donations.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Have extra time on your hands? Become a volunteer for a cause that interests you. Agencies serving children, senior citizens, animals and many more will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge recruiting volunteers.

Thursday, Sept. 8

Meadow Brook Music Festival presents the opening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The show runs until Sept. 11 and tickets range from \$25 to \$40 for pavilion seats.

Friday, Sept. 9

Join the U.S. Army Honor Guard as they pay tribute to those who were victimized by the 9/11 terrorist attacks and, more recently, Hurricane Katrina. The 30 minute program will begin at 8:46 a.m. in front of the Kresge Library.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Last chance to turn in your drop slips to receive a 100 percent refund on withdrawn classes, minus a \$57 non refundable registration fee.

Campus crimes drop

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Human resources, technology and education are what is needed for a safe environment, says Oakland University Police Department Lt. Mel Gilroy.

Entering the second week of classes, many students are still getting adjusted to new parking situations and class schedules.

At night, however, students face a dark, and sometimes frightening, walk from class to residence halls or parking lots.

To make students feel more at ease, OUPD patrols campus.

"There is an absolute preventative and deterrent effect of more cars on the

street," Gilroy said. "Folks in the community simply feel better when they see officers out and about in the field."

There have been five new patrol positions created in the last three years to help with the growing OU population.

Even with the growth in population, the 2004 crime statistics to be released later this month will show a reduction in the amount of crimes committed on campus when compared to 2003.

Gilroy attributes the decrease to the administration's allocation of funds to assist the police department.

In addition, OUPD and the residence halls are cooperating in a community-policing program, which provides programs that address issues

like identity theft and domestic violence.

Other programs address issues such as drug and alcohol consumption, as well as date rape drugs.

The technology used by OUPD includes closed-circuit televisions scattered around campus that allow the police department to rotate and zoom in and out inside buildings.

There are also blue light emergency phones; 10 can be found outside campus buildings, and 14 are in the parking structure in the rear part of campus.

OUPD also offers R.A.D. - Rape Aggression Defense, a self-defense training course for women.

Theft is the most frequent crime reported statewide

among colleges and universities, followed by liquor law violations.

In 2003, OU reported four burglaries, one robbery and 89 liquor law violations.

"A lot of what we stress is crime prevention," Gilroy said.

OUPD's Web site gives several suggestions for students to keep safe this fall, including advocating the buddy system on campus at night.

There is also a safe walk program where student police cadets escort people who are uncomfortable walking alone at night. This program can be reached by calling (248) 370-3331.

OU's statistics for the 2004 school year will be available at <http://www.police.oakland.edu>.

NEWS IN SHORT

OU offers scholarship support after Katrina

Students whose lives are on hold after hurricane Katrina have an opportunity on campus to return to school. Oakland University officials announced a scholarship opportunity for the Fall 2005 semester. "We extend an invitation to all students from from universities impacted by the hurricane to spend a semester at Oakland University while the Gulf states recover from the damage done by Katrina," said OU President Gary Russi.

— Julie Swidwinski,
Campus News Editor

Lecture series makes stop at OU

The American Jewish Icons Lecture Series will come to OU on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The show is in recognition of the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America and will examine and interpret the icons of American Jewish culture and how the Jewish community in the United States dealt with the Holocaust. The show, one of only ten in the country, will take place at 7 p.m. in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center. Admission is free, but reservations are requested.

— Kristin Sommer,
Senior Reporter

OUPD helps parking

Finding a spot to park will be a little easier thanks to the OU Police Department. For two weeks OUPD will provide hourly parking updates to the Finance and Administration Office. By calling (248) 370-2445, students can find out an up-to-date number of available parking spaces in all campus lots. OU currently has more than 6,000 unrestricted parking spaces on campus. All spaces are reported to be no more than a 15-minute walk from any building on campus.

— Kristin Sommer,
Senior Reporter

Comic, prizes save day

By JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI
The Oakland Post

Oakland University students found other forms of entertainment after a disappointing cancellation by female musician Vanessa Carlton.

Carlton, who was scheduled to perform at Meadow Brook Theatre during OU's Welcome Week last Thursday night, cancelled with a 48 hour notice due to contractual issues, said Madalyn Miller, Student Program Board chair.

SPB contacted a local agent, and in place of Carlton, comedian Mike Green took the stage.

"We were very thankful to Mike Green and appreciate his willingness to perform on such short notice," Miller said.

To make sure students still had a good time, SPB gave away \$2,500 in prizes, which included DVD players, TVs, gas cards and backstage passes to the upcoming 112 concert.

"Overall, we are glad that we found a way for Oakland students to have the chance to be entertained," Miller said,



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Comedian Mike Green entertains students after a sudden cancellation by Vanessa Carlton.

adding that the turnout for Green was decent.

"I'm glad that Vanessa Carlton cancelled. At least we got the chance to win a bunch of cool prizes," said freshman

Roxann Raven, a fan of Carlton's.

"I understand that things happen and hope that she might be able to make it back to Oakland another time in the future," junior Emily Fox said.

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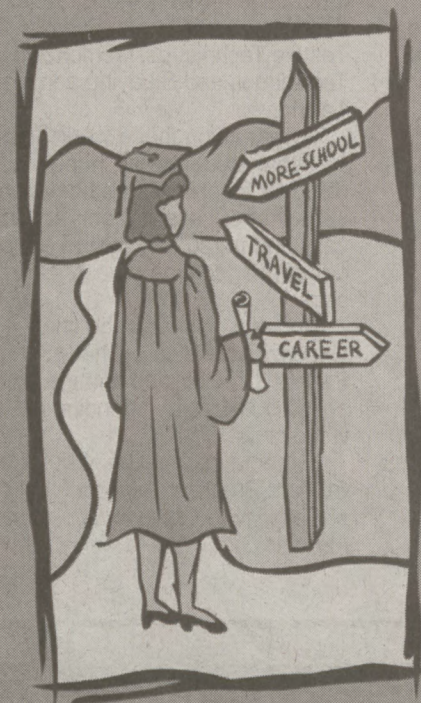
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FALL CAREER PREP MONTH 2005

September/October 2005

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September 26 <i>Information Table & Resume Critiques</i> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC <i>Marketing Yourself at Career Fairs & Beyond</i> 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	September 27 <i>Walt Disney World Presentation</i> 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Gold Room A, OC 	September 28 FALL CAREER FAIR <i>Engineering, Technical, Nursing, Health, & Science Candidates</i> 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC <i>Information Table</i> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC	September 29 FALL CAREER FAIR <i>Business and Liberal Arts Candidates</i> 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC <i>Information Table</i> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC	

October Career Prep Month Events:

- **Monday, October 3 - On-Campus Recruiting Begins**, 156 West Vandenberg Hall
- **Thursday, October 20 - Entrepreneurship Forum**, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Gold Rooms B & C, OC
- **Wednesday, October 26 - CAST Networking Reception**, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Banquet Room B, OC
- **Thursday, October 27 - Professional/Graduate School Fair**, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

Katrina victims enroll in local schools

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — Tyrienisha Smith opened her new Sponge Bob backpack and pulled out her school supplies one by one.

The 10-year-old laid folders and loose-leaf paper on the floor.

She held up two boxes of crayons, colored pencils, a purple ruler, glue and scissors. Finally, she placed pens and pencils in a pink pencil box.

She's ready for fifth grade. But Tyrienisha won't be going back to her own school.

She's one of the young Hurricane Katrina victims from New Orleans getting ready to start school in Michigan.

Her parents say her school probably is under water along with most of the city.

"I'm excited for going back to school," she said.

But there is one thing that makes her sad.

"I really miss my friends," she said.

Tyrienisha and several other youngsters registered for school Tuesday in a conference room at the Best Western Sterling Inn, the suburban Detroit hotel that took their families in when they arrived last week.

Warren Consolidated School District officials gave them supplies, found slots for them in classrooms and arranged for busing and free or reduced-price lunches. They start class Wednesday.

Tyrienisha said she also has new school clothes.

She showed off silver sneakers with a pink Nike Swoosh.

"These are the shoes I'm gonna be wearing to school," she said.

Her father, Sterling Adams, said he's pleased to see Tyrienisha and his three

other children heading back to school. "As long as they're getting their education, it doesn't matter where they're at," he said.

"We could be in Timbuktu as long as they're in school," he said. The additional students shouldn't put a strain on the Warren Consolidated

district, but that could change as more evacuees enter the state, said Dr. William Kiefer, the district's associate superintendent of administrative services. He said the district of

15,400 students could accept 200 to 300 new students without having to hire additional teachers.

He said state aid will provide funding for any new students.

However, districts across the state could see an impact if there is a large influx of new students, Kiefer said.

Such an increase could mean that the amount each district receives per pupil could go down slightly, Kiefer said, perhaps by \$10 or \$15 per student if the state gets the 10,000 evacuees it is equipped to take.

"But it's a small price to pay I think," he said. "This is a national emergency. I can't imagine not doing everything we can."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said she expects the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse the state for any bills relating to evacuees, including education costs.

Sabrina Washington's three children will be heading back to school with the Smiths.

"I have no concerns," she said. "I know everything is going to be all right."

"We've been blessed this far. I know the blessings are not going to stop."

Her son, Brandon, 11, will start fifth grade.

He said he's excited about "having fun and learning," but a little nervous about meeting new teachers.



The Associated Press

Marion Ragsdale sorts through items for her brother Earl Walker and 11 men, women and children he brought with him to her Detroit home from New Orleans, Friday, Sept. 2. All over Michigan, local leaders and ordinary citizens are welcoming refugees from one of the worst national disasters this country has ever seen.

His sister, Breiana, 8, starts third grade. "I'll be kind of nervous," she said.

"Because I don't know any people, and I'm gonna have to start a new school."

Her mother reminded her that she did fine when she started a new school last year in New Orleans.

"But I was kind of shy," Breiana said.

Ten students were regis-

tered at the hotel, and at least 12 other students staying in local homes will likely be registered in the Warren Consolidated district, said Dr. Art Vrettas, the school district's director of student services and community relations.

Kiefer said the district is also trying to help parents findwork, perhaps as bus drivers.

Kathleen Kropf, the Homeless Education Liaison for the countywide Macomb Intermediate School District said at least two other county districts will be registering Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Her office will help place them in schools, equip them with clothes and supplies and provide referrals to link families to other needed services such as health care.

Michigan will allow past allegations in sex offense cases

LANSING (AP) — It is a staple of criminal law that a defendant's past behavior is generally off limits during trial.

The reasoning is that jurors should not convict someone for being a "bad guy" but instead base their decision on evidence in the case before them.

But an exception would be made in cases involving alleged sexual crimes against children under legislation that has unanimously passed the Legislature.

Supporters say sex offenders have a compulsion to rape or molest again.

Prosecutors say the measure would help jurors receive all the relevant information, including a defendant's background and character.

"Especially when it comes to sex offenses, history is a big predictor of the future," said Sen. Alan Cropsey, a lawyer who is sponsoring the proposed rule change.

But opponents, mainly defense lawyers, think the change will lead to horrible results.

"You're basically going to convict everybody charged, or darn close to that," said F. Martin Tieber, past

president of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

The bill, also sponsored by Republican Rep. David Law of West Bloomfield, is part of a multi-bill package aimed at preventing sex offenders from getting near children in schools and day care centers.

It would amend Michigan's court rules in cases where defendants are accused of sex crimes against youths under age 18.

Prosecutors could introduce testimony that a defendant had committed another sex offense against a minor, including offenses for which the defendant was neither charged nor convicted.

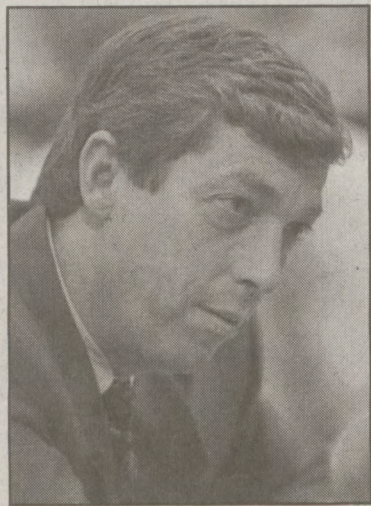
The new rule resembles federal

court rules, enacted 10 years ago, that allow prior conduct to be admitted in child molestation and sexual assault trials. But practically speaking, sex crimes are rarely prosecuted at the federal level. At least one other state, California, has a similar rule.

"You're adding more people to our prison system who probably didn't commit the particular crime they're charged with even though they may have done bad things in the past," Tieber said.

By allowing past behavior to be used as character evidence there is a classic danger of unfairness, he said. Past behavior already can be used in limited circumstances to show motive or intent, but that's not the same as character evidence, he said.

Tieber noted that jurors think the defendant is probably guilty if he has a propensity to act criminally.



The Associated Press
State Sen. Alan Cropsey

THE PRESENT:

Michigan bars prosecutors from using defendants' past behavior to show jurors their character. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is expected to sign a bill allowing evidence of defendants' past acts in cases involving alleged sex crimes against children.

SUPPORTERS:

Say sex offenders have a compulsion to rape or molest again. They argue the measure would help jurors receive all the relevant information to ensure children are protected.

OPPONENTS:

Say there are a lot of false allegations in criminal sexual conduct cases, so the change could lead to wrongful convictions not based on the facts.

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Gardeners help fill needs at food banks

DETROIT (AP) — Agencies that collect and distribute food for the hungry say emergency food needs are increasing in Michigan amid a tough economy.

Local gardeners in the state are helping meet those requests for food.

Earlier this week, Paul Hudak and Sherry Huntley of Berlin Township dropped off a sack of vegetables from their garden for the Plant a Row for the Hungry program.

Hudak told the Detroit Free Press for a Friday story that sharing extra food is "the right thing to do."

"You just walk right in the store and put your produce in the bin and off you go," Hudak said.

"I think once other people find out

how easy it is to take their extra produce in, a lot more people will do it."

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, like other emergency food providers, encourages gardeners to donate extra produce.

The Detroit-based agency works with 440 food pantries and soup kitchens.

Augie Fernandes, Gleaners' president and chief executive, said one food pantry in South Lyon reported a 40 percent jump

from a year ago in the amount of food being distributed.

Others have reported increasing requests as well.

"That's quite a startling number.

We see it throughout the state," Fernandes said.

Michigan's 7 percent unemployment rate in July was the nation's highest.

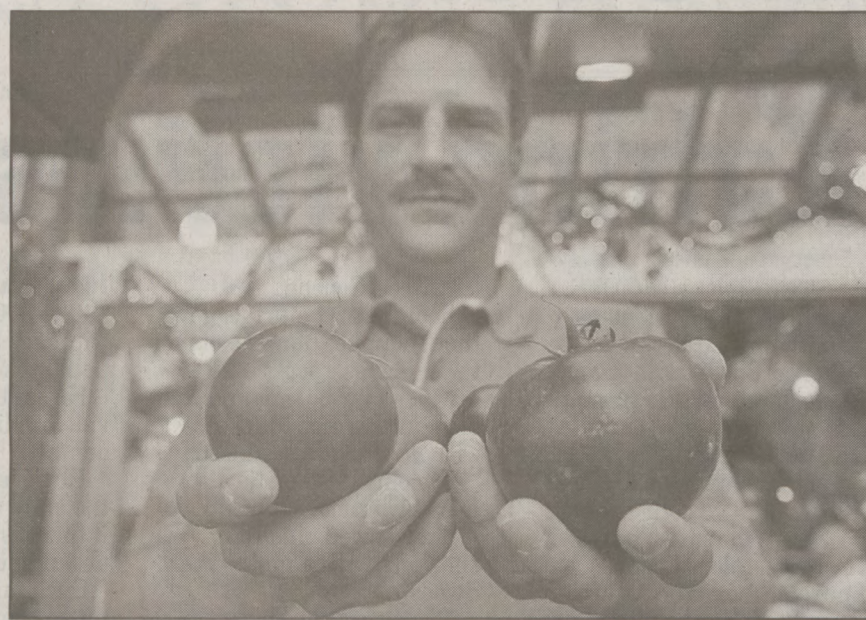
Compared to the rest of the cities in Michigan, however, Detroit's unemployment rate is hovering over 15 percent, according to the latest Census report.

Detroit is the nation's poorest city, with about one in three residents living below the federal poverty level.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported in 2004 that 33.6 percent of people currently living in Detroit have an income below the poverty level, compared with about 23 percent in 2002.

"People have run out of benefits and have not been able to find another job. They desperately need the food to help their families survive," said Sue Sherbow, deputy director of Forgotten Harvest of Southfield.

— Local News Editor Vera Marzoug contributed to this report.



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Paul Hudak of Berlin Township poses at the English Gardens store in Clinton Township with tomatoes from his garden that he donates through the Plant a Row for the Hungry program.



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www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec/Fitness/Wellness-Classes/Begin

The Fitness Class schedule is posted on the Campus Recreation webpage. Group Registration for Specialty Classes will take place in the Fitness Center August 31-September 12. The student rate for specialty classes is \$15 for students and \$25 for non-students.

Lighten Up

Back again this year is the popular and successful "Lighten Up" program. This commitment to change the destructive behavior in your quality of life will focus on adding exercise and smart food choices into your lifestyle. With the support group of participants, class meetings and a \$100 REWARD, this 12-week program couldn't be easier! Requirements for the program: current membership at the Rec Center, purchase of a fitness assessment (students free, all other Rec members \$25), weekly meetings/information sessions, exercise a minimum

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Fall IM Sport Registration is around the corner!

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captain's meeting 10/2 at 9 PM

Don't miss the annual Campus Rec vs. University Housing flag football game at 5:30 PM on September 7!

Aquatic Center-Scuba Lessons

There are four chances this year to become scuba certified!

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The following is a list of the main career-related events:

- Thursday, September 15, Career Services Open House Daimler Chrysler Behavioral Interviewing Presentation
- Friday, September 23, Mock Behavioral Interviews
- Monday, September 26, Marketing Yourself a Career Fairs and Beyond Seminar
- Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 and 29, Two-Day Fall Career Fair

Visit www.oakland.edu/careerservices for specific details of all of the scheduled activities.

Don't forget Friday Night Live!
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Vandenberg Dining Center
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According to Geoff Upward, OU's Director of Communication and Marketing, there are licensing agreements attached to Oakland that control the quality of merchandise.

"Primarily, we want the quality of merchandise to represent our institution," Upward said.

But some OU students see it differently.

"We are the OU students," junior Chris Goeth said. "We are a part of the trademark. With out us, there would be no Oakland University; therefore we should be able to afford school apparel."

The university has made a partnership with six Meijer locations to sell OU apparel and merchandise.

"We truly want to create a brand awareness for OU and get our product out into the marketplace," said Denise McGee, assistant athletic director for marketing.

According to McGee, the locations were chosen based on what areas OU students most populate.

"A location like Meijer makes it easier for students to show their school spirit because it is open 24 hours a day," McGee said.

But Goeth said he didn't like the selection of OU merchan-

dise at his local Meijer.

"There are shirts there that say we are the Oakland Golden Bears," Goeth said.

"We are not the bears. We have been demoted from the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies to the Golden Bears. Next week, we will be the Golden Cubs according to Meijer."

The National College Athletic Association also has

strict rules on who can buy and purchase the athletic logo, McGee said.

"We went to the NCAA tourney this year and got recognized nationally, but if anyone wants to walk into a store and buy an OU shirt they can't, because

we don't make it available," graduate student Matt Edwards said.

Upward acknowledges the lack of availability, but said it was important for OU to start small and protect its assets.

"It all really is the university's equity. Once we give it up, we lose control," he said.

"You see a lot of clothing out on the market from other schools that they are losing out on.

"There are vendors out there that want to sell our product, and we are getting more and more popular, but they would want to make a profit, and we have to make sure they can do that with Oakland first," Upward also said.

Over the years, making OU merchandise more conveniently available for students has been a goal in progress, McGee said.

Students can buy apparel at the university's bookstore, The Grizz Store, located in the O'Rena, and The Grizz Outlet, located in Vandenberg Hall.

The bookstore offers T-shirts for prices as low as \$9.99.

"Oakland does try hard by changing the variety of products they sell on campus to get the name out in different ways," junior Adam Panchenko said.

"Though, I do wish they offered more things for men to wear. I mean men, like shirts that zip, not just button. The women get all the fashionable clothes," he said.

Goeth said he would like to see more of Oakland's school colors on clothing in the bookstore.

"I walk into the bookstore and I can find brown, pink and green shirts, and those aren't even our school colors," Goeth said. "There are orange hood-

ies; we aren't the Orange Grizzlies, we are the Golden Grizzlies."

The bookstore does take suggestions from students about what they would like to see.

"I like the variety of colors," senior Kristen Hargreaves said. "Having the option of buying clothes in pink and blue make me more likely to buy some-

OU Apparel

Why doesn't Oakland University have the luxury of having OU apparel readily available like other universities?

Why is OU apparel so costly?

OU students find themselves asking the same questions. OU students desire OU to be nationally recognized, seen with school spirit and strutting an OU T-shirt.

With other Michigan Universities apparel available to the public, OU students express the desire to expand their OU spirit onto the shelves next to other school apparel.

Listed below are changes OU students would like to see in the near future.

- Enhance school spirit by offering OU apparel at campus events and on-campus locations
- Increase the number of locations to make OU apparel available to the public.
- Lessen high prices to a more affordable price for items

thing with Oakland's name on it."

A Grizz Cart is also brought out to the streets of campus through out the year.

"The cart brings merchandise out to the students who are too rushed and pressed for time to have the chance to buy," McGee said.

The cart is brought to areas on campus that experience high traffic volumes of students.

"Students there have the chance to buy \$5 T-shirts," McGee said. "This is a very economical way to wear your Grizzly pride and show school spirit. Not many places sell anything you can wear for only \$5."

The OU men's basketball team made it to the NCAA tournament, and that brought attention to Oakland, OU

President Gary Russi said.

"There is no question that our percentage in the marketplace increased as we saw ourselves in the NCAA tournament," he said. "The demand for OU gear went up with it."

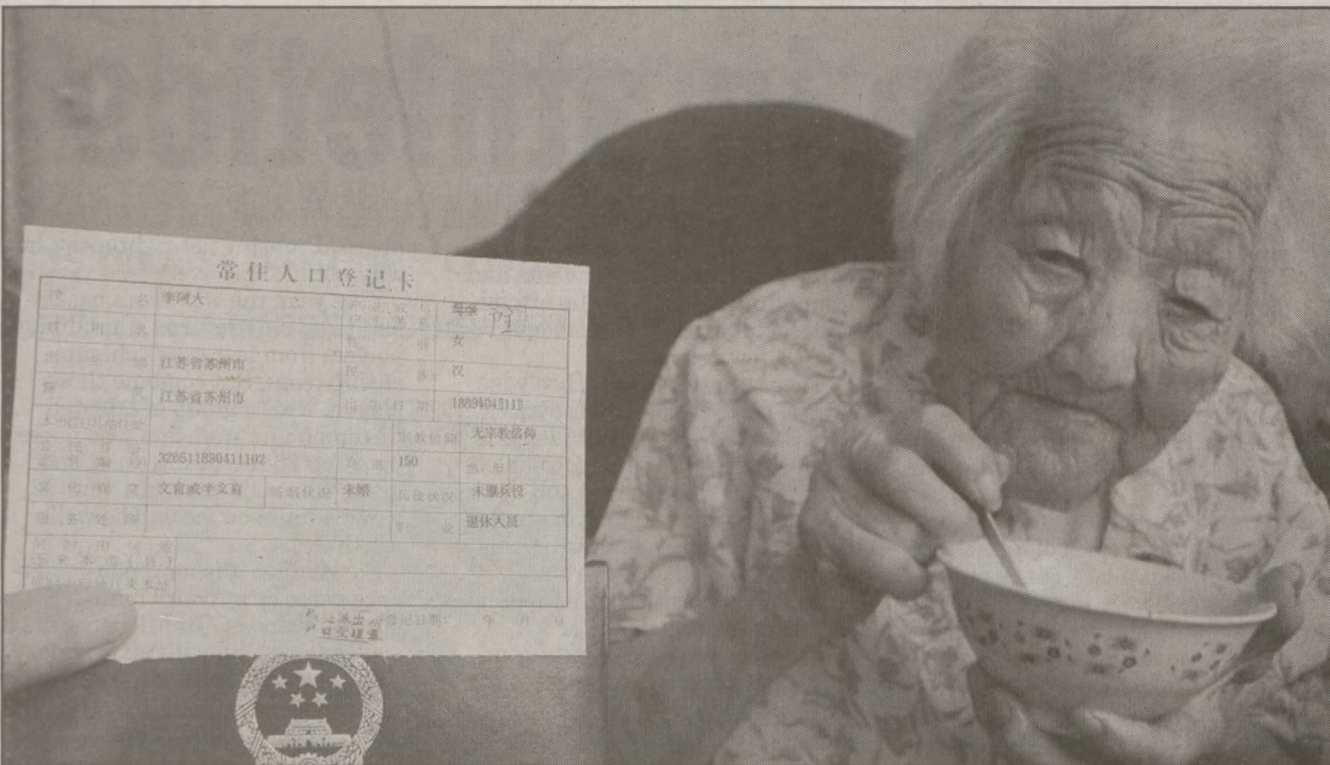
Edwards said he believes the demand should be kept up with the supply.

Russi said he thinks it is possible to see another increase in the availability of OU gear if the Grizzlies return to the NCAA tournament this winter.

According to McGee, the Grizz store alone did more business in four weeks, during the 2005 tournament, than it did in two years.

"Just like anybody else, I want to see people walking around wearing Oakland shirts," Upward said. "But I believe that it will just take time. We can't leap too far ahead too quickly, though I firmly believe that our efforts will pay off for the students in the end."

117 candles on the cake



The Associated Press

Li Ada, 117, enjoys her meal while her permanent resident registration card is shown in the photo taken Tuesday, in Suzhou of east China's Jiangsu Province. LI, born on April 11, 1889, is in a fair health condition. The idea of entering the Guinness Record Book on world oldest person came to her when she was informed with the news that the 115-year-old Dutch Van Andel-Schipper, the world's oldest person on record, died on August 30, 2005.

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EDITORIAL

OU strikes it rich with a new tuition refund ...
... well, sort of

It's been one week since the Oakland University bell rang, and you know what that means.

C'mon, you know.

How could you have missed the posters, the online notices, the notes in the syllabi. There was even an ad in The Oakland Post for crying out loud.

Oh, now you get it? The tuition refund. Remember?

It's all different this year. A new policy took effect this fall that allows students two weeks — and two weeks period — to decide whether they want to drop a class.

That's the bad news.

The good news is that everybody who drops gets 100 percent tuition refund. No questions asked.

We like this. It's clear, concise and much tidier than the old plan. We suspect it will also save a lot of students money, too.

Think about it. Under the old plan, students got 100 percent tuition refund only in the first week, 70 percent in the second week and 50 percent in the third week.

C'mon.

One week is not long enough to absorb the syllabus, much less get Professor Thaddeus Grudzien's quirky humor or become an expert in understanding Professor Clara Castoldi's thick Italian accent.

With this new plan, the students have more time to set up their financial aid and take advantage of scholarships and grants.

More than 60 percent of OU students receive financial aid from OU, federal, state or private resources, so students should feel mighty appreciation of the new policy.

Money now goes back into our pockets after we drop that unwanted class, and we can all be happy. After all, money makes the world go 'round.

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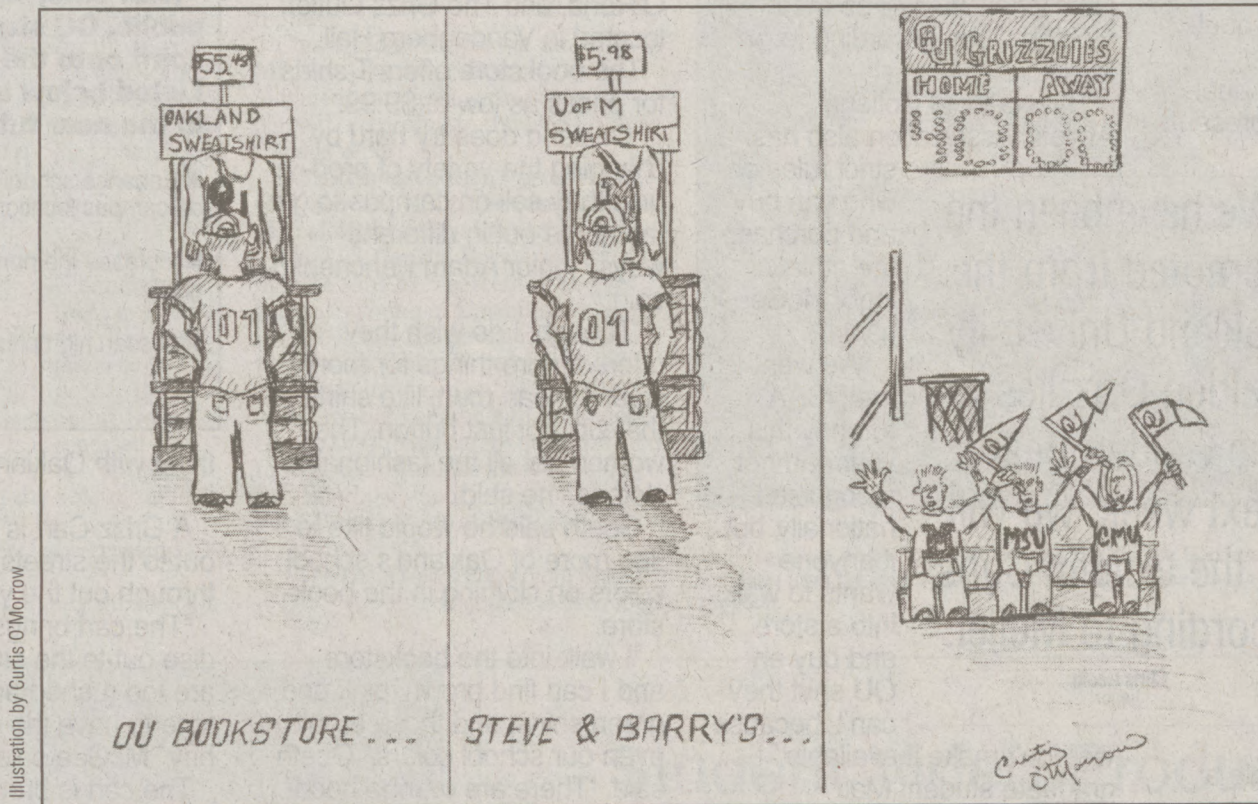


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student aid falls short of expectations for married housing

I am unsure if anyone will be interested in what I have to say, but I felt that it was important to let others know what is going on.

I have recently experienced what I believe is a new kind of discrimination. I received several notices about my financial aid package for this academic year. The first one relied heavily on loans.

A few weeks later, a new notice arrived, and it listed an OU Grant as about one-third of my package. I was quite pleased as this reduced the amount of my student loans.

Unfortunately, this also lowered my award by around \$1,000. Little did I know that this grant would never be honored.

When I went to the Financial Aid office, they explained it is a grant for students living on campus.

I live in married student housing. I explained this and even gave proof, but was told it did not count. Apparently, the term "on campus" only refers to the dorms and univer-

sity student apartments.

As far as financial aid is concerned, I do not live on campus, but the same office that runs the housing for single students runs the apartments I live in. I was angry at first, especially since those of us who live on campus can no longer call off campus unless we invest in a cell phone or use the pay phones.

I had created a budget that allotted that money to pay the cell phone expense that this change in phone privileges had created.

My resources are limited. Both my wife and I are full time students and had to take jobs that would allow a regular schedule and studying during work hours.

Our budget this year is even more strained because of the increase in tuition and housing costs.

Our financial aid packages were set long before these increases were and the financial aid office did not adjust our aid to account for these increases, which between our tuition and the housing increase is around \$1,000 per semester.

So I have lost about \$3,000 from my financial aid package, and the costs I have to pay have increased dramatically.

I wouldn't worry, but the person I spoke to in the financial aid office offered no remedy to my situation. So my marital status has cost

me a large portion of my financial aid.

Basically what the financial aid office is saying by doing this is that if you are married expect it to be a financial hardship to get a degree, while unmarried students are given access to more financial aid, especially non-loan aid.

What really upsets me though is that on my FAFSA I responded that I am married, yet the financial aid office assumed that I would live in the dorms or university student apartments, instead of married student housing.

This implies that my wife and I would have to have lived apart. It does not make sense for the financial aid office to make this assumption.

I just wish someone could explain to me why the assumption was made and why married student housing does not count as on campus.

There are many students living in married housing who I am sure would also like to know. After all, we are cut off from funding that could help with our rising housing costs.

Sincerely,

Eddie C Scardo
General Studies
Junior

Get sporty: OU pride in athletics



By GARY BAKER
Columnist

On the first Friday of the new school year, the afternoon was met with sunny skies, a slight breeze and warm, comfortable temperatures. As one of the 178 people who descended upon the lower athletic fields would describe it, the day was 'perfect soccer weather.'

For those 178 people, of whom roughly 50 students were from Oakland University, a great display of soccer was put on.

A scoreless defensive battle for the first 88 minutes of play, the game pitted the Golden Grizzlies against the Broncos of Western Michigan University.

The physical contest was capped off with an open-net goal by senior Kristi Swaving, which resulted in a chorus of cheers from OU parents and students.

The good thing here is that there was a great win for OU, and there were some people on hand to see it.

Now for the bad: the majority of the students on hand were members of the OU Swimming and Diving teams, and few other students were on hand to witness it.

OU athletic events are open to all students at either a low cost (\$2 for a basketball game) or no cost at all; but this fact escapes our student body.

Don't be disillusioned by the fact that there were two buses of fans down to Dayton for the NCAA play-in game last year. While that made for a good story to tell, the truth is that the average home attendance at a men's basketball game last year

was 1,873. For those keeping score at home, that is less than half of the 4,000 capacity that the O'Rena has for a basketball game.

Number of sellouts? Zero.

Closest we came to having a packed house in Rochester was the home opener against Marquette, when, according to OU's athletic Web site, there were still 385 empty seats.

And what is the reason for this problem? Is it a lack of marketing? Perhaps. Is it a lack of talent or starpower?

After a dismal regular season, the men's hoop squad still had enough ammo to take the Mid-Con title, and produce an NBA player in the process. There's always the commuter-school reason.

However, like the soccer game Friday, the basketball games see few students and a larger population of families or community members.

Albeit a commuter school, OU still has a population of nearly 17,000 students. With those students and community members who attend occasional games, there should be at least a few sellouts.

There are two other schools in Michigan that pack their gyms a few times a year with students in a high-energy atmosphere, complete with rowdy fans, chants and cheers back and forth and tons of student support, complete with what can be compared to a Duke-Carolina atmosphere. Neither of these schools is nicknamed Spartans or Wolverines, rather Knights and Flying Dutchmen.

That's right, the non-scholarship ballers from Division III schools Calvin and Hope meet at least twice a year before sellout crowds of 4,500 in the Calvin Fieldhouse. That size crowd is MORE than the total enrollment at the college.

Can OU rival that kind of atmosphere? Probably not right away, but why not in time?

This year, the OU men's basketball team only returns a handful of players from last year's championship team. But combine those players with a group of talented freshmen and transfers who make up a Top 25 recruiting class, and guess what OU students: your \$2 game admission fee will be well worth it.

So whether it is for a non-conference game or a rivalry match against Valpo or Oral Roberts, see if you can come up with an original chant, a clever insult for a referee or just a loud voice to help bolster the school spirit around campus.

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STAFF COLUMN

Bush proves inept in the midst of a national crisis



By ROQAYA ESHMAOUI
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While our government is busy developing a democracy in a third-world country, the Bush administration's response to the national crisis caused by

Hurricane Katrina was slow and painfully inept.

The only difference between this crisis and one afflicting a third-world country is that a foreign dictator may have taken better action. There are foreign dictators who have better records of response to such national disasters.

Thousands of survivors have evacuated the cities afflicted by the hurricane, seeking safety in Texas, Utah, Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee, Wyoming and Michigan.

Americans have come together to help fellow Americans in their times of dire need.

But our elected government has been slow to respond.

The last of the hurricane's survivors were rescued from Louisiana's Superdome Saturday, "leaving the heart of New Orleans to the dead and dying, the elderly and frail stranded too many days without food, water or medical care," The Associated Press reported.

Saturday, Sept. 3 — five days after Katrina slams the Big Easy — the government bestowed its mercy upon the many who had to face the hurricane's destruction because they did not have financial resources to flee.

And, while all of us non-governmental folks argue among ourselves about who to blame, those responsible have taken our lead.

The government, instead of answering to the public, is playing its own finger-pointing game.

At the local level, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin ordered an immediate evacuation of the city — an action which, if proved inaccurate, would have been political suicide — one day before Katrina hit.

Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco accepted New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson's offer to send his state's National Guard, but took no further action. However, the paperwork needed from Washington to get the troops on the way did not arrive until late Thursday.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, Blanco finally urged residents to evacuate, but failed to suggest a way of doing so.

By law, local and state officials are responsible for directing initial emergency responses, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff told NBC's "Meet the Press."

"The federal government comes in and supports those officials," he said, according to The Los Angeles Times.

However, the federal government took responsibility when President Bush declared a disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi over a week ago.

"The moment the president declared a federal

disaster, it became federal responsibility" former agency chief of staff Jane Bullock told The Los Angeles Times.

Further, internal documents show that Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, did not seek approval to dispatch Homeland Security employees until five hours after Katrina hit, according to The Associated Press.

So, when all else fails and chaos ensues, the man we elected to office and entrusted with more than 297 million lives will come through for us.

"I want the folks there on our Gulf Coast to know that the federal government is prepared to help you when the storm passes," Bush said at a speech in Arizona before the hurricane hit. "America will pray, pray for the health and the safety of all our citizens."

President Bush was not elected to pray, nor was he elected to help "when the storm passes."

The president of America, like a leader of any entity, must take the necessary measures to ensure the safety of every life he is entrusted with.

Bush failed to do so, however.

FEMA — which failed to respond adequately after Hurricane Andrew struck Florida in 1992 under George H.W. Bush's presidency — underwent a renaissance under James Lee Witt, former President Bill Clinton's director.

FEMA should have been able to respond to Katrina as swiftly as it did to the 1993 Mississippi flood and the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

However, Witt's preventive programs were cut or reduced under President Bush's administration.

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, FEMA lost its Cabinet-level status and was tucked under the Department of Homeland Security.

FEMA's budget was cut, it was forced to eliminate one of three emergency management teams responsible for directing relief efforts in a disaster, and three out of every four dollars it provides in first-responder grants fund terrorism-prevention plans instead.

This is despite a recent report released by the Government Accountability Office quoting officials saying they are in need of funding to prepare for natural disasters and a report released by FEMA in 2001 warning that a hurricane striking New Orleans was one of three disasters most likely to occur in the U.S.

In the following weeks, President Bush has much to answer to many.

For he has, once again, proved inept at fulfilling the duties of a nation's leader.

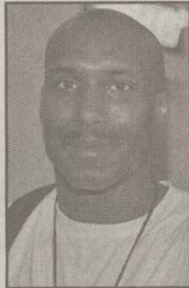
Whether responding to a foreign attack or natural disaster, or leading the nation into war and occupation of foreign land in order to secure gas prices at home, President Bush has failed us.

And that, perhaps, is the only thing he never seems to fail at.

Student Opinion

Oakland University, along with other Michigan universities have raised tuition. The OU board of trustees approved a 9.53 percent tuition increase for resident undergraduates, an increase that took effect this fall semester. Students have something to say about it, whether good or bad.

What students are saying about tuition ...



"For me, it's a decrease, coming from Lawrence Technological University where my tuition was \$8,000 a semester. I don't even notice the raise everyone else is seeing."

Warren Beard
Junior
Computer Science



"My scholarship only covers one semester, so I have to pay for the second semester myself. I had to get a second job to pay for it. As long as it stays the same rate until I graduate, I'm fine. But I feel bad for future students."

Shanica Campbell
Junior
Communication



"It's more money that I have to pay. I clean houses and usually use it for spending money. But now it goes right to my dad for tuition."

Erica Dumford
Freshman
Finance and Accounting



"It means I have to get a job. Now I have to work during the school year. I'm going to have to get a loan now."

Tara Williams
Freshman
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"It makes me have to work more and save my money. I have to pick up more shifts at work."

Stephen Baker
Freshman
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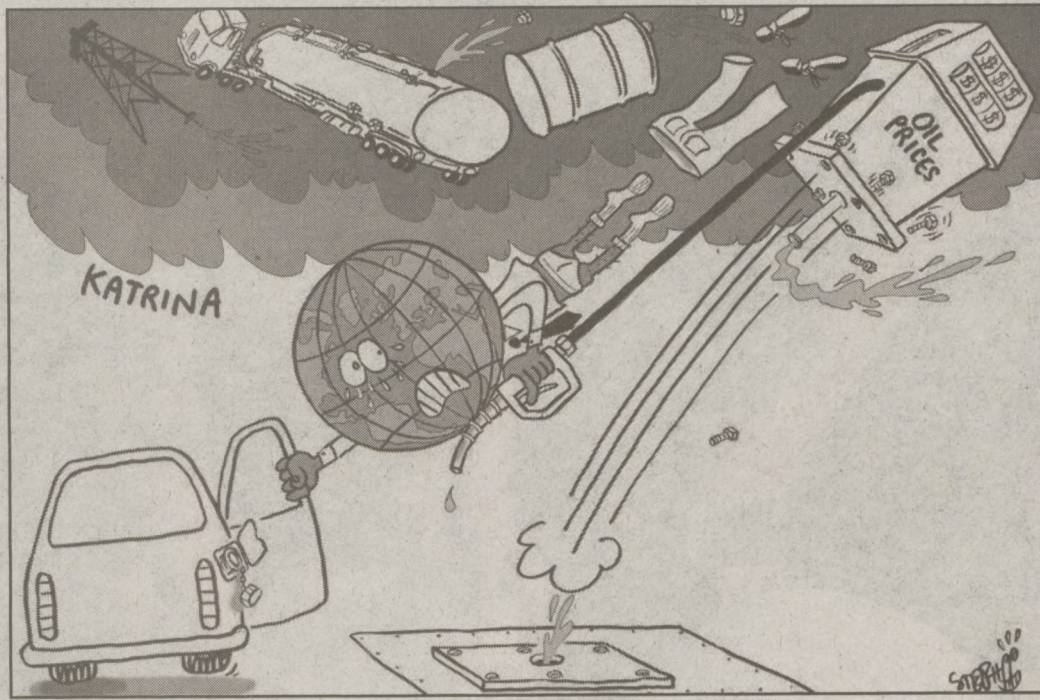
Hot off the press: Katrina and gas are dating

Over the past week, Americans have seen the effects of Hurricane Katrina in their pocketbooks. It's the rising gas prices. Since the devastation down south, gas prices are raising through the roofs. Here are some takes on the relationship between the hurricane and the gas prices.

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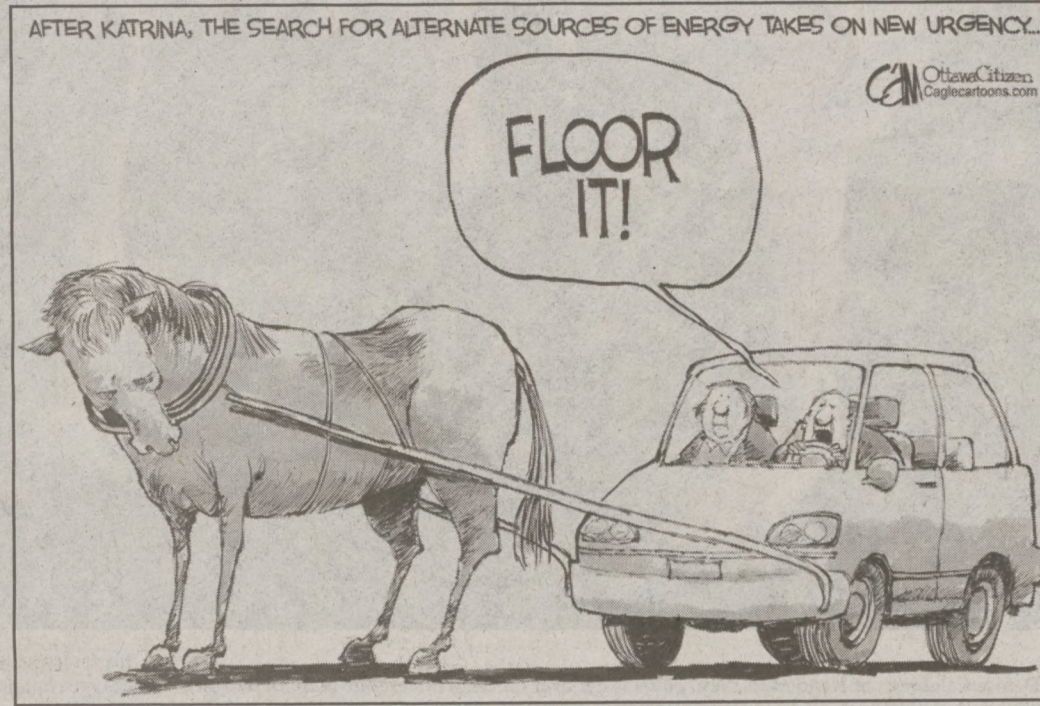
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before the storm.

Brown's memo on Aug. 29 aimed to assemble the necessary federal work force to support the rescues, establish communications and coordinate with victims and community groups, Knocke said.

Instead of rescuing people or recovering bodies, these employees would focus on helping victims find the help they needed, he said.

"There will be plenty of time to assess what worked and what didn't work," Knocke said. "Clearly there will be time for blame to be assigned and to learn from some of the successful efforts."

Brown's memo told employees that among their duties, they would be expected to "convey a positive image of disaster operations to government officials, community organizations and the general public."

"FEMA response and recovery operations are a top priority of the department and, as we know, one of yours," Brown wrote Chertoff.

He proposed sending 1,000 Homeland Security Department employees within 48 hours and 2,000 within seven days.

Knocke said the 48-hour period suggested for the Homeland employees was to ensure they had adequate training.

"They were training to help the life-savers," Knocke said.

Employees required a supervisor's approval and at least 24 hours of disaster training in Maryland, Florida or Georgia.

"You must be physically able to work in a disaster area without refrigeration for medications and have the ability to

work in the outdoors all day," Brown wrote.

The same day Brown wrote Chertoff, Brown also urged local fire and rescue departments outside Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi not to send trucks or emergency workers into disaster areas without an explicit request for help from state or local governments. Brown said it was vital to coordinate fire and rescue efforts.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said Tuesday that Brown should step down.

After a senators-only briefing by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and other Cabinet members, Sen. Charles E. Schumer said

lawmakers weren't getting their questions answered.

"What people up there want to know, Democrats and Republicans, is what is the challenge ahead, how are you handling that and what did you do wrong in the past," said Schumer, D-N.Y.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said the administration is "getting a bad rap" for the emergency response.

"This is the largest

disaster in the history of the United States, over an area twice the size of Europe," Stevens said. "People have to understand this is a big, big problem."

Meanwhile, the airline industry said the government's request for help evacuating storm victims didn't come until late Thursday afternoon.

The president of the Air Transport Association, James May, said the Homeland Security Department called then to ask if the group could participate in an airlift for refugees.

"FEMA response and recovery operations are a top priority of the department and, as we know, one of yours."

Michael Brown
FEMA director



Left: Hurricane survivor Nikolle Johnson, center, is greeted by family members Stacy Nolan, left, and Cynthia Henry, Tuesday, in Addison, Texas. Nikolle Johnson arrived in Texas by private jet and Stacy Nolan's 7-month-old son. The Associated Press



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Top: Volunteers unload cars of goods to be donated to Hurricane Katrina survivors.



The Associated Press
Denise Calabrese, of Henderson, Nev., pours water over the head of her four-year-old daughter Gessica on a hot day after delivering donated items to the Salvation Army headquarters in Phoenix, Tuesday. Calabrese and a neighbor collected items from their neighborhood and brought them to Phoenix so they could be distributed to refugees of Hurricane Katrina housed at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

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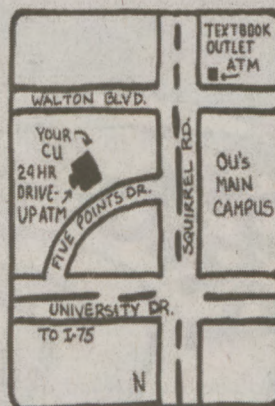
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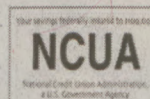
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White House, Congress unlikely to keep targeted bases open

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military base closings that the Pentagon and a commission have recommended are likely to be approved by President Bush and Congress, leaving communities around the country with little hope that targeted facilities will be spared.

Bush is now focused on the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast rather than on base closures, analysts said. Scrapping the closure process now — after a nine-member commission has completed its review of the Pentagon plan — could leave him open to criticism when his poll numbers already are at a low point for his presidency.

"The president has got much bigger issues to worry about right now," said Loren Thompson, an analyst at the Lexington Institute, a think tank in Arlington, Va.

Congress, too, is consumed with other priorities. And a GOP-led effort in the Senate to derail the process — one that Republican leaders privately feared could embarrass them — has largely fizzled out.

The commission that changed parts of the Pentagon plan last month denied politics played a role in any of its decisions, even as it chose to keep open bases in the home states of Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., and other senators leading the opposition.

That all but eliminated the possibility of congressional intervention.

The vast majority of House members overwhelmingly support this round of closures and consolidations, the first in a decade.

After five months of work, the commission must send its final report to the president by Thursday.

He can accept it, kill it or, by Sept. 23, send it back to the panel for more changes.

Congress has 45 days from the day it receives the report from the president to

pass a joint resolution rejecting it in its entirety or it becomes law.

Lawmakers have never rejected reports in previous base-closing rounds.

Last month, the commission largely endorsed Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's vision to restructure the domestic network of military bases to save billions of dollars over the next two decades and streamline the Army, Navy and Air Force.

But the panel also chose to keep open several major bases against the Pentagon's wishes, including a shipyard in Kittery, Maine, a submarine base in Groton, Conn., and Air Force bases in South Dakota and New Mexico.

Within days, Rumsfeld expressed reservations about such high-profile changes and said he was uncertain whether he would recommend that the president accept the proposed closures as modified by the commission.

However, Rumsfeld also noted that the commission signed off on the majority of the Pentagon's recommendations.

That, analysts said, lessens the chance that the White House will reject the plan.

"Even though they didn't get everything they wanted, they got a lot of what they wanted," said Christopher Hellman, a base-closing expert at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, a national security policy group.

Plus, analysts said, this may be the last chance the White House and Pentagon have to save money by shutting bases because Congress probably will resist signing off on another round of closures, given the large amount of heartache lawmakers now are experiencing.

Congress reluctantly authorized this round of closures only after the White House threatened to veto an

entire defense bill if it didn't give the Pentagon the go-ahead.

Lawmakers have griped and vowed to stop the closures ever since.

The House never came close to passing measures to delay or kill the process.

But GOP-sponsored legislation in the Republican-led Senate was gaining steam just before Congress left for its summer break.

Thune sponsored the legislation after the Pentagon announced in May that it wanted to close Ellsworth Air Force Base in his home state of South Dakota.

He then secured the backing of other lawmakers, including several more Republicans, whose states also were slated to lose bases.

Then, the commission voted last month to reject Pentagon plans to close the South Dakota base, as well as major facilities in home states of Thune's GOP co-sponsors. "The biggest source of opposition has been mollified," Thompson said.

Despite the victory, Thune said he has not yet decided whether to pull his legislation that would have delayed the closures.

Still, he allowed, "I think a lot of the co-sponsors of it probably are less inclined because of the commission's actions."

Sen. Trent Lott, a Mississippi Republican who long has worked to derail the base-closing process, said he had told the president he should reject the commission's final report, which calls for base closings — and, hence, job losses — in Mississippi.

Lott has often clashed with Bush, but he has the president's ear right now, given that Mississippi — including Lott's Gulf-shore home — was crushed by Hurricane Katrina.

Still, chances are slim that the president will heed his advice on base closures.

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Day O'Connor's replacement, but Bush formally withdrew that nomination Tuesday and made the 50-year-old judge the chief justice nominee.

O'Connor has agreed to stay on until her successor is in place, Bush noted, ensuring there will be a nine-member court if Roberts is confirmed before the new term begins on Oct. 3.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Judiciary chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said they expected to be finished with Roberts before then.

Specter and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas — who will be the Senate's No. 3

Republican next year — said Bush should choose a woman since O'Connor's retirement would leave only one woman on the court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"Two women, I think, are a minimum," Specter said.

Several senators suggested the president should wait before making any new selection public, given that the Senate is working on relief for the hurricane-stricken Gulf Coast as well as Roberts' nomination.

"We've got more than a full plate right now," said John Cornyn, R-Texas.

"I think you should do one nomination at a time, even though it would be nice to know who the president is thinking of," added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-

N.Y.

Democrats urged Bush to talk with them before replacing O'Connor, who sometimes has sided with more liberal justices.

"The list is wide open, which should create some good speculation here in Washington," Bush said, playfully glancing at Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who has been mentioned as a possible nominee.

If named, Gonzales would become the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court.

On the Net:

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The Senate: <http://www.senate.gov>

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illegal blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher.

The government said 12,874 motorists died under those circumstances in 2004, compared with 13,096 in 2003.

All 50 states had a 0.08 standard with Minnesota's adoption of the law earlier this year.

NHTSA said a record number of 11,500 law enforcement officials would participate in its annual campaign, called "You Drink & Drive. You Lose."

The crackdown, which ran through Sept. 5, will be bolstered by \$13.9 million in advertising.

In Michigan, 329 people were killed in 2004 in a crash with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher.

It represented a 3 percent decrease from 2003.

Texas saw a 10 percent reduction in its alcohol-related fatalities, accounting for 141 fewer deaths than in 2003.

Others making significant reductions included Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and the District of Columbia.

Kansas, which had a 29 percent decrease in alcohol-related fatalities in 2004, has targeted drunken driving through media campaigns, use of sobriety checkpoints and extra law enforcement patrols during weekends and at special events.

"We're getting more and more local law enforcement involved in our mobilizations," said Pete Bodyk of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Utah had an 81 percent increase in alcohol-related fatalities, representing 29 more deaths in 2004 compared with the previous year.

Mark Panos, deputy director of the Utah Highway Safety Office, attributed some of the growth to an increase in the number of motorists on the road as its population expands.

Several Southern states, including Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee, also posted higher fatality numbers.

Glynn Birch, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said his organization was advising people to designate a sober driver before they attend gatherings during the Labor Day holiday.

"It's important to note that impairment begins with the first drink, so your safest choice is to use public transportation, take a cab or find a sober driver," Birch said.

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How the crisis evolved

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Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Katrina formed Wednesday morning in the Bahamas and could reach hurricane strength before hitting the coast of Florida later this week, the National Hurricane Center said. A tropical storm watch was posted for a 200-mile stretch of Florida's east coast from the Seven Mile Bridge in the Keys north to Vero Beach, meaning tropical storm conditions were likely within 36 hours. "It's time for South Florida to start taking precautions," said Eric Blake, a hurricane center meteorologist.

Thursday, Aug. 25

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Katrina dumped sheets of rain, kicked up the surf and blew strong winds ashore Thursday, toppling trees and driving sand across waterfront streets as it made landfall on the state's densely populated southeast coast. Katrina's maximum sustained winds increased from 50 to 80 mph on Thursday, making it a Category 1 storm as it hit south of Fort Lauderdale, said hurricane specialist Lixion Avila with the National Hurricane Center in Miami. An estimated 5.9 million Florida residents were in Katrina's projected path. Category 1 storms have maximum sustained winds of 74 to 95 mph, and wind damage to secured structures is usually minimal. Weather officials said Katrina was mostly a rain event, with flooding the main concern.

Friday, Aug. 26

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Flooded streets resembled canals, sailboats sat on the sand and a highway overpass lay in ruin Friday in the hours after Hurricane Katrina plodded across South Florida. It then rapidly strengthened to a Category 2 storm as it moved over the Gulf of Mexico. Four people were killed, a family of five was missing at sea and more than a million homes and businesses lost power after the storm came ashore late Thursday. Forecasters said the storm could become a major hurri-

cane by the time it reaches the Gulf Coast early next week. In a special advisory issued at late morning, the National Hurricane Center said the storm could reach near Category 4 strength by midday Monday.

Saturday, Aug. 27

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — As Hurricane Katrina whipped its way through the Gulf of Mexico toward New Orleans, some tourists were forced to stay put because flights and rental cars were booked up. Others were lucky enough to change reservations early and get out of town. Mayor C. Ray Nagin called for a voluntary evacuation of the city at 5 p.m. Saturday. He said he would most likely be more forceful about making people leave Sunday. For the tourists stuck in town, he had some different advice. "The only thing I can say to them is I hope they have a hotel room, and it's a hotel room that's at least on the third floor and up," Nagin said. "Unfortunately, unless they can rent a car to get out of town, which I doubt they can at this point, they're probably in the position of riding the storm out."

Sunday, Aug. 28

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mayor Ray Nagin ordered an immediate mandatory evacuation Sunday for all of New Orleans, a city of 485,000 people, as Hurricane Katrina bore down with wind revved up to nearly 175 mph and a threat of a massive storm surge. Acknowledging that large numbers of people, many of them stranded tourists, would be unable to leave, the city set up 10 places of last resort including the Superdome arena. "There doesn't seem to be any relief in sight," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said, joining the mayor at a news conference. The mayor called the order unprecedented, but said Katrina's storm surge would likely top the levees that protect the city from the surrounding water of Lake Pontchartrain, the Mississippi River and marshes. The bowl-shaped city must pump water

out even during normal times, and the hurricane threatened pump power.

Monday, Aug. 29

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Announcing itself with shrieking, 145-mph winds, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast just outside New Orleans on Monday, submerging entire neighborhoods up to their roofs, swamping Mississippi's beachfront casinos and killing at least 55 people. Jim Pollard, spokesman for the Harrison County emergency operations center, said 50 people were killed by Katrina in his county, with the bulk of the deaths at an apartment complex in Biloxi. Three other people were killed by falling trees in Mississippi and two died in a traffic accident in Alabama, authorities said. For New Orleans — a dangerously vulnerable city because it sits mostly below sea level in a bowl-shaped depression — it was not the apocalyptic storm forecasters had feared.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hurricane Katrina ripped two holes in the curved roof of the Louisiana Superdome, letting in rain as thousands of storm refugees huddled inside Monday. Superdome and government emergency officials stressed that they did not expect the huge roof to fail because of the relatively small breaches, each about 15 to 20 feet long and 4 to 5 feet wide.

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil futures spiked to more than \$70 a barrel for the first time as Hurricane Katrina targeted an area crucial to the country's energy infrastructure. The Category 4 storm was on a path to hit New Orleans early Monday, shutting down an estimated 1 million barrels of refining capacity and sharply curbing offshore production in the region.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Rescuers along the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast pushed aside the dead to reach the living Tuesday in a race against time and rising waters, while New Orleans sank deeper into

crisis and Louisiana's governor ordered storm refugees out of this drowning city. The death toll in one hard-hit Mississippi county rose to more than 100. "We are very, very worried that this is going to go a lot higher," said Joe Spraggins, civil defense director for Harrison County, home to Biloxi and Gulfport.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

HOUSTON (AP) — At least 25,000 of Hurricane Katrina's refugees, a majority of them at the New Orleans Superdome, will travel in a bus convoy to Houston starting Wednesday and will be sheltered at the 40-year-old Astrodome, which hasn't been used for professional sporting events in years. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide 475 buses for the transfer, and the Astrodome's schedule has been cleared through December for housing evacuees, said Kathy Walt, a spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday that his administration was moving quickly to save lives and provide sustenance to victims of Hurricane Katrina but that recovery "will take years" from the storm that laid waste to the Gulf Coast. "We're dealing with one of the worst national disasters in our nation's history," he said at the news conference hours after an aerial tour of the area.

Thursday, Sept. 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress rushed to provide a \$10.5 billion down payment in relief aid for Gulf Coast victims of Hurricane Katrina on Thursday as President Bush ordered new action to minimize disruptions in the nation's energy supplies. The Senate approved the measure Thursday night, and the House will convene at noon on Friday to speed the measure to Bush's desk. "Don't buy gas if you don't need it," the president urged consumers already hit by sharply rising prices. Amid lawlessness in flooded, chaotic New Orleans, Homeland Security Secretary

Michael Chertoff announced plans to deploy 1,400 additional National Guard personnel each day for the next several days.

Friday, Sept. 2, 2005

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Four days after Hurricane Katrina struck, the National Guard arrived in force Friday with food, water and weapons, churning through the floodwaters in a vast truck convoy with orders to retake the streets and bring relief to the suffering. "The cavalry is and will continue to arrive," said Lt. Gen. Steven Blum of the National Guard. At the New Orleans Convention Center, some of the thousands of storm victims awaiting their deliverance applauded, threw their hands heavenward and screamed, "Thank you Jesus!" as the camouflage-green trucks and hundreds of soldiers arrived. But there was also anger and profane catcalls. "Hell no, I'm not glad to see them. They should have been here days ago. I ain't glad to see 'em, I'll be glad when 100 buses show up," said 46-year-old Michael Levy.

Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Americans must start "asking tough questions" about their safety, a House member from Louisiana said in the Democrats' weekly radio address. "We are engaged in a massive effort under difficult circumstances to save lives and stabilize this crisis so that we may begin to restore our communities," Rep. Charlie Melancon said. "This is job one. We must also be about the job of asking tough questions, my fellow Americans — questions about the health of our infrastructure and emergency response capabilities," Melancon said. It was an apparent reference to the federal government's widely criticized handling of relief efforts after New Orleans levees broke and flooded the city.

Sunday, Sept. 4

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With a quarter-million Katrina refugees

already in Texas and more still pouring in, Gov. Rick Perry ordered emergency officials Sunday to begin preparations to airlift some of them to other states that have offered help. Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said officials at relief centers around the state say they are running out of room. Aid centers will be set up at airports in Houston and Dallas where incoming refugees can be given food, water and medical care before they are flown to Michigan, Utah, West Virginia and Iowa, all of which have offered help.

Monday, Sept. 5

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The Red Cross said fans put \$40,000 in buckets as they entered Michigan Stadium this past weekend, and university officials estimated another \$10,000 was raised by program sales. Members of the women's and men's swimming teams along with a group of local Red Cross volunteers collected the donations, including a wad of five \$100 bills by an anonymous donor, before the Wolverines played Northern Illinois on Saturday. The school will give the Red Cross \$2 for every program sold for the season opener. The money will go toward providing shelter, food and mental health services for victims of Hurricane Katrina, the Red Cross said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricane evacuees seeking food stamps in Texas started as a trickle and quickly turned into a torrent — eight applications the first day mushroomed to more than 26,000 within four days. To varying degrees, the same story is playing out around the country as state and local governments take in Gulf Coast evacuees by the thousands, taxing social programs that in many cases already were stretched thin. Minnesota, already working to absorb a wave of roughly 5,000 Hmong refugees from Laos, is preparing for up to 3,000 Katrina victims while still feeling budget cuts in health assistance and job training that have taken effect since 2001.

A Hurricane Katrina refugee collapses while waiting to board evacuation buses in New Orleans, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005.

A man tries to sleep on the floor of Houston's Astrodome Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005.

Terri Jones tries to cool fellow flood victim Dorothy Divic, 89, who was overheated and exhausted at the Convention Center in New Orleans, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005.

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Rally sparks school spirit

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Senior Blair Mellow scarfed down 10 chicken wings in less than three minutes and won the "King of the Wing" contest at this year's Greek Carnival.

"I want some more wings," he said after winning.

The Oakland University Pep Rally and Greek Carnival gave reason for students to forget their first day syllabi, schedules and schoolwork.

Last Thursday, students, faculty and staff members enjoyed free food, music, games and activities in the outdoors between South Foundation Hall and the Oakland Center.

"It's going great, and everyone is having fun," said Cressie Smith, coordinator of Student Organizations and Greek Life.

"The best part is seeing all the Greeks put this on together and having fun, too."

The Pep Rally featured the 2005 OU men's basketball team and was complete with OU's mascot, dance team and the Golden Grizzlies Pep Band.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness addressed students and informed them of what to look forward to in athletics this school year.

Men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe also encouraged students to show their school spirit.

He thanked students for supporting the men's basketball team last year by traveling to Dayton and North Carolina to watch the NCAA tournament games.

"If we can give all the teams support like that, we can do great things here," Kampe said.

Freshman Cameron Underdown agreed

that school spirit has many benefits.

"School spirit is definitely important," he said. "If I hadn't had it at orientation, I wouldn't have met my roommate."

The event, sponsored by OU's Greek organizations, included a dunk tank, the quad bungee jump, a moonwalk and a group of stick fighters, among other things.

"The carnival is a very fun chance for students to get back together at the beginning of the school year," senior Katie VanGorder, recruitment director for Alpha Sigma Tau.

"Stuff like this breaks the ice, especially for all the new freshman coming in and for the commuters, this keeps them on campus and gets them involved," sophomore Angie Freeman said.

"It gets me back in the mood for school," said junior Kara Haworth.

Denver dies at 70

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Denver, the bumbling name-sake of "Gilligan's Island" who embarked on what was supposed to be a three-hour tour and endeared himself to generations of TV fans, has died at age 70.

Denver's signature role was Gilligan, but when he took the role in 1964 he was already widely known to TV audiences for another iconic character, Maynard G. Krebs, the bearded beatnik friend of Dwayne Hickman's Dobie in the "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," which aired on CBS from 1959 to 1963.

Gilligan on the other hand was industrious but inept. The Minnow's skipper, Jonas Grumby, who was played by Alan Hale Jr., and who always referred to his first mate affectionately as "little buddy."

After it was canceled by CBS in 1967, it found new



AP Photo/CBS, File

Gilligan (Bob Denver) dies at age 70.

audiences in syndicated reruns and reunion films, including 1981's "The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island."

Denver went on to star in other TV series, including "The Good Guys" and "Dusty's Trail," as well as to make numerous appearances in films and TV shows.

Arts, Beats and Eats raises disaster relief

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
The Oakland Post

Whether it's the colorful cornucopia of food offered, the display of beautiful local artwork or the hottest musical acts, DaimlerChrysler's Arts, Beats and Eats festival has something for everyone.

But the festival still gives back to the community.

Since the festival's introduction in 1997, the money earned every year is sent directly to various charities in Oakland County.

This summer, however, there was a small twist in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

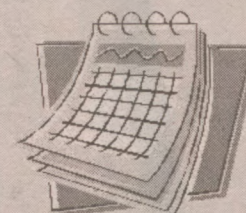
Many organizations collected money from festival-goers to be sent to those areas affected by the devastating storm.

"The giving spirit was definitely there," said Cindi Pozzi, head of PR for OU's chapter of Habitat for Humanity. "Almost everywhere you went, there was some place where you could donate."

OU's chapter is also stepping up to the plate to help, starting out by getting the students and faculty involved.

"We plan on putting bins all over campus, so students can drop off cans and we can donate them to hurricane victims," said Lisa Gajeski, president of the OU chapter.

Life is full of choices



Thursday, Sept. 8

Michelangelo's "David" was finished on September 8, 1504. Standing at over 17 feet tall in the Accademia in Florence, Italy, "David" celebrates his 501st birthday.

Friday, Sept. 9

Friday Night Live in Vandenberg Cafeteria and features comedian J. Chris Newberg who has been referred to by the Detroit Free Press as "one of the most original talents to burst on the Midwest." He has been seen recently on Comedy Central's Premium Blend and Jimmy Kimmel Live. He was recently nominated for NACA comedian of the year.

Sunday, Sept. 11

OU's hip hop dance team, Intrigue, is holding auditions from 6:30 - 9 p.m. today as well as Monday night at the same times. Show off your dance moves and show your stuff.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

GET OUT NOW! Today is the last day to drop or withdraw from a class and receive 100 percent refund.

*Flip over
B-section
for Sports*

101 — things to do — people to see — places to go

at Oakland University

— List compiled by Allison Brunner, Zenna Syeda and Julie Wojciechowski and over 75 OU surveyed students

Every year, hundreds of men and women attend their classes at Oakland University, leave their classes and head either to their cars, dorm's or the OC. (That's the Oakland Center for students new to the OU lingo.)

Students may ask their friends from time to time: "What do you want to do tonight?" Well, what is there to do on campus?

We have compiled a list of 101 things to do, people to see and places to go, all without leaving campus.

Hang this page up on your door, throw it under your bed, do whatever you want with it. But consider using one of the following suggestions the next time you're bored and claim "there's nothing to do on campus!"

1

Read the Oakland Post — your independent student newspaper. It hits news stands every Wednesday during the school year

2

Take COM 101 to learn important things about OU

3

Attend Welcome Week events including the Greek Carnival, Sigma Pi Pig Roast, Pep Rally and more

4

Meet Oakland University President Gary Russi

5

Check out Friday Night Live in Vandenberg Cafeteria

6

See a play at Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall

7

Get to know your Orientation Group Leader and maybe become one

8

Live a semester on campus in the residence halls and experience dorm life

9

Attend an athletic event: basketball, baseball, soccer — sports for all seasons

10

Park in the parking garage behind the Rec Center

11

Dance the night away at a Fall Ball — held inside Meadow Brook Hall

12

Attend a concert at Meadow Brook Music Festival

13

Attend Midnight Madness in November to kick off the men's and women's basketball season

14

Play an arcade game or a round of pool at Bumper's Game Room

15

Apply for scholarships in the Financial Aid office or their Web site

16

Pump iron or go "rowing" at the Rec Center weight room

17

Tune your radio to 88.3 WXOU to hear OU's own station

18

Play a round of golf on Katke-Cousins or R & S Sharf courses, located right on campus

19

Take a different route to get to and from class everyday: variety is the spice of life

20

Attend an OU Student Congress meeting — Monday's in the Oakland Room at 4 p.m.

21

Visit both the Upper and Lower Fields

22

Learn the OU Fight Song! "Fight, Fight, Fight for Oakland..."

23

Attend International Night — sample cuisine and experience different cultures

24

Go to the Career Services Job Fair

25

Listen to the steel drum ensemble

26

Give back to the community on Make a Difference Day

27

Swim a few laps in the Rec Center pool — it's free

28

Study on each floor of Kresge Library until you find the best place for you

29

Vote in March for your student body president and legislative body

30

Sit and admire the Saints and Sinners fountain in front of Kresge Library on a nice, sunny day

31

See fellow students perform musicals and plays in Varner Theater

32

Study, hang out and surf the Web, coffee house style in Cafe O'Bears

- 33** Guest DJ at WXOU, in the basement of the OC
- 34** Make money by working on-campus — apply in the Financial Aid office
- 35** Take some time to learn the history of OU — like how and when it started
- 36** Open a checking or savings account at Credit Union One
- 37** Go to the OU bookstore and buy an OU sweatshirt for yourself, parents, siblings, etc. — OU apparel makes great gifts
- 38** Add/drop classes, pay your bill and get your grades at <http://sail.oakland.edu>
- 39** Check out the study abroad program in 322 Wilson Hall
- 40** Take a walk through the gardens and woods of Meadow Brook Hall
- 41** Study under a tree or on a bench outside — fresh air helps the brain
- 42** On a clear night, look at the surrounding city lights while on the rooftop of the Science and Engineering Building — for your safety, do not climb on the edge
- 43** Read the bulletin boards at least once a week — they're everywhere!
- 44** Take a random class that interests you, even if you do not need it to graduate — it will help make you a more well-rounded student and person
- 45** Enjoy a good book, eat lunch or chat with friends in front of a fire in Fireside lounge
- 46** Eat lunch in the newly renovated Vandenberg Cafeteria, even if you commute
- 47** Get those grades up to be on the Dean's List
- 48** Paint the rock with your organization or club to promote an upcoming event
- 49** Visit your academic advisor just to make sure you are on the right track
- 50** Join Facebook — an online craze sweeping campus — then start a random group
- 51** Greek life at OU is not like "Animal House" so find out for yourself what it is about
- 52** Take a break and sit in the OC and people watch, daydream — whatever is relaxing
- 53** Browse the products offered by vendors when they come to the OC
- 54** Grab a stack of Oakland Post's and distribute them out to random people you pass by
- 55** Rent a DVD from the movie vending machine in the OC
- 56** Take a nap on one of the couches in the Oakland Center
- 57** Use every public computer available by the time you graduate
- 58** Listen to people play the piano in Fireside Lounge — or play it yourself if it's open
- 59** Get a SpiritCard and learn how to put cash on it
- 60** Stalk someone for their parking spot
- 61** Continue to switch aisles when someone is stalking you for your parking spot
- 62** Check your OU e-mail frequently or have it forwarded to another e-mail account
- 63** Attend a party in the dorm's or student apartments — yes, parties do exist at OU
- 64** Get some friends together and join an intramural sport or be courageous and join by yourself and meet new people
- 65** Take a dip in Beer Lake — better yet, just look at it from the bridge
- 66** Dress up for class — suit, tie, dress, etc. — for no reason
- 67** Dress down for class — sweats, hoodies, slippers — because you can
- 68** Visit your professors during their office hours — it just may help your grade
- 69** Use the Academic Skills Center for free test files and tutoring — that's what it's for
- 70** Tune to channel 74 on Comcast Cable to watch OUTV
- 71** When it snows, build snowmen, go sledding down Varner Hill. Make snow angels and have a snowball fight — just like you did as a kid. Wear a snowsuit too!
- 72** Count the number of geese you see on your way to class, watching your step
- 73** Start building your credit score by using one credit card smartly
- 74** Play "Name That Smell" in elevators in the residence halls and other old buildings
- 75** Take photos of your friends and favorite campus spots all the time
- 76** Make a time capsule and stash it in your dorm closet for the next tenant to find
- 77** Introduce yourself to Student Body President Michael McGuinness, Vice President Kori Lynn Caver and the rest of the executive board and voice your concerns
- 78** Gather friends to make a fort of sheets and blankets like when you were a kid
- 79** Check out the Japanese garden between the new and old part of the OC
- 80** Sunbathe near Beer Lake with a towel, cooler, the whole works
- 81** Sleep, eat or watch TV in your car in between classes
- 82** Develop creative new recipes using your George Forman Grill and a microwave
- 83** Nicely argue with a professor and convince them to give you a better grade
- 84** See a counselor at the Graham Health Center, even to vent about a bad grade
- 85** Attend an environmental rally on campus
- 86** Run on the golf courses through the sprinklers during the times allowed
- 87** Watch and participate in political debates
- 88** Go to events that offer free food
- 89** Head over to Varner Hall for Arts at noon
- 90** Have a Halo Tournament in the Vandenberg Lounge
- 91** Pick up a campus phone, dial a 4-digit extension and talk to a random person
- 92** Read children's books at the library in Pawley Hall
- 93** Enter to win the OUSC Parking Spot (In the small OC lot) so you don't have to worry about finding a spot for an entire month
- 94** Rollerblade around campus in the middle of the night (don't forget the flashlight)
- 95** Bring your laptop and connect to the Internet through the Wireless Grizz network
- 96** Plan a tailgating party for you and your friends, even though we don't have football
- 97** Donate blood. You get food, juice and it could save a life
- 98** Write a letter to the editor of The Oakland Post about something important to you
- 99** Get escorted to your car by an OUPD cadet if you feel unsafe
- 100** See exotic plants at the greenhouse on campus
- 101** Go to the Oakland University v. University of Michigan football game and show your black and gold spirit!
- Just kidding, we all know OU doesn't have a football team, but do support all the athletic teams OU does offer.

Save lives, make money, donate plasma

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Want to make money and save lives at the same time? Donating plasma is an easy and beneficial way to do both.

Plasma is the liquid part of your blood. It is the most versatile component of blood and contains proteins, nutrients and clotting factors that help to prevent or stop bleeding.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, plasma donations are used to help newborns, leukemia patients, burn patients and transplant or cardiovascular therapy patients.

Donations are also used in treatment of serious disorders, such as hemophilia and immune system deficiencies.

Plasma makes products to treat diseases such as tetanus, rabies, measles, rubella and Hepatitis B.

Oakland University students say that knowing plasma saves lives is a good enough reason to donate.

"It's something you should do because you want to, not just to make money," said

Junior Natalie Rehs, a health sciences major.

Senior Andy Thompson, accounting major, agrees, but also sees that money would be a reason for some to donate.

"I would probably do it for free every once in a while for someone who would need it," he said. "The money would help, but that's my reason to do it."

ZLB Plasma Services, a plasma donation center in

Oak Park, pays donors \$25 for the first donation and \$40 for the second.

Travis Patenaude, a graduate of Northern Michigan University, says he has donated around 40 times and made nearly \$200 per month.

"I did it so much because the needles

don't bother me, and the money was so good" he said.

But you can't just walk in and sign up to donate. First-time donors must be at least 18 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs., and eat a well-balanced diet and drink plenty of fluids before donating.

They also must not have had major surgery, or any body piercings or tattoos in the last year.

At the first appointment, which may take up to three

"It's something you should do because you want to, not just to make money."

Natalie Rehs

Health Sciences, Junior

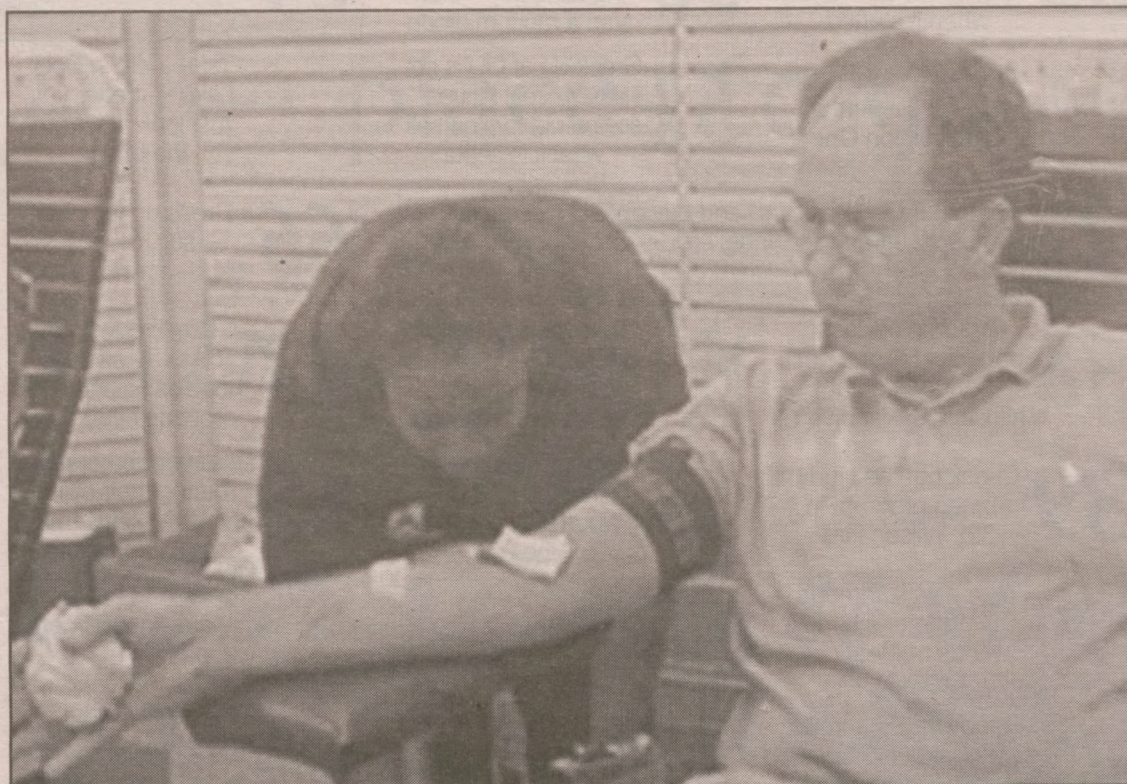


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A patient gets hooked up to start the plasmaapheresis procedure. Call (248) 584-4400 to start donating.

hours, donors must bring a valid picture ID and social security card.

The medical staff gives you a health screening and a physical examination before the procedure to determine if you are a suitable donor.

If you are deemed a suitable donor, the plasma collection process begins. According to www.zlbplasma.com, plasma is collected through plasma-pheresis.

During the 45-minute process, the donor is connected to a plasmapheresis machine.

This machine separates the plasma from other components of the blood.

These other components — red and white blood cells and platelets — are then returned to the body, while the plasma is collected.

The process alternates between collecting plasma and

replacing the other components until a predetermined amount (based on your weight) of plasma is collected.

The procedure is safe and can be repeated twice a week or 12 times per year.

So, for saving a life, you could make up to \$65 in one week.

ZLB Plasma Services is open Monday through Saturday. Call (248) 584-4400 for more information.

Unemployment rate dips to four-year low

(AP) — The nation's unemployment rate dipped to a four-year low of 4.9 percent in August as companies added 169,000 jobs, a sign that the labor market continued to gain traction before Hurricane Katrina struck.

The latest snapshot of the United States' jobs climate, released by the Labor Department on Friday, buttressed observations by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues that

the hiring situation was gradually improving — a bit of good news for workers as they headed into the Labor Day weekend.

The future of the nation's employment picture is murky — clouded by fallout from the devastating hurricane.

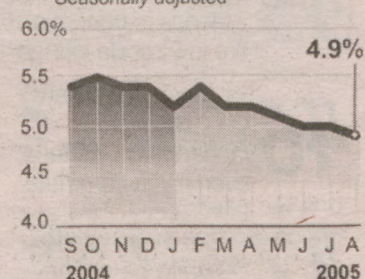
Friday's figures don't reflect the impact of Katrina because data was collected before the storm slammed into a swath of Gulf Coast communities.

The 4.9 percent unemployment rate reported for August was down a notch from July's 5 percent rate and was the lowest since August 2001.

Treasury Secretary John Snow noted this improvement, and said it showed the economy had good momentum that would enable it to withstand the economic fallout from Katrina and surging oil prices. Snow said growth would be a bit slower for a brief period of a quarter or two.

"I am confident, based on the strong economy that we have, that we will recover and recover well," he said.

Monthly unemployment rate for the past year; Seasonally adjusted



The Associated Press

Crohn's affects OU student

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
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Digestive diseases affect millions of people around the world.

Melissa Sheroski is one of the millions affected by Crohn's Disease and has been living with the illness for five and a half years.

Sheroski is a full-time student at Oakland University, president of her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta and is busy filling out applications for medical school, despite dealing with Chron's Disease

Crohn's Disease affects the digestive tract, and may involve any area of the tract from the mouth to the anus, according to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. The most commonly affected areas are the small intestine and the colon.

Symptoms of Crohn's

Disease are vomiting, fever, diarrhea, fatigue, ulcers, excessive weight loss and cramping.

Although there has been progress in the study of Crohn's, its cause has not yet been determined.

When the disease developed, Sheroski showed symptoms. She lost 50 pounds in one month, as well as experienced fatigue. She also had extreme cramping and a high fever.

Sheroski consulted her doctor and had to have weekly appointments to stay ahead of the illness.

When her doctor was unable to diagnose her, she turned to a specialist and a series of tests.

Sheroski soon learned how her life would change. She

now takes several medications daily and has a restricted diet, like many other Crohn's patients.

Sheroski is not able to eat any type of seeds, nuts, fried foods or skins on fruits or vegetables without an outbreak of the disease symptoms.

Sheroski said that the dis-

Crohn's Disease may affect any area of the digestive tract. Symptoms of the disease include:

- Fatigue
- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Ulcers
- Excessive weight loss
- Cramping
- Loss of appetite
- Tears (fissures) in the lining of the anus

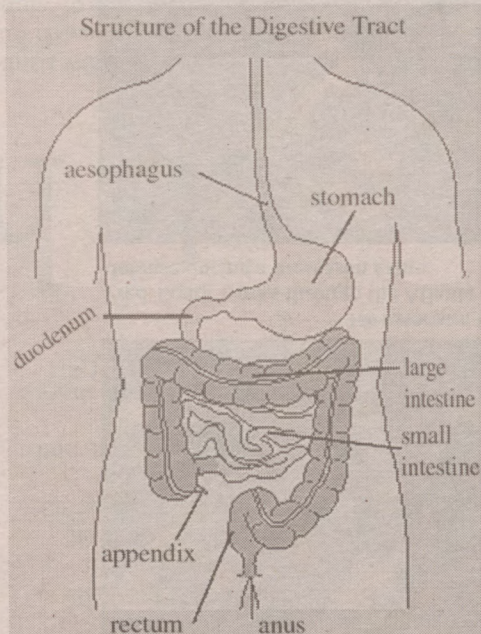


Photo courtesy of <http://www.users.bigpond.net.au>

ease takes a mental toll on the patient when diagnosed. "You start asking, 'why me,'" she said. "You get kind of down."

Now, she has found a way to live with the disease and live a healthy, productive life. "I don't let it hold me down," Sheroski said. "It's just a part of me, not all of me."

Student Health Questions Answered

Q I've had many headaches recently, what can I do to ease the pain?

A Joanne Talarek, of the Graham Health Center, said that there are many factors, such as caffeine consumption, skipping meals and not getting enough sleep, may contribute to headaches.

If a student is used to getting a certain amount of caffeine and they don't get that, a headache may be the result. If a student is consuming caffeine, cut down usage slowly.

Skipping meals or substituting meals with junk food may also play a role in some student's headaches.

If a person does not get enough sleep or if they are not getting restful sleep a headache may occur. Always get a full nights sleep to limit headaches.

-Compiled by Kelly L. Reynolds

If you have a health question that you would like answered, e-mail us at moneyhealth@oakpostonline.com

Health Tip: The National Sleep Foundation has found that 63 percent of college students don't get enough sleep. Get eight hours a night to feel rested each morning.

Redheads at higher risk for skin cancer

(AP) — Redheads sunburn easily, but that may not be the only reason they are at high risk of skin cancer.

New research suggests the pigment that colors their skin may set them up for cancer-spurring sun damage even if they do not burn.

More than 1 million Americans develop some form of skin cancer each year. Among those most at risk are people with light skin, hair and eyes, a combination frequent in redheads. They are particularly prone to sunburns, a risk factor for anyone.

Scientists long have wondered if

something else plays a role in redheads' high risk. One theory focuses on melanin, the skin pigment that darkens with sun exposure to provide either a tan or freckles. People with red hair have a chemically different type of melanin than people with dark hair.

Duke University researchers reported the first direct evidence that those melanin differences indeed may be a culprit. It turns out that redheads' melanin is more vulnerable to a type of DNA-damaging stress from the sun's ultraviolet

rays.

To study the question, Duke chemistry professor John Simon turned to hair. It is very difficult to gather melanin from human skin, but the pigment is the same in hair. He bought naturally red and black hair from wig makers and, for a broader sample, offered to pay for red-haired Duke students' haircuts in return for the clippings.

Using a special laser and microscope, Simon analyzed how the pigments reacted as they absorbed either ultraviolet B rays associated

with sunburn, or ultraviolet A rays, which can penetrate and damage skin even without a burn.

Both UVA and UVB light caused a photochemical reaction with the redheads' pigment, called pheomelanin. The reaction creates oxidative stress, where oxygen molecules called free radicals are formed that damage DNA and cells in ways that, over time, can accumulate to spur cancer.

Only UVB light caused that reaction with the pigment from black hair, called eumelanin, Simon reported.

THE SPORTS Slate



by **Dave Pemberton**

Go into any store that sells magazines, look into the sports section, and you will be bombarded with fantasy football magazines.

Anybody who takes fantasy football seriously knows it's important to study for your draft, but which magazine do you buy? Who are all these "experts?" Who should you pick in the first round?

All valid questions, but sorry, I don't have the answers. I just have a column to fill, and with that in mind, I decided to make myself a fantasy football expert.

I figure if I make some predictions, and, I'm right maybe I'll get my own magazine. And, if I'm wrong, I doubt anybody will remember. So, here goes nothing.

Player you wish you would have drafted

LaMont Jordan, RB, Raiders. Everyone keeps talking about Kerry Collins and how he will benefit from Randy Moss and the rest of the Raiders receiving core, but I think Jordan will be the star people wish they had known about. Jordan is finally out of the shadow of Curtis Martin, and with the Raiders offense, I can see him reaching 13-15 touchdowns this season.

Honorable mentions: Charles Rogers, WR, Lions; Larry Johnson, RB, Chiefs; Mike Anderson, RB, Broncos.

Player you wish you wouldn't have drafted

Priest Holmes, RB, Chiefs. Nobody can deny this guy has talent, but ask any former Holmes owner and they will tell you the guy was nowhere to be found come the fantasy playoffs. The main reason I picked Holmes as the player you wish you wouldn't have drafted is because I've seen him drafted as high as number two. Sorry, but I just can't risk my whole season on Holmes staying healthy. If you did draft him, then I hope you grabbed Larry Johnson later in the draft as insurance.

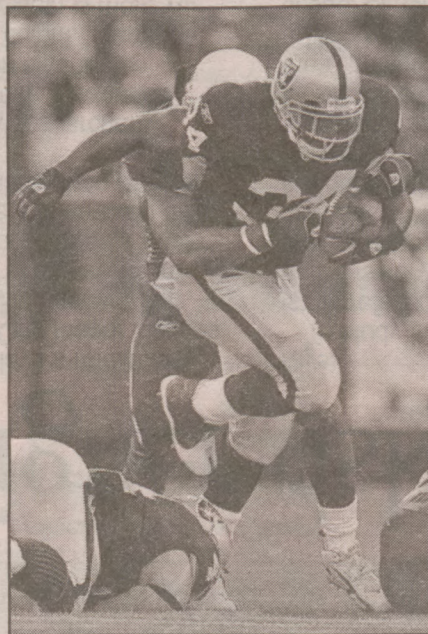
Unhonorable mentions: Fred Taylor, RB, Jaguars; Michael Bennett, RB, Vikings; Reggie Wayne, WR, Colts.

Rookie who will have a breakout fantasy season

Carnell Williams, RB, Buccaneers. During the summer I would have said Cedric Benson, but the guy got greedy and didn't sign a contract until last week. Benson will come around at the end of the season, but Williams will have the better season. Tampa Bay released Charlie Garner, which shows they have faith in Williams. Michael Pittman will steal some carries from the rookie, but Williams will get the all important goal line carries.

Honorable mentions: Cedric Benson, RB, Bears; Braylon Edwards, WR, Browns; Ronnie Brown, RB, Dolphins.

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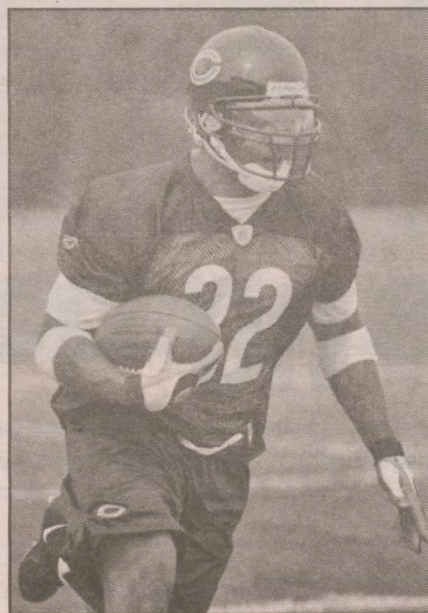
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Lamont Jordan carries the ball against Arizona in preseason action.



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Fred Taylor works through the Atlanta defense during a preseason game.



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Cedric Benson gets some reps in camp.

SPORTS SHORTS

Men's soccer falls at Matador Invite

The Grizzlies lost to San Diego 3-1 despite scoring first. Freshmen Ben Gearhart gave OU the lead in the first half after taking advantage of a loose ball in front of San Diego's net. OU led 1-0 at the break behind six saves from goalkeeper Jeff Wiese. San Diego took control of the game in the second half with three goals in a seven-minute span. The Grizzlies couldn't find an answer for Cal State-Northridge's Willie Sims in a 4-0 loss in the first game of the Second Annual Matador Soccer Invitational. Sims scored two goals for the Matadors. Jim Denk and Chris Edwards each had three shots for OU. The Grizzlies head to Wisconsin to face UW-Milwaukee on Friday.

Volleyball picks up first win at Akron

The Grizzlies went 1-2 at the Hilton Invitational, which was hosted by Akron. OU fell to West Virginia, 3-0, (30-25, 30-25, 30-28) in its first game of the Invitational. Freshman Adrienne Leone had a career-high 15 kills in the loss. The Grizzlies then fell to the host Zips, 3-0, (30-25, 30-28, 30-25). Junior Heather Lippert led OU with 14 kills and Leone added 10 kills. In their final match of the Invitational, the Grizzlies picked up their first win of the season by defeating Elon University, 3-1, (18-30, 30-26, 30-17, 30-17). Lippert once again led OU with 15 kills, Leone added 11 kills and senior Becca Moller had 38 assists. The Grizzlies head to Peoria, Ill. this weekend to take part in the Radisson Hotel Invitational. The results of Tuesday's match against Central Michigan were unavailable at press time.

Coach Putnam picks baseball staff

First year OU baseball coach Dylan Putnam named his assistant coaches for the 2006 season. John Musachio and Chris Ogden will be Putnam's assistants and Ty Herriott will join Putnam as a volunteer assistant. Musachio, like Putnam, comes over from Michigan State. Ogden was the bench coach for Wayne State last season. "I am very excited about the staff we were able to bring to the OU baseball program," Putnam said in a press release. "John Musachio and Chris Ogden bring with them immense experience both as high level players and as coaches. They are tireless workers who have the necessary passion and ability for coaching and developing student-athletes that is going to help grow OU baseball into one of the premier programs in Division I." Herriott joins the OU coaching staff after a stellar career at OU. Herriott owns nearly every offensive career record at OU including home runs, RBI, total bases and walks. The baseball team will hold team tryouts on Monday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. on the OU baseball field. Attendees should have all of their own equipment. For more information, contact Musachio at 248-370-4059.

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Information compiled from various news sources.

Players lose more than family homes

Saints march on, despite tragedy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The New Orleans Saints understand that the NFL wants to consider every option for the team's home field this season since Hurricane Katrina ruined the Superdome.

In turn, the Saints hope the league understands how badly they want to play at LSU's Tiger Stadium.

From General Manager Mickey Loomis to coach Jim Haslett to star receiver Joe Horn, the entire organization seems to be lobbying to play about 75 miles from New Orleans in Baton Rouge, La.

"If we can uplift anyone, obviously that's worthwhile to us," Loomis said Sunday. "We're representatives of the people of Louisiana and the people of New Orleans."

Other options are the Alamodome in San Antonio, where the team is living and practicing, or playing all 16 games on the road.

"I hope they keep the games as close as possible," Horn said. "For us to play, having to play, if someone could come and support us near where we were, it would be good."

The team has moved its day-to-day operations to San Antonio. They were to begin practicing in the area Monday, with Loomis saying that's going to be the case all season, regardless of where they end up playing their home games.

Loomis, Haslett and Horn all said using the Alamodome would be better than playing all 16 games on the road. The Saints already are down for nine road games as their home opener has been moved to Giants Stadium, home of their foe, the New York Giants.

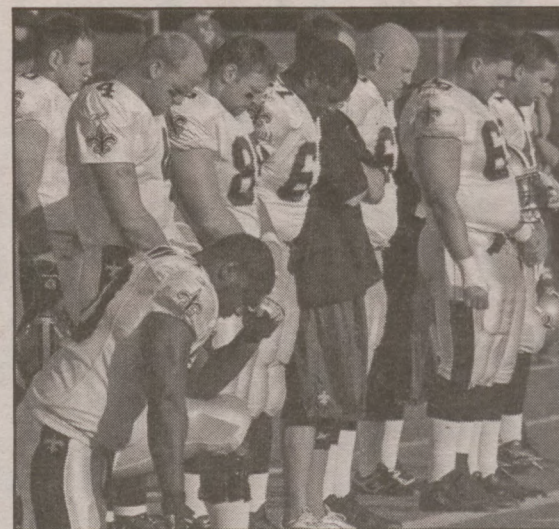
Haslett said NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue "put us behind the eight ball" with that decision.

The Saints open Sunday at Carolina, then play at Giants Stadium on a date to be announced. Their third game is at Minnesota, so the first game still in flux is Oct. 2 against Buffalo.

Club officials and players are living in a hotel across the interstate from the Alamodome and will be practicing at the San Antonio Independent School District's Spring Sports Complex, which was upgraded several years ago when the Dallas Cowboys trained in the city. The Saints practiced there last year while taking refuge from another hurricane.

Everyone involved in the organization, and their families, fled New Orleans a few days before Katrina hit. It was evident soon after the storm that the Superdome wouldn't be available for this season, and likely many more.

Tiger Stadium holds almost 92,000, although there might be issues of whether the turf can handle LSU



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Saints players stand in prayer before a team practice.

games on Saturdays and Saints games on Sundays.

The Alamodome is about 540 miles from the Superdome, making it more difficult for fans to reach. However, Texas is now filled with roughly 250,000 Louisiana refugees, including about 25,000 in San Antonio at Kelly USA, a former military base.

Several coaches and players visited Kelly on Sunday. Loomis said the first person their caravan came across was a former team employee whose son now works for the organization. The man was taken back to the team hotel, where he was to be reunited with his son. Their names were not immediately released.

The Alamodome seats about 60,000 for football and has only a few dozen of the moneymaking luxury suites teams crave, part of the reason the nation's eighth-largest city has never been a serious candidate for getting a team via expansion or relocation.

Loomis also announced that the team is creating a relief fund for the hurricane victims.

"We are still the New Orleans Saints," Loomis said. "Our commitment to our city is stronger than ever. We want to be on the forefront of rebuilding our city. We'll play this season with the same toughness and resiliency of the people of New Orleans."

Cross country sets high goals

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

The Golden Grizzlies' cross country season kicked off at the Grizzly Invitational last Saturday at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills. But the real running won't begin until Sept. 9 at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

"We kind of treat it (Grizzly Invitational) like a warm-up," head coach Paul Rice said.

Preseason polls predicted that the men's team would finish second in the Mid-Continent conference this sea-

son, while the women's runners were selected to finish fifth.

Rice is assuming a great finish for both teams this season, "I fully expect us to be first or second in the conference on both sides (men's and women's) this year," Rice said.

It's easy to understand Rice's enthusiasm.

Experienced and talented returnees lead both teams.

The women's team will have senior Melissa Nasers back, who was red-shirted last season.

"She's been dealing with

injuries and illnesses the last few years, so she's finally healthy and 100 percent now."

Rice said the time away did her well, and it also did the rest of the group well: "We have a real tight pack up top on the women's (team) that are running with Melissa."

Rice is pleased by the amount of runners he has this season — 18 women and 22 men. He credits the increase to a good recruiting year.

Adam Frezza is back for his senior season, and so far he has been impressive.

But Rice said that there are

a few runners who are trying to catch him. "We've got a couple of young guys who are trying to challenge Adam up top. He's not an easy guy to challenge, but they're working real hard to stay with him. The whole team will be better off for that."

On the men's team, Rice pointed out that over half of the roster is freshmen with other first year and transfer runners who will be important in helping the team be successful.

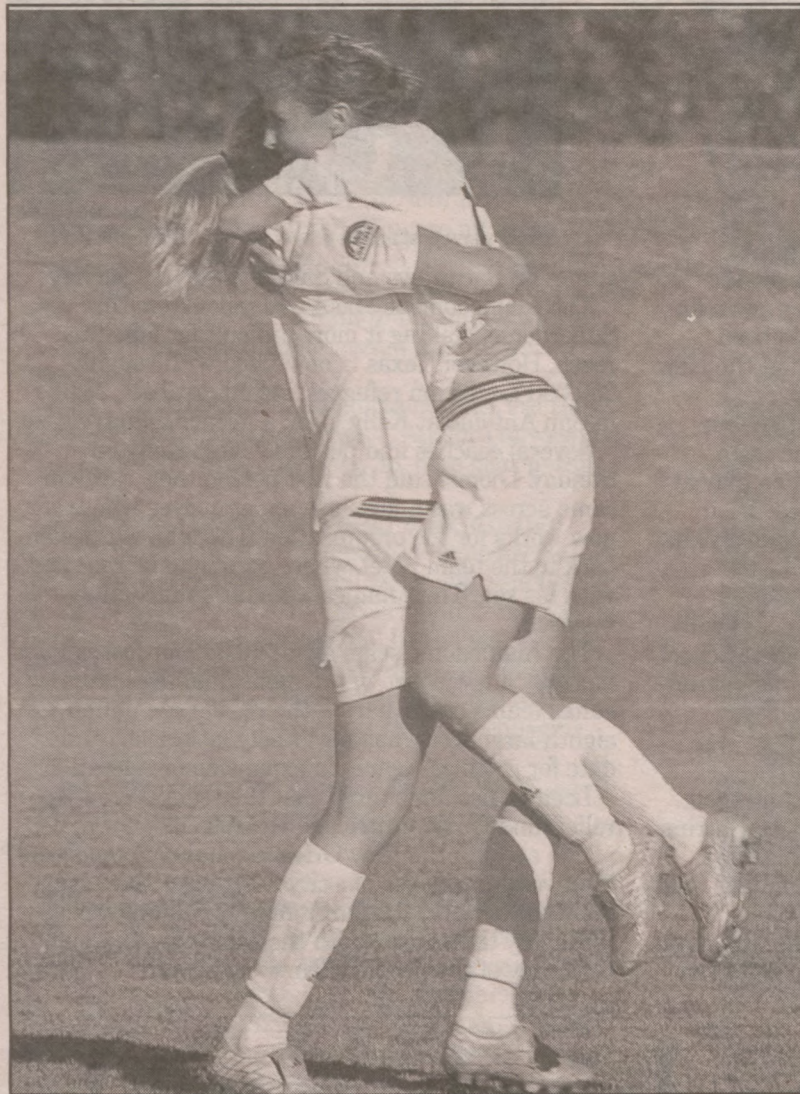
Sophomore Jason Young, a transfer from Western State

college of Colorado has trained hard. Rice also said freshman Kenny Wassus looked "really strong" at this point.

After the tune-up last weekend, the Grizzlies' road trip to Valparaiso may foreshadow things to come. Rice said that the event holds a few benefits for his squad because they get to run on the same course that will be used for the Mid-Con championships in late October.

"They (Valparaiso) were ranked ahead of us in the pre-season poll, so it would be nice to make a statement early on in the season," Rice said.

From Norway to OU, journey pays off



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Above: Marianne Samdal (right) hugs teammate Kristi Swaving (left) after Swaving scored the winning goal in a dramatic 1-0 victory over Western Michigan University on Sep 2.

Below: Swaving scores with less than two minutes left in the game after beating Broncos' goalkeeper Kate Perz.

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By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Marianne Samdal and the Oakland University women's soccer team have begun their 2005 season on a tear.

The Grizzlies are 3-0-0, and Samdal has already tallied three goals (two game-winners) and two assists.

The junior forward from Norway — who last week earned the Mid-Continent Conference's Player of the Week honors for the second time in her career at OU — credits the hard work of her teammates for the success.

"Our team is doing better than last year," Samdal said. "People are working very hard, our returning players are working well together, and we have great recruits this year."

It was only three years ago that Samdal herself was recruited by OU.

She was playing club soccer in her hometown of Trondheim, the fourth largest city in Norway.

After the game, one of

OU's former assistant soccer coaches, who was attending the game to recruit another player, approached Samdal about coming to OU.

Having already planned on attending the University of Trondheim, Samdal declined but kept in contact with the coach.

One year later, she decided to give OU a try.

As a freshman in 2003, Samdal led the team in points with 11 goals and three assists and was named first team all Mid-Con.

Since she had played soccer almost her entire life — first with her brother at home until she joined a team at age seven, and then for junior and senior club teams — adjusting to the game in America was the least of her difficulties.

"Soccer is very much the same here, but it is more focused on doing actual fitness work," Samdal said.

However, certain things were difficult, even on the soccer field.

"It was hard to adjust to everyone speaking English so fast," Samdal said, who

had studied some English in school since age 12. "I could understand it well, but I did not feel comfortable talking on the field until late in the season my first year."

Still, being on a team that had other international players on it made the adjustment easier for her. "It would have been so much harder if I didn't have a team," Samdal said. "They are my closest friends. We are like a bunch of sisters."

Samdal plans to graduate in December with a communications degree and wants to start her master's degree in January so she can continue playing soccer at OU.

Going home is still an option. "I have a mother in Norway who wants me home," Samdal said.

But, whatever the future brings, her team's goals for the season are most important right now.

"Our goals are to do better than last year and to make the NCAA tournament," Samdal said.

So far, she has her team on the right track — a possible NCAA tournament track.

Grizzlies outlast Broncos

By JAKE SHARFMAN
The Oakland Post

The Oakland University women's soccer team remains undefeated after beating Western Michigan 1-0 in a defensive battle.

Senior Kristi Swaving scored the game winning goal with 1:22 left in regulation with an assist from junior Marianne Samdal.

Swaving and Samdal each have three goals in the first three games.

The Golden Grizzlies' defense has allowed just one goal in the first three games of the season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Howard recorded her second shutout of the season and has been a big part of the defensive success.

"Our defense is confident in Jessica (Howard), we can be more aggressive, and it's paying off," said head coach Nick O'Shea.

The Grizzlies out shot the Broncos 5-1 in the first half,

but couldn't break the 0-0 tie.

Overall, OU had 11 shots, including seven on goal.

OU will take its undefeated record on the road to Evanston, Ill. to take part in the Northwestern tournament where they will face host Northwestern on Sept. 9 and Kent State two days later.

Following Northwestern, the Grizzlies will head west to Los Angeles for the Loyola Marymount Tournament.