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STAFF EDITORIAL

New Wilson security may send the wrong message

For over half a century, students and faculty have taken advantage of the open nature of Oakland University. We're accustomed to walking down the hallways of any building and visiting professors in their offices.

But since the first week of July, there's one hallway in Wilson Hall that is off limits, blocked off by an electronically locked glass door. It's the hallway that holds the offices of OU's president, senior vice president and provost, general counsel, diversity and compliance officer, and vice president for finance and administration.

To gain admittance, you have to swipe an OU Spirit Card and punch in the correct password on the electronic keypad, or press a buzzer and ask to be let in. Prospective visitors, watched through a closed circuit television camera, are asked if they have an appointment. According to the news website insidehighered.com, OU spokesperson Michelle Moser said that there is no policy in place that denies admission to those without appointments and that staff members are asked to "use their own discretion in admitting unscheduled visitors," but would not give any more details about the admittance process for safety reasons.

OUPD told The Oakland Post there were two "very significant" threats a few years ago that "targeted named executives that work in Wilson Hall," but at the time the decision for this security upgrade was made, there was no imminent threat. OUPD also said that these upgrades are unrelated to the threatening graffiti messages that prompted the shutdown of the school for two days in April.

OUPD Chief Sam Lucido said the security measures in Wilson Hall were undertaken as part of a broader campaign to increase safety on campus, a campaign that includes the text message/voice alert notification system, OUPD's new ability to receive text messages, and limiting access to the residence floors in the student dorms by electronic card reader access.

If increasing the safety was the reasoning and the threats directed specifically toward these executives in Wilson Hall were imminent, these measures would not be objectionable. However, since the threats are no longer imminent, it begs the question: Why now? Why at all?

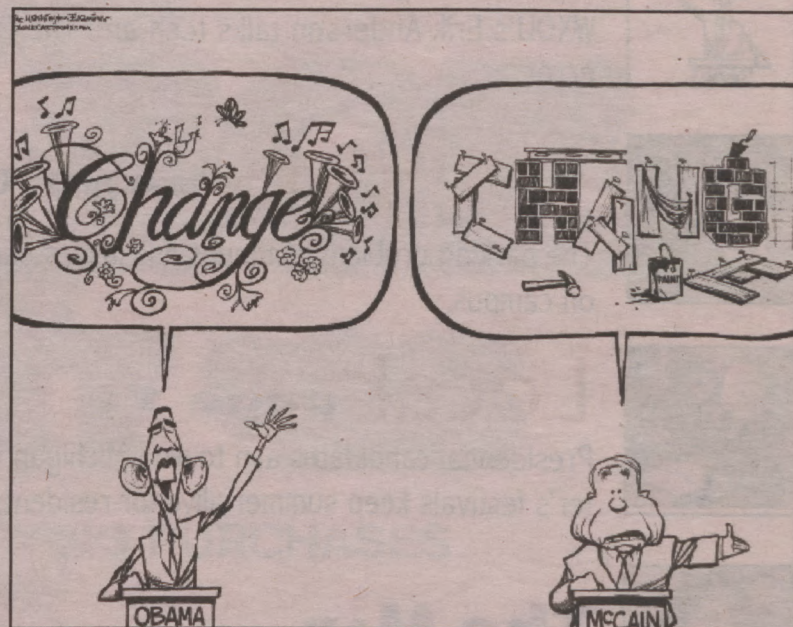
Every day that we come to this university and participate in this open society, we put ourselves at risk no matter who we are: student, faculty or a top administrative executive. It's a risk that we all willingly take because we have a lot to gain from it, both academically and socially.

Whatever the purpose was for installing these security upgrades, it creates a climate of fear for the student body. Despite positive messages from OUPD and others to the contrary, the inadvertent message received by many is simple: We as members of the OU community are not as safe as we think.

Most likely, the OU community will get used to this somewhat cumbersome process if they want to be permitted to see the top OU administrators. Just as we've gotten used to other inconveniences in the name of security, we'll get used to this one as well. Besides, for a big part of the OU community, access to these administrators was limited even before the newest security upgrades.

Whether or not this security upgrade was justified, it's too late to change it. It's done. The money spent cannot be unspent and this hallway security system will limit who gets to visit the offices of OU's top administrators.

However, events like this can serve as a cautionary tale and give us a glimpse of what the future may hold. If we do not pause and ponder about the ramifications of this particular event, we may not be able to stop similar but more worrisome events from taking place. Once a wheel is set in motion, it's hard sometimes to stop the momentum.



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In "Med school declares dean, vision" on page 8 of the August 28 issue, Kenneth Matzick was incorrectly quoted. His quote should have read: "This new medical school will help solve the predicted shortage of physicians in Michigan and attract renowned educators and researchers to the region."

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Google releases beta version of new web browser

Guest Column

Erik Anderson

WXOU

Program Director



Hello there! This column will be used to tell you, the Oakland University community, about all of the latest and greatest happenings in the world of technology. We'll also discuss your technology problems and attempt to troubleshoot some basic problems that you might have when it comes to using technology.

ABOUT ME

First, I'm a Junior at OU, I'm single, like walks on the beach, candlelit dinners, and long talks about technology. On a more serious note, I've hosted "Best Tech" for Student Video Productions/OUTV for over a year, and I'm the producer for the Internet Advisor Show which airs on News/Talk 760 AM WJR in Detroit on Saturdays.

I love messing around with technology and telling people about latest technology news. This is the perfect way for me to share that information with you.

Now that you have a better idea about who I am and why I'm writing for you, let's get started with the tech stuff for this week.

GOOGLE RELEASES CHROME BROWSER BETA

Last week, internet search giant Google released a free alternative web browser to Microsoft's Internet Explorer. The browser compliments Google's suite of free web based applications that are designed to replace some of the pricier applications from Microsoft and other software makers for your Mac or PC.

CHROME FEATURES

- Address Bar / Google Search – Type in part of the web address you're trying to visit such as "maps" and Chrome will attempt to guess what website you are trying to find such as maps.google.com.
- Tabbed Browsing – Every web browser that I can think of, has this. Tabbed browsing allows you to open and use multiple web pages in a single web browser window.
- Easy Bookmarking – Click on the "star" icon to bookmark whatever website you're currently viewing.
- Thumbnails – Chrome will take thumbnails of recent websites you have visited and then bookmark them on your homepage with small pictures of the sites.
- Shortcuts – Chrome lists links to some of Google's

more popular web applications.

■ Incognito Mode – Have you ever worked on planning a secret party, or surfed the web in class but didn't want your unsuspecting party recipient or professor to see what you were working on? Now thanks to Google's browser you can view and hide whatever you're working on in the browser window. This is a very cool feature to have in my opinion.

■ Security Notifications – If you're currently viewing a secure website, a "lock" icon will be displayed in the browser window. If the site you're viewing is not secure, a "!" icon will be displayed in the browser window.

Overall, the web browser is fairly basic and has a limited amount of features, but it's definitely worth taking a look at if you dislike using Internet Explorer. Since this is a Beta version of the browser, you can bet that there will be many new features added to this simple stripped down version of a web browser.

■ System Requirements / Cost / Download Instructions: PC Computer (Mac and Linux versions are being developed but not released yet). Windows Vista or Windows XP with Service Pack 2. To download your free copy of Chrome, visit www.google.com/chrome.

—Erik Anderson hosts "Best Tech" throughout the month on OUTV. He can also be heard Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on WXOU Radio (wxou.org). Contact him at ebanders@oakland.edu.

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Letter to The Oakland Post

Dear Editor(s):

[College of Arts and Sciences] Dean Sudol has just inaugurated a new writing major. It is extremely unfortunate, therefore, that on p. 5 of the 29 August '08 issue of the Post the following headline is found: "Media lost it's focus."

Evidently the fact that "it's" means "it is," and "its" is a possessive that should have been used in this sentence, has escaped you.

Please do not make our job more difficult as we try to improve students' writing skills.

R. C. Finucane
Fellow, Royal Historical Society
University Distinguished Professor
Department of History

Like Professor Finucane, avid readers of The Oakland Post likely caught our egregious and glaring grammatical error in the last issue of our newspaper. It is with egg on our faces that we apologize for printing such an elementary mistake, on our Editorial page no less. Those disappointed by this error can take heart in the fact that our editorial staff will be sentenced to five months of fourth grade English class.

Concern voiced over Wilson security

By PAUL GULLY
Special Projects Editor

The security system installed in Wilson Hall this summer, restricting access to the offices of top-level Oakland University administration, including the Office of the President, has not been well received by some students and faculty on campus.

The system has elicited criticism from OU's Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, who, in an open letter to faculty, urged them to "carry out all face-to-face contacts with senior administrators in faculty offices or conference rooms located in the 'open' university."

However, according to Ted Montgomery, OU's media relations director, much is being made out of a "non-issue."

Both Montgomery and OU Police Chief Sam Lucido said that the added security for the second-floor hallway was implemented as part of security upgrades that have been in the works for the past few years.

According to Montgomery, a security consultant was brought in prior to 2002, and analyzed several areas of the university. The consultant determined that some upgrading needed to be done and that compared to other universities the security in Wilson Hall was relatively lax, according to Montgomery.

Since 2002 OUPD twice advised the administration to install added security measures, according to Lucido. The advice seemed especially prudent in the wake of several threats Lucido says were made against named Wilson Hall executives during the "past several years" — two of which were deemed "very significant."

However, at the time of this summer's upgrade, neither threat was imminent, according to Mel Gilroy, an OUPD lieutenant.

According to Lucido, the installation of the system "should not be looked at in isolation."

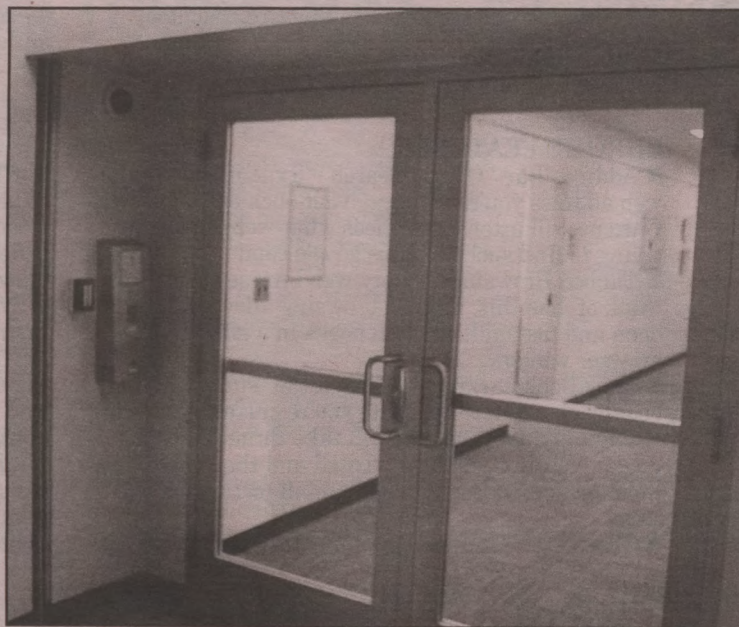
"We have done massive security upgrades in the last two or three years," he said. "This project is part of an overall, extensive security upgrade across campus."

Lucido cited several security advancements, including text message alerts, new evacuation procedures, approximately 70 new security cameras, upgraded alarm systems, and planned security additions in the student apartments and dorms, that have been implemented in the past few years.

MIXED MESSAGES

In an open letter sent to OU's faculty sent via email, the AAUP took issue with a system that "effectively isolates the Office of the President, Senior Vice President and Provost, General Counsel, among others, from the university."

Among the issues addressed by the AAUP were the facts that faculty were not made aware of the system's installation, and that the added measures "completely change" the culture at OU.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
The new security upgrade in Wilson Hall has been most vocally criticized by OU's Chapter of the AAUP. Photo Editor and photographer for The Oakland Post, Dustin Alexander, was briefly questioned by OUPD after taking photos like this one.

"Universities should epitomize the highest traits of an open and free society with respect to unfettered forums for discussions of ideas, respectful interactions between all groups comprising modern American society," Joel Russell, the president of OU's chapter of the AAUP, wrote in the letter.

Sharon Howell, Chair of OU's communication and journalism programs, whose office is located above the restricted hallway, shares a similar opinion.

"This is sending the wrong message about our educational atmosphere. I think it's sad that we have this level of security on a college campus, particularly at OU, a small university that prides itself on being a small, safe, open campus," Howell said.

"I'm right above [OU President Gary Russi] and my door is open all the time," she added.

Her sentiments echoed those in Russell's letter.

"Universities cannot respond to isolated acts of violence or even terrorism by denying such free access and becoming examples of closed societies. Universities should remain symbols of a free society," he wrote.

Responding to the AAUP's claim that the university did not notify faculty of the system's installation, Montgomery said that it was "previewed in a web story" posted on OU's website in May.

"There was a web story on May 16 posted before the work even began," said Montgomery. "If we were trying to do this in secret, we wouldn't have posted a web story about it."

The story Montgomery referred to was posted under the headline "Summer construction projects begin around campus." A sentence in the story referenced a security enhancement that was to take place in the "east wing of the ground floor of Wilson Hall, which

houses the university's chief administrative offices and official university records and documents."

Faculty was not notified with an e-mail or press release.

But Montgomery maintains that the "notion that the [administration] is trying to pull something over on somebody is just absurd." He also said that the added security measures done in Wilson were installed to make sure that "someone just doesn't burst in" to the hallway while administrators are in their offices doing work.

Lucido reiterated that the measures taken were done as part of a plan to upgrade security on the entire campus.

"We're trying to upgrade everything and trying to protect people as much as possible. Unfortunately, it's the day in age we live in. We have to focus more on safety and security than we've ever had to in the past."

SHUT OUT

Regardless of the administration's or OUPD's intentions, there have been several incidents since the system's installation.

Heather Koontz, a student employee in the health sciences department was not stranger to the offices in the hall. So when Koontz was sent to the Provost's Office this summer, it came as

a bit of a surprise that access to the hallway had been restricted.

"It was news to me," said the senior economics major. "Actually, I was kind of shocked."

According to the AAUP, a similar incident occurred with Elizabeth Barclay, an OU professor and grievance officer of the AAUP. According to the AAUP, Barclay was not permitted access to deliver a formal complaint to the senior vice president (about a matter separate from the security system).

Montgomery did say that, as he understood the situation, there was a minor problem when a member in the Provost's Office did not initially recognize Barclay. However, Montgomery said that the situation was quickly rectified and that Barclay was permitted in and the grievance was delivered that same day.

And after shooting photos of the security system for this story, Dustin Alexander, The Oakland Post's photo editor was stopped by OUPD officers and questioned. Officers also asked to review his photos. Alexander complied and after officers checked his identification, he was allowed to leave.

The issue has been covered by InsideHigherEd.com in an article entitled "Don't Think of Dropping In on Your President." The article, which addressed issues at OU, garnered feedback and comments from around the country. You can view the article at www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/09/09/oakland.

While the AAUP has not filed an official grievance over the issue, Russell did say that he planned on bringing up the issue at the state AAUP meeting that is to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 to find out if other universities are implementing similar systems.

Rare disease kills deer on campus links

By SEAN GARNER
Campus Editor

It was one rough summer for deer in the greater Detroit area, including the three found dead on Oakland University's Katke Collins Golf Course.

After an outbreak of the rare Episodic Hemorrhagic Disease, many deer in Oakland and Macomb counties began to exhibit strange behavior such as constant stumbling, frothing at the mouth and acting oblivious to the presence of humans.

The issue was serious enough that the Rochester Hills Parks and Forestry Department issued a warning to the Oakland University Police Department concerning a "deer die-off," who then relayed the message to the students via a notice on the OU website.

The deer deaths were not simply restricted to OU. Mike Hartner, the head of the Rochester Hills Parks and Forestry Department, said over a dozen deaths have been reported at Rochester Hills' Bloomer Park.

Hartner said many of the deer, who likely contracted the disease from the high number of gnats around this summer, have displayed several uncharacteristic behavioral traits, including a couple deer who were found leaning up against houses.

Deer infected with EHD typically develop high fevers and severely dried mouths, which leads them to gravitate towards water.

"One of the telltale signs for this disease is that you find dead deer in the river," Hartner said. "That was one of the things that alerted

us to the problem in the first place. Canoers and kayakers were finding a number of dead deer in the Clinton River."

Dr. Tom Cooley, a wildlife biologist at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, estimated that approximately 50 to 75 deer have died in Oakland and Macomb counties because of the disease.

According to Cooley, die-off due to EHD has only occurred four times since 1954, with one outbreak occurring in Allegan County in 2006.

Cooley says that when EHD does strike a community it is not likely to spread very far.

"What usually happens is what we've got, which is a lot of deer dying in a relatively small locale," Cooley said. "Usually when we hear about a large number of deer dying around a certain body of water this is the first thing we suspect."

According to OUPD Lt. Mel Gilroy, the last report of a dead deer on campus came just days before classes began.

The notice issued by the OUPD advised students not to approach deer acting bizarrely, and also to notify police if they make such a sighting.

"Just stay away from the animals," Gilroy warns. "These deer are not out attacking people. They're just sick. There is no indication they are any risk to people whatsoever."

According to Cooley, not only are humans not under any threat of physical attack from infected deer, but they also cannot contract the disease and neither can their pets.

"Really the only animal that could be affected by it are cattle," Cooley said. "Dogs and cats are immune, as are people. Even in cattle, the risk is probably quite low."



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post file photo
The extremely rare Episodic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) has made the sight of spry, healthy deer like the one pictured above, a less frequent sight on campus.

Proposing a roast



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Sigma Pi hosted their 14th annual Pig Roast at the Upper Fields on Sept. 5. "[The Pig Roast] is great because it's the first greek event of the year on campus ... and a good way to get the word out about formal recruiting," said Sigma Pi member, Katie Wolf.

POLICEFILES

On Sept. 2, the Oakland University Police Department on patrol were flagged down by a resident from married student housing. A mother informed OUPD that her child and the child's friend had run off toward the University Student Apartments and had not returned. Police safely located the two by the volleyball courts.

OUPD picked up a Chartwells cafeteria employee Sept. 3 on three outstanding warrants, while investigating a larceny from the Vandenberg cafeteria. The suspect was released to the Southfield Police Department, since one of the warrants

stemmed from a misdemeanor charge in that city.

On Sept. 4, OUPD responded to an incident at the Hill House. A student was observed sitting on the catwalk surrounded by several other students. Once police brought her back inside, the student admitted to wishing to commit suicide.

On Sept. 6, students at a 6000 USA apartment were cited for marijuana use after police responded to a suspicious odor complaint. Police also confiscated drug paraphernalia that included a package labeled "Bluntzilla Superblunt."



BEN LEMON/The Oakland Post

OU students came together to celebrate the new year at the Grizz Gang Jumpin' Jamboree last Thursday. The event featured free games like sumo wrestling (left) and a dunk tank (above).

Are you ready for this?

The Grizz Gang gear up for another year of OU sports



BEN LEMON/The Oakland Post

The Grizz Gang Jamboree also featured giveaways, food and beverages. The OU Spirit Squad was happy with the student response.

By SHELLY LATSHAW
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Spirit Squad enjoyed a successful turnout with the Grizz Gang Jumpin' Jamboree, held last Thursday in Hamlin Circle.

The 2008-09 kickoff event gave students interested in supporting OU athletics an opportunity to meet and greet OU athletic team players, coaches and administrators.

Expecting nearly 500 students to attend the event, OU Spirit Squad Vice President Jessica Hinman was ultimately pleased with the response.

"This is the first event of the year to get students, especially those that don't live on campus, out here," Hinman said, "so far, we are having a good turnout."

OU team athletes and coaches signed posters and the new Grizz Gang T-shirts and student passports were given out. Students enjoyed free games, giveaways, food and beverages.

OU sophomore Vuk Popovic, defense for the men's soccer team, was one of many OU athletes in attendance.

"I think this is a great way to gather people," Popovic said, "and to get them to know the players in person besides just in classes."



BEN LEMON/The Oakland Post

As the Jamboree kicked off the new year of OU athletics, men's basketball coach Greg Kampe joined in on the fun.

SPB welcomes Grammy nominee

By **WENDELL SMILEY**
Staff Intern

Oakland University's Student Programming Board could have brought bigger names to campus, but the chance to experiment with a new sound and feel was too good to pass up.

The Student Programming Board is bringing R&B vocalist Raheem DeVaughn to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on campus Friday, September 12, at 7 p.m.

Junior Sean Dunlap, business major, from SPB has been coordinating the DeVaughn event and hopes for a sold out show.

"We worked with a middle agent who provided a list of names that included Jordan Sparks and Rihanna," Dunlap said. "We wanted to go with a new sound for Oakland, a mature jazz feel."

Raheem DeVaughn is a critically renowned up-and-coming artist who was nominated in 2008 for a Grammy for his hit single "Woman."

DeVaughn also won the Black Entertainment Television J Music

award, given for excellence in R&B, Soul and Jazz. He won the honor over such established artist as Jill Scott and Chaka Khan. The station also labeled DeVaughn as "one of music's most promising newcomers."

DeVaughn is presently enjoying the success of his latest single "Customer" which peaked at number 12 on the Billboard R&B chart.

Junior Jason Threlkeld, business major, is proud that OU is showcasing another side of popular music that focuses less on being sexually explicit and more on soulful music.

"I saw DeVaughn on 106 & Park he had beautiful music and he had painters painting pictures with unique music," Threlkeld said. "That stood out to me."

Threlkeld is happy OU is responding with such inspirational acts.

"A lot of students on campus like his music," Threlkeld said. "They are listening to what we say and are tuned into student's interest."

Tareva Saunders, a junior majoring in Occupational Studies, is waiting in eager in anticipation for DeVaughn's concert.

"This concert gives students a treat and is something to do," Saunders said. "It helps with the balance for academics and social life."

Dunlap is excited about experimenting with a new atmosphere. Plans are for the event to have a stage set up with a spotlight and a cotton club jazz feel.

"There will be cocktail tables with light

appetizers," Dunlap said. "We are hoping for positive feedback on the different sounds."

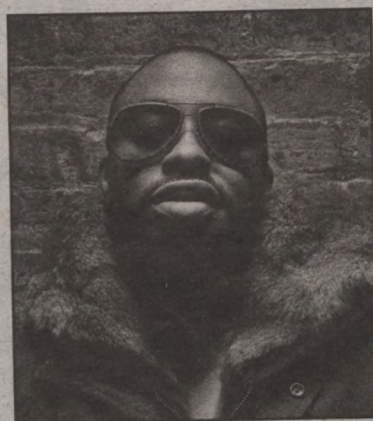
DeVaughn's sophomore album, "Love Behind the Melody," was released in January 2008. The album hit number five on the Billboard top 200.

DeVaughn is signed to major recording label Jive, the label of Britney Spears and R. Kelly. His sophomore album has sold over 250,000 copies since its release in early 2008.

"Love Behind the Melody" has several guest star appearances such as recording artist Big Boi, one half of hip-hop powerhouse Outkast, Geffen recording artist Floetry, and spoken word artist Malik Yusef.

DeVaughn worked on the album with top named producers Scott Storch, Kwame, and Brian Cox for his latest release.

Tickets are free for OU students. A \$10 ticket for one accompanying guest can be purchased. For more information and music clips from Raheem DeVaughn, check out his MySpace page at www.myspace.com/raheemdevaughn.



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Parking continues to be an issue

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

Though the school year has just begun, new students are likely to have already discovered one of Oakland University's most frustrating truths: parking can be really hard to find.

One such freshman was Amanda Sager, who said that she was late to her first class by 15 minutes because it took her a long time to find a parking spot. "I had no idea the parking lots would be so full," she said. "I'm going to have to start driving to school much earlier."

Returning students also felt the pinch of the traffic, but some, like junior Carl Rothenberg, said that their previous experience helped them to avoid being late. "I've been commuting here for three years now," he said, "so I pretty much know where I can find parking any time of the day."

Visiting several parking lots on Thursday, it was apparent that many students have taken to parking illegally to try to either save some time or to walk less distance. This trend apparently did not go unnoticed by the OU Police Department.

OUPD told The Oakland Post that between Aug. 30 and Sept. 7, exactly 200 parking tickets were given out to violators.

However, OUPD Lt. Mel Gilroy said, this year there were fewer violations and fewer tickets given out than there were during the first week of the 2007 fall semester.

Between Sept. 1 and Sept. 11 in 2007, a total of 321 tickets were given out, with the cost of the fines totaling to \$6,750.

Gilroy also said in the first two weeks of every semester OUPD tries to direct commuter traffic so that "students don't waste their time looking for parking in the wrong places at the wrong times," and that this year OUPD officers didn't have to spend as much time "directing traffic and writing tickets" as they had to in previous years.

Putting yellow police tape around the edges of the lot behind Science and Engineering Building is one measure the OUPD has taken this year to try to prevent people from parking illegally on the grass. Gilroy said they have put the tapes around P-1 for years.

Gilroy said that after the first two weeks, the parking situation always

"settles down" as new students find their rhythm.

He also said that as the semester goes on, OUPD finds fewer and fewer parking violators, but that when the "first bit of nasty weather comes along, some people start to try to cheat a little bit and park illegally so they don't have to walk the extra couple of minutes."

There were several construction and repair projects worth more than \$3 million undertaken this summer on campus. Although some parking lots were repaved, no new lots were added.

OU Director of Media Relations Ted Montgomery said, after meeting with student leaders last year, "parking expansion was not stressed as a priority," and that higher priorities were given to things like "lab/classroom upgrades, deferred plant renewal projects, moving career services, etc."

Montgomery also said that despite OU's expected student body growth and stagnant number of parking spaces, "there is no way that there are more drivers than there are parking spaces" during any given time at OU.

"There's never a time when there's zero parking," he said. "It's just a matter how

convenient it is."

Montgomery's claim was verified by The Oakland Post when Post staff visited several parking lots on Thursday between the peak hours of 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. By 9:30, the parking lots P-1 (the main lot), the lot in front of Vandenberg Hall were almost completely full and the other residence halls, the lot behind Varner Hall, P-41 and P-32, among others were also highly congested.

There were many open spots in the three-story parking structure by the Rec Center and in P-3 (the "Pioneer Overflow" by the intersection of Squirrel Road and Walton Road), while P-11 (the lot by the Upper Athletic Fields) was completely unused with the exception of three cars.

"P-11 is the hidden secret of OU," Gilroy said, "and someday, 245 people are going to find it."

Check out www.oaklandpostonline.com for an exclusive look at the scene from the parking lots on the first day of school.

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KIRSTEN HAGLUND Miss America, 2008

A native of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Kirsten Haglund was crowned Miss America on January 26, 2008. Her triumphant walk across the stage was only the beginning of a journey that will ultimately take her to every corner of the globe, including the campus of Oakland University. Kirsten will travel approximately 20,000 miles per month throughout her reign, speaking to audiences worldwide in an effort to raise awareness about eating disorders and acting as the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network.

An undergraduate student at the University of Cincinnati, Kirsten plans to complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater degree and hopes to one day grace the stage on Broadway. She recently made a guest appearance during a special performance of "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nonsense Jamboree" at Meadow Brook Theatre, participating in several musical numbers alongside former Miss America Lee Merriweather.

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GOPs visit 'Smalltown'

Presidential candidate speaks at Freedom Hill shortly after RNC

By RORY McCARTY
Senior Reporter

At Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights on Friday, a rally was held for supporters of John McCain. McCain and his recently announced running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, gave speeches at the rally along with a host of McCain's allies, including Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

When the staff at Freedom Hill began letting people into the rally at 3 p.m., the line already stretched out into the parking lot and weaved back around the outside of the amphitheatre.

Also outside of the venue, protesters held signs with sayings like "Support Our Troops, Not the War" and "Out of a Job Yet? Vote McCain" on them. Cars that headed to the McCain rally honked and shouted at the protesters in disagreement.

Rev. Rich Peacock, organizer for the group 11th Hour for Peace, was amongst the protesters. He said he thinks that America has had enough of war.

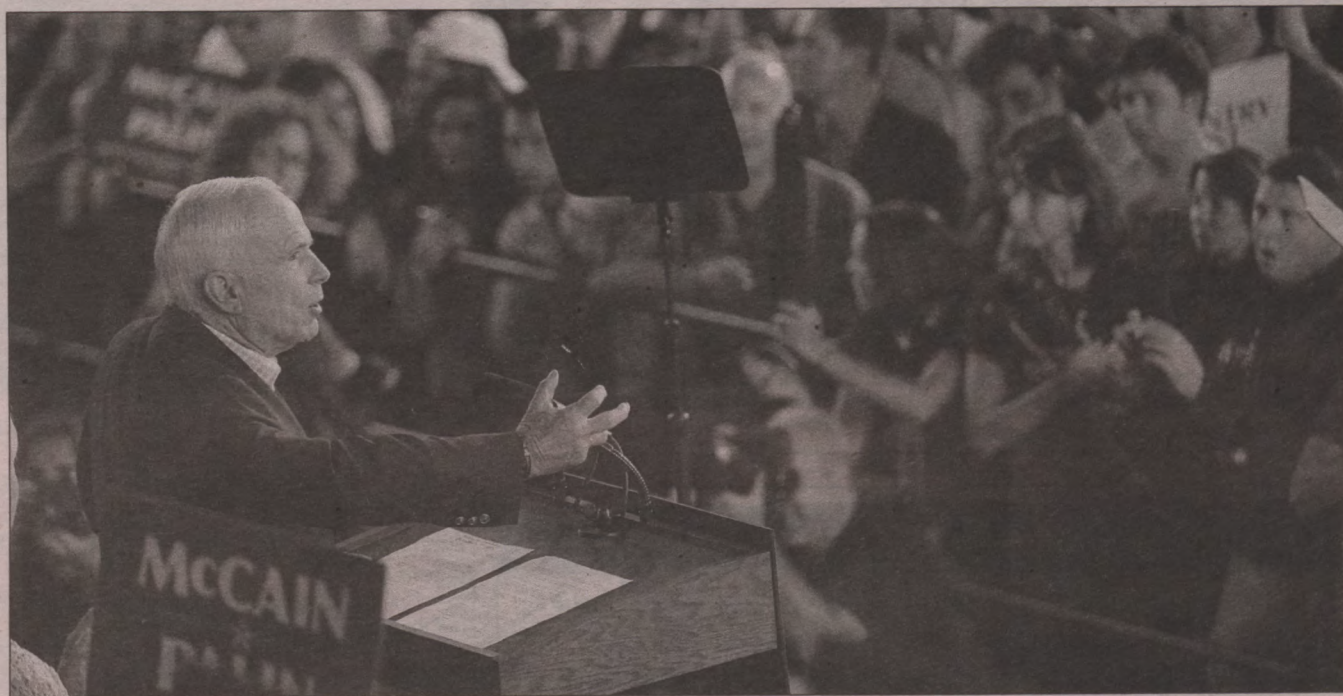
"If the escalation is going so well, why aren't we bringing troops home faster?" said Peacock, regarding the military surge.

The times have been particularly tough on Michigan, Peacock added. "For seven years Michigan has had no help from Washington D.C."

Leigh Fifelski, of Ferndale, representing the protest group Progress Michigan, said that having McCain as president would be bad for Michigan's economy. Progress Michigan wants to educate people about McCain's record on outsourcing.

"We're also afraid that McCain will affect the jobs of the future for Michigan students," Fifelski said. As she spoke, a car of people shouting at the protesters drove by holding a G.O.P. banner out its windows, albeit holding it backwards.

By the beginning of the rally, the crowd inside of Freedom Hill was already overflowing with excitement. Rows of people filling the seats began chanting the candidates' names, waving "McCain/Palin" signs and hitting together noisemakers. It was a true pep rally, complete with high school cheerleaders and



McCain addresses the crowd at Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights on Friday. He said "I will never let you down" to his supporters. STEPHAN SAVOIA/Associated Press

marching bands working up the audience.

Cox was the first speaker to take the stage and began speaking about his time as a marine and how he looked up to McCain as a hero. He repeatedly honored the sacrifices made by war veterans throughout his speech.

"There are those who talk about peace, and those who actually make peace," Cox said, "and there's no one in the world who's ever made more peace than the armed forces of the United States of America."

He criticized Barack Obama for not being supportive enough of the war in Iraq and not voting for the military surge. "Those who worship at the false god of peace only lead to appeasement," he said.

Lt. Col. Digger O'Dell, a retired marine and Vietnam prisoner of war, took the stage later, but joked that Cox had stolen his speech. "He is probably more knowledgeable on John than I am, and I was in the prison camps with him."

O'Dell talked about McCain's refusal to

return home from the prison camps until all the other soldiers could come home as well. He went into detail about McCain's time being tortured and put in solitary confinement.

"They may have broken a few bones, but John McCain was never broken," O'Dell said.

O'Dell said that he trusted McCain to lead so much that, "If he told me to go jump off that building because there's a logical reason to do so, I might just go do that."

After much anticipation and fanfare by the captivated audience, McCain and Palin finally arrived at the Freedom Hill stage accompanied by the song "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor. Palin was the first to speak.

"We went straight from the convention to Smalltown, USA," Palin said.

Palin used much of her speech to attack Barack Obama's record on things like the war in Iraq. "Our opponent has said that the surge has succeeded in ways no one predicted, but there is one man who predicted it and he's standing

next to me."

She talked of her own record as a political maverick by getting rid of things that were unnecessary, like the governor's private jet and chef.

When, at last, it was time for McCain to take the stage, he said of Palin, "I'm so happy to be introduced by her, and I can't wait to introduce her to Washington D.C."

Among McCain's talking points were his plans to take on pork barrel politics and special interest groups in Washington. "Never again will we spend \$3 million to study the DNA of berries in Montana."

McCain also laid out his plans to have energy independence from foreign oil within ten years. Among his energy plans were those to get cheap nuclear power and oil from offshore drilling.

McCain concluded with a final bit of straight talk: "I need to win the State of Michigan."

He added, "I will never let you down, and I will always put my country first."

Obama campaigns for Michigan



CHRIS CARLSON/Associated Press
Presidential candidate Barack Obama waits to speak during a town hall meeting at North Farmington High School in Farmington Hills on Monday. He addressed concerns on Michigan's ailing economy.

Obama confronts McCain's views in a bid for Michigan

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press Writer

FLINT — Pounding hard on a theme he hopes will win the hearts of Michigan voters, Democrat Barack Obama on Monday accused his Republican rival of wanting to stick with the economic policies that have made it harder for middle-class families to get by.

"You don't have to tell the people of Flint or the people of Michigan that our economy is not in good shape," the Illinois senator told about 300 people gathered at Mott Community College in Flint. "You do need to tell John McCain — because just a few weeks ago he said the economy was fundamentally sound."

Obama made his fourth and fifth stops in Michigan in nine days, hitting the cities of Flint and Farmington Hills with a message tuned to the hardship caused by the state's 8.5 percent unemployment rate, shrinking wages and falling home prices.

Speaking later in Farmington Hills, Obama said McCain's economic policies would differ little from those of President Bush.

"He doesn't seem to understand what ordinary families are going through," Obama said of McCain. "He seems to be out of touch."

Flint, home to a number of General Motors Corp. plants, is no stranger to a depressed economy. Manufacturing jobs have been leaving the area for decades.

Obama said middle-class families' wages and income have dropped during Bush's eight years in office, while they increased between 1993 and 2000 under Democratic President Bill Clinton. Obama ended the Flint event by saying there was a reason McCain didn't talk much about the economy at the GOP national convention.

"They don't have a record to run on when it comes to things that matter to you day to day," Obama said. "What people are most concerned about is what's happening to the American dream."

Many in the audience were union members, a group Obama needs to move his way if he wants to win the state, said pollster Bernie Porn of Lansing-based EPIC-MRA.

"The Flint-Saginaw media market has the highest number of undecideds" in a recent poll, Porn said Monday. "He needs

to focus on his economic message."

Obama made a favorable impression on Mike Emerson, a United Auto Workers member who retired as a production welder from GM in July. The 51-year-old Fenton resident initially supported Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton for president.

"Hillary represented basically the passions of auto workers and middle-class workers," Emerson said. "I see just that same commitment from Obama to the middle class, the stiffies who pay taxes."

Speaking later in Farmington Hills, Obama said Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm had the right idea in trying to retool Michigan as a center for the high-tech auto industry of the future. He said his home state of Illinois, as well as Ohio and Indiana, also need a president who will work to restore the productive strength of the American heartland.

"You can't have an economy that's just based on the two coasts," Obama said. "I want to create the new economy. I want to be looking forward, not backward."

Obama also addressed civil liberties, saying there's no contradiction between keeping the country safe and keeping the Constitution safe. He said it's important that people taken into custody have the opportunity to challenge their arrest.

"Maybe you have the wrong person. We don't always catch the right person," he said. "We might think it's Muhammad the terrorist but it's Muhammad the cab driver. You might think it's Barack the bomb thrower. But it might be Barack, the guy running for president."

The McCain campaign said the Arizona senator has fought wasteful federal spending, opposed energy legislation he thought was flawed even though it was backed by Bush and Obama and pushed for the troop surge to reduce violence in Iraq.

"If he (Obama) thinks that voters are going to believe his rhetoric on the campaign trail in the absence of any bipartisan record, he's clearly underestimating the intelligence of the American people," McCain campaign spokesman Tucker Bounds said in a statement.

Obama made stops in Battle Creek, Detroit and Monroe during his last swing through Michigan. McCain and Palin campaigned Friday in Sterling Heights.

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Local festivals keep summer alive

By KAY NGUYEN
Contributing Reporter

For most people, Labor Day only means one thing: the end of summer. Residents of Rochester, however, have found a way around this for 43 years.

The annual Art and Apples Festival took over the 30-acre Rochester Municipal Park once again. More than 100,000 people attended the family friendly event which was held Sept. 5-7, to take in the best in entertainment, food and art. Over 250 booths featuring juried art and crafts were set up in and around the park.

Undertaking the planning of the event was festival organizer Karen Cuthbertson. She works hard every year to improve the festival — and it shows. The Art and Apples Festival is the second largest juried art festival in Michigan, and consistently a top 30 pick as one of the best art and craft festivals in the nation.

"I come back every year because I see all the work that goes into it," said Jodie Pfeiffer, of Rochester. "It is a great event and everyone in the community contributes in some way or another."

Aside from the year-round staff, the community festival is entirely volunteer-run. The festival supports the Paint Creek Center for the Arts annual budget and over 20 other non-profit organizations ranging from school groups to service organizations.

Entertainment on the main stage was supplied by local musicians, performance troupes and dance companies. Three area high school marching bands also participated.

Artists must submit samples of artwork over a year in advance to show at the festival. Those pieces were then juried by a selection committee and the lucky 250 artists from around the country came to Rochester to share their love for their craft.

"The selection process is very nerve-racking, there is never any guarantee that you will be able to show," said photographer Bill Dziejman.

Some artists, like jewelry maker Dianna Dinka, have come to rely on this selection as their livelihood. Dinka has shown her art for three years in a row.

"I love this festival because the people are so good to me," Dinka said. "This show is always a hit and the people are amazing."

Because of the size of the festival, even food vendors must be jury-selected. Food selections were chosen from around the country. Apple and chicken sausages, apple strudel and other apple-based foods were a hit.

And, there were the apple pies. The center point of the festival's food court, the All-American dessert has been



KAY NGUYEN/The Oakland Post

Thousands of local residents attend the Art and Apples Festival every year in Downtown Rochester.

sold by the Rochester Older Persons' Commission at the festival for over 30 years. There was also an apple pie contest. Thirty finalists were chosen to compete for a prize.

"My favorite part is the food," said Brett McIsaac of Rochester. "The apple pies are amazing every year."

One booth sold creations made by young, local art students.

A silent auction was another outlet for local artists to sell their pieces.

The festival spilled out onto Pine Street, where clothing boutiques sold one-of-a-kind clothes, accessories and handbags.

Across from the Rochester Municipal Park and the Art and Apples festivities was the Spotlights Market on Walnut Street. Organized for over 30 years by Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre Guild, the market seeks to promote fine and performing arts.

"We simply love the theatre," said Guild chairwoman Claudia Goss. "The market is one of our fundraisers and it is successful because we have the best possible art on display."

Separate from the Art and Apples Festival, the market is traditionally run on the same weekend. Similar to Art and Apples, art from around the country was selected by the guild jury committee.

The street market featured items like paintings, jewelry, photographs and sculptures.



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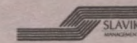
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Robert Goepp

Senior, Anthropology and Sociology

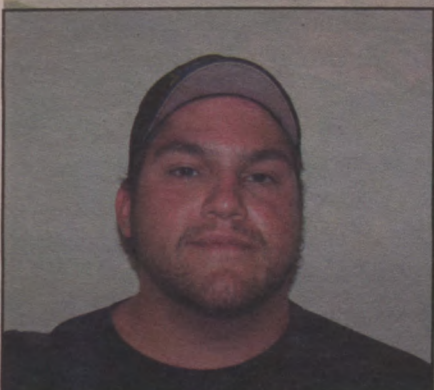
For more of a variety, check out the many restaurants surrounding OU, such as Mongolian Barbeque, T.G.I. Friday's, McDonald's and Burger King.

"Probably make more ways for new students to meet other students, like a meet and greet."

Lara Hatch

Freshman, Psychology

Keep an eye out on the OU Calendar on www4.oakland.edu for student events around campus.



"It feels like sometimes students aren't involved enough in activities, more appealing student organizations."

Ryan Gargano

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A new kind of 'green' house.

Students live in eco-friendly dorms as part of a new OU program

By LINA AMENT
Staff Intern

The "Go Green" campaign has been making its way around the nation and Oakland University is no exception. Thanks to environmentally conscious students, OU now offers a way to live eco-friendly on campus.

Through the OU Student Congress, founder of the Environmental Coalition, Whitney Litzner, and head of the Technology Advancement Project, Jordan Twardy, got the plan into action.

Taking Action

"The idea for the environmental residence halls came to me in the summer of 2007," Neale said. "I and Jordan Twardy, decided it would be a great idea to incorporate environmental issues into that year's project. We decided that each group of students who enrolled in the TAP would design their own environmentally friendly residence hall. The winning group of this competition received scholarships and their ideas will be used in the new eco-friendly residence hall."

To get the project to create eco-friendly dorms underway, Neale and Twardy presented the idea to Lionel Maten, the director of University Housing, and Frank Moss, head of the University Maintenance Department.

"They were talking about the need to have student leaders to create green houses in order to have a greener campus," Maten said. "We discussed an eco-interest floor for first-year students that were interested in the environment. They could live collectively and help their

peers become more environmentally aware."

This past summer, prospective freshman were sought out to be the first tenants of the new eco-friendly dorms.

"The eco-interest students are a group of incoming freshmen who showed interest in the program during their orientations. They were picked and placed in the cave rooms in 6 and 7 South Hamlin for the upcoming fall semester," Litzner said.

Litzner added that the students have a few requirements they must fulfill throughout the semester.

"They are required to attend a student congress meeting per semester, participate in the programs and meetings hosted by the Environmental Coalition, perform five hours of community service at the OU Greenhouse, and are required to test out eco-friendly products during the school year and give their feedback on the mattresses, low flow shower heads, etc.," Litzner said.

"The students will be focusing on conserving water and energy," Maten said. "Students will have the means to monitor energy use."

Incentives are offered to those who participate, such as an early move-in date, eco-friendly T-shirts and school supplies.

Above and Beyond

With the efforts of the eco-friendly dorms, the vision to turn OU's campus into a greener place is well on its way. But those involved are not stopping there. Future projects are in the works to make the eco-friendly initiative more widespread.

"We are still looking for male students to join the eco-interest program. In the fall of 2009, these 12 students will move together as sophomores to the new eco-interest floor in 2 West Vandenberg where they will join approximately 30 more students who are interested in environmental issues," Neale said.

The new eco-friendly dorms are not the only new things that plan to be on the floor.

"When career services moves, the goal is really to ultimately renovate that floor and turn it into a live and learn community for students to test new products," Maten said. "The fact that this was a student driven initiative, something students themselves created, has the potential to impact OU and beyond OU."

To guide the students in their environmental efforts, a Sustainability Outreach Peer Educator (SOPE) will act as a guide to the green life-style.

"The SOPE is a paid position through University Housing. Right now, we have one SOPE, Kristin Kimsey. Her job is to oversee the eco-interest students," Litzner said.

Kimsey is thrilled with the opportunity of teaching an eco-friendly lifestyle to others.

"I heard about the SOPE position through [Litzner], who was my RA at the time," Kimsey said. "I really like saving the environment but also working with the students."

Still, being a SOPE comes with key responsibilities.

"She is in charge of making sure [the students] meet their requirements each semester," said Litzner. "She is also in charge of planning out programs — with the eco-interest student help — and host-

ing the programs for all of housing."

Although still new, the recycling program looks to develop further this year.

"This is the second year for the recycling program on campus and we took the program one step further this year to make sure it went more smoothly," Litzner said.

Recycling has seen growth within the dorms as well.

"Each floor in the residence halls has a recycling coordinator, which is a student in charge of removing the recycling from their floors. [Kimsey] will be working with the coordinators in each building and make sure they are taking care of everything. She will also be working with Great Lakes Recycling to help put recycling bins in the remaining buildings on campus to complete our recycling program," Litzner said.

According to Neale, they plan to hire two more SOPEs; one will be based out of the Oakland Center, and one out of the REC center.

Showing True Color

While the directors of the program have been hard at work, so have the students actually living in the eco-friendly dorms. Mickinze Erwin, a freshman at OU, is among the students selected for the project.

"I was at orientation and there was a card to fill out and I checked the environmental coalition. The Honors College hooked me up and helped me get into the eco-friendly dorms," Erwin said.

The students involved in the assign-

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GREEN DORMS

ment have a great interest in the environment and feel that they can make a difference.

"I am all about recycling and trying to conserve energy," said freshman Shannon Coughlin, another student living in the eco-friendly dorms. "I'm interested in the whole process for going green and trying to help."

"I think it's important that we start making little steps. Each university contributes to the whole world's environment," Erwin said.

For these students, the eco-experience has only just begun, but they are already looking forward to future improvements.

"I would most definitely be interested in doing this project next year," Erwin said. "We want to get more composts and gardens running."

The Big Picture

With the hope to expand the efforts of a green lifestyle, members of the coalition encourage other students to take simple measures to help the community.

"We have all those recycling bins," Erwin said. "Make sure you use them for newspapers and bottles instead of gar-

bage cans."

For those living in the dorms, there is a way to unite the entire floor for a greener campus.

"If you live on campus, you can sign up to be a recycling coordinator for your floor," Coughlin said. "There are bins on every floor."

Other students who are not involved in the coalition are still taking measures to preserve energy.

"I recycle and I have turned off the air conditioning and tried surviving with only opening windows. I also ride my bike places if it's not absolutely necessary [to drive]," said Jamie Zalewski, an OU junior.

Try It On

"We are also looking for any additional first-year students who might want to participate in the eco-interest program," Litzner said. They won't necessarily get to live in the rooms but we are looking for students to participate in the 'green' programs and they can go on our field trips and everything else the eco-interest students do."

If you are interested in living with this year's eco-interest students in Hamlin or Vandenberg next year, or becoming a SOPE, you can contact Whitney Litzner at wnlitzne@oakland.edu for more information.

Keeping your memory sharp

By KATHLEEN QUANDT
Staff Intern

College means having a list of things to remember on a daily basis. With schedules, assignments and other school activities, remembering what to study isn't always an easy task.

Rereading notes and highlighting useful information in textbooks can be helpful, but there are many tips and techniques that can help improve your memory.

Allesandra Sabatini, a junior and pre-physical therapy major, has her own study techniques.

"I always make note cards, read the chapters, just the usual," Sabatini said. "I always read the book — that always helps. I always do the reading."

James B. Franklin, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and director of training at the Graham Health and Counseling Center, offers his advice.

"Things which are associated with one another can typically be remembered in association with one another and it's easier to remember them as a group than as it is to remember each one individually," Franklin said.

Tips that Franklin has for improving memory are to get plenty of sleep and not using drugs or alcohol. Exercising, good eating habits are also things he recommends. Reducing stress and practicing different meditation techniques to relax and focus are other ways to help the brain work with more ease as well.

Mind Games

An article by Jan Beecher on suite101.com, "Tips to Remember: Memory Tricks and Techniques to Improve Memory," association gives meaning to what you need to memorize.

Associate what you need to remember with what you think of instantly. For example, you meet a person named Jan, you think of January. That association helps to remember that person's name.

A rhyme, song or joke could help with remembering a segment of information such as "I" before "e", except after "c." This is known as mnemonics, a type of memory aid. Some mnemonics use positive imagery, humor, or novelty.

According to helpguide.org, "Improving Your Memory: Tips and Techniques to Improve Memory," there are specific guidelines to improving your memory.

One simple tip the article gives is to pay attention. The article says that "you can't remember something if you never learned it, and you can't learn something — that is, encode it into your brain — if you don't pay enough attention to it."

Franklin emphasizes that point by saying that cutting down on unnecessary distractions is a way to keep the brain sharp.

"Trying to memorize things while listening to music is not helpful because listening to music consumes a certain amount of your processing space and makes it harder to concentrate," Franklin said.

For people who learn by listening, using a recorder and re-listening to lectures might be useful.

Involving as many senses as possible is another guideline for improving memory. Relate information to colors, tastes, smells and textures. Read out loud what you want to remember. Physically rewriting notes can imprint them into your brain.

Jill Waller, a freshman and history major, uses her notes to help with remembering study material.

"Usually I rewrite the lecture notes ... that's what I did in high school," Waller said.

No Brain Bashing

According to an article by Richard C. Mohs, Ph.D. on howstuffworks.com, insomnia works against improving memory by reducing the ability to retrieve memories. One way to help improve memory is to get quality sleep on a regular basis.

The article warns that overindulgence in alcohol damages short-term memory and smoking may make it harder for your brain to recall names and faces.

Smoking limit's the amount of oxygen and blood flow to the brain. A pack a day exposes you to toxins that can cause confusion and memory loss.

Stress is another factor that can hinder improving memory. The continued release of and exposure to stress chemicals, with no time for the body to relax, can take its toll on various systems and organs including the brain.

"Other things that are beneficial in terms of having good memory function are basically the things that have to do with functioning well in all areas of psychological functioning," Franklin said.

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OU Prof. 'Stamps' the importance of China

By SHELLY LATSHAW
Staff Reporter

The end of the Beijing Olympics brings a new found respect and admiration for China, its people and its culture. That respect and admiration is nothing new to Oakland University's Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology.

Stamps has been a long-time advocate of educating the American people in Chinese society and culture. Through courses such as Introduction to China, Peoples and Cultures of China and Asian American Experience, Stamps teaches students the importance of learning about a whole different culture across the Pacific.

Growing up in a multi-ethnic community in California, Stamps began an interest in ethnic diversity and culture in junior college after meeting several international students from China, Japan and Hong Kong.

At the age of 19, Stamps traveled to Taiwan, where he lived for two-and-a-half years, as a missionary for the Mormon Church.

"It changed my life to live there, to know the culture, the people," Stamps said.

Stamps believes that education is the key to understanding the Chinese people not only socially, but economically, militarily and politically.

"China is a major political force in the United Nations; they have veto power just like the U.S.," Stamps said.

"The U.S. has debt to China and our economies are intertwined. We need to improve our understanding and communication with China," he said.

Along with his OU courses, Stamps also consults for Prudential Financial, which arranges cross-cultural training for business men and women and their families moving to China for job trans-

fers or temporary work abroad.

Two-day seminars are offered for these families to learn about the Chinese people, educating them on what to expect and how to adapt to life in another culture.

"If American values are imposed on another culture, you start to build barriers, if you start interest in their values, you build bridges," Stamps said. "Cross-cultural awareness builds those bridges."

As for his favorite course to teach, Stamps says the Intro to China course is because it is so relevant to the world today.

"OU has one of the stronger programs in Chinese studies in the state, but I feel we could make it even stronger."

Stamps' advice to students seeking

a degree in Chinese studies: Get experience outside of the classroom, even if it means starting with Chinese movies and restaurants.

"Get involved with the Chinese community, China Club or Chinese Friendship Association; plan on visiting China whether you work or study abroad; and get serious about learning the language," Stamps said.

Although Stamps has visited Hong Kong and Taiwan more than 22 times, he still believes there is much for him to learn about Asian cultures.

"I'm still a student of things Chinese," Stamps said.

OU currently offers Intro to China/Culture, second year Chinese, Chinese conservation, Chinese composition and Chinese civilization courses.

Stamps is also the advisor for the Anthropology Club at OU and has authored several publications including "The Cultural Impact of Mormon Missionaries on Taiwan" and "Historical and Cultural Preservation of Resources in Oakland County."



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OU professor Richard Stamps has become a primary voice in teaching the Chinese culture and the country's impact on the world to his students.

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At left, photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletics, above, BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Above, Tim Williams drives to the basket in a 2007 game against Oral Roberts.

Dismissed

Williams booted from men's basketball team

By TIM RATH
Sports Editor

The Oakland University athletics department announced the removal of Tim Williams from the OU men's basketball team on Friday, Aug. 29, for a violation of team and department policy, effective immediately.

The OU athletics department would not comment on the matter, but did say that Williams had left school and found a home on a community college team.

The Oakland Post has obtained a copy of the police report indicating that on Aug. 26, Williams was issued citations for marijuana use and underage consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Williams could not be reached for comment.

Williams, a junior guard from Pontiac, averaged 5.9 points and 1.1 assists in 15.4 minutes per game in 2007. He notched a career-high 19 points and six rebounds in a 73-72 victory over Summit League rival South Dakota State on Jan. 3.

Williams is lost potential

COLUMN

By TIM RATH
Sports Editor

To the casual fan, the removal of Tim Williams from the Oakland University men's basketball team may not appear to be a big loss.

The sophomore guard from Pontiac averaged 5.9 points and 1.1 assists in 15.4 minutes per game last season. He made seven starts and reached double-figure scoring in six games. He notched a career-high 19 points and six rebounds in a key 73-72 road victory over Summit League rival South Dakota State on Jan. 3.

However, those modest numbers belie the true impact of Williams' departure. According to several sources, the large hole that the Golden Grizzlies now find at backup point guard is not a measure of what was, rather, of what might have been.

"Wow, I'm surprised and very disappointed. Williams has a great deal of talent and I really expected him to become more of an impact player this year... [his] departure cannot be considered anything but a significant loss to the team at this stage," posted "Golden Grizzlies Hoops" at golden-grizzlieshoops.wordpress.com.

"The loss of Tim Williams hurts," posted sportswriter Dave Pemberton on his blog "Pemberton's Point" at pembertonpoint.blogspot.com. "Hopefully he can rebound from this."

After lettering for three years at Pontiac Northern, Williams came to OU with great promise and hype. He helped lead the Huskies to a 21-5 record in his senior season, averaging 23.4 points per game and being named all-state by the Detroit News as the team reached the Elite 8 in the Michigan state tournament.

What exactly is team and department policy?
Turn to page 20 for an in-depth look at this term.

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A foreign policy

Removal begs the question: What exactly is 'team policy'?

By TOM MURPHY, JR.
Senior Reporter

Student athletes are constantly faced with challenges.

Between juggling academics, athletics and personal lives, the pressure can become overwhelming. For some student athletes, the most challenging obstacle can be staying out of trouble.

With so much trouble to get into in the world, it's very easy for student athletes to find themselves in a situation that damages not only their athletic career, but their chance for a degree.

Former Oakland University men's basketball player Tim Williams is the most recent example of a student athlete having their career cut short by getting into trouble.

Officially, Williams was kicked off the team for violating team and departmental policy.

Assistant athletic director Holly Kerstner said that departmental policy is used as the basis for student athlete conduct.

"We have a student athlete conduct code and it basically states the same as the universities' conduct code," Kerstner said.

"You have to abide by all the university's policies, state policies, and federal regulations. At any point in time when any of those are broken, sanctions are required. The sanctions are left open, based on a case by case basis from the department. We also give discretion to each of the coaches to make their own rules for each of the teams," she said.

Kerstner said that the athletic department has a set standard for disciplinary action.

"The set standard is, if you have three violations you are automatically dismissed from the team, and you lost your financial aid," Kerstner said. "However, if the first or the second violation is deemed inappropriate, or are of a greater extent, you can be released from the team for either. For example, there are some coaches that have policies that say that if you are found underage drinking you will lose your scholarship and be cut from the team."

"There are other coaches who say, 'I would rather suspend them for a specific number of contests and possibly reduce their aid.' So it is really up to each team, and they consult with myself and the athletic director, or their direct supervisor to talk about what the consequences will be. It is all laid out in each of the teams' handbooks," she said.

The way that scholarships are handled also has an effect on the type of action taken when an athlete commits a violation.

"The difference is if it is a head count sport it is all or nothing," Kerstner said. "So there

is no reduction of scholarship for teams like volleyball or basketball because if you're on a scholarship, you're considered a 100 percent scholarship."

"For teams like softball, baseball, or track and field, that's when there is discretion there because they can give a hundred dollars or a full ride, or anywhere between," Kerstner said.

"So if a specific person is on a 50 percent scholarship and they happen to have some sort of violation, the coach can have the discretion to say in our team rules it states academic eligibility, athletic performance, disciplinary action. So if any of those things occur then they can decrease scholarship for the following year or right away," she said.

Kerstner added that normally, the coaches are really good about being up front and saying what is expected of the student athletes.

"Everybody here is told from day one that it is a privilege to be a student athlete and compete for Oakland University and privileges can be taken away," Kerstner said. "So there are responsibilities that go with those privileges."

Kerstner said that while all student athletes are held to a higher standard, some are held to a higher standard than others.

"The reason we have it as a case by case basis is because we want to make sure that we are looking at all the options. We are looking at how this is going to effect them in the long run. Is this going to be a learning lesson, is this going to completely devastate them, or are they going to feel like they are going to get away with something."

But the athletes are not without help. Kerstner said that there are many steps taken to help the student athletes understand and overcome the difficulties and challenges that being a student athlete can entail.

"We have specific life skills workshops that we do," Kerstner said. "We pinpoint specific issues that we know are bigger issues with student athletes and bigger issues with students in general. So for example, we have done such things as gambling and sports wagering workshops, and we have also done workshops on alcohol and drug use every single year."

Kerstner said that one of the benefits to the lifestyle of the student-athlete is an added education, not just on the field of play but in the game of life.

"Athletes are learning in the classroom, they are learning from their coaches on the field or court, but they are also learn in a different setting to give them another perspective."

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Golden Grizzlies' Games of the Week



At left, senior goalkeeper and team captain Steve Clark makes a save against Green Bay. Clark only had to make that save against the Phoenix and eight against Oregon State. He was named Summit League Player of the Week for his efforts. Clark led the Summit League in shutouts last season with six total. All photos by BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

MEN'S SOCCER

OU begins season in dominating fashion

By TOM MURPHY, JR.
Senior Reporter

In the first two games of the 2008 season, the Golden Grizzlies men's soccer team scored just one goal apiece, but both times it was enough to win.

Friday night, the Grizzlies defeated the Oregon State Beavers 1-0 at the Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac. Freshman midfielder Tom Catalano scored the first goal of the season for the Grizzlies in the first game of his collegiate career.

"It feels great, as a freshman, to get the first goal," Catalano said. "It shows that freshman can go out there and do it."

The win was number 350 for head coach Gary Parsons.

Junior forward Stefan St. Louis scored his first goal of the season against the Green Bay Phoenix on Sunday afternoon in the 71st minute of the 1-0 victory.

While a record of 2-0 is a nice start,

coach Parsons said that he is worried about his team not capitalizing on scoring chances.

"We're working to score more goals," Parsons said. "We had our chances to score more goals but we didn't. It's a concern."

In the two games combined, the Grizzlies had 27 shots, seven of which were on goal, while their opponents combined for 20 shots with nine of them on goal.

Senior goalkeeper Steve Clark was named the Summit League Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

"Every time I step on the field I'm expecting a shut out," Clark said. "So when it happens on the first weekend of the season, it's a great way to start. It definitely gets my confidence going."

"When I get Defensive Player of the Week, it is a credit to the whole back line. Sometimes I'm just standing there and have to make saves here and there," he said.



Above, junior forward Sebastian Harris heads the ball away from a Green Bay opponent. At left, junior forward Stefan St. Louis celebrates his first goal of the season against Green Bay. St. Louis led the Summit League in 2007 with three game-winning goals.

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WILLIAMS

In an October 2007 issue of The Oakland Post, Head Coach Greg Kampe said that Williams could have challenged incumbent starting guard Derick Nelson for his spot in the lineup as early as that season.

"Derick is probably a freak athlete, where he gets into trouble is when he tries to do too much ... will he go back to his Lansing Everett days? If he does that, Tim Williams will be getting a lot of playing time," he said.

Perhaps Williams left no room for doubters of his potential around the midway point of last season. Two days after leading OU to victory over South Dakota State on Jan. 3, he scored the game-winning basket at North Dakota State on Jan. 5 with just over two seconds remaining in the game.

It may have been at the March 10 Summit League Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., when starting in place of similarly-removed guard Brandon Cassise, he scored 11 points and grabbed four boards in a losing effort against IUPUI.

"We saw a glimpse of what Williams can do," posted "Section E4" after the loss on "Grizzly Den" at grizzlyden.blogspot.com. "I hope he plays a lot next year."

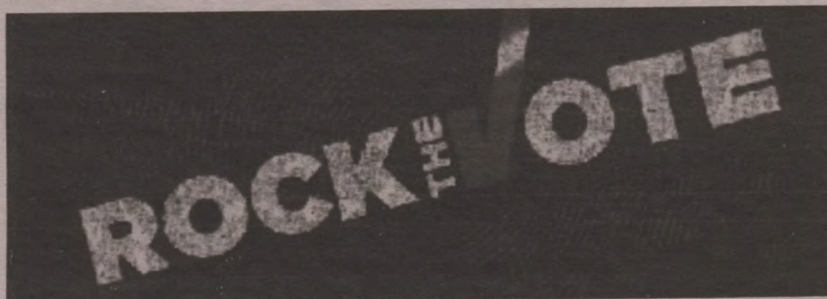
While men's basketball fans around campus kept hope alive in the wake of a renowned 2009 recruiting class, most could not contain their disappointment in the wake of Williams' removal from the team.

"It's going to be a loss, no doubt about it," said Corey Hagood, a senior communications major and Sports Director at WXOU 88.3 FM. "Kampe's always careful about the young guys, so Williams would have gotten some playing time. At the same time, you just have to think about all the guys that they have coming in, and they should be able to overcome it. You go with the guys that you have and not make excuses."

Another student said that excuses should be less of a concern thanks to returning players from last year's team.

"Williams was a player who brought a spark and shooting threat in stepping up at various times when needed last season," said junior journalism major Kyle Bauer, who also works in the WXOU Sports Department.

"Fortunately the possibilities of the Grizzlies new recruits, plus a matured Derick Nelson, should lessen the blow of losing Williams, where as other years it may have stung."



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Men's hoops to pay visits to Syracuse and Kansas State

By DAVID SANDERS
Staff Intern

After a seesaw 2007-08 season, Oakland University men's basketball Head Coach Greg Kampe hit the road with a fury to recruit the most acclaimed freshman class in Golden Grizzlies history.

In November, Kampe will hit the road once again, this time to show off his new class to the entire nation.

After opening the season at home versus Rochester College on Nov. 15, OU will go on an eight-game road trip, including games at Oregon and Syracuse.

"I've never been to Oregon, but I've heard it's a good atmosphere there," Kampe said. "I've never been to the Carrier Dome (in Syracuse) either, but think it will be a great game."

The road trip, which will also include a visit to Kansas State before Las Vegas Tournament games versus Delaware State and Longwood/Southeast Missouri on Nov. 28-29, concludes with a two-game trip to Summit League foes Southern Utah and UMKC.

"We're really looking forward to our first conference game," Kampe said. "We want to win that first one to pre-

pare ourselves."

After returning to the O'Rena to play Toledo on Dec. 7, the Grizzlies hit the road for a two-game road trip before coming back to take on Michigan Dec. 20 in a game that will be played at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

On Dec. 27, in another game at the Palace that will be broadcasted on Fox Sports Detroit, the Grizzlies will take on Michigan State, who dealt them a heartbreaking 75-71 loss on Nov. 27, 2007.

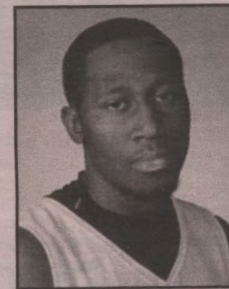
"We've never been able to beat Michigan State, but now we're on a neutral court," Kampe said.

After the series in Auburn Hills, the Grizzlies will welcome South Dakota State and North Dakota State on Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

After conference play, the season will conclude at the Summit League Tournament in Brookings, S.D. on March 7-10.

A much-heralded class of six new recruits will be joining the team that only lost one senior, forward Patrick McCloskey, but they will once again be led by the guard tandem of Derick Nelson and Jonathon Jones.

"Jones has been the starting point guard, so he will lead the team," Kampe said.



Junior Jonathon Jones

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Tom Catalano
Soccer

Year: Freshman
Major: Undecided

Catalano scored the first goal of the season for the men's soccer team in the first game of his collegiate career as a Golden Grizzly.



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'Strange but different'



By WENDELL SMILEY
Staff Intern

Encompassing a plethora of classical music, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit hosted "Strange Beautiful Music II." The MOCAD has weekly programs that include lectures, musical performances, films, literary readings and educational activities.

Gregory Tom, deputy director of exhibitions, programs and development at MOCAD, said he was very pleased with the turnout of the event.

"Detroit has an interest in classical music," Tom said.

The museum commonly presents contemporary culture to fuel dialogue, such as performing band New Music Detroit.

"New Music Detroit does all encompassing classical and contemporary classical music," Tom said.

"We are very excited. We love the crowd, could not ask for more," said Ian Ding, percussionist of New Music Detroit.

Many of the bands differed from one another but all had classical music influence.

"I want ears to open up a little bit, hearing this strange but different music," Ding said. "The whole aesthetic of New Music Detroit is to find a common ground."

The MOCAD hosted "Strange Beautiful Music" for 12 hours, which embraced creative avant-garde sounds and free improv noise.

Attendee Joseph Lucas writes music as a composer.

"I write choral music, I have written two vocal pieces before," Lucas said. "This festival appeals to me because these compositions are modern day and not antiques. As a musician, I embrace refreshing newer harmonies. I want to hear cutting edge."

Lucas said he believes the event sparks inspiration that is crucial in composing music but can come across strange.

"This music is considered strange because it is not what most consider beautiful," Lucas said. "Some consider this just noise but it is beautiful in my eyes."

Lucas said he does believe people carry a generalized perception of the music.

"People do consider this music for elitists that are educated snobs listening to crazy music," Lucas said. "I just grow tired of familiar sounds; even when music is new it's recycled from old music."

Lucas said he believes pop music focuses on vocals because it is an English speaking culture.

"The festival's absence of a vocalist might be because instrumentals are not all about English, it is about music and discounts language," said Lucas.

Julie Mercier, from St. Clair Shores, also attended the event. "I love everything that has been featured," Mercier said. "It has been beautiful with great rhythm."

The \$12 concert gave all proceeds to the bands and for the first time, a café and bar complemented the festival.

"Tonight worked well — very casual," Tom said. "You can walk around or sit and have coffee."

Located on Woodward, exhibitions at the MOCAD are provided in part by the Andy Warhol Foundation and performances are supported in part by Wayne State University.

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The MoCAD offered various classical music artists at "Strange Beautiful Music II," and continues to offer other music and art events throughout the year.

R&B singer to bring his love to Oakland

By WENDELL SMILEY
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Whether you need a break from fall classes or are just looking for something fun to do, Oakland University may have something for you this week. Grammy nominated Raheem DeVaughn will be performing on campus.

"I take my passion in music seriously, you're only as good as your last show," DeVaughn said. "This is art at its best."

DeVaughn said his many influences include Kanye West and Prince. He also said he crowns Patti LaBelle as his favorite performer; she inspires him to release music relevant to the community.

"I create timeless music with a socially conscious message," DeVaughn said. "I don't waste time for the moment."

DeVaughn talked about the remix to his hit single "Customer" which features R&B king R. Kelly. He said he was pleased with the success of his singles "Butterflies" and "Text Messages."

DeVaughn has worked with rap artists The Game and Beanie Sigel and is in the studio working on his third album slated for a 2009 release.

"My new album is for the music lover, very poetic," DeVaughn said.

DeVaughn advised listeners to love and understand their craft.

"The best investment you can make



Photo courtesy of Mainstage Productions

is yourself, and enjoy it," DeVaughn said. "If you don't do what you love it could make you mad or disgruntled."

Freshman Lauren Whitfield said she feels good about DeVaughn taking time from his schedule to embrace OU.

"Oakland University is not a big school," Whitfield said. "He made time for Oakland. I hope this encourages other acts to embrace the University."

Raheem DeVaughn, R&B singer and songwriter, will be performing on Oakland University's campus Sept. 12 to promote his latest album, "Love Behind the Melody."

DeVaughn said he promises his show Friday night, at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, will be full of energy and love.

'Traitor' titillates

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

REVIEW

"Traitor" is a globe-trotting thriller starring Don Cheadle ("Hotel Rwanda") as Sam Horn, an ex-U.S. Army man who began dealing arms to Islamic terrorists.

Horn gets captured in an arms sales run and, when members of a terrorist organization bust him out of prison, he joins their ranks. Unbeknownst to the terrorists, Horn is actually undercover, joining the group to get close to the top dogs and bring them down from the inside.

However, because only one FBI agent knows his secret, the FBI, represented by agent Roy Clayton (played by Guy Pearce, "Memento"), chases him from country to country, as he

plans and executes several terrorist attacks, including a plan to blow up 50 buses on U.S. soil on Thanksgiving Day.

The movie, scripted and directed by first-time director Jeffrey Nachmanoff, is based on a story by Steve Martin (yes, *the* Steve Martin). And if you thought "The Dark Knight" asked tough questions about what makes a hero, you're in for a treat.

Unfortunately, what "Traitor" gains from an engaging plot is offset by a lack of character development. Watching the movie, you get a hint of the characters' emotional turmoil, but the director doesn't let us inside their heads as much as one would have liked.

Parts of the movie are reminiscent of "The Departed" and, in its epic proportions, it is also like "The Bourne Identity" trilogy.

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Uno, dos ... Ocho Cinco?

Cincinnati Bengals receiver changes last name to a number

By JARED PURCELL
You/Local Editor

"Hate" is a strong word. It can be tossed around from time to time but, when it comes right down to it, people rarely use the word to its full extent.

Some people focus their hate against George Bush while others may funnel it towards Tyra Banks. Pretty much everyone has that one person they really hate. The very sound of that distasteful person's name can make someone's skin crawl. For me, it's Chad Johnson.

I really hate Chad Johnson, er, Chad Ocho Cinco. You could say that I have a love-hate relationship with him. I really love to hate this guy.

Chad Johnson — I apologize, Chad Ocho Cinco — is the star wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals of the NFL. Not only is he the star of the team, he is the quintessential village idiot and d-bag of professional sports.

Once known as Chad Johnson, he recently legally changed his name to Chad Ocho Cinco because he wears number 85. I am not lying. Seriously, on the official website for the Cincinnati Bengals, the name Chad Johnson is no longer found. Scroll down to the "O's" and you'll see why.

Although the NFL and the Bengals organization recognized the name change and even promised to put Ocho Cinco on the back of former Johnson's jersey for the season, a financial problem thankfully disrupted the stupidity.

Reebok, the company responsible for printing on-field jerseys, has already printed a large inventory of jerseys with "C. Johnson" on the back. Reebok is hoping to eventually get a new nameplate and print off "Ocho Cinco" jerseys. Until then, someone in NFL organization is going to have to figure out how to pay for all of those wasted "C. Johnson" jerseys. Real nice, Chad, real nice.

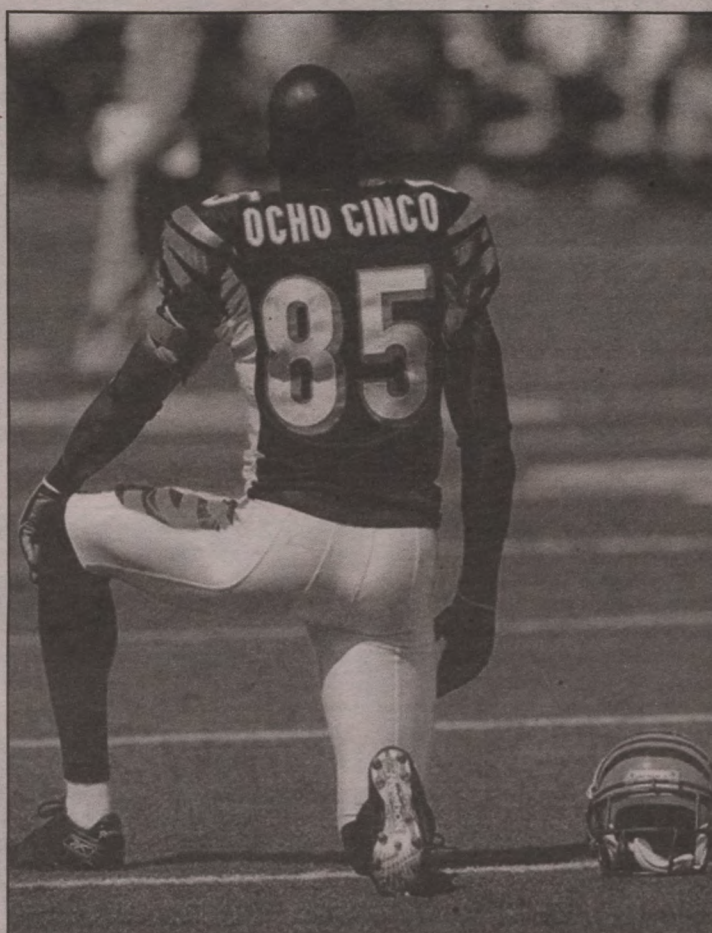
I was thinking about buying an "Ocho Cinco" jersey when they come out but I realized that buying a jersey that said "tool" on the back would be way cooler.

Why Spanish? He doesn't have a Spanish or Hispanic bone in his body. Why not French, Chad? Chad "Huit Cinq" sounds pretty awesome to me. Portuguese sounds pretty cool too: Chad "Oito Cinco."

I know, I am going about this the wrong way. In all honesty, his number is 85, not eight-five. Shouldn't he be called Chad "Ochenta y Cinco"? Not only does he insult the evolutionary intelligence of the modern human being, but also the Spanish language.

But I can't be completely negative towards "Mr. Eight Five." I'm sure he has plenty of redeeming qualities.

In fact, he does display a large amount of self-confidence. For example, he believes so much in his athletic



NICK WASS/Associated Press

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Ocho Cinco, who recently had his name legally changed from Chad Johnson, warms up before the start of a game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, in Baltimore. The NFL issued a statement Sunday informing the Bengals that while the league recognized the legal name change, "certain issues remain to be resolved before Ocho

abilities that he thinks he can beat anyone at anything.

After all, d-bag Chad's favorite quote is, "The only person who can beat Chad Johnson is Chad Johnson." Obviously, Johnson should be replaced with Ocho Cinco.

"Ocho Idiot" actually said that he could beat Michael Phelps in a race. Well, that makes sense until you realize that he was talking about a race in the pool.

Here is his exact quote on the matter from "Pardon the Interruption" on ESPN:

"The problem with Michael Phelps is that there is no competition in where he is, you know? Now, if he came to where I'm from, which is the inner-city, you know in Liberty City, I was a three-time Charles Hadley pool champ. And if he comes and — no, no don't laugh. Don't

laugh, this is not funny because some of the best people in the world are the people who are not able to make it to that level, those who are the best where they at. And where I'm from, Liberty City, I know a couple of people that could beat Michael Phelps right now. Seriously, I'm telling you and I'm one of them."

It doesn't matter where you are from, if you are swimming faster times than Michael Phelps, you would have been noticed by now. I feel sorry for Liberty City for having to deal with that embarrassment.

I can only pray for the day that Michael Phelps does race "Ocho Dunc" in the pool. But I'm sure he'll find a fantastic excuse as to why his ass got handed to him.

Still, I need to revisit what I said earlier. Chad Johnson believes he can beat anyone and anything.

After all, he did beat a thoroughbred racehorse in a footrace spanning 220 yards — when given a 110 yard head start. Is it OK if "Ocho Moron" didn't actually beat a horse in a fair race? The fact that he can beat a horse to a destination when only running half the distance of the horse proves that he can prove nothing. Good for you, Chad.

You know what, I just may help Ocho Cinco out. Maybe if I can learn to help my enemy, I can learn to understand him.

Since he can't go long periods of time without people seeing his name in the news, I'm going to take it one step further and put "Chad Ocho Cinco" in the dictionary. Who cares if the definition says "see idiot, moron or boob," his name will be in every published dictionary for the rest of time.

Ocho Cinco always says that he is serious. His fans, who I am trying not to hate, like to say that Chad's just messing around with everybody. That is probably the worst defense I've ever heard. Whether he is serious or just playing around, I'll hate him just as much. It either means that he is a head case or an incredible ass. No, I'm not complimenting his backside.

Behind his gold teeth that he wears on game days and beneath the incredible ego that is larger than Cincinnati itself, is an idiot who has not one single redeeming quality whatsoever.

He is an athlete, a good athlete. Big deal. That is not enough for the entire world to like you, Chad. Once you figure that out — I know, wishful thinking — maybe you'll change your ways.

Until then, I hate Chad Johnson. Yes, Chad Ocho Cinco, that means you.

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Bush to keep troop levels steady in Iraq

By **BEN FELLER**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced Tuesday that he will keep the U.S. force strength in Iraq largely intact until the next president takes over, drawing rebukes from Democrats who want the war ended and a bigger boost of troops in troubled Afghanistan.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, who has advocated pulling all U.S. combat forces out of Iraq within 16 months of taking office, said Bush's plan to bring 8,000 combat and support troops home by February "comes up short."

"It is not enough troops, and not enough resources, with not enough urgency," Obama told reporters while campaigning in Riverside, Ohio.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid

said he is "stunned that President Bush has decided to bring so few troops home from Iraq and send so few resources to Afghanistan."

The House Armed Services chairman called Bush's decision a deferral until the next administration. "More significant troop reductions in Iraq are needed," said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo.

GOP nominee John McCain has also said more troops are needed in Afghanistan, where there has been a resurgence of the Taliban and a growth in violence. He said Tuesday that Bush's announcement of troop withdrawals next year from Iraq "demonstrates what success in our efforts there can look like."

The president's drawdown is not as strong or swift as long anticipated by many.

It had been widely expected that Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander

in Iraq, would perhaps call for a reduction in the number of combat brigades from 15 to 14 this fall. Instead, no more Army combat brigades will withdraw in 2008, the final year of a Bush presidency that has come to be dominated by the war.

"Either way, people would question: Should he send more? Should he send less?" White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "He thinks that he hit it just right."

Bush's announcement, in a speech at the National Defense University, is perhaps his last major move on troop strategy in Iraq. Though most U.S. forces are staying, Bush chose to emphasize that he was moving forward with "additional force reductions." And he said more U.S. forces could be withdrawn in the first half of 2009 if conditions improve in Iraq.



RIA NOVOSTI KREMLIN/Associated Press
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, meets with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, in the presidential residence outside Moscow, Monday, Sept. 8, 2008.

Russia to pull out of certain key areas in Georgia

By **JAMEY KEATEN**
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Russia's president pledged Monday to withdraw troops from key areas of Georgia after 200 European Union monitors deploy later this month as part of a revised cease-fire agreement.

Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili cautiously endorsed the deal, but insisted any final settlement with Russia must respect his country's territorial integrity. He made clear he still considers the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia part of his country.

"There is no way Georgia will ever give up a piece of its sovereignty, a piece of its territory," Saakashvili said after meeting with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who brokered the latest deal.

The short war between Georgia and Russia — which began when Georgian forces attacked South Ossetia followed by Russia invading and routing Georgia's military — has turned into a critical event in the post-Cold War world as Russia asserts its new economic and military clout and the West struggles to respond.

Georgia and Western nations have complained Russia failed to withdraw troops and follow through on other earlier pledges in an Aug. 12 cease-fire agreement.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said 200 European Union monitors would deploy to regions surrounding South Ossetia and Abkhazia by next month. After that, Russian troops would pull out of those regions by Oct. 11 to a line that preceded the last month's fighting.

NIW BRIEFS

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9-8 | OPEC says that it will cut back output of crude oil. While the price of crude oil has been declining lately, this latest news suggests that prices will be climbing once again.

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Kwame resigns, hints at a comeback



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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick standing with his wife Carlita, addresses the media in Detroit, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008. Hours after resigning as part of plea deals in two criminal cases, Kilpatrick left the door open for a return to public life.

Ike takes aim at an already weather-beaten Gulf coast

By **MELINDA DESLATTE**
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Gulf Coast watched anxiously as Hurricane Ike trudged toward areas still cleaning up after Gustav, with disasters pre-declared in much of eastern Texas and Louisianans urged to stock up — again — on supplies.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry spurred storm preparations with the declarations in 88 counties, and the National Hurricane Center warned the storm could make landfall this weekend in Texas — possibly not far from Corpus Christi. Perry also put 7,500 National Guard members

on standby.

However, storm paths are hard to predict several days in advance, and forecasters said the storm could come ashore anywhere from Louisiana to Mexico.

"While Hurricane Gustav is still fresh on the minds of coastal residents, we must now turn our attention to Hurricane Ike as it poses a potential threat to the Texas coast," said Perry, who also requested a presidential disaster declaration for the counties.

In Louisiana, where thousands remain without power after Hurricane Gustav hit last week, Gov. Bobby Jindal urged residents to start stockpiling food, water, batteries and other supplies. The state

also was readying shelters and making plans for trains, buses and planes in case a coastal evacuation is called later in the week.

"It is still too early to be evacuating certainly, but it is not too early to be making sure you've got food and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," Jindal said.

The Federal Emergency Management agency was uncertain about the timing of evacuations along the coast. It would be at least 24 to 48 hours until officials have a clearer picture of Ike's intended path — and officials need to evacuate communities 48 hours before a storm's winds kick up.



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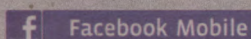
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