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STAFF EDITORIAL

Put parking problems in perspective

Oakland University students don't want to walk the walk. They only want to park the park.

With the start of the new school year, the amount of complaints involving Oakland University's parking accommodations are at an all-time high.

There is nowhere to park!

I have to walk, like, miles across campus!

It takes me so long to find a space!

They shouldn't allow so many students to attend!

I can't wait until a few weeks when people stop coming to class!

The whining is neverending.

We begin to believe that our well-being is based in student sloth and mismanaged campus arrangement.

Park that idea in the trash.

We are the problem.

Oakland University does not have a parking problem. We have a parking problem. We are parking elitists.

Let's put it into perspective.

The university provides several parking lots, free of charge, for all to use. Most universities have parking passes that cost money. We have the freedom to park without having to pay additional fees. Everyone already is complaining about increased money to the university, here is one place where we have actually saved.

Secondly, the campus is not large. Other universities have much longer distances to travel between campus. At times, we only have to walk from room 164 in South Foundation Hall to room 170 in the same building.

Please leave the complaining to places like Michigan State, the university with the largest campus in Michigan.

Also, we choose when we come to school. If an individual wishes to get a certain spot, plan accordingly. It has nothing to do with the amount of space allotted by the univer-

sity. The rest of the world does not revolve around your quirky class schedule.

So, it seems to have nothing to do with a problem of space. It has all to do with how far we are willing to trek on foot.

And as critical as one can be of administration, it is ridiculous to demand the university limit enrollment because "students will have to walk a longer distance." If the parking ruffians were granted their wish, that we would get great parking all the time, the school population would be around 300.

The complaints, in general, are weak arguments with commuter bias. Those who live on campus will have to walk just as far, no matter what the parking lot composition. Many times, commuters have an easier jaunt to class than one who lives on campus.

There is little anger from the dorm residents that student housing is too far from the classrooms.

In that sense, the parking whines and cries loose much power.

It is each our individual problem. If we cannot find a parking spot, it doesn't have anything to do with the university. Never has an establishment been forced to supply "close parking" to everyone.

We have the power to get that small rectangular piece of concrete for each of us, and the university only needs to provide it. Nothing more.

Of course, there is a demand for expanded parking, such as building a parking structure in the main lot. However, one of Oakland's best features is the pristine campus appearance. A gigantic concrete structure does not fit the layout of Oakland University. Also, more money will need to be garnered for the construction, which will come from our wallets.

Essentially, it is not a parking issue. It is an issue of personal responsibility and willingness to walk. It is not a flaw of construction. Either wake up earlier or walk the walk.



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Four on Four

four panelists share their take on four topics



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How much do you rely on RateMyProfessor.com when scheduling classes?

I think every student looks at it ... It's a good resource to look at, but I don't think it's all that accurate. It's proved me wrong before. School is all about the relationships you establish with your professors.

I don't use it at all. I know I probably should, but I listen to what my friends' opinions of the professors are. I never really have problems with professors, for the most part.

I use it minimally. I'll look at it and use it as a guide, but generally I'll talk to people I know ... to see what they think, rather than rely on generalized statements.

I used it once, but I figure different people might have different reactions to professors. I'd prefer to see for myself.

What are your thoughts on the alleged sex scandal concerning Idaho Senator Larry Craig?

If it were to happen to any other person, they would have to face consequences. So why shouldn't he? He's a state representative, so he should be making better decisions.

It just goes to show the state of politics these days. You can't trust politicians in this day, and I hate that. These are supposed to be our nation's leaders, and you can't trust them.

I think it's a shame that our society still stigmatizes gay people so much that he even had to look for sex in a men's bathroom, and his only defense is, 'I'm not gay.' ... At the same time it is a crime to do what he did and he should be punished for it.

We tried to kick Clinton out, so we should kick him out. He's supposed to uphold a standard of excellence that comes with being a publicly elected official.

How have the last six years been affected since the 9/11 attacks?

It was kind of a wake-up call to the country. I don't think we realized how vulnerable we are. It taught us to not take things for granted ... and realize that anything can happen.

I think that a yearly moment of silence should definitely be continued. As time passes we have a tendency to forget all the terrible events that occurred, and I don't think that they should be forgotten by any means.

For a while I think it made us more afraid, more susceptible to people playing on those fears and using it for purposes that were completely unrelated to the 9/11 attacks — I referring to Iraq. But I think, as a people, it has made us stronger.

It was, without question, a tragic event, but I think we should move on. It's important to acknowledge it and move on ... Politicians use it to scare us into letting them achieve their own agendas.

The Detroit Lions began their season with a 36-21 win against the Raiders. Is this reason for optimism for the rest of the year?

Oh, always. I say that at the beginning of every season though.

I never really watch that much of the Lions because they never really do well. I hope that they do well and, maybe I'll start watching them.

Ask me after the fourth game ... I'll be happy if they can at least win [eight games].

It depends. It is the Lions we're talking about. They might go all the way, or they might choke.

Failure in Iraq outweighs Petraeus' measure of success

By **JEFF KRANTZ**
Guest Columnist

The situation in Iraq is a failure.

That notion continues to be challenged despite a preponderance of evidence to the contrary. Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, told a Congressional panel Tuesday that military objectives since the U.S. troop surge in February "are largely being met."

Petraeus said that "security incidents" have been down since the start of the surge and that he envisioned a withdrawal of approximately 30,000 troops next summer. To achieve some semblance of actuality, he also said that the situation remained "difficult."

Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, later testified he believed it was still possible for the U.S. to achieve its goals. As if maintaining a slightly beefed up troop presence for nine more months could make that possible.

Meanwhile, seven more US soldiers were killed in a vehicle accident in western Baghdad.

If the obvious instability and the growing list of casualties aren't enough to convince the remaining wishful thinkers that any chance of success has expired, then perhaps it's time to consider a slightly alternative measure of failure.

The greatest physical threat in Iraq, by far, is the usage of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), otherwise called roadside

bombs. Reports from the Pentagon have estimated that up to 38 percent of all American casualties have resulted from such attacks.

If Baghdad and the rest of Iraq are secure enough to be hopeful that we can still achieve our goals, as Crocker stated, then how in the world are insurgents still able to rig some of the busiest roads in downtown Baghdad with bombs powerful enough to blow a Humvee sky-high — without getting caught?

From a strategic standpoint, enemy sniper fire and random machine-gun ambushes must be very difficult to predict and prevent — but a roadside bomb? How fortified could Baghdad possibly be if insurgents are able to install these

devices on main streets throughout downtown on an almost daily basis?

If that wasn't alarming enough, consider that after installing a roadside bomb, many insurgents camp out somewhere nearby to videotape the actual explosion — in mocking fashion. These video recordings often make their way to the Web where they can be seen throughout the world.

There must be some action that could be taken to prevent a great number of these attacks. The answer likely exists in the head(s) of somebody with an insider's knowledge of the entire operation — somebody like Gen. Petraeus. Too bad he seems convinced that we're moving in the right direction, albeit "difficult."

Greek life supports members and community

By LINDSEY WOJCIK
You Editor

When senior Ryan Borst first came to Oakland University in 2003, he noticed that most people on campus already knew each other from high school and had their niches. Hailing from Canada, Borst decided he needed to meet people quickly. His solution was to join a fraternity.

"A friend of mine from orientation had joined and brought me around. I met some of the guys and had a lot of fun, so I figured why not?" Borst said.

Four years later, Borst is now the president of Sigma Pi, one of the three fraternities on OU's campus.

Two hundred to 300 students at Oakland University are active in the 10 Greek organizations on campus, according to Cressie Smith, coordinator of student activities and Greek Life at OU.

"OU's Greek community is very new – it hasn't been around for hundreds of years," Smith said.

Three national organizations govern the sororities and fraternities under them at OU. The College Panhellenic (CPH) is an umbrella for 26 national and international sororities that governs and supports four OU sororities.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) is a federation of 68 national and international fraternities for men and supports three of OU's IFC fraternities.

There is also one chartering group known as Mustang, which is currently working on getting recruitment up, but its ultimate goal is to be an IFC chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, according to Smith.

The third organization is the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), which is historically known as African American Greek fraternities and sororities, and governs three OU organizations.

Rush?

According to Smith, the term "rush" has been phased out because, "you're not running up and going through a recruitment process, as it used to be the only time (historically) to join a sorority. Recruitment is a yearlong process."

The formal recruitment process for CPH begins at the beginning of the fall semester and runs through the end of September. At the end of September, there is a four-day process in which potential new members, or PNMs, have the opportunity to attend information parties to learn about each sorority on campus, Krystal



Gamma Phi Beta hosted a pie throwing contest during the Greek carnival on Sept. 6.
DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

Minarik, VP of recruitment for CPH said.

"Recruitment counselors disaffiliate from their sororities to help out potential new members during recruitment," Minarik said. "The women going through recruitment have no idea what sororities they are from and don't have to worry about offending anyone in the sorority."

Minarik said CPH is trying a different approach to recruitment this year. After the first night, the sororities will decide who they want to invite back, and the PNMs will be able to decide what invitations they want to accept for the next night. "Each sorority can only invite a certain amount based on what national decides," Minarik said.

Amanda Saoud, the recruitment chair of Phi Sigma Sigma, said recruitment is fun because she gets to meet so many different people. "During recruitment you hang out, get to know the sisters, ask things about the sorority and the sorority will tell you what they want you to know about the sorority before joining," she said.

"During the formal recruitment, at the press party, PNMs write down what sororities they

want to join and the sororities write down their top 10 lists of who they want," Minarik explained. "After that, Cressie Smith and two advisors from other sororities go through the bid match process which is really long and stressful."

Bid matching is when the advisors look at what the PNMs want and match it first. As soon as they are done with bid matching the advisors fill out a card and the sororities don't find out who they have until bid night, Minarik explained.

The fourth day is like a celebration once PNMs get their bids. "There is a process to it," said Kate Murray, member at large of Phi Sigma Sigma. "We try to decide if they are a good fit for our chapter, and it's voted on."

There is also an informal recruitment process, which is like a word-of-mouth-type thing, Minarik explained.

For men looking to join a fraternity in the IFC, the process is a little longer and is not a formal process like CPH. Borst said, "The recruiting process is four to six weeks where we are meeting new prospectives (Sigma Pi's term for pledges), and they can come to us to

ask questions."

"We highly recommend that anybody interested in joining us takes the time to learn about not only our organization but other fraternities on campus, as well," Borst said.

Ben Saathoff, treasurer of Sigma Pi said, "During the recruiting process, we hang out and bring new guys out with us. If they tell us they are interested, they become a new prospective for a semester before they get their bid card."

After getting a bid, they go to final vote. "If you make it to final vote, we like you and you like us. No one gets turned down at final vote," Saathoff said.

While CPH organizations come together to do formal recruitment, Sheela Sharma 2006-07 president of NPHC, said NPHC recruitment is through the individual organizations under NPHC.

Welcome to the Big House

After accepting the bid, PNMs go through an initiation process, which is a ceremony where new members receive full membership to the organization.

Smith explained that while all Greek organizations are founded on the same things, like academics and leadership, the only thing different is the initiation because it's a great way for new members to learn the history and for bonding.

"Once they are in our chapter there are certain things we hold sacred because it's a sorority, and that's just how it is," Murray explained on the initiation process.

Amy Mittelstaedt, a '94 graduate of OU and an Alpha Delta Pi alumni, said during her initiation she was encouraged to keep a lot of it private. "The initiation process is very ceremonial, and it was almost like a church service," Mittelstaedt said.

OU's Greek community has three sorority and fraternity cottages on OU's campus, Smith said.

"The cottages on campus follow the university housing procedures and are alcohol free," Smith said.

Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Sigma Sigma are the two sororities who have cottages on campus, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the fraternity who has a cottage on campus.

Theta Chi is the only fraternity that has a house off campus in Pontiac.

Phi Sigma Sigma is one of the sororities that has a house on campus and currently has

Murray explained that there aren't specific rules for those living in the house, and anyone who wants to live in the house can. "Some people get priority, like the president gets priority and can have a single room, but it's basically whoever wants to live in the house can."

Potential new members are also welcome to live in the house but aren't required to. "There aren't any technical requirements about living in the house. We do, but we don't enforce them unless we are having problems getting people to live in the house," Saathoff said.

Breaking the Stereotypes

Movies and television shows depict Greek life as a carefree lifestyle full of parties, booze, sex and hazing. These are mental images that many OU Greeks said they had before joining their organizations but have since changed.

"Before joining a fraternity, I thought they made you drink, made you chug and that you had to do whatever they said," Saathoff said. "But it's not partying every night. If someone tells a prospective to do something and the prospective doesn't like that, he doesn't have to do that."

Images depicted in the media have shown hazing as a big part of Greek life, but Smith said, "Hazing doesn't happen. It's illegal in the state of Michigan and against OU policy."

While other universities like Michigan State, University of Michigan and Wayne State may be known for having huge drunken frat parties, Saathoff explained that OU fraternities are different.

"The big 10 schools have the big drunken parties that the fraternities put on. We don't throw parties like that," Saathoff said.

"It's a lot easier for a nonGreek organization to have a party then it is for a Greek organization to have a party," Smith said. According to Smith, Greek organizations have to follow rules

and risk management policies in order to throw parties.

MTV's 2002 television series "Sorority Life," a reality show that followed pledges and sisters during rush, initiation and sisterhood at a California sorority, stood out in Minarik's mind as the stereotypical sorority image.

"Before joining, I saw 'Sorority Life,' and

I thought that's what the sorority was like," she said.

After joining the sorority, she learned that the sororities on OU's campus are national, credited sororities with rules, unlike the sorority on the show, which was local and allowed members to pretty much do whatever they wanted.

One thing that was depicted on "Sorority Life" was a heavy amount of drinking, and Minarik said drinking is not an everyday occurrence. "Each sorority can have a good time, but we do it responsibly. We don't endorse underage drinking."

We always respect our sorority, and it's something we always keep in mind because no matter what you're doing or who you're with, they can tie you with your sorority," Minarik said.

"We all have good GPAs and are smart. We're not just dumb sorority girls," Minarik said.

If members of the organization get out of control, Smith said that each fraternity and sorority has a judicial board that takes care of members with low academics, financial problems and social problems.

Borst said he didn't really have a perception of fraternities before he joined because in Canada there isn't really a big emphasis on it, but he knew about the MTV stereotypes of Greek life.

After joining Sigma Pi, he said it's the exact opposite.

"We're heavy into philanthropy and charity and try to help the university as best we can," Borst said.

Another common misconception, according to Borst, is that joining a sorority or fraternity is the equivalent of paying for friends. "In reality, things like dues pay for events so students can have fun," Borst said.

Getting Involved

The events held by each Greek organization are a great way for bonding, Saathoff said. Whether it's a philanthropic event or a social event, "We pretty much bond with anything we do," he said.

Saathoff said Sigma Pi has volunteered in setting up the diabetes walk, 24-hour Relay for Life walk, Pontiac's Trunk or Treat, as well as hosting events like the annual Pig Roast and semi-formals.

Phi Sigma Sigma's Murray said, "Part of our requirements for a sorority is to be involved in at least one other on-campus activity," Murray said one of the sisters helped in developing

a United Hope on campus and another sister brought "Up Till Dawn" to campus.

Sharma said NPHC's main focus is community service. She said they help out at shelters, donate their time with children and help out with freshmen move in.

"More important than the fun events, we do educational events and community service events to broaden people's horizon and to not just have fun events," Sharma said.

Lifetime Connections

Sharma said the benefits of being in a Greek organization are getting involved on campus, meeting a lot of new people and, "since our organization is run like a business, you learn business skills that are needed after graduation."

"It's a great networking tool because you have brothers or sisters who are many years older than you and are far along in their careers and can help you get ahead or get a job, as opposed to being involved in something else on campus that doesn't extend beyond school," Sharma said.

Being in a Greek organization also allows members to gain lifetime friends.

"The best thing is the friends you are going to have for the rest of your life," Saoud said. "I know people who are in their 50s now, and they still talk to their sorority sisters. It's a huge support network of people who have common ideals and common goals."

Saathoff said the best thing someone can gain from a Greek organization is lifetime connections.

"There's always someone in your field that can help you out with homework, help you study for a class that they previously took and our alumni help us find jobs in our fields," Saathoff said.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
The Alpha Delta Pi house is one of the three Greek cottages owned by Oakland University.



SARAH LANG/The Oakland Post
A worker carves a huge piece of pork during last week's 13th annual Sigma Pi Pig Roast, one of the fraternity's biggest events of the year.

Oakland University's Greek Organizations

College Panhellenic (CPH)

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Sigma Tau
Gamma Phi Beta
Phi Sigma Sigma

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Pi
Theta Chi

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

Greek Speak

Bid:

A formal invitation to join a chapter.

Bid Day:

A chapter event that marks the new beginning of New Member education.

Chapter:

The local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority.

Formal Recruitment:

A period of structured membership recruitment schedules and governed by Panhellenic.

Initiation:

A formal ceremony in which a New Member becomes an Active member.

Philanthropy:

Charity or Service project sponsored by a chapter.

Potential New Member:

A woman who has registered for sorority recruitment.

Source: Purdue University
sorority recruitment guide
2003-04 edition

Switch to Moodle finalized

New programs allow more e-Learning

By ADAM ROBERTS
Staff Intern

The ever evolving technology of the classroom can provide great tools for students and professors, but it also can be a learning process — and the learning curve just got a little longer.

Oakland University made a mandatory switch of its e-Learning program — which allows professors to make online posts and communicate with students — from WebCT to Moodle. The transition to the new system was finalized at the start of the summer semester.

Dr. Cathy Cheal, assistant vice president of e-Learning and Instructional Support at OU, said that the transition has been a smooth one.

The changeover became necessary after WebCT was purchased by a competing company, Blackboard, nearly two years ago.

The future of WebCT was in question, and Cheal began looking for other programs to replace it.

According to Cheal, OU had two options. The university could either have purchased the Blackboard program, which has a history of poor support and slow response, or it could go with a so-called open source program, which is not commercially licensed.

Moodle is one such open source program.

OU chose Moodle over other similar programs because it was easy to install and easy to use on existing servers.

One benefit that the university saw in Moodle was that it can be customized based on what faculty needs are, something not possible with commercial software.

Another benefit of Moodle is that OU does not have to pay yearly licensing and support fees, which can cost up to \$50,000.

The only costs of the new software came in the hardware to support it and in hiring a developer for troubleshooting and programming.

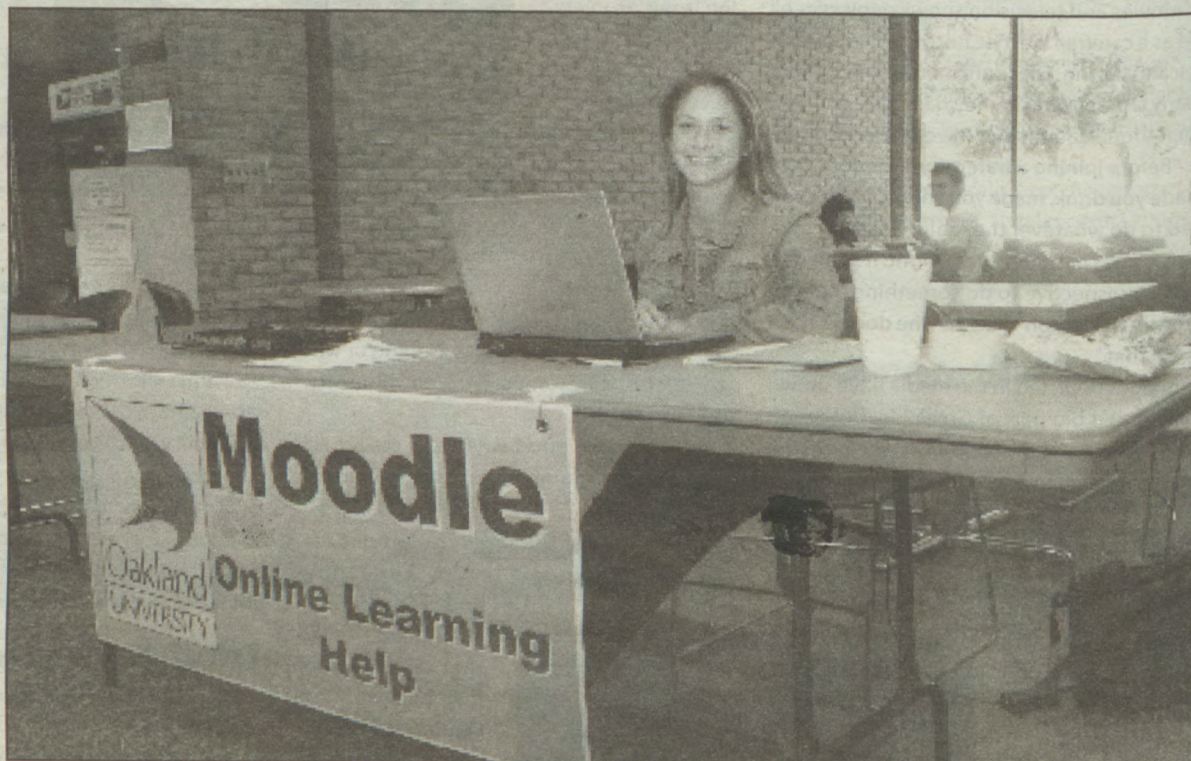
Many features of Moodle are similar to those on WebCT, with classroom-type interfaces that let professors post notes, leave messages and give online quizzes.

Moodle also has Wiki pages, which can be edited by students.

OU customized the system to allow internal e-mail between an instructor and students, as well as an improved grade book.

Also rolling out this fall is the e-portfolio program, which is to allow students to post a resume, work samples and a mission statement on the school server.

Students can give out an access code so prospective



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

A Moodle assistance table was set up yesterday to answer students' questions about the program. Students also can get help with Moodle by clicking on the student orientation tab at <https://moodle.oakland.edu> or by calling e-Learning support at (248) 370-4566.

employers can view the material online.

The university has plans to slowly introduce the program through communication courses this semester. The goal is to help students get jobs by letting them save portfolio work and update their resumes during their time at OU.

Another new technology change students may see in the classroom is iClicker, a handheld device with multiple choice buttons.

The iClicker is to allow students in lecture-type classes to be quizzed impromptu by answering questions with the push of a button.

Answers are tabulated automatically, and instructors can get instant feedback on how well a lecture is being understood or whether students are paying attention.

Another program popping up on campus is Elluminate, a video conference software that allows classes of up to 50 to meet online with real time chat and streaming video from a professor.

The program also has a digital whiteboard, which allows professors to demonstrate concepts to students by drawing them out.

Elluminate has been used by the nursing program for lectures and meetings.

Mastering Moodle

Here are the basics needed to navigate Moodle:

- Go to <https://moodle.oakland.edu>
- Log into the system using your Oakland e-mail and password.
- A list of all your courses, divided by semester, will pop up on the main Moodle page when you log in.
- Click on the course name to get information about the class. Click on the professor's name if you want to read his or her profile and/or forum posts.
- Depending on the professor, different menus may pop up when you click on a course. Use the menu titles to find what you need.
- Find class participants, grades and more on the left bar. Find posted assignments, handouts and syllabus information on the center menu.

New dean focuses on the future

College of Arts and Sciences to get a more global perspective

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

New York native Ron Sudol, College of Arts and Sciences' new dean, is committed to one area of higher education traditionally undercut by a purely foundational curriculum: the future.

"We can't be preparing people for the past," Sudol said. "We need to be preparing them for what we don't know."

This perspective came through Sudol's post-doctoral experience in New York teaching remedial writing and language skills to ill-prepared students hoping to pursue higher education.

"Additionally, I also did some post-graduate work with the National Endowment for the Humanities in the early 1970s that dealt with the subject. I believe this made me an appealing candidate at Oakland University, which had recognized the critical issue of under-prepared students entering into undergraduate studies," he said.

Sudol was hired by OU to teach composition, and he taught the first writing courses that utilized word processors at OU.

"I also became involved in assessments and worked extensively with the Michigan Department of Education to develop the writing aspect of the MEAP assessment,"



Ron Sudol

Sudol said.

Although revolution currently may have negative connotations to some, Sudol's life's work and the direction of the College of Arts and Sciences is just that — revolution.

The college's previous theme, Global Citizenship, is to continue to shape the college's vision of what the educational experience should be. And it yielded to the 2007-08 theme of Revolution.

"Revolution sounds like a destructive process, but history shows that the fires of revolution are a creative element," Sudol said.

On Aug. 23, Sudol and the fifteen other department chairs met for the annual Chair's Retreat. Foundational and creative learning were the primary focus of this meeting.

"Foundational learning provides the basic — the extreme minimum — to enter into the world and a career. Ways that a student gains this education is through general education courses or specialty programs, such as nursing," Sudol said.

Sudol wishes to work with the university to expand upon the creative elements common in all areas of OU's general education program in order to better prepare students for entering the world as global citizens.

"They need to improvise. They need to be imaginative to adapt to new situations and what cultivates a person's ability to do this is creative thinking," Sudol said. "The most important thing we can do for CAS majors is to prepare them for creative thinking."

Traditionally, students may have left classes behind when they went home for the day, but the new dean stresses that there must be collaboration between the student and the teacher if learning is to be effective.

Sudol said that strengthening the writing program can help to achieve this by honing a student's ability to effectively communicate.

"Students should do so much writing that when they enter into the real world, writing should come easily and naturally," he said. "It is absolutely essential in the world of business and in international affairs."

"Another way we will be increasing our ability to prepare students for the future is by being competitive, which means broadening our existing departments and adding new programs where it is feasible," Sudol said.

Recent expansions include the addition of Cinema Studies, and a major in writing is under review.

"Proposals for master's degree options are also being considered for the departments of psychology and communication," Sudol said.

Under Sudol, the College of Arts and Sciences will continue to expand and adapt to the changing world.

This week on campus...

When you need a break from classes and homework, be sure to check out these events happening at OU:

TODAY, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — OU Student Congress Open House at Oakland Center Patio. Meet the executive board and learn more about OUSC and how to get involved.

TODAY, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Gender and Sexuality Center Open House at 40 Oakland Center. Find out about planned programs and services for the fall semester. There will be snacks and prizes.

THURSDAY, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Center for Student Activities Volunteer Fair at Oakland Center Fireside Lounge. Various volunteer agencies are to be on campus with information and to recruit volunteers.

THURSDAY, 7 to 9 p.m. — Oakland Center. Alpha Delta Pi sorority is to host salsa dancing lessons open to the campus community.

THURSDAY, 5 to 6 p.m. — Student Video Productions Open House at 112 Varner Hall. Learn about the various shows aired on OUTV and how to get involved. Food is to be offered.

FRIDAY, 8 p.m. — Dashboard Confessional concert at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are being sold at the Ticketmaster Web site.

Center for Student Activities

CSA

49 Oakland Center, Rochester, MI 48309-4401
(248) 370-2400 • csa@oakland.edu • www.oakland.edu/csa

CSA: Leadership Lecture Series

Bryan Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills & OU Alumnus

Thursday, September 27
12PM – 1PM
Oakland Center Banquet Room B

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Thursday, September 13
11:00AM – 1:00PM
Oakland Center Main Hallway

Gender & Sexuality Center Open House

TODAY
11:30AM – 2:00PM
49 Oakland Center

Snacks, socializing, giveaways & information about upcoming events!

Student Program Board Presents:
DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL (solo)

Friday, September 14
Meadow Brook Music Festival
8:00PM (gates open at 6:30PM)

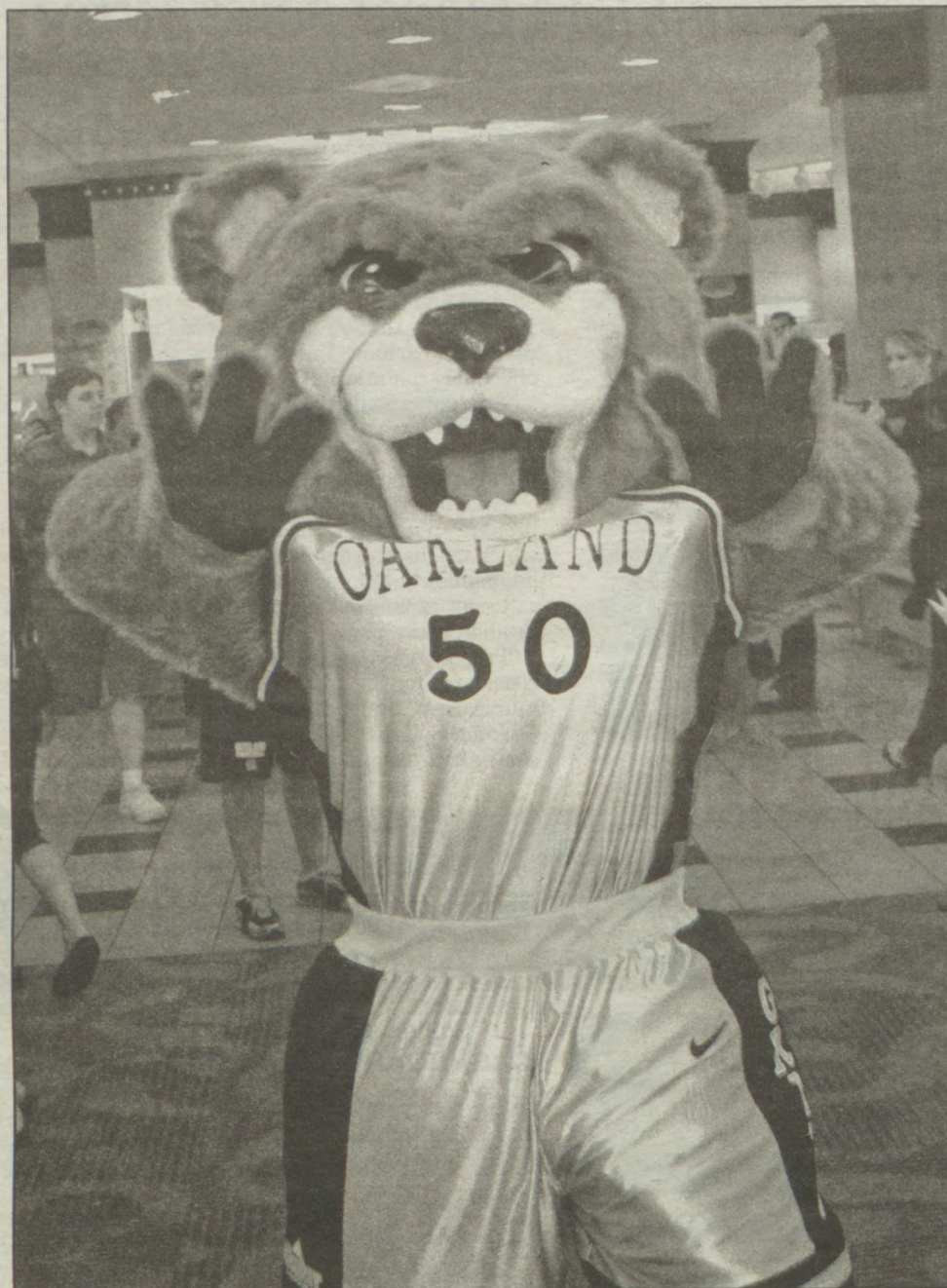
Tickets:
\$10 for OU Students
\$20 for General Public
Service fees may apply

Hispanic Celebration 2007
**Celebramos Nuestras Culturas:
Let's Celebrate Our Cultures**

Opening Ceremony
Monday, September 17
12:00PM – 1:00PM
Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Keynote speaker: Marylou Olivarez Mason,
Executive Director- Michigan Commission on
Spanish Speaking Affairs

INSPIRING GRIZZ PRIDE



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post

Oakland University students meet the newest addition to the Golden Grizzlies family — a revamped mascot. Students had the chance yesterday to get fired up and informed at GrizzFest: Student Organization Fair. The fair, part of Welcome Week 2007, featured representatives from campus organizations to answer students' questions about getting involved. The redesigned mascot was there to encourage fans and to cheer on OU.

POLICEFILES

A man was climbing a ladder up to a loft supply area near Varner Hall when the ladder slipped out from under him on Aug. 30. After falling from 6 to 8 feet, the man complained of left wrist pain and a sore left side.

Medical assistance was required for an OU student who was asleep when he fell from an upper bunk to the floor. The student fell face first into a metal garbage can and struck his teeth on the rim, as indicated by the teeth indentations on the garbage can. One tooth was found on the floor, and the other was found in the adjoining bathroom along with blood. The student was unable to talk due to his injuries.

OU INC offers business aid to university, city

By NICK DEGEL
Senior Reporter

Located on the east side of campus, Oakland University's Smartzone business incubator, a nonprofit organization that develops business and technology in the area, humbly sits offering aid to the university and the community.

The incubator, also called OU INC, was started in 2003 when Oakland University President Gary Russi, Provost Virinder Moudgil and General Counsel Victor Zambardi decided to develop a commercialization program that would permit OU to create new businesses.

In 2005, the state, the city of Rochester Hills and Oakland University approved a proposal to start the Smartzone business incubator. OU INC officially opened its doors Jan. 1, 2006.

In Michigan, OU INC is one of 12 Smartzones — commercialization initiatives attached directly or indirectly to public universities or cities.

Wayne State University, Central Michigan University and Michigan Tech University also are connected to Smartzones.

"These programs make it possible for the university and community to provide economic development resources to start new companies and create jobs in Michigan," said Dr. David Spencer, executive director of OU INC.

OU INC provides entrepreneurs and faculty members with assistance and resources to start businesses that will create new jobs in the state.

"When a business person or an OU faculty member is interested in talking with us about their business opportunity, we ask them to go online to our Web site, fill out an application and tell us what kind of a business they are starting and what their needs are," Spencer said. "We then look at that and talk directly to the business owner and determine whether there is a good fit with the OU Incubator's programs and services and what that company needs."

OU INC also provides students with internship opportunities for the organization and its client companies, which total six in all.

"There are opportunities for Oakland students to receive paid internships to develop products, programs and services for that (client)," Spencer said. "Those internships can lead to full-time employment opportunities for the students, as well."

Kevin Clifford received a position as a dot-net developer for Ajilsoft, one of OU INC's client companies, in April while working on his master's.

"As I was finishing my master's at the university, I was looking for technology companies to work with and saw this one advertised on Oakland University's job link," Clifford said. "It's an entrepreneurial atmosphere with lots of opportunities."

OU INC posts internship opportunities with OU's Career Services.

"We have no opportunities at this time because we just filled several opportunities during the summer semester for this fall," Spencer said. "But as new opportunities arise, we will post them with student career services."

On Aug. 15, OU INC announced that it will house the Great Lakes Angels as a part of the Incubator Tenant Program, which allows businesses or corporations to lease on-site space and services. The Great Lakes Angels are a Michigan-based private investment organization that consults would-be investors of entrepreneurial businesses.

OU INC hopes that a partnership with Great Lakes Angels will entice other angel investors — individuals who provide start-up capital for business ventures — to join the community.

Engineering biology new major

OU is third in state to offer program

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

This year, OU has become the third college in Michigan to offer an undergraduate degree in engineering biology.

"I think it's a little overdue," said Dr. Pieter Frick, dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Frick cited "overwhelming" student interest in biology and medicine, as well as low enrollment but high quality of students in certain engineering programs as reasons for "taking the next step" in creating the program.

"We noticed there's an increasing number of students coming in with multiple interests," said Fatma Mili, professor of computer science and engineering.

The interdisciplinary bachelor's program is designed to allow students with an interest in either engineering or biology to easily become engineering biology majors partway through their college careers, said program coordinator Mili.

"The idea is to get students interested in the field, and hopefully get them to continue in the study," Mili said.

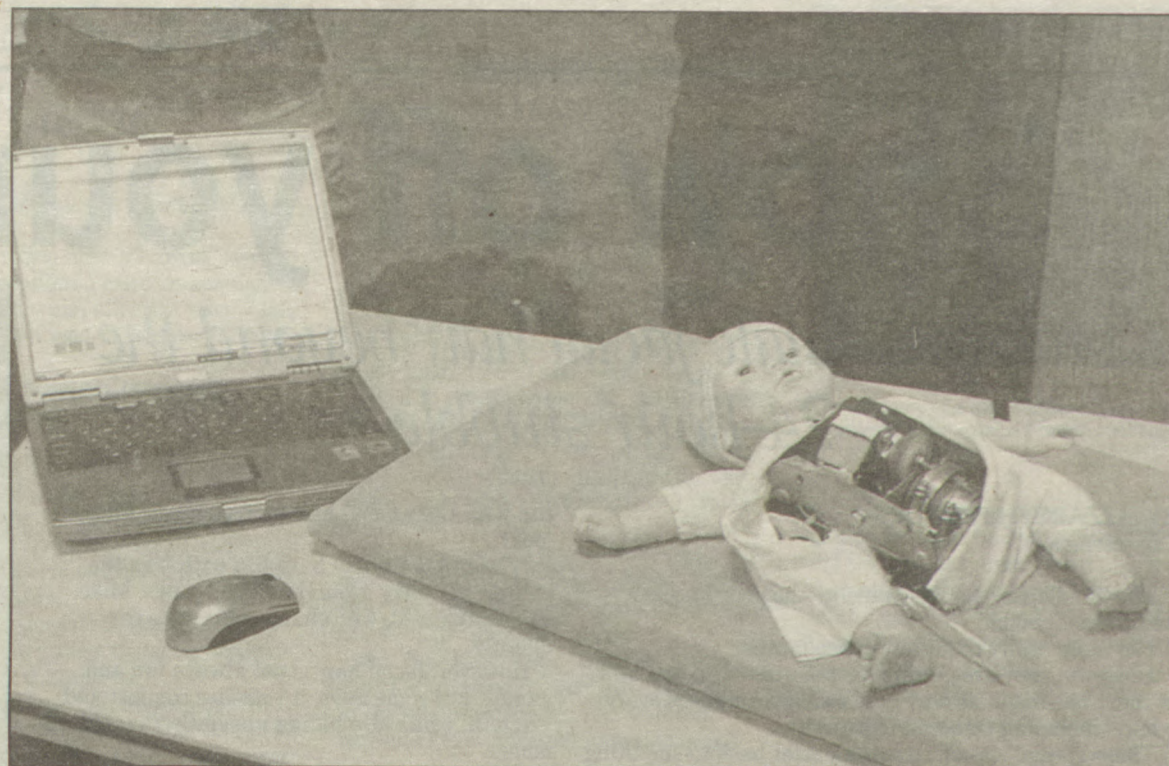
But Oakland University's new program is to differ from similar programs offered at the University of Michigan and Michigan Tech.

"In other places, [the program] is really engineering with just a tiny bit of biology," said Professor Arik Dvir, chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Tissue engineering, drug delivery systems and medical visioning devices — such as MRIs — are some of the practical applications of a degree in engineering biology.

According to Mili, the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health have identified engineering biology as a field ripe for rapid growth.

Graduates of the program will be able to pursue a graduate degree, or find job opportunities in hospitals, research



An electronic baby, designed by engineering students with guidance from nursing faculty, simulates infant patients. It is an example of the projects that engineering biology students will work on, requiring a combination of skills in engineering and life science.

labs and pharmaceutical companies.

Mili, Frick and Dvir all praised faculty for their support of the program.

"Engineering wanted to have it for a long time, and they wanted to cooperate with [the biology department]," said Dvir.

"We are definitely ready" for the program, said Mili, "because the program was designed around the expertise of the faculty involved."

5 TRACKS OF STUDY

1. Bioinformatics (computer science)
2. Biomedical/biophysical engineering (mechanics)
3. Computational biology (mathematics — simulating and analyzing systems)
4. Electronic devices (biosensors — i.e. nanotechnology)
5. Molecular engineering biology (medical)

OU welcomes new mascot, celebrates 50 years

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

Oakland University's golden anniversary has graced students with a new golden Grizzly.

On Sept. 7, vice president for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder granted the long-standing Golden Grizzly mascot with a diploma, signifying the completion of his career as OU's mascot.

A new, larger and browner grizzly pounced onto the stage with the vigor needed to fill his predecessor's shoes and was greeted by cheers and applause.

The graduating mascot — ranking *suma cum carnivore* — accepted the degree at OU's 50th Anniversary Faculty, Staff and Families Celebration,

hosted by the Office of the President.

A gathering filled the Oakland Center for an evening of fun, food and remembrance.

The festivities were truncated briefly, however, when the police chief alerted the crowd of a tornado spotted in Pontiac.

The entire ceremony moved to the OC basement in an orderly and efficient manner — with no injuries or problems — for half an hour as the storm passed.

But the adverse weather did not dampen the celebratory spirit, and events continued upstairs after the warning ended.

The celebration started at 5 p.m. as OU enthusiasts, past and present, helped themselves to a buffet dinner.

At 5:30 that evening, Snyder took the

stage in the Pioneer Food Court before a diverse audience of faculty, family, athletes and dignitaries.

Snyder commented on the "shared Grizzly pride" and the presence of the mayors of both Rochester Hills and Pontiac.

She also introduced Daedra Von Mike McGhee, the representative sent by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

University President Gary Russi took the stage following Snyder's introductions. Russi emphasized the growth of the university.

"We have made our name in the marketplace near and far. We are no longer confused with other places with Oakland in the name," Russi said.

After Russi's address, there were

ceremonies, music from the university's marching band and a performance from the OU cheer team.

Throughout the evening, individuals mingled and enjoyed the variety of celebration activities.

A history display was set up in the Heritage room of the Oakland Center with photos and a video of OU's history.

Various prizes were awarded to participants, including a certificate for golf for four people at the Great Oaks Country Club. All attendees were given an OU mug and T-shirt commemorating the event.

It was apparent from the energy and excitement that there is much pride and accomplishment felt at Oakland University.

Show off your scruff

Trends in male facial hair beyond the 24-hour stubble

By ELIZABETH PERALES
Campus Editor

The handlebar, the Fu Manchu, the door-knocker and the soul patch.

No, these aren't the latest dance moves.

However, they are getting a lot of attention, and talk of them has made its way onto college campuses everywhere, including Oakland University.

These special classifications all refer back to one thing that has been around for centuries yet is ever changing: male facial hair.

Popular celebrity magazines such as inTouch, Life & Style and Us Weekly, have begun to feature before-and-after shots of the A-listers and their latest facial fuzz. In addition, Web sites such as www.askmen.com not

only offer a personal guide to the latest looks but also a do's-and-don'ts list complete with grooming tips.

One site actually gives men an opportunity to take a "test run" before sporting their new look by allowing them to try it out on a personalized virtual model.

Whatever the reason behind this resurgence of interest, facial hair has established itself as the new male accessory and trend-spotters everywhere are taking some time to go over their options and talk about their personal whisker wardrobe.

"It just sort of happened," junior Matt Sturges said about his beard. "I've had it since I was a freshman in high school."

Most guys reflected that same sort of sentiment, saying that the reason for their goatee growth was simply laziness.

However, for some, it goes beyond this and into rebellion.

"I went to a private school, and all throughout high school we were never allowed to have any facial hair," senior Pat Kyc said. "As soon as I graduated, I grew a goatee and I just recently shaved it off."

No matter what the motivation behind it, most men said they are required to maintain a groomed look for work. However, many also admitted to having a little

fun with their facial hair by trying out different looks.

"You can definitely have fun with it in the winter; just play around a little," junior Mike Kondratek said, who changes his style frequently.

However, facial hair is not always fun and games. For some guys, it provides comfort and warmth, while also hiding unsightly facial blemishes.

In addition, many agreed that it creates a mature appearance, while also providing a source of wisdom and inspiration.

Kyc joked that since he shaved his goatee his grades have gone down and no one asks him for advice.

But for others, stubble proves to be more of a nuisance resulting in things like "moustache icicles," or the tiny bits of ice that form on a cold day from breathing on the 'stache.

In addition, it can easily transform from a style choice into a crumb catcher.

"Eating with a beard is the worst, especially if it's something that's really cheesy or all melted," senior Adam Panchenko said. "It's amazing the things that can get stuck in there."

However, despite the attention facial fashion has been getting, not everyone is convinced that it is as huge as the hype makes it out to be.

"Beards, 'staches, goats and soul patches used to be stylin' for men. I've worn them all, except the soul patches, but not anymore," former Director of Journalism, Mike Lewis, said. "They've gone by the fashion wayside. Only cops and athletes wear mustaches now — part of their macho image, apparently."

Hype or not, this is a trend that has permeated into college life. It is sparking conversation — and jokes — among males everywhere, on campus and in Hollywood.

To learn more about the latest looks, check out www.askmen.com and similar sites, or visit your local barber.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/ The Oakland Post
Senior anthropology/sociology major Robert Goepp has a moustache-beard combo.

Popular types of Facial Hair



Handlebar



FuManchu



Garibaldi



Soulpatch

Don't let acne get you down

Learn how to deal with and control embarrassing adult acne

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

It's nice to keep in close touch with an old friend from high school well into — or beyond — the college years, unless that friend is acne.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, although acne usually plagues the hormone-ridden skin of teenagers, it is possible to suffer from it well into your 40s. In fact, some people — usually women — may not even have symptoms until adulthood.

Acne tends to emerge as a result of hormonal changes — for example, puberty in both males and females, or changes related to the reproductive system in females (pregnancy, ovarian cysts, even stopping use of certain acne-fighting birth control pills).

According to AAD, hair follicles are linked to the body's sebaceous glands, which produce oily sebum. An overabundance of sebum combined with too many dead skin cells produces a plug that blocks up follicles. A whitehead is the bulging wall of a plugged follicle. A blackhead is the protruding plug itself. A

pimple is an inflamed or infected blocked follicle.

Though rarely a health hazard, anyone who has ever suffered acne knows the discomfort and social effects it has. If left untreated, it can lead to permanent scarring.

There are a variety of treatment options, some more complicated than others.

For self-care, mayoclinic.com recommends a gentle cleanser for affected areas. Anything too intense, or repeated scrubbing, can irritate the skin and make acne worse. Use "noncomedogenic" cleansers, says the AAD.

Other tips from mayoclinic.com:

- Don't use greasy cosmetic products, including acne concealers.

- Sun exposure can make acne worse. If you're dead set on spending a lot of time outside, be sure to use sunscreen that won't clog your pores.

- Don't rub your face with your hands or keep any part of your face covered for too long by things like your hair or a telephone.

- It can be kind of a sick pleasure, but resist popping zits. It can cause

scarring.

- Diet has nothing to do with acne — eating greasy foods won't give you acne, and eating health food won't cure it.

- If self-care doesn't solve the problem, it may be time to consult a doctor. Prescriptions include topical treatments designed to clear dead skin cells to prevent plugged hair follicles, antibiotics to reduce bacteria that cause inflammation, certain oral contraceptives and isotretinoin such as Accutane.

- Isotretinoin has been proven to cause birth defects and cannot be prescribed to pregnant women. Any female capable of having children must demonstrate that she is on birth control just to obtain it. It's typically used only for very severe acne after other treatments have failed.

- If you take a doctor's advice for acne, follow it to the letter. Never alter your dosage, number of doses, or duration of use without checking first.

- Another disease, rosacea, is often called adult acne despite little relation to the adolescent-plaguing condition. Rosacea's symptoms include persistent

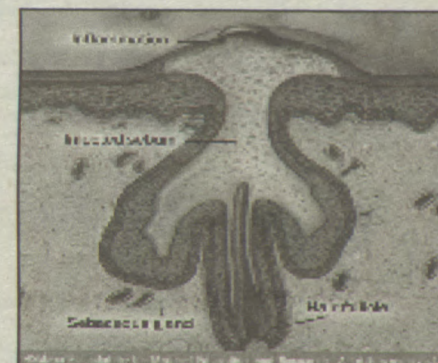


Photo courtesy of www.mayoclinic.com
The anatomy of a pimple. According to the AAD, a pimple is an inflamed or infected hair follicle.

redness of the face eventually advancing to blood vessels and small pimples covering the affected area. It can also involve the ears, chest and back. It usually affects adults between 30 and 50 years of age. Consult a dermatologist to see if your acne is really rosacea.

For more information visit www.aad.org or www.mayoclinic.com.

Over the counter acne treatment products:

Clean and Clear Persa-gel 10 — maximum strength

CVS Pharmacy — 10 oz. \$5.00

Acne treatment — medication for affected areas

Murad Products (Made by Sephora) — bathandbodyworks.com

Acne Clarifying Cleanser \$26

Acne Spot Treatment \$17

Clarifying Toner \$21

Exfoliating Cleanser \$28

Purifying Face Scrub

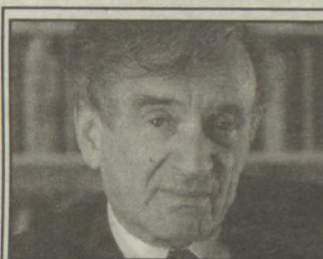
Sephora — sephora.com

Face Deep Down Cleanser — Facial Cleanser \$10 (Deep Cleansing)

AVON — Avon.com

True pore-fection skin refining cleanser \$8

True pore-fection skin cleaning gel \$8 (for oily skin)



Compliments of Boston University, Fred Sway

Elie Wiesel

As a 15-year-old in Transylvania, Romania, Elie Wiesel was deported in 1944 by the Nazis to the Auschwitz concentration camp and later transported to Buchenwald. His mother, younger sister and father perished, while he and his two older sisters survived. Wiesel wrote about his experiences in the concentration camps in "Night," which has been translated into 30 languages since its publication in 1956. Wiesel is a global humanitarian, recognized for his passion to defend human rights and promote peace throughout the world by receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. His honors are numerous, including the United States Congressional Gold Medal (1985), the Medal of Liberty Award (1986), the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1992), the rank of Grand-Croix in the French Legion of Honor (2001), and an honorary knighthood of the British Empire (2006). He is chairman of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, an organization he and his wife, Marion, created to fight indifference, intolerance and injustice.



Oakland University presents

Nobel Peace Prize winner

Elie Wiesel

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
7 p.m.

O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center
Oakland University

Free for Oakland University students, faculty, staff and OUAA members. Tickets for the general public are \$25 in advance at the Center for Student Activities Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

The lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance should contact the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2400.

Sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board, Division of Student Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs and Provost, Student Program Board, and Oakland University Alumni Association.

For more information, call the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2400, or visit www.oakland.edu. The Recreation and Athletics Center is located on the campus of Oakland University, one mile east of I-75, off Exit 79 (University Drive). Free parking is available on campus.

If you could choose the next president of the USA who would it be?



"DANE COOK, THEN AMERICA WOULD FINALLY BE HAPPY."

DANA LANG
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED



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"JOHN STEWART, HE REALLY KNOWS HIS STUFF AND DEFINITELY FOLLOWS WHAT'S GOING ON."

MIKE SULEK
SOPHOMORE, JOURNALISM



Photo Courtesy of neologies.net



"BRETT MICHAELS, HE CAN COMMUNICATE WELL WITH ALL AMERICANS."

LEE STOLP
SOPHOMORE, BIOLOGY



Photo courtesy of sedleyrocks.tripod.com



"HILLARY CLINTON, SHE HAS THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING NEAR THE OFFICE."

ASIJONA SANCHEZ-PUEBLA
SOPHOMORE, HEALTH SCIENCES



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Wanted: Green People

By SARA KANDEL
Scene and Mix Editor

There are certain staples of American life that seem to be synonymous with human waste and pollution.

It's hard to ignore fast food and bottled water in their rolls as items of both pleasure and destruction. They make life easier—no one can argue that but at what cost? Where is Captain Planet when today we face modern day villains like the SUV that mimics Hoggish Greedly, the Saturday morning cartoon bad guy, known for his piggish over-consumption and trail of waste.

Even things that seem neutral, like shrink-wrapped used DVDs and processed food containers are helping to fill the garbage bins that line curbs the night before pick-up day.

For those who consider themselves Earth friendly, check out, www.earthday.net. The Ecological Footprint Quiz grades people on their usage of motor vehicles, electricity, beef consumption and recycling habits. The results might be a little startling. The good thing is after taking the quiz, the site gives personalized tips on how everybody can help.

The planet is in such bad shape that CNN is doing a four-hour, two-part special on Earth's failing ecosystem.

Jeff Corwin, Anderson Cooper and Dr. Sanjay Gupta will host the series, Planet in Peril, this October.

The men will visit nine countries and tackle four issues plaguing planet Earth: overpopulation, species loss, global warming and deforestation. CNN has yet to release dates but the web-site has a more in-depth look at the areas and topics to be covered.

Saving the world is not easy, neither is changing traits that have been ingrained in many since childhood, but until Captain

Planet and the Planeteers come to save the day, everyone will have to do their part. We can start with small things like switching to energy saving light bulbs, using reusable totes for grocery shopping and purchasing products with less packaging when available.

For the politically minded there is a bill (HB 4199) that if signed in to action, would cripple the junk mail industry, helping to save time and trees. For more information on that check out www.newdream.org/junk-mail.

The most important thing everyone can do is spread the word. Knowledge is power and the more people know about the issue, the more they can help to save planet Earth.

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7. Clear a section of the rainforest to build your vacation home

THE OLD COLLEGE TRY

One student's attempt to play ball for the Golden Grizzlies

By ROB TATE
Assistant Sports Editor

Most high school athletes go through the pivotal moment during their senior year when they ponder the thought of "I better enjoy this because I will never play again."

For the most part, athletes in high school play just for the competition, the friendships or to impress your high school sweetheart. You also play for the memories of winning a district championship or scoring the game winning touchdown. Memories that you will cherish when you can no longer play the game you love.

There are a very slim few who actually get recruited by colleges or universities and get to continue with the sport they love after high school.

If you stop and think about athletes on a college team, you sometimes have to assume that these players were the best athlete in their respective high school. College is a different breed of competition. Coaches stop teaching the fundamentals and install complicated schemes to get a leg up on the competition.

Most coaches not only want to win so that the hard work pays off, but they need to win so that they can continue bringing in top notch recruits so they can win more in the future.

A lot of high school athletes slip through the cracks and are never seen by a scout. Hence, the beauty of the collegiate tryout. It's your one chance to impress a coach. It's your one opportunity to say that "I want to keep on playing" and do something about it.

Last week, the Oakland Golden Grizzly baseball team held an open tryout to fish out some missed talent. Around 25 athletes came out in hopes to impress head coach John Musachio and his staff to try to crack the roster of a team that has struggled mightily in recent years.

Tom Benaglio, a former varsity baseball player from Clawson High School wanted to see if he had what it took to play at the collegiate level. Tom, 23, hadn't played organized baseball since his senior year at Clawson, in 2003.

"I wanted to try out last year but I had a lot of stuff going on," Benaglio said. Benaglio, a senior communications major at OU, wanted to see what it was like to try out for the team.

He had no idea what the talent level would be like.

"I just wanted to see what it was like, to see if I was good enough so I could find out for myself how good of a player I was," Benaglio said.

Benaglio said that most of the players trying out had played for club teams and participated in summer leagues. One of the tryout attendees played club baseball at Ferris State.

Tryouts can be nerve racking for everyone, but Benaglio said that the coaching staff was quite relaxed.

"Honestly, there really wasn't any pressure, all three coaches seemed pretty laid back, they made it clear that they wanted us to hustle, they wanted us to be competitive the whole time and to basically give them a reason to take a better look at us," Benaglio said.

Previously a pitcher and third baseman, Benaglio decided to try out as an infielder. The workout consisted of taking grounders from shortstop and making the toss over to first base.

"I picked them all up (the grounders). They hit a couple right at us, they hit a couple you had to range for. Some of my throws were a little off though, I pulled (the first basemen) off the bag a couple times," Benaglio said.

Each tryout attendee also got some cuts in the batting cage. Benaglio didn't go into the tryout cold turkey. He had been visiting the cages, leading up to the tryout.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Potential Golden Grizzlies take part in open tryouts, put on by the Oakland University baseball team. They went through a variety of drills, such as hitting, catching and fielding grounders.

"Batting practice was good. It was pretty much what I had expected, we got pitches to hit, I got some good swings in there," Benaglio said.

The coaches told the players to expect an e-mail over the next 24 hours and it would say if they had made the team or not. Unfortunately for Benaglio, he didn't make the team.

"I just pretty much appreciated that I got the opportunity. I appreciated the coaches letting us come out and give it a shot at least," Benaglio said.

Although he didn't make the squad, Benaglio enjoyed playing on a well groomed college field and using the equipment that wasn't offered at the high school level.

"We were there for two hours but it was fun, I'm glad I got the chance to do it," Benaglio said.

Volleyball sets win record

Grizzlies sweep opposition in tournament

By **BRITTANY OCTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

ROCHESTER — It was a weekend of firsts for Oakland University's volleyball team, as they hosted the Second Annual Oakland Volleyball Tournament. The Grizzlies were victorious in all three match-ups, marking the first time the team has won three consecutive games since joining the NCAA's Division I competition in 1998.

"It's interesting that that's the case, but it's really exciting for me to be a part of that and to help bring success to the program," said head coach Rob Beam. "The credit really belongs to the players because belief is a very strong force. They believe in what we're doing and they believe in each other and it's really starting to show."

Additionally, last weekend was the first time the Grizzlies have strung together three wins on their home court.

In the Grizzlies' home opener Friday night against LaSalle, loyal fans who filled the stands in the O'Rena had much to cheer about as Oakland got off to a strong start after sweeping the Explorers in three games, by scores of 30-19, 30-14 and 30-17.

The momentum carried over into Saturday afternoon, when Oakland yet again swept the competition. This time the Grizzlies beat St. Francis 30-19, 30-18 and 30-23, which at that point was the Grizzlies' closest game of the tournament.

Toledo proved to be the toughest competition for the Grizzlies, but they rallied

back from a two-game deficit to win the match in five games. After falling to the Rockets 29-31 and 28-30, Oakland caught a surge of momentum and went on to win the next three games 30-28, 30-26 and 15-10.

Sophomore Adrienne Leone was selected as the Tournament MVP for her outstanding play in the three match series. Juniors Leah Dupuie and Lauren Duquette also earned spots on the All-Tournament Team.

"Adrienne did a fantastic job of killing the ball, often times with two blockers in front of her and she's still finding a way to score," Beam said. "Leah is just an outstanding natural outside blocker and this is the third weekend in a row (Lauren) has been the best libero in the tournament."

With Summit League play opening this weekend, the Grizzlies still have a long road ahead of them if they want to reach their ultimate goal of making it to the Summit League conference championship in November.

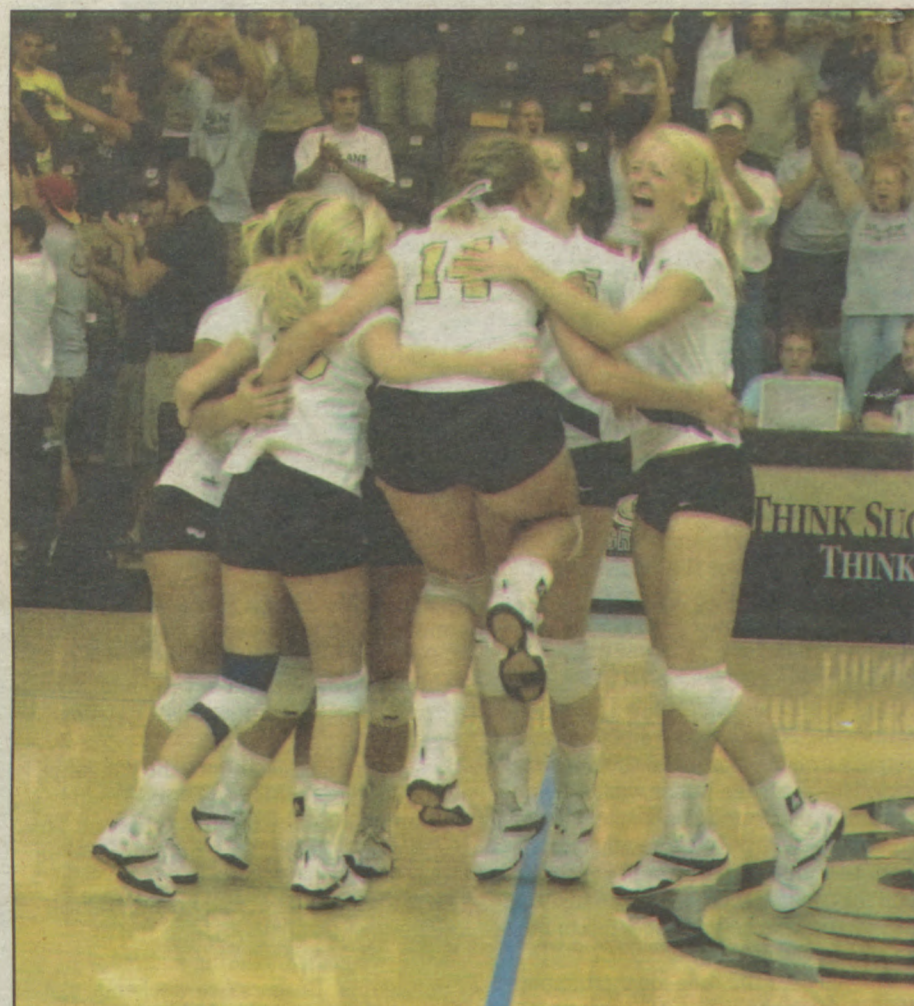
"The team set that as a goal this year, they want to be one of the four teams to make it to the conference championship."

Is that a stretch for a team who was picked by the Summit League coaches to finish seventh out of eight teams?

Beam doesn't think so.

"I'm fully in support of it. I think if everything falls into place and we continue to improve, then it's a realistic goal," said Beam.

Next up are a pair of Summit League opponents on Friday and Saturday, playing Centenary and Oral Roberts.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Senior Monica Frechen jumps for joy and celebrates with her teammates after the Oakland Volleyball Tournament. It is the first time in Division I history where OU has won three games in a row.

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Adrienne Leone
Volleyball

Year: Sophomore
Major: Communications

Leone took home MVP honors at the second annual Oakland Volleyball Tournament and earned the Summit League's Offensive Player of the Week honors.



Photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletics

Grizzlies fall to U-M

Last night, the tenth ranked University of Michigan Wolverines made a trip to the O'Rena to face off against the Golden Grizzlies and took three straight games (30-21, 30-24, 30-27) to keep their perfect season alive. After coming off an undefeated weekend, the Grizzlies had hoped to extend their longest winning streak since becoming a Division I school.

Although the team suffered a 3-0 loss to the maize and blue, Head Coach Rob Beam saw nothing but positives from the defeat.

"Being able to compete with a team of that caliber for three straight games is going to do nothing but help us in the long run," Beam said.

Sophomore Adrienne Leone, last weekend's Oakland Volleyball Tournaments MVP, led the way for the Grizzlies with nine kills, along with senior Monica Frechen.

For Michigan, Big Ten assist leader, Lexi Zimmerman added 44 assists to her season total and team kills leader Katie Brudzinski had 15 to help the Wolverines in the effort.

In the third game, nobody was more ecstatic than the Oakland home crowd. The games attendance was over 400 and its presence was very much felt.

"It was great to see the fans come out and support us like they did," said Beam. "They got to see how well our team is playing and how we can compete with anyone."

—Dan Tallant, Staff Intern

The Oregon Trail

Oakland prepares for tournament out West

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — Going the distance is something Oakland men's soccer is getting accustomed to by the game. Another game, another overtime and another tie.

The Golden Grizzlies managed a 0-0 tie against geographical rival Detroit-Mercy last Wednesday in a game that featured physical play, plenty of complaining and plenty of fouls.

It was Oakland's third game and third overtime affair of the season, one of which Oakland pulled out with a 2-1 win over Rutgers on Sept. 2 and two of the games ended in ties.

"Certainly the game against Detroit wasn't a very good game, on either our part or their part or the referees part," head coach Gary Parsons said.

The Grizzlies and Titans were at each other's throats, or legs if you will, as the game picked up.

In the 14th minute, Golden Grizzly forward Piotr Nowak was tripped up in the penalty area and received the penalty kick. However, the junior was unable to capitalize as Detroit goalkeeper, Bryan Kloss, knocked the shot down. When he went to pounce on it, Nowak challenged him for the ball, but Kloss rounded up the second chance but appeared to be knocked over in the process.

The play set the tone for the tempers of each team the rest of the way as Kloss could be heard voicing his displeasure at the referee.

"Both teams played Friday and Sunday and they played overtime each day, they (each) played in sweltering heat, you could tell that the legs of both teams were really struggling," Parsons said.

So with tired bodies all around, play got a little more physical and yellow cards were handed out like Halloween candy.

A yellow card was given to Nowak and junior Logan Lyon for various reasons, amongst them arguing with officials. Detroit was awarded two separate yellow cards as well. All of the yellow cards were in the second half and within a 20 minute period. Oakland committed 20 fouls to the Titans 17.

Junior goalkeeper Steve Clark only faced two shots on goal in his 110 minutes in net, knocking them both away. His goals-against-average is 0.57 on the young season.

Heading Out West

After a well deserved week and a half off, Oakland will head out to Corvallis, Oregon to partake in the Diadora Oregon State Classic on Friday and Saturday.

Oakland will face two teams which they have never played in the history of the program, Oregon State and UC-Davis, on the trip.

"We are expecting some real solid games," Parsons said.

Oakland traveled to the West Coast last season and came up empty handed against some stiff competition in UCLA and UC-Northridge, who combined, outscored the Golden Grizzlies 6-1 in an invitational at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Some might think that the road trip may have set the tone for the rest of the season, but Parsons doesn't get into those theories.

"I don't believe in that sort of stuff, meaning what you do on Sept. 14 doesn't effect the rest of your season. I don't think there are those key moments that make or break your season," Parsons said.

Oakland will head into the Oregon State Classic with a 1-0-2 record and some fresher legs after the time off. This is the only time all season that Oakland will play on back-to-back days.

The leading scorer so far this season is sophomore striker Sebby Harris, with two goals including a game winner against Rutgers two weekends ago. Harris was named to the College Soccer News National Team of the week for the week ending on Sept. 2.



BOB KNOSKA/ The Oakland Post

Goalkeeper Steve Clark cradles the ball in a 0-0 tie against Detroit-Mercy last Wednesday. Clark made two saves in the game.

Scouting The Opposition



Oregon State Beavers
Friday Sept. 14, 10:30 p.m.
Pac-10 Conference

Record: 2-2

Leading goal scorer: Nick Webb (2)

Goalkeeper: Packy Deenihan, 1.25 goals-against-average

Head Coach: Dana Taylor



UC-Davis Aggies
Saturday Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m.
Big West Conference

Record: 2-1-1

Leading goal scorer: Sule Annibaba (3)

Goalkeeper: Brian Wickers, 1.63 goals-against-average

Head Coach: Dwayne Schaffer

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MEN'S SOCCER

GOAL LEADERS

1. Sebby Harris, OU, 2
- Vangel Nacovski, IUPUI, 2
- Bryan Perez, UMKC, 2
- Luke Greenwell, WIU, 2
- 18 players with one goal

ASSIST LEADERS

1. Stew Gives, OU, 2
- Nikola Bogdanovic, ORU, 2
- John Bayron, UMKC, 2
- 12 players with one assist

Stats as of Sept. 9

Women's soccer split in the Dakotas

By DAN TALLANT
Staff Intern

After dropping the conference opener 3-0 to the Jackrabbits of South Dakota State Friday night and managing just two shots on goal, the team crossed the state line and came from behind to beat North Dakota State Sunday, 2-1.

The two-shot effort Friday was a one-sided affair as South Dakota players Chelsea Lira, Jessica Heine and Kaitlin Justice each scored one goal.

However, the Golden Grizzlies were able to put the game behind them and take care of business two days later at North Dakota State.

Senior Courtney McCracken scored the game winner which also was her first of the year in the 68th minute of play. Assisting on the goal was senior Kristi Tomczyk who provided the game-tying score on an unassisted effort just 27 seconds into the second half.

Tomczyk leads the Grizzlies with three

goals and four points this season.

The victory put the lady Grizzlies back at an even mark in Summit League play. The Grizzlies are averaging just one goal a game thus far and are building a reputation of being a second half team with 75 percent of their goals this season coming in the last 45 minutes of play.

Oakland heads home and takes a break from the conference schedule as they play the University of Cincinnati Friday at 4 p.m.

By the Numbers

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Shots on goal by
Kristi Tomczyk against
NDSU. (The Grizzlies
had 10 total.)

Goals this season by
Courtney McCracken
before her game
winner Sunday.



File photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletics
Kristi Tomczyk carries the ball up the field. Tomczyk leads the Golden Grizzlies with three goals on the season.

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In Case You Missed It...

Still no sign of head coach

More than a week after a decision about the new head coach of the men's and women's golf teams was to be released, no information has been made public. Stay with the Oakland Post as we follow this story's development.

Grizzlies visit the "D"

Oakland University's men's cross country team took part in the Tommy Titan Invitational at Cass-Benton in Detroit Saturday. The men's team placed fifth overall in the field against other local teams, such as Wayne State University. The four-mile race yielded nine Golden Grizzlies in the top 50, with freshman Justine Battle coming in with Oakland's top time of 22:20, earning him a 24th place finish. Nick Allen, racing for the WSU alumni, earned the top time of the afternoon with a 19:57 finish.

Got basketball skills? Prove it!

Oakland's women's basketball team will be holding open tryouts on Friday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. in the O'Rena. Only currently enrolled students are permitted to tryout. For more details, contact assistant coach Katie Wolfe at (248) 370-3119 or e-mail wolfe@oakland.edu.

—By Samantha Franz
Sports Editor



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September 12, 2007

Bounty Hunting Paradise

By ANDY KOZLOWSKI
Contributing Reporter

When the Wii remote was first shown at the Tokyo Game Show in 2005, many were quick to note its potential for first-person shooters. The pointer would allow for accuracy comparable to a PC mouse and keyboard setup, something not possible with the dual-analog pads of Xbox and PlayStation.

That potential was finally realized with the release of "Metroid Prime 3: Corruption." Turning on the game's 'advanced' setting makes for the best first-person controls on a console to date, with fast turning and pinpoint precision that make shoot-outs more engaging than ever.

Even with the renewed focus on combat, however, "Corruption" has not lost the series' focus on puzzle solving and exploration.

As iconic bounty hunter Samus Aran, players will search every nook and cranny of alien worlds that are as beautiful as they are large. As players discover new skills, they will be able to reach previously inaccessible areas. These return trips are kept fresh by plot twists and scripted events that make no area the same twice.

This time around, Samus does not have to recollect her basic abilities at the start of the game. She starts tough and gets tougher as the game progresses. This is good, because the game's wealth of boss battles require clever use of

everything at her disposal.

Other nice changes are the addition of an achievements system that rewards players for in-game accomplishments, and the liberal use of voice acting during real-time conversations with the game's characters, lending the story an epic feel appropriate for the conclusion of a trilogy years in the making.

Nintendo, the game's publisher, gave developer Retro Studios nearly a year to polish the game, and it shows in everything from the deft pacing and tight controls, to the visuals and sheer volume of game-play. Samus' latest mission is a lot of bang for your buck, and comes highly recommended.

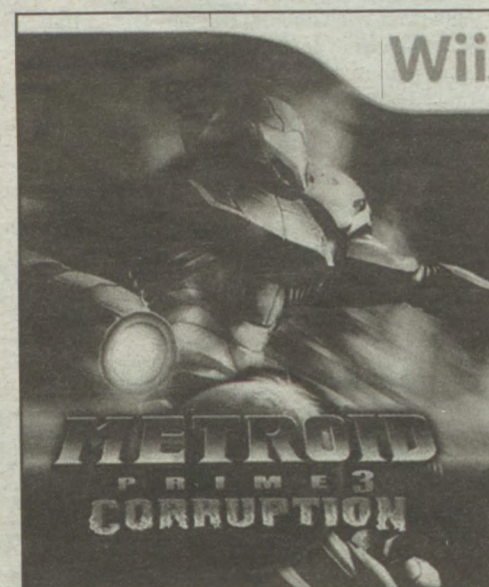


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3-in-1 Hit for Pontiac

By MIA EVANS
Contributing Reporter

The last thing downtown Pontiac needed was another nightclub. Yet once again this past Friday there was a grand opening for a new club, The Crofoot. However this club has a completely new and refreshing concept, making it a great addition to the area.

A place for night life, music and food, the Crofoot is a 20,000 square-foot space with three levels, three dance floors, three restaurants, seven bars and a ballroom complete with a stage for large performances.

The spot attracted a diverse group of people for its grand opening. The style varied amongst business casual, urban apparel, biker chic and high fashion. Constructed almost 180 years ago the building was renovated in 1882

by Michael E. Crofoot, a judge from Oakland County.

"Pontiac is receptive to development and Oakland County is a great place to do business," said owner Dan McGowan. Although they do not hail in Pontiac, the McGowans say they love the city. Together McGowan and his father helped in the development of other Pontiac businesses, Clutch Cargos and Industry.

Although McGowan has ties to Clutch Cargos, he says, "The Crofoot is a totally unique experience different from anything in Metro Detroit."

The grand opening of the club included a main stage event featuring a local punk band. The multiple environments within the club ensured all patrons; even those that weren't punk fans would have a good time.

Described by McGowan as a "home

for new music," the possibility of music performances are endless and span from local to national acts.

McGowan expects the restaurants to be open for lunch and dinner within a month and says rental opportunities range from accommodations for parties of anywhere from a dozen friends to 2,000 people.

In case the grand opening wasn't enough for one weekend, the Crofoot hosted the first of many Saturday night parties, dubbed 180 Degrees, where club goers could hear the best of 80s and 90s and modern rock.

Check out the club located on 1 South Saginaw in Pontiac or visit their website www.thecrofoot.com for a detailed schedule of events up to November.

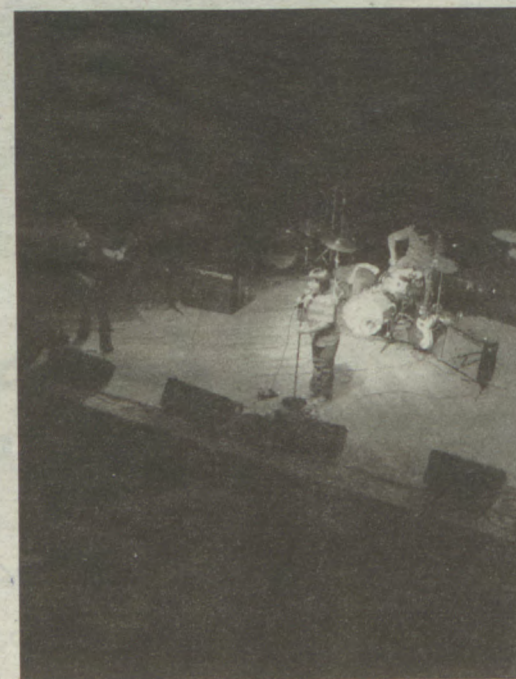


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Faculty art at MONA



What: Persoentage
Who: Professor Vagner M. Whitehead
Where: Mona (Museum of New Art)
 7 N. Saginaw Street
 Pontiac, Mi 48342
When: Sept 15 – Oct 13
 Opening Reception 6-9 p.m.
 Thurs – Sat 12-6 pm

By CELESTE FILIATRAULT
 Graphics/Web Master

Oakland University studio art Professor Vagner M. Whitehead celebrates his work hanging in a Pontiac gallery with free food and wine on opening night.

"Art is part of everyone's life, whether they know it or not. Being exposed to art will expand your resources [...] and it is a real learning experience," Whitehead said. His art will be showcased at a downtown Pontiac gallery this weekend.

According to Whitehead, the show uses self portraits to communicate the search of, "trying to find things you can relate to, so to speak."

The show is a part of "Detroit Now: 12x12," a 12 part series showcasing a different Detroit artist each month.

Battling it Out

By KRISTIN SIMOVSKI
 Contributing Reporter

The stage had been set for weeks: two rappers, two egos, two albums, thousands of records sold and only one victor.

Rappers 50 Cent and Kanye West went toe-to-toe yesterday with the release of both of their third solo albums to the delight of hip hop fans and media outlets alike.

But only one can come out on top.

Expect no more solo projects out of 50 Cent if Kanye's "Graduation" outsells his latest effort "Curtis."

"I'll write music and work with my other artists, but I won't put out any more solo albums," the rapper announced to the news media in late August.

West, who originally planned to drop his album on Sept. 18, responded to the drama that spawned after 50's claim by putting to rest rumors of a feud between the two champions of hip hop.

"I don't have beef with anyone," West said on MTV.

"With 50's album dropping and my album dropping on the same date everybody wins because you get a lot of good music at the same time."

First-day sales can be found at www.billboard.com.

SHOWS WORTH SHOWING UP FOR

- September 14– My Dear Disco with Exchange Bureau at Blind Pig in Ann Arbor
- September 16– Blaq Audio with DJ Pleasure Kitten at St. Andrews in Detroit
- September 25– Beastie Boys at the Fillmore Detroit
- September 29– Maroon 5 at the Palace of Auburn Hills
- October 2– Joss Stone at the Fillmore Detroit
- October 4– Bad Religion with The Bridges and Gallows at Clutch Cargos in Pontiac
- October 5– Hot Hot Heat with Bedouin Soundclash at Saint Andrews in Detroit
- October 7– The Smashing Pumpkins at the Fox Theater in Detroit
- October 12– Bob Dylan with Elvis Costello at the Eastern Mich. Convocation Center in Ypsilanti
- October 17– Wilco at Fox Theater in Detroit
- October 20– Van Halen with Ky-Mani Marley at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit
- November 1– Coheed and Cambria with Clutch and Fall of Troy at the Fillmore Detroit
- November 5– Bruce Springsteen at the Palace of Auburn Hills
- November 6– Broken Social Scene at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor



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Beastie Boys



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Bob Dylan



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Broken Social Scene

Stevie Wonder

"A WONDER SUMMER NIGHT" COMES TO MEADOW BROOK

By SARA KANDEL
 Scene and Mix Editor

Motown legend, Stevie Wonder, is returning to Motown, well the vicinity at least, when he plays at the Meadow Brook Music Festival this week.

His 13-stop tour called, "A Wonder Summer Night" started in San Diego on Aug. 23 and will be in Rochester Hills Wednesday, Sept. 12.

In a press release about the tour, Wonder said, "I look forward to performing in these venues under the stars. We are going to have some wonderful nights of intimate excitement."

The 8:00 p.m. start time should give fans just enough time to get home from work or class and prepare for a night of hits by a man with 32 number one singles. Perfect for a romantic date or for just kicking back to great sounds.

Forecasts predict clear skies for this cooler than usual night. So bundle up or better yet bring someone special and keep warm with cuddling.

For those new to this legend, Wonder is the man who came out with the hits, "Superstition" and "I just called to say I love you." Both tracks are definitely worth downloading for anyone who hasn't heard them.

Tickets are still on sale, ranging from \$35 - 79.50, and available at www.palacenet.com.



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Shipwreck discovered in Lake Superior

Reasons for the mysterious sinking of the Cyprus explained

By JOHN FLESHER
Associated Press Writer

Explorers have discovered the wreckage of an ore carrier that mysteriously sank during a storm on Lake Superior 100 years ago, officials announced Monday.

Only one survivor made it to shore as the ship went down Oct. 11, 1907. Last month, a team with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society found the wreckage of the Cyprus about 460 feet below the surface.

The Great Lakes are littered with thousands of shipwrecks, but the Cyprus is among the more puzzling.

It was on only its second voyage, hauling iron ore from Superior, Wis., to Buffalo, N.Y., when the 420-foot-long ship capsized and quickly sank.

The wreckage was located about eight miles north of Deer Park, a village in Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula where the lone survivor, Charles G. Pitz, stumbled ashore after floating aboard a life raft for nearly seven hours. Twenty-two others aboard the Cyprus perished.

Pitz's great-niece, Ann Sanborn, said she hoped the discovery would lead to an explanation of the Cyprus' fate. Pitz died in 1961 following a long career as a mariner.

"The people who died on that vessel deserve that the truth be brought out, whatever that truth is," said Sanborn, an associate professor in the marine transportation department of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

Built in Lorain, Ohio, the Cyprus was launched Aug. 17, 1907. It was as "seaworthy a vessel as has ever been turned out by a lake ship yard," The Marine Review, a Cleveland trade publication, said after the sinking.

The gale in which the ship perished was "so moderate that only the smaller class of vessels sought shelter, while the big steamers scarcely noticed it at all," the Review said.

But Pitz, the second mate, said after the wreck that the Cyprus was being pounded by northwesterly waves and developed a gradually worsening list the fatal afternoon.

The engines finally stopped, and crew members donned life jackets. Most headed to lifeboats, but Pitz and three others — the cap-



This photo provided by the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society shows the Cyprus, an ore freighter, on her maiden voyage. Shipwreck explorers have discovered the century-old gravesite of the Cyprus, which sank mysteriously during a Lake Superior storm less than two months after it was launched. All but one of 23 crew members died in the Oct. 11, 1907, disaster

tain, the first mate and a watchman — gathered near a raft closer to the front.

About 7:45 p.m., the Cyprus capsized and quickly sank.

Pitz and his companions were hurled into the lake. They climbed aboard the raft and by 2 a.m. had drifted within 300 feet of land. But the raft flipped over several times in the churning surf, drowning everyone but Pitz, who washed ashore, cold and exhausted.

All but two of the 22 victims' bodies were recovered.

The cause of the wreck is a matter of debate. News reports speculated water had entered the Cyprus' hold through faulty hatch covers, causing the ore cargo to shift and create the dangerous list.

Pitz insisted the hatch covers were battened down, although Sanborn, who has researched

the tragedy, said water did get through them.

"There were absolutely no doubts that there were problems with the hatches," she said in a phone interview last week.

Hull damage is another possibility, said Tom Farnquist, the group's executive director.

The captain of a steamer that passed near the Cyprus before it sank said it was trailed by a reddish wake. That suggests water had gotten into the cargo hold where it was discolored by the iron ore. The water then was being pumped out or was seeping through the hull, Farnquist said.

Fred Stonehouse, a marine historian and author in Marquette, offered another theory: The Cyprus was doomed by engine or rudder trouble that prevented the crew from staying out of deep troughs between the waves, where ships are especially vulnerable to

tipovers.

Farnquist said the shipwreck society would send its underwater cameras back to the site for further study. Two inspections have shown that half the pilot house is missing and wreckage is strewn 270 feet off the bow, he said.

Pitz had estimated the ship was 10 miles farther offshore than it turned out to be — one reason no one discovered the site earlier, Farnquist said.

"It's a relief knowing that finally this ship has been located," said Bill Thorne of Sault Ste. Marie. His uncle, George Thorne, was the watchman who almost made it to shore with Pitz. His body was found three days later still strapped to the raft.

"Now we have a better understanding of what happened to George," Thorne said.

Locally grown produce an accessible way to eat healthy

Thriving produce tents and farmers markets continue to expand throughout Michigan

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

At the close of every Michigan spring, they begin to materialize on prominent intersections in every town across the state. They represent a mere fraction of a \$60 billion per year industry for Michigan, and they provide a very accessible way to eat healthfully. These icons are, of course, fresh produce tents.

Fresh produce tents represent one option in a host of ways to obtain locally grown, fresh produce, although they are the most visible. In fact, you probably noticed more of them than last year, dotting the periphery as you sped down the road recently.

"I was actually out shoe shopping, and I noticed the tent. I always buy my produce from tents like these," said Shirley Reed, of Rochester Hills, inspecting some Romeo-grown corn at a tent owned by farmer Al Van Houtte.

Van Houtte has been in business for 45 years.

Nancy Szenderski, his sister and produce tent operator, added that all vegetables are homegrown, and picked fresh daily.

"We'll also be offering pumpkins and squash later this fall."

Farmers markets are also growing in number throughout the state, the causality of which is attributed to the stability and growth of family and midsized farms.

"There are currently around 160 farmers markets in Michigan, which is up from about 90 farmers markets five years ago," said Adam Montri, Hoophouse project manager for Michigan Food and Farming Systems.

"Growth in the number of famers markets, produce stands and growth in farmers marketing through consumer-

supported agriculture are all signs that these smaller-scale farms are experiencing a period of growth and that they have the support of Michigan residents."

The reason for the growing success of smaller farms in Michigan is due, in large part, to food — policy councils, or FPCs.

While communities in many other states with less diverse agricultural industries are experiencing a disconnection from the industrial food system, FPCs throughout Michigan have been working to maintain a connection between consumers and all aspects of their food sources, from the seed to the dinner table.

According to the Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council, FPCs are made up of representatives from farming, hunger prevention, retail food, nutrition education, food processing, sustainable agriculture, religious health, government communities and environmental communities.

The Community Food Security Council, a national organization that strives to make fresh food available to the community with an emphasis on low-income families, desires to not only provide food, but enables individuals and their families to be able to provide food for themselves.

MIFFS is also a large network, operating much like an FPC, that facilitates collaboration between farmers and communities to cultivate this fertile industry.

"Our purpose is to advance and sustain food and farming in which agricultural productivity, environmental stewardship and profitability reinforce each other for the benefit of Michigan's rural and urban communities," Montri said.

MIFFS has worked to sustain the success of the growing number of farmers markets through the formation of the Michigan Farmer's Market Association, which is attributed as the basis for the their growing success.

"Project partners include the Michigan State University CS Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems, the Saginaw Farmers Market, and the MSU Department of Community, and several more," Montri said.

"The project will maintain the success

and rate of growth of farmers markets by providing the funding, marketing and other resources that cannot be achieved on a non-collaborative basis."

Other MIFFS projects include Grow a Row, emphasizing donation of fresh produce; MIFFS Marketline, an online database connecting vendors and buyers of agricultural projects; and Unheated Hoophouses for Year-round Production, a program that promotes the use of unheated greenhouses.

"Things like hoophouses and refrigeration are what enable locally-grown produce to be available to consumers year-round. Storage crops, such as potatoes, carrots, winter squash, onion and garlic can not only be stored during the regular season, but also grown in hoophouses during the Winter," Montri said.

A hoophouse is a simple construction made with poles, which are typically shaped like half-circles and are covered with greenhouse plastic. During the daytime, sunlight heats up the condensation on the inside of the structure, while the ground acts as a heatsink, absorbing energy. At night, the energy is released from the ground as heat.

"As the third largest state in the nation in terms of agricultural diversity and economy, Michigan communities and farmers

should work together, and with the IFS to keep one of the few growing industries in the state on that path. MIFFS projects, such as Hoophouses, not only help achieve that goal, but also promote the environmental and health benefits of buying locally grown produce year-round," Montri said.

A 2006 study conducted by MSU revealed that the average distance traveled by most produce before it arrives at local supermarkets is 1,500 miles. Although this information might be an abstraction, it has many tangible consequences.

"Taste and freshness are definitely diminished over such great distances," Montri said.

"More importantly, studies have shown that the nutritional value of most produce is greatly reduced the greater the distance is between harvest and con-



C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post
Peaches displayed at the Al Van Houtte produce tent located at Avon and Rochester.



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Green onions displayed at the Rochester Farmers Market.



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Eggplant displayed at Eric France's produce tent located at Hamlin and Rochester Road.

sumption."

GGRSC reported in their 2007-08 "Michigan FRESH: Guide to Local Food," that over time, sugars in produce can turn into starches, planet cells can shrink, which contribute to the diminishing nutritional value of the food.

"I only buy local produce. The taste is incomparable to produce that comes from other states," Mary Deronne, of Auburn Hills, said at the Rochester Farmers Market.

Buying locally-grown produce builds community, and fosters close relationships between farmers.

Often, farmers markets and produce tents put consumers face-to-face with the farmer that grew and harvested the crops, allowing them to witness first-hand the stimulation of their local economy.

The "Buy Fresh, Buy Local — Select Michigan Day," to be held Sept. 13, aims to celebrate buying locally and promoting the taste, health and economic benefits of the products.

This state-wide event, first established by the Michigan Legislature in the summer of 2005, is evidence of a common recognition among dedicated supporters of the state economy.

"As winter approaches, it's important to remember that many hoophouse farms operate year-round and avoid important greens from out-of-state. If you do decide to buy from your local grocer, that's fine, but educate yourself. Find out under what conditions the food was grown and how far it travelled. I would urge people to seek out local sources first, though, because their benefits are more than worth it," Montri said.



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Detroit Historical Museum is featuring an exhibit called "Fabulous Five: Detroit's Sports Legends"

Historical museum honors Detroit sports

By JOE GUZMAN
Contributing Reporter

This August, Detroit was named "Sporting News' Best Sports City" for 2007. Recognizing how our sports culture reflects the "show-up-for-work-every-day-and-punch-the-clock" roots of the city.

So it comes on the heels of receiving this honor that the Detroit Historical Museum acknowledges the influence sports has on the city with the "Fabulous Five: Detroit's Sports Legends" exhibit.

Showcasing five of Detroit's legendary sportsmen — Al Kaline, Joe Louis, Gordie Howe, Steve Yzerman and Joe Dumars — the shrine pays tribute to their athletic abilities and professional achievements, as well as exemplifying fair and honest sportsmanship and citizenship.

Upon entering the Kresge Gallery, visitors can watch a video presentation looping through various highlights of the players' careers. The reel introduces each athlete and leads into highlight footage of their playing days, from Kaline in the 1968 World Series to Steve Yzerman's double-overtime goal against the St. Louis Blues in the 1996 playoffs.

Historic moments none-the-less, no voice-over introductions to the highlights provides no context for their significance. Its production looks like a poor PowerPoint presentation exhibiting the effort of a middle-school slacker. The reel would be a nice addition if it displayed dazzling feats of athleticism and the various milestones they achieved.

The staging of the exhibit resembles a window display in a mall. The limited space is meant to give a brief look at the legendary figures who devoted their professional lives to the city.

Visitors get to browse through arti-

facts and brief accounts of the five athletes. The accounts give an overview of their playing and post-playing days summarizing the effect they each had on the city during and after their careers.

There are a few highlights of the exhibit: a life-sized figure draped in an authentic 1960s Al Kaline uniform, a bronzed Joe Louis boxing glove from 1939 and a booklet from Gordie Howe's 1972 retirement ceremony.

This handful of memorabilia fails to make up for the lack of significant artifacts that would make this a showcase worthy of these hometown legends.

For example, a Steve Yzerman bobble-head figure and three novelty pucks are hardly priceless pieces to behold for a career that left him in sixth place in NHL history in total points scored.

Also, Joe Dumars' Piston career as a player and in the front office would seem to merit more than an autographed basketball jersey and Wheaties box.

Anytime sports legends are honored, the standards are high, and more artifacts of milestone achievements with higher production quality should be expected and displayed.

But considering the goal for the "Fabulous Five" exhibit is to briefly present the legends of Detroit sports and their value to the city, the overall arrangement does the five some justice.

The exhibit successfully conveys why these five were chosen because, regardless of their astounding accomplishments, they always represented Detroit with pride and respect through the quality of their character.

These five athletes defined Detroit and reflected the city's humble and hard-working nature. As leaders and champions, they were admired as much for their character as they were for their talent.

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Art and Apples wraps up its 42nd year

Festival focuses on artwork from a large number of artists

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

Summer is quickly coming to a close here in Michigan, and one of the sure-fire signs of the coming fall is the Art and Apples Festival in downtown Rochester.

The three-day extravaganza, in its 42nd year, was held in Rochester Park and is the second-largest fine art festival in Michigan. Over 250 local artists were represented, with a wide variety of artwork on display.

Art and Apples serves as the main fundraiser for the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the PCCA is a non-profit organization located in downtown Rochester. They offer art classes for all ages and all skill levels, as well as provide local artists with a place to display

their artwork.

Local artist Jan Kaulins has participated in Art and Apples for the past 12 years and emphasizes the importance of supporting the arts.

"Art is an important part of our culture. All great cultures in history have had great art," said Kaulins. "It's what sets us apart from the animals."

Kaulins displayed his hand-colored photographs taken from several sporting events around the Metro Detroit area. He shoots the pictures in black and white, then develops them in his own lab and colors them by hand, something hardly heard of in today's age of Photoshop. His artwork included Michigan State University's mascot, Sparty, and the Spirit of Detroit decked out in a Red Wings jersey, just to name a few.

While festival goers may have expected apples to be in abundance, the only apples to be found in Rochester Park were those used in the Community Pie Bake Off. The competition was a new addition to the festival and featured 15 finalists competing to make the best apple pie.

For the most part, the weather held up nicely for the event, with temperatures hovering in the low 80s for a majority of the weekend. Friday night's tornado warning and high wind advisory proved to be a little chaotic but was otherwise smooth-sailing.

"It's very rare that we get three days of nice weather," said Florence Meehan, a member of the festival's steering committee. "Everyone is just having a great time. Last night, the tenth ranked University of Michigan



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Artist Jan Kaulins displays his selection of hand-colored photographs of local sporting events.

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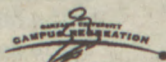
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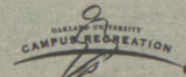
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Conspiracy theories: making (non)sense of it all

By C. M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

They're watching you.

Every move you make, and every step you take, they're watching you.

Watch out!

Do you think that the government has anything better to do than look at your flaw-concealing, self-gratifying oblique —angle self-portraits or drunken stupor photos on Facebook and MySpace?

Do you think that the government has anything better to do than to spend our tax dollars on massive facilities, filled with an army of watchers? These watchers, of course, have nothing better to do than to peruse your life's story, as it exists neatly encapsulated on your profile page?

Well, according to some "theorists," there are more to these social-networking sites than meets the eye. It is, in fact, a breakthrough in data-mining technology, a sinister white chocolate truffle hidden within a layer of dark Belgian bliss, like ignorance.

The little nibbles, the messaging, the poking, the photo browsing, and you won't notice. It's just a little innocent amateur pornography.

Take a large enough bite, though, and you'll sink your teeth right into that unexpected, evil, white-chocolate center.

It's a way to spy on us, and keep us ignorant of it by overwhelming us with the superficialities of this miasma that is post-modern consumer culture.

Organizations like Common Ground, Common Sense and the Alex Jones' Infowars say that this is one of many trends being made by our government, and governments worldwide to establish the framework for a police state where every action and thought are monitored and punished with the excuse we hear a lot these days: that they are a threat to security.

Thought crimes. Terminal internment in FEMA camps. Sub dermal implants. Epidermal barcodes. Mood-altering microwave towers.

These are the advents of the future police state.

Okay, if you've read this far, I applaud you. I hope you've found this enlightening.

I'm being facetious.

I've become aware of several conspiracy theories that I normally wouldn't even pay attention to or think twice

about, but they have a point.

I typically stumble upon them very late at night when my mind is screaming for me to let it rest. My implant short-circuits, though, and I stay awake, swaying with exhaustion in my seat, and then it happens:

"Dick Cheney is a lizard alien in disguise."

I erupt with laughter.

This is why — if there must be a reason, I am aware of these theories.

Plus, I think, if you cut through all of these sinister truffles, these "theorists" are encroaching upon something mildly resembling a point.

Much has been done in the name of national security and freedom, but very little of it makes sense or has really worked out at all.

We still fight wars. We still blindly hate. We still think we're better than other living beings.

We're all royalty.

Maybe it doesn't make sense because for the last 2,000 years, our development has been greatly inhibited by the presence of two sinister forces, each working toward their own ends, both exploiting an ignorant human population to achieve them.

They keep us ignorant.

"They keep us from achieving evolution to the fourth and fifth densities. If we evolve past the point we are currently at, neither forces will be able to harm us," Alex Collier, a self-proclaimed contactee with the Andromedans, said.

These forces, of course, are the gray aliens from Zeta Reticuli and the reptilians from Alpha Draconis.

The clandestine passing of amendments to laws like Presidential Directive 51, which says that the president has autocratic power during a state of emergency he himself can declare at any time among other powers. Congress does not even have access to this information.

An Oregon senator was blocked from viewing amendments to PD51 in August, after first being approved, by a directive whose origins were not disclosed.

The answer, of course, is that it would have revealed a part of a plot to gradually slip the claws of totalitarianism around unsuspecting, hopeless citizens, corral them up, and escort them to FEMA internment camps.

We cannot fight the reptilians. They're too strong.

That's what they want us to think. The talking heads in Washington, cloak-ing their scaly interiors, telling us what will ease our confusion or deflect our scrutiny, want us docile.

Until we're in those camps.

So, you'd like a back story? Here is the short version: we are food to the reptilians from Alpha Draconis. Some are here already, but many more are coming, on a space ship.

The gray aliens from Zeta Reticuli are also here. They are working for the reptilians, using their more evolved minds to retard the evolution of the human mind.

"The potential of the human being is limitless. The Andromedans know this to be true. Some of them are presently evolved to dimensions I cannot even perceive, but they tell me we are

capable of doing the same...to them, we are royalty." Collier said.

The Andromedans have a policy of not interfering with the development of less evolved civilizations. I know, just like the Prime Directive on Star Trek.

We're all doomed if we don't wake up because, to the reptilians, we're prime rib.

That's right: they eat us. We're too weak mentally and physically to resist them on our own.

When the mother ship lands, the reptilians that are already here will come pouring out of a hole in the ground in Upstate New York, where a preponderance of missing children cases have sprung up recently, and feast on us in our FEMA camps.

Not quite take out.

I'd think that a species so advanced — two for that matter — would at least devise some sort of way to make it so that the reptilians did not have to hoof

it from FEMA camp to FEMA camp gobbling us up.

How will they get around once they've become bloated? Do they bloat? Do they get sleepy? Are we just the main course in an intergalactic Thanksgiving?

Does Collier possess the only stash of spices in the galaxy that enables him to perceive these secrets?

I don't know. I can't make heads or lizard tails of any of it.

Hyping it up is what "theorists" do, but if the job of these publicly elected officials is to represent the public, which the senator was doing at the time he requested those documents, and is denied, this is a valid point for scrutiny and speculation given that the subject was PD51.

We're all royalty.

It has been pointed out that technology has a tendency to alienate us from ourselves and, consequently, has the potential to erode connectedness individuals feel with communities.

The atmosphere of whirring, screaming machinery and the needless passing of "anti-terrorism" bills (the antithesis of democracy) and a growing desensitization due to this flood of stimuli can leave us feeling very confused and helpless.

We should at least respect the conspiracy theorists for their attempts, albeit poor, at trying to make sense of it all.

Yes, they do go for the long shot, but at least they make the extra effort to try to find out who the conductors are on this bullet train to catastrophe.

Another really, really bad analogy, I know. I think the truffle one was dead-on, though, because cynicism burns more energy than passivity.

If you thought Facebook was a tool to spy on us, microwave towers and cellphone technology were ways to destabilize our moods on purpose or that Dick Cheney actually runs the world with other lizard aliens in disguise, like him, you'd eat more chocolate too.

The greatest embargo on happiness is one sanctioned by our own confused, apathetic, detached minds.

The reasons for which are too numerous to list.

Pure love should be the only reality.

Oh, and don't drink water anymore. The fluoride they lace it with makes us less likely to resist tyranny.



Photo illustration by Celeste Filiatrault

Liberal Ann Arbor disappoints

The mighty Wolverines are like feudal lords toppled by the peasant class of college football

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

Ann Arbor is the liberal epicenter of Michigan. A true conglomeration of progressive politics, the headquarters of the University of Michigan embrace the sentiments of a freethinking city. It's a place where change can make the world a better place for all.

Why, then, was there so much animosity toward helping an underdog?

Of course, I am referring to the now infamous football game between the University of Michigan and Appalachian State University, in which the number five ranked Wolverines were beaten by the high school equivalent of a junior varsity team, the Mountaineers.

The game was a true act of liberalism, a compassionate triumph for the underdog, a top performance of giving to the less fortunate. It is the welfare state at its finest: Ann Arbor at its best.

A win for the downtrodden who never experience the elitist luxuries of the privileged, such as the glory of fame, recognition and ESPN coverage.

It was a destruction of the class system that ranks one team better than the other, and, instead looks at both as equals.

It is a ground-breaking precedent that no longer views Division 1 and Division IAA teams as superior or inferior to one another. It is a spearhead to the continuing campaign to improve the working class of college football.

Ann Arbor, you did it again.

As a fellow liberal, I applaud you.

With that said, I feel some Ann Arbor liberals have lost their belief in the structure. My best friends attend the school, and I joined some last Saturday to celebrate the triumphant win of liberalism. However my ecstasy was immediately crushed.

Surely you would think the community of Ann Arbor would applaud the University of Michigan's efforts to assist the underdog and "stick it to the man."

I expected chants of "Wolverine's: the liberal mammal," after the triumphant Appalachian State victory.

Instead, I met sullen drunks in the late afternoon who could erupt at any moment in anger. I can't tell you how many times they shouted at me.

"I don't want to talk about it! We're the laughingstock of the entire country!"

Even one of my favorite liberal colleagues from high school held a sign reading:

"Fire Lloyd Carr."

Utter blasphemy!

It devastated me. Lloyd Carr: The mastermind behind it all: the Robin Hood of college football, the Mother Theresa of the 2007-08 season.

Carr is the man who allowed for the biggest upset in conventional, conservative football. It was a success never on record until this game.

We didn't condemn Gandhi for not eating. Why must we attack Carr?

No one cared for my suggestion to nominate Carr as the presidential running mate for the Democratic party. I even had a slogan,

"With Clinton and Carr, we can drive far!"

I felt as if my Ann Arbor had been infiltrated.

Since when was it "me, me, me"?

What is this greed? We have broken down the shackles of the underprivileged like none before! And all you care about is your image? It's about sacrifice! It's about giving!

Isn't that what the great ex-President Bill stressed last year when you gave him that honorary degree?

Come on fellow liberals. Don't give up hope!

But, of course, I can identify the plight of the compassionate liberal.

I understand the bitterness. What thanks did you get, Ann Arbor? You received no appreciation, just jabs from inside and out. You were given criticism for compassion, verbal warfare against your welfare.

Those you helped just cheer and cel-



Associated Press

University of Michigan head football coach Lloyd Carr is the face of modern liberalism. Pictured above, Carr contemplates his next act of giving to the less fortunate during his heroic performance at the September 1 game in Ann Arbor against the Appalachian State Mountaineers.

brate. They forget to offer gratitude to those great enough to give themselves over and sacrifice.

Jerry Moore, the head football coach of Appalachian State, was given a contract extension for one year, yet not one "thank you" was given to Carr.

Don't worry. I know how it feels. I once gave a quarter to a bum on the street, who failed to acknowledge me.

The only difference is the scale.

Coach Carr, you have given more than a quarter. You have given more than a game. You have given your season, your reputation, quite possibly your job and all for furthering the hope of achieving the liberal dream.

This past weekend's loss against Oregon shows that Carr still has it. I hope he does not get carried away with his philanthropic endeavors. It seems as if some have really taken offense to his current work with the team.

What a true liberal. Hang in there buddy, and don't agonize. Stand for what you believe, and to hell with the consequences.

And don't worry, Coach Carr, when I'm in Ann Arbor, I'll throw you a quarter.

Oh, and for those of you upset, please remember some history: Oakland University was first a member of Michigan State, not the University of Michigan.

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A frame taken from an undated video message shows Osama bin Laden speaking in the first new video of the al-Qaida leader in three years.

Administration reacts to new bin Laden tape

By BEN FELLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seemingly taunting Osama bin Laden, President George W. Bush's homeland security adviser said Sunday the fugitive al-Qaida leader is "virtually impotent" beyond his ability to hide away and spread anti-American propaganda.

The provocative characterization came just days after bin Laden attracted international attention with the release of a video in which he ridicules Bush about the Iraq war and reminds the world that he has not been captured.

White House aide Frances Fragos Townsend made a clear attempt to diminish the influence and perception of the man who masterminded the September 11 attacks.

"This is about the best he can do," Townsend said of bin Laden.

"We know that al-Qaida is still determined to attack, and we take it seriously," Townsend said. "But this tape appears to be nothing more than threats. It's propaganda on their part."

The president responded to bin Laden's tape last week by saying it was a reminder that the world is dangerous and that Iraq is part of the war against extremists.

The consensus of the nation's top intelligence analysts is that bin Laden's terrorist network is anything but impotent.

Terrorism experts say the network is regrouping in the lawless Pakistan-Afghanistan border region. The latest National Intelligence Estimate says al-Qaida is growing in strength, intensifying its efforts to put operatives in the United States and plotting against American targets that will cause massive casualties.

In the recording, bin Laden's first new video appearance since 2004, he tells Americans they should convert to Islam if they want the war in Iraq to end. He makes no overt threats and does not directly call for attacks.

Bush to support troop reduction

By MATTHEW LEE
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WASHINGTON — President Bush is to tell the nation this week that he plans to reduce the American troop presence in Iraq by about 30,000 by next summer, but will condition those and further cuts on continued progress, according to officials.

In a primetime television address, Bush is to endorse the recommendations of his top general and top diplomat in Iraq, following their appearance at two days of hearings in Congress, administration officials said.

But officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Bush's speech is not yet finished. Bush was practicing the speech and putting the final touches on it even as the U.S. commanding general, David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan

Crocker still were presenting their arguments on Capitol Hill.

The reductions envisioned by the White House mirror those proposed by Petraeus and would leave approximately 130,000 U.S. troops on the ground by August, roughly the same level that existed before Bush ordered the buildup, officials said.

In the speech, the president is to say that he understands the deep concerns Americans have about U.S. involvement in Iraq and their desire to bring the troops home.

The address is to stake out a conciliatory tone toward Congress, but Bush is to place more conditions on the pace of reductions to the pre-buildup level of 130,000 than Petraeus did.

At the White House Tuesday afternoon, Bush met with House and Senate lawmakers of both parties and he publicly

pledged to consider their input.

Bush said that he thinks it is important to meet with House and Senate leaders before he makes a decision.

Bush also is to adopt Petraeus' call for more time to determine the timing and scale of withdrawals below the 130,000 mark and offer to report to Congress in March about such plans, one official said.

White House press secretary Tony Snow said Petraeus and Crocker presented compelling arguments about "what appears to be trend lines that are pointing to success" and that "if you've got something that is succeeding, you want more of it."

He denied, however, that he was offering a preview of what Bush is to say.

"Whether the president agrees or disagrees, we're going to find out," Snow told reporters on Tuesday.



NEW YORK (AP) — If fall's gray palette seems a bit depressing, get ready for a dose of fashion Prozac. The spring collections shown at New York Fashion Week were full of optimism, featuring bright colors and bursts of gold. Donna Karan showed a graffiti print in hot pink for her DKNY line, while Michael Kors took on a disco theme. Kors' collection featured sunny gold, as did those of Proenza Schouler and Ralph Lauren — the toast of one of the week's highlights, his 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday. New York Fashion Week lasts eight days, previewing the spring-summer looks of 100 or so designers for fashion editors, retail buyers and stylists.

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9-01 | A spokesman for U.S. Senator Larry Craig indicates that the senator is rethinking his decision to resign following his plea of guilty to a "disorderly conduct" charge.

9-05 | Mattel recalls 700,000 Chinese-made toys due to the possibility that excessive lead paint was used.

9-06 | Luciano Pavarotti, one of opera's biggest superstars, dies after a battle against cancer. He was 71. | Eleven public officials, including two mayors and two legislators, were arrested across New Jersey on charges of taking bribes in exchange for influencing the awarding of public contracts.

9-07 | The death toll from Hurricane Felix, a Category 5 hurricane, rises to at least 130 in Nicaragua and Honduras.

| The parents of 4-year-old Madeline McCann were formally named as suspects in her disappearance.

9-10 | Saboage is suspected in a series of explosions that tear apart Pemex natural gas pipelines in the Mexican state of Veracruz.

Neurosurgeon: NFL player may walk again

By JOHN WAWROW
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BUFFALO, N.Y. — Kevin Everett voluntarily moved his arms and legs on Tuesday when partially awakened, prompting a neurosurgeon to say the Buffalo Bills' tight end would walk again — contrary to the grim prognosis given a day before.

"Based on our experience, the fact that he's moving so well, so early after such a catastrophic injury means he will walk again," said Dr. Barth Green, chairman of the department of neurological surgery at the University of Miami school of medi-

cine.

"It's totally spectacular, totally unexpected," Green said.

Green said he's been consulting with doctors in Buffalo since Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury Sunday, after ducking his head while tackling the Denver Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second-half kickoff of the Bills' season opener.

Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Asked whether Everett will have a chance to fully recover, Green said: "It's

feasible, but it's not 100 percent predictable at this time ... But it's feasible he could lead a normal life."

On Monday, Bills orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Andrew Cappuccino, said Everett likely wouldn't walk again.

In a report Tuesday evening, Cappuccino was quoted as saying: "We may be witnessing a minor miracle."

Everett remains in intensive care and will be slowly taken off sedation over the next day, Green said. Doctors will also take the player off a respirator.

But he cautioned that Everett's injury remained life-threatening.