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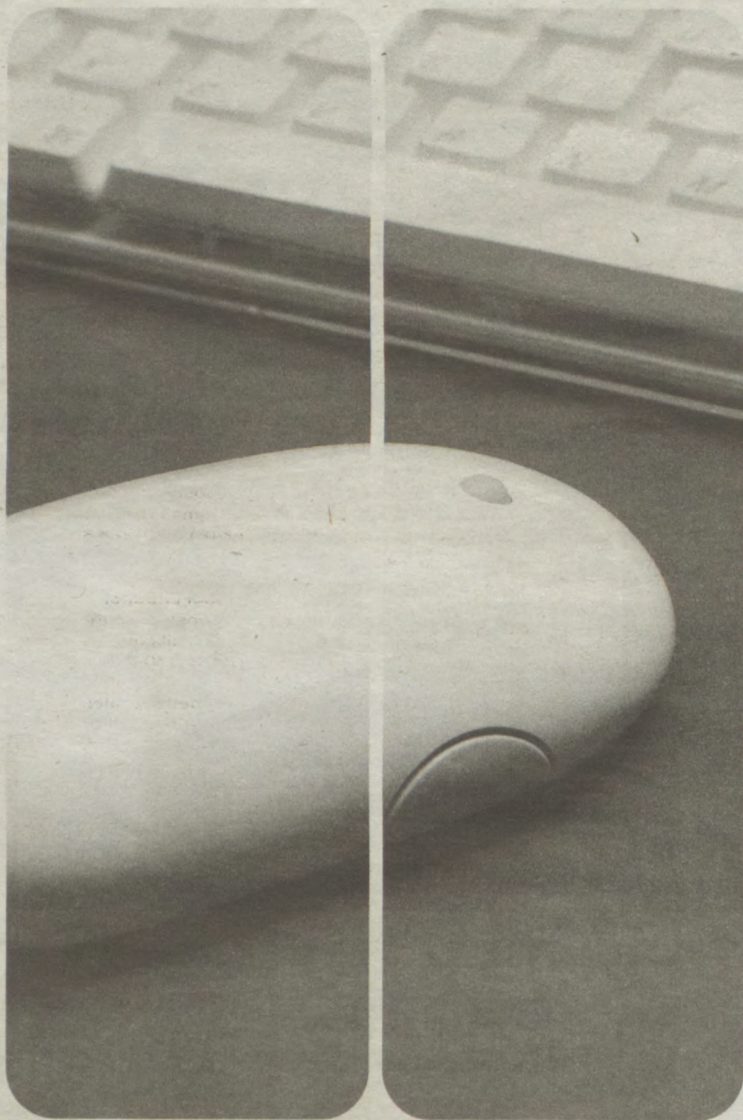
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Finally, a med school closer to home

The announcement of OU's very own allopathic medical program, to be launched in 2010, should benefit everyone affiliated with the university. The Post worked with university officials to help answer some pressing questions.

By Jeff Kranitz and Kyle Magin
Editor in Chief and
Special Projects Editor

Oakland University President Gary D. Russi announced last Thursday that OU and Beaumont Hospital have entered into a partnership to create the state's first privately funded medical school on Oakland's campus.

"We will not rely on state funds—whatsoever," Russi said, generating a round of applause from an audience of local dignitaries, including Oakland County Commissioner L. Brooks Patterson and U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg.

"This sends a signal to the rest of the nation that Michigan is not asleep," Knollenberg, R-Mich., said.

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Dr. Gary Russi
Oakland University President

"These are going to be the kind of jobs we want -- in the life sciences, research, clinical trials, doctors," Patterson said. "It's the kind of investment, frankly, that we've been looking for under our emerging sectors initiative. And under one fell swoop, it's right at our doorstep."

Drawing from an economic analysis of a medical school opening in Florida next year, Russi estimated the new school might generate \$1.1 billion in business in its first year alone, then eventually create 11,000 jobs and add \$22 million to the local tax base.

The allopathic program is projected to induct its inaugural class in 2010 and will help prepare Michigan for what the American Association of Medical Colleges predicts will be a critical shortage of health care physicians in 2020,

Russi said.

Beaumont CEO Kenneth Matzick and Ananias Diokno, M.D. Beaumont's executive vice president and chief medical officer also addressed the need of generating more Michigan-based doctors.

"Nationally that shortage will decrease to 96,000 fewer physicians than predicted will be needed in the year 2020," Matzick said. "In Michigan that translates to more than 4,000 doctors—about 4,400 short of what will be needed in 2020—unless medical schools in the state expand their programs and more programs are created."

Officials said the first two years of the four-year curriculum will consist of basic medical science in classrooms and labs on Oakland's campus. Students are placed in hospitals for clinical rotations in years three and four. Beaumont's two hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy would be the primary locations for these placements, and other area hospitals are expected to receive student placements as well, according to a press

release. The medical school will be funded by foundations, individual and corporate donations.

Russi expects no problems in finding the private funds for the medical school.

"The notion is that if we can get it privately funded we'll build an endowment and be able to sustain it long-term. In addition there's cash flow with medical schools, there is research money, tuition dollars, donations, there are ways to fund the medical school that aren't particularly common at other schools," Russi said.

The charter class should be admitted in 2010 with an estimated 50 to 100 students, with an eventual capacity for 200 per year.

Russi said Oakland's faculty and students are well prepared for a medical program.

"We've made commitments to science and to pre-medicine in a way that is very significant. Our laboratories are configured, we have cadaver laboratories already, we've got support systems, we have world-class faculty to teach those basic science courses and I think we will enrich that as (Matzick) will enrich his own operation with he's added infrastructure over the years to grow Beaumont,"

Russi said.

The Oakland-Beaumont relationship is nothing new. The two institutions have been working together for more than 30 years, most notably in OU's School of Nursing. The department's anesthesiology graduate program is ranked sixth nationally, according to U.S. News & World Report.

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Kenneth Matzick
CEO of Beaumont Hospitals

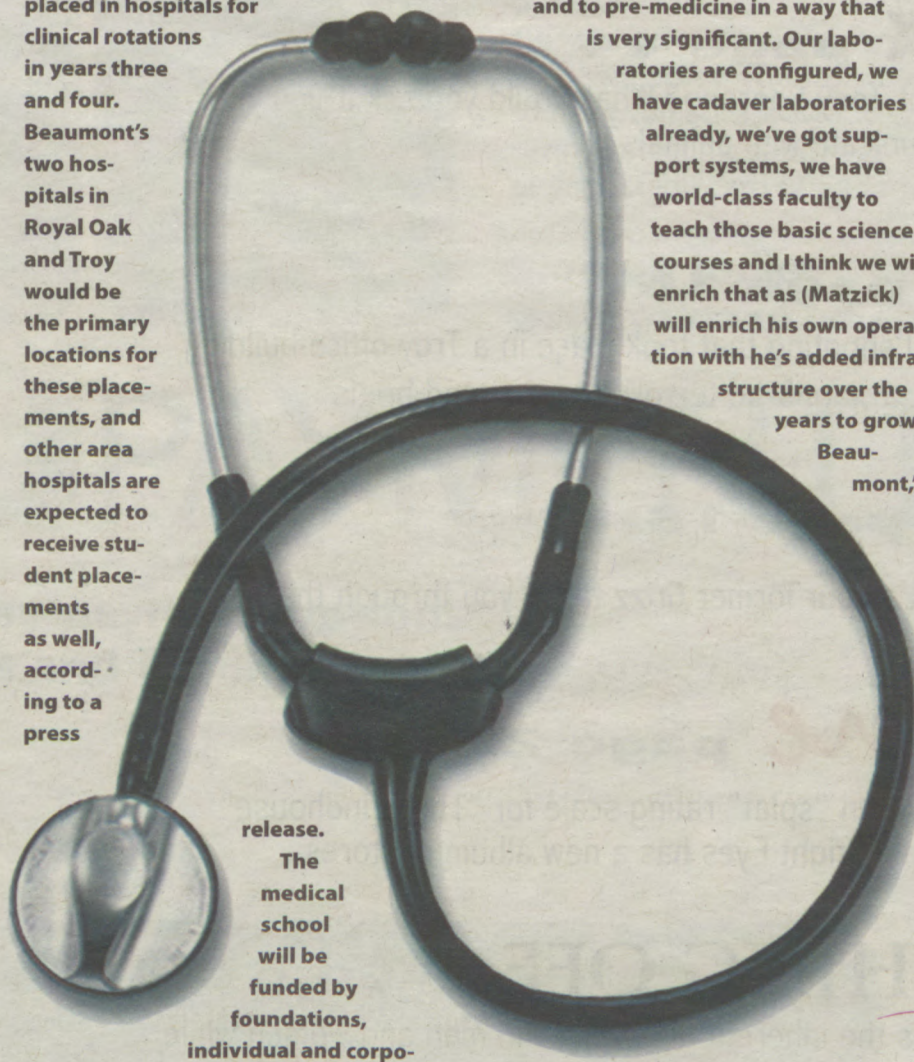
"We've benefited for years from Oakland graduates...and view this as the next step," Matzick said.

As a corollary to the program, new buildings will be constructed to house the med school after its establishment.

"Ultimately, once we get past the first few years a majority of our fund-raising effort will go to new buildings," Russi said.

The incoming medical school removes Oakland as a venue for Michigan State's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

"We thought it would be more beneficial to bring a full medical school to Oakland County instead of a branch," Russi said.



WONDERING HOW Oakland's medical program will affect you?

Check out these FAQs and you may find the answer

The big three are facing a new threat, and we're not talking about the auto industry.

Oakland University is partnering with Beaumont Hospital to bring a medical school to OU, propelling it into the ranks of Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University as research institutions.

Many students—pre-med and otherwise—have expressed nothing but enthusiasm, realizing the benefits will likely be far reaching.

The totally privately funded school will open its doors in 2010, and is expected to be a financial boom for both OU and Oakland County.

The dust settled after last Thursday's announcement, and OU students have some questions that Oakland President Gary Russi helps answer:

Q: What sources will the private funding come from?

A: Gifts from individuals and corporations and grants from foundations are the most likely sources.

Q: Will any funding come from the \$73 million already raised for the "Innovation and Opportunity—The Campaign for Oakland University"?

A: Gifts and grants for the med school program will be newly sought.

Q: Is there any concern about keeping the medical school privately funded?

A: The notion is that if we can get it privately funded we'll build an endowment and be able to sustain it long-term. In addition there's cash flow with medical schools, there is research money, tuition dollars, donations, there's ways to fund the medical school that aren't particularly common at other schools.

Q: Will this affect requirements for current pre-medical majors hoping to get into the program? Will pre-med requirements become more stringent in anticipation of the program?

A: Our pre-medical course of study will not likely change. We prepare our pre-medical students for admission into competitive medical schools around the country. In fact, the percentage of Oakland students who get accepted to medical schools is considerably higher than national averages.

Q: Will Oakland offer clinical specialties for its med students (such as OB/GYN, Cardiology, or Oncology)?

A: It is anticipated that the medical school at Oakland will provide comprehensive training for physicians in a variety of specialties, although specific programs have yet to be determined.

Q: How long has the university been in negotiations for a medical school and how long before the 4/4/07 announcement did the administration make a solid commitment to the Beaumont/medical school partnership?

A: We have been developing resources for a medical school for decades through the School of Health Sciences—which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year—the School of Nursing and our biomedical research facilities, including the Eye Research Institute. Much of the needed infrastructure is already here on Oakland's campus, and the new school will thus not be a "from the ground up" project. The Beaumont partnership specifically has been in the making for more than a year.

Q: Will students have a chance to do their residency with private practice

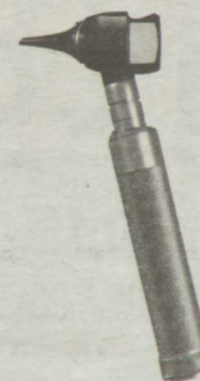
doctors as well as the Beaumont hospitals themselves?

A: Graduates of the new school would have similar residency opportunities to graduates from other medical schools.

Q: How did the idea for a medical school start? Did Oakland approach Beaumont to be a partner or vice-versa?

A: OU and Beaumont have been working together for many years on collaborative programs, including eye research and a nationally recognized nurse anesthesia program. The current and worsening shortage of trained physicians was a need that both organizations realized and sought to remedy.

Discussions on this topic began more than a year ago.



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Shady lenders not a concern at OU

Financial aid is risky business at many colleges

By PAUL GULLY
Mouthing Off Editor

In the midst of a nationwide investigation that has brought to light some serious problems in the college loan industry and raised awareness among college students, it appears that the Financial Aid Office staff at Oakland University is doing much to provide a loan process free of corruption and backroom deals.

An investigation, conducted by New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, uncovered unethical and possible illegal practices in the partnership between colleges and universities, and independent loan providers. As many as 100 colleges around the country were involved in revenue-sharing schemes with banks and loan agencies in which the institution receives a percent of the profits made by its preferred lenders, and receives kick-backs and gifts for steering students toward these preferred lenders, according to a CBS News article.

Some of the top institutions in the country, including Columbia University, the University of Texas, the University of Southern California, Syracuse University, Boston University and Pepperdine have been targeted in the investigation.

At Oakland University, Director of Financial Aid Cindy Hermesen wants to make it clear that no such practices are taking place.

"I want to make sure that our students here at Oakland realize that we operate a program that is within the guidelines of the law, and that Oakland is not doing anything that is inappropriate," Hermesen said.

All of OU's federal loans are processed through the U.S. Department of Education, not through outside lenders, according to Hermesen.

Only when a student reaches his or her federal loan limit does the office recommend going through one of its preferred lenders, MI-Loan (a loan offered directly through the state of Michigan) or CitiAssist (offered through Citibank).

According to figures provided by the office, only about \$2 to 3 million of the \$45 million in loan volume processed through the Financial Aid Office each year are through outside lenders.

Each year, OU's preferred lenders are evaluated to ensure students are getting the best interest rates and terms for their loans.

With the recent allegations and findings of Cuomo's investigation, the university took an even closer look at their preferred lenders this year.

"I am 100 percent confident that we have a process in place that assures that there is no conflict of interest with the university and our lenders," said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs. "I am confident that this institution has never received funds from any of our lenders."

Hermesen even goes as far as turning down lunch or dinner offers from lenders to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest.

"I've put up a big road block with these lenders and made it clear to my staff to not accept anything," Hermesen said.

OU makes it a point not to work with alternative lenders who offer any type of incentive.

"I'm very happy that I can say that

we run a clean operation here, and that we have not accepted anything at all," said Hermesen. "We're not in the business of trying to make money off the students and the loans that they take; we just want to help them find the funding that they need to attend school."

For more information on student loans and financial aid, contact the Financial Aid Office located in 120 North Foundation Hall.

Financial Aid Facts At-A-Glance

WHO:

Students enrolled at least part-time at a college or university qualify for financial aid

WHAT:

Financial aid includes scholarships, grants and various types of loans

WHERE:

Financial Aid Office, located in 120 North Foundation Hall

WHEN:

FAFSA application deadline for the 2007-2008 school year is June 30, 2008

HOW:

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information

Up 'Till Dawn's big finish

By CRYSTAL NELSON
Assistant Ads Manager

At Monday night's Up 'Till Dawn finale Executive Director Amanda Rymiszewski announced that over \$26,000 was raised for St. Jude's Research Hospital, more than triple the amount from last year.

The finale is the second of two main events and celebrates the total amount of money collected from the first event, a letter writing party held last November.

Rymiszewski said, "The letter writing party is where students address pre-written letters to family and friends explaining St. Jude's and asking them if they're willing to donate."

The finale recognized the students' efforts in writing letters and raising money. One student, Micah Bates, wrote over 100 letters for the St. Jude's fundraiser. Prizes were given out to students who raised the most money.

This is Oakland University's second year participating in the student-led fundraiser, put on by over 100 campuses nationwide.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help St. Jude's with the expenses of running the hospital. Rymiszewski said it costs over \$1.1 million a day to run the hospital.

"Protocols discovered at St. Jude's have been used all over the world. Children from all 50 states and over 70 countries have been treated and no patient will ever be turned away because of money," Rymiszewski continued.

Advisor Cressie Smith said she's very happy with the success of Up 'Till Dawn this year and has already set goals for next year.

She said, "My goals as an advisor are to work with the newly elected e-board and hopefully write more letters and raise more money."

Smith said that Up 'Till Dawn raised more money than any other student organization.

Applications for next year's e-board can be found in the CSA office and are due by April 18. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Cressie Smith at (248) 370-4334.



OUSC Presents...

WEEK OF CHANGE

Thursday, April 5th - Tuesday, April 10th

Thursday, April 5th

Tabling in the OC

Friday, April 6th

Movie Premiere: Lord of War
7pm, Oakland Room

Monday, April 9th

Essay contest

"What would you change about OU?"

Food provided and the opportunity to paint the unity mural
12pm, fireside lounge

Monday, April 9th

Global Security Forum

Sponsored by Philosophy Department/CAS

Tuesday, April 10th

Movie Night: An Inconvenient Truth
and

Campus Climate Challenge Info

6pm, Oakland Room with free snacks

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Eberweins deliver to OU

one last time



Jane and Bob Eberwein carried on the Oakland University tradition of the Last Lecture series Monday in Meadow Brook Theatre. The first combined last lecture in OU history, the Eberwein addresses mark the beginning of the couple's retirement after 38 years of teaching at OU. Both English professors, the two delivered separate lectures entitled "Depravity and Grace in Academia" (Jane) and "This is Not My Last Lecture" (Bob) before celebrating with audience members in a small reception following the lectures. The Eberweins will finish the Winter 2007 semester as their last at OU.



Top: Jane and Bob Eberwein pose in the OUAG.

Above right: Jane mingles with audience members.

Left: Bob chats with lecture attendees.



Academic advising experience leaves much to be desired

By JOE COLLARINI
Contributing Reporter

Trying to plan your academic future can be one of the most stressful experiences of a college student's career. Checking prerequisites, figuring out transfer equivalencies and deciding what to do next can turn Advil into your new favorite candy. To help us relieve this pain, the academic advising units on campus are supposed to help students see the path most desirable for travel on. Underline "supposed to" because you've probably heard someone voice an opinion similar to that of senior Nicole Milbeck who lets us know her thoughts quite clearly: "OU advising sucks."

According to the students

Milbeck is just one of many students on campus who feels like academic advising doesn't always accomplish its goal. "My experiences with academic advising haven't been very good," Milbeck said. "There were a few times when I was told that classes would count toward my degree by one adviser then told the opposite by another. They made me even more confused than before I went to see them."

When describing the aftermath of her meeting with an adviser, junior Amy

Baker said, "I had no clue what classes I still needed. She didn't help me plan what my schedule should look like so I can graduate on time, and she didn't explain what classes are only offered at certain periods. Being a transfer student, I have basically gotten no guidance from anybody on campus, and I have sort of just had to figure it out by myself."

A word from the professionals

Kim Schultz, assistant director of the Academic Advising Resource Center, offers a more positive view. "I think we have a really good group of advisors at Oakland," Schultz said. She stressed that while advisers also have other duties here on campus, their main goal and emphasis is assisting students. The AARC, in particular, takes a very proactive stance to try and clear a path for those who are or may soon be in need of help. Instead of waiting for complications to arise, they require all undecided students to meet regularly with advisers to help get started on the right foot. Schultz also lets students know that those who don't get what they are looking for out of an advising experience do have options. "Students can make an appointment with the coordinator of their advising unit," Schultz said.

The nuts and bolts of advising

Advising is a complex process, one that has many parts and requires the teamwork of many areas to be successful. Tricia Westergaard is the coordinator of undergraduate advising in the School of Business and the chairperson of the Professional Advisers Council. The council involves all of the professional advisers on campus in discussions regarding current issues and ways to learn about and improve certain aspects of advising. Like Schultz, Westergaard also paints a picture of advisers who put a lot of time and effort into making sure the process operates as effectively as possible. When discussing those who have had problems with an advising experience, she says you can always schedule an appointment to meet with a different adviser and mentions that it's important to establish a connection with one. "Some students prefer to come to (professional advisers), some to their faculty advisers," Westergaard said. "It depends on the kind of rapport they have with them."

Of course, not every student has a negative view of the advising. There are many students who think that the advising here on campus is great. "All of my academic advising appointments have been very helpful," said freshman Natalie Leahey. "I think they do

a good job of just helping you organize everything you have done and plan your future classes."

Tips for students

To make sure students get the most out of their advising experience, both Schultz and Westergaard offer some useful tips. They each stress that being prepared is most critical. "The best thing that I could tell someone is to prepare your questions in advance," Westergaard said. "Also, understand your degree requirements and why you're taking the courses you're taking. The way I look at it is that it's a partnership. I'm here to help you navigate through your academics here, but you also need to be a partner in that."

Schultz suggests that just going to see an adviser can help because a student can see their checklist, and this can make figuring out where they need to go all the easier. "I think that visual along with the catalog really helps students," Schultz said.

In addition to those tips, being persistent, meeting with advisers often, studying the course catalog and talking to other students in your major can all help to make advising more effective for you. For more information, visit the advising center link at www.oakland.edu.

The story behind OU's "cadaver lab"

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Photographer/Reporter

If you are a nursing or health sciences student, you are probably familiar with a particular laboratory on campus known as the cadaver lab. If you are a student of another discipline, you probably just found out such a laboratory exists at Oakland University.

Actually, OU does not have a "cadaver lab." It has a Gross Human Anatomy Laboratory.

Gross anatomy is the study of the form of structures that can be seen with the naked eye, as opposed to microscopic anatomy, which involves structures seen under the microscope, according to Dr. Michael Poosch, laboratory manager.

"Since medical students have to take gross anatomy, a lot of pre-professional students take the course," Poosch said. "It gives them a good preview of what they'll run into in medical school."

Specifically, those students working toward careers in medicine, podiatry, optometry and veterinary medicine will have access to the GHA laboratory when they take the gross human anatomy course.

The department of biology describes the course as a combination of lectures and laboratory exercises that involve a detailed study of human body systems.

"Although several other courses utilize a comprehensive computer program, 'Anatomy and Physiology Revealed' by McGraw Hill, that intro-

duces students to human anatomy, gross human anatomy provides them with a three-dimensional model," Poosch said. "The computer program does give specific names of bones, muscle groups, and other systems but only at a superficial level."

In the laboratory, students observe, assist with or conduct their own dissections with the help of the instructor or a teaching assistant. This is along with a lot of instruction and explanation of the structural and functional relationships being explored, explained Poosch.

"The lab also gets students familiar with the texture, weight and shapes of components of human anatomy that are essential in professional school and beyond," Poosch said.

The average cost for maintaining the GHA laboratory may surprise you. While specific salaries for laboratory staff were not available, Poosch places the annual cost of the laboratory between \$16,000 and \$18,000.

"The embalmed bodies are the largest expense since any sort of containment or refrigeration equipment is not necessary," said Poosch.

Oakland University has offered gross anatomy since 1974 for students desiring to get ahead in medical school and receive hands-on training. Although current pre-professional students must move on to another university after graduation, by 2010, OU's medical school charter class won't have to enroll at another university to put that training to use.

NEWSBRIEFS

New international relations B.A.

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved a new Bachelor of Arts in International Relations at its April 4 meeting. The new degree would be a multidisciplinary program managed by the department of political science and would include classes like introduction to international relations, comparative politics, research methods, microeconomics and two years of foreign language.

Springfest

Oakland University Student Program Board presents Springfest, a carnival-themed event. Springfest will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The area between North and South Foundation Halls will be transformed with games, rides and food. The event is free and open to all students.

"Absinthe" reading

"Absinthe," a journal of new European writing, will host a reading to celebrate the release of their seventh edition. The event is scheduled for Monday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m. in Fireside Lounge. The event will include readings from students' translated work and presentations of translated work by professors.

The Guide to Lebanon

The Lebanese Club at Oakland University hosts "The Guide to Lebanon" on Tuesday, April 17 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at the Oakland Center in room 126. The program will take students through the geography, climate and history of Lebanon and includes photography of the sunny beaches, snowcapped mountains and vibrant cities. A video presentation will explore the unique tourism opportunities of Lebanon. Food will be provided.

OU's night at the movies

Student Program Board is planning an outdoor movie event including "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" and "Saw III." The movies will be shown outside, between the Oakland Center and Bear Lake, Friday, April 13 at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to all students.

Texas Hold'em

The Center for Student Activities is hosting an All-in Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. The tournament will be held Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Lake Superior Room B. Seating is available for 48 players on a first-come, first-serve basis.

POLICEFILES

Quarters go missing

A student filed a report last Tuesday for damage done to his vehicle. The victim parked his car at 1 a.m. in the west parking lot of 1000 USA. When they returned at 2 a.m., there were marks on the top of the door, \$4 worth of change missing from the center console and other items in the car had been jostled as if somebody had been looking through them. There are no suspects at this time.

Bank fraud

Police were dispatched Wednesday to the Credit Union One inside of the Oakland Center in response to a victim of fraud. The Credit Union One employee said the student cashed 14 false Visa traveler's checks for \$500 each, totaling \$7000. The student received the false checks from someone who claimed to be a freelance consultant doing research in Africa who was previously employed by the Institute of Food Research. The student said he received a job offer online via the suspect who offered him 10 percent of the checks as commission with the other 90 percent going to an address the suspect would provide. The student told police that he did not intend to defraud the bank.

Popcorn trips alarm

Police responded to a fire alarm at O'Dowd Hall at approximately 9 p.m. There was smoke emitting from the third floor room, but there was no fire. Afterward, a member of OU faculty explained that cooking his popcorn for approximately four minutes tripped the alarm.

Rec Center claims another wallet

A student met with police to file a larceny claim. The student went to the Recreation Center to work out at approximately 11:45 a.m. and placed his clothing, which contained a wallet, in a locker without a lock. When he returned at approximately 1 p.m., the victim discovered that his wallet, which contained a driver's license, social security card, Chase Visa and \$20, had been removed from the locker. There are no known witnesses or suspects.

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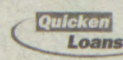
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Praise for OU financial aid office

The unethical—maybe even illegal—business relationship between lending institutions and college financial aid offices across the country have been generating huge headlines recently.

Financial aid offices are supposed to lend impartial assistance to students seeking college loans, but many such offices—including those at Johns Hopkins University, Widener University in Pennsylvania and Capella University—are being investigated for allegedly receiving kickbacks from a lending company called Student Loan Xpress, a unit of CIT Group, Inc.

Investigators, including New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, said they believe financial aid workers at those universities have been receiving payments from Student Loan Xpress for steering students their way via “preferred lender” lists.

The three top executives for Student Loans Xpress have been placed on paid leave in light of Cuomo’s investigation.

Cuomo’s team of investigators found that Student Loan Xpress paid consulting fees to a student loan officer at Johns Hopkins in addition to picking up the tab for some of her graduate school tuition. Similar findings have come from investigations into dozens of other schools, according to The Associated Press.

This amounts to a huge conflict of interest. Families who were unaware of such arrangements have been steered into accepting loans from companies that unfairly solicit their business.

The good news is that at Oakland University, you can trust the staff in our own Office of Financial Aid to provide the type of assistance

we all should expect.

Director of Financial Aid Cindy Hermesen told The Post that all students looking for financial aid are first instructed to fill out a Free Application for Student Federal Aid (FAFSA). Federal aid comes from the U.S. Department of Education—not outside lenders.

Students at OU are only directed to outside lenders when the limit for the amount of federal funding they can receive is reached. The office will then recommend one of its preferred lenders—either MI-Loan, a loan offered directly through the state of Michigan, or CitiAssist, offered through Citibank. These are both trusted sources, Hermesen said.

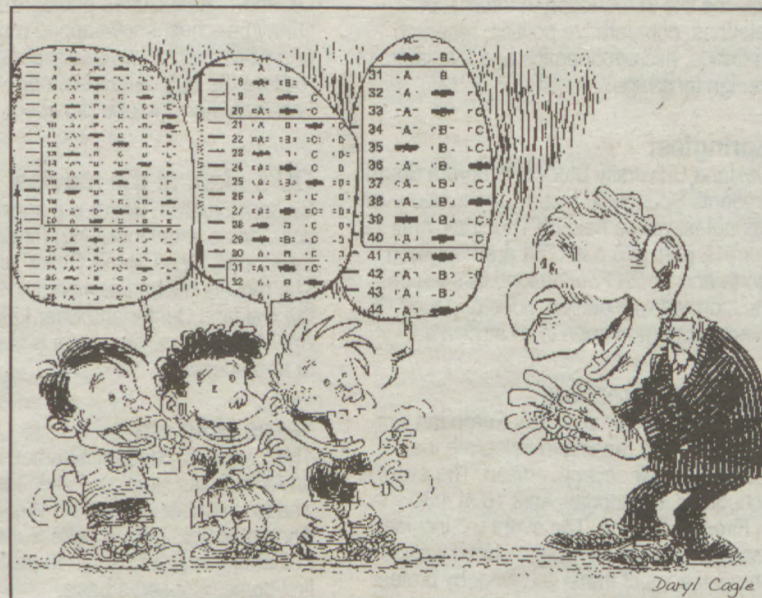
The financial aid office at OU provided figures that show only about \$3 million of the \$45 million in loan volume processed through the office each year comes from outside lenders.

The Post was assured from various university officials, including Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder, that OU has never received funds from any of its lenders.

Hermesen said she even goes so far as to make sure that she and her staff turns down lunch and dinner offers from lenders, to avoid any perception of a conflict of interests. The aid office has always made it a point not to work with alternative lenders who offer any type of incentive, Hermesen said.

It’s a pretty crummy feeling to know you’ve been an unsuspecting participant in an unethical or illegal scheme to make money for some at the expense of others.

We should all be thankful for the high standard of ethics practiced by our Financial Aid Office.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Annex across from Ritazzas and in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. I apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding as these areas will be closed Tuesday afternoon, April 17, and all day Wed. April 18. Thank you also for your patience on the evening of April 18 as we re-route traffic on Meadowbrook Road through Lot P1, and as we re-route foot traffic through the coffee shop entrance at the OC. It is a privilege to work to support our students, enhance OU's programs, and build our future. Thank you for your understanding as we formally thank our donors for their friendship.

Susan Davies Goepp, CFRE
Vice President for University Relations

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Spring closet cleaning

Oakland University's very own fashionistas make predictions about what to keep, what to toss and what never goes out of style

By CRYSTAL NELSON
Assistant Ads Manager

Before you retire your menswear, animal prints and patent leather pumps to the back of the closet in your spring cleaning frenzy, consider incorporating them into your spring and summer wardrobe.

Fashion-forward students **Stephanie Parkinson**, a junior journalism major, **Jennifer Le**, a sophomore undecided business major and **Ashley Ronketto**, a junior who is concentrating in public relations, have a few suggestions and predictions for the upcoming fashion season.

When asked how she would describe herself, Parkinson said, "I'm all about comfort."

Le, who said she's designer denim obsessed, described her style as "unique."

"I try to find things unlike what others have and incorporate it into a stylish outfit," Le said.

Ashley Ronketto described her style as "vintage chic" and "classic." Ronketto said the key to pulling off the perfect look is to "be unique and have class."

Q Who or what influences your style?

S.P. A lot of different people and things influence my style. I will generally look at runway looks, magazines

and Web sites, and then in really expensive designer stores. I often will then recreate a designer or runway look for less money by shopping around.

J.L. Gemma Ward, Vogue and Harpers Bazaar

A.R. My changing tastes and moods, different eras.

Q What spring fashions do you think will go over well?

S.P. Dresses are going to be huge this spring! Both casual and formal dresses will be big. So if you have a dress with darker colors and you think it's too dark for spring don't worry because you can still wear it when you want to dress up.

J.L. Metallic

A.R. Pouffy skirts, bold patterns.

Q What spring fashions do you think will be flops?

S.P. I think hoochie shorts are going to be a flop. There is one physique that looks good wearing them. That is very tall in height, extremely small in the waist and with very long legs — and let's be honest, this makes up a very little percentage of women. So I think the shorty shorts will be out and Bermudas will be a hit again this year.

J.L. The studded bag.

A.R. Daisy Duke shorts.



CELESTE FILIATRAULT/The Oakland Post
The fashion votes are in: cheek-baring Daisy Duke shorts are out, Bermudas and sundresses are in.

Q What trends can be incorporated into spring wardrobes?

S.P. Leggings can be worn with sandals to make it a little more summer. Vests look great with tanks under them.

J.L. Menswear. I don't know if this was a previous trend, but the color khaki. Stella McCartney has incorporated the color into her spring/summer 2007 collection and the outcome is quite trendy.

A.R. Animal prints in bold, large patterns. Leggings under skirts are popular.

Q What trends need to retire — and never come back?

S.P. The short shorts. Only one body type looks good in them and that just isn't enough to make them "in."

J.L. Knit leather or any kind of fabric

handbags.

A.R. Skulls.

Q What accessories are "in" right now?

S.P. Belts, extra long necklaces, bangles and bracelets, and huge sunglasses.

J.L. The clutch, snakeskin shoes, patent leather ballerina flats

A.R. Beaded necklaces, giant stoned rings.

Q What are wardrobe essentials that never go out of style?

S.P. Jeans. They may change a little each season but they will always be jeans.

J.L. Mary Jane pumps.

A.R. Sundresses.

Final freak-outs are unnecessary

Study tips from the experts get you on the fast track to an easy A

By ERIN MALLARD
You Editor

Freedom is just around the corner.

The end of the semester is so close you can smell it. Or perhaps that's just the smell of strong coffee brewing at 3 a.m. or the dusty textbook under your snoring nostrils.

But wouldn't freedom be so much sweeter if it came with good grades on your final exam?

Here's a novel idea: start studying now! Mary Eberly, chief adviser for the department of psychology, recommended studying at least two days before your exam. While it may run counter to typical college student intuition, cramming, said Eberly, is "highly not recommended."

Eberly explained that students will remember what they studied at the beginning and the end of cram sessions but not the middle.

"Make sure you get your sleep, especially the night before the exam," said Eberly. Studying ahead of time means you should be able to get a solid eight hours of sleep the night before your exam. According to www.bettersleep.org, the average person needs 7-8 hours of sleep.

Eberly also recommends breaking study sessions into 50-minute chunks with 10-minute breaks between them. Mila Padgett, assistant director of programs at the Recreation Center, suggested making your sessions as short as

30 minutes.

You should make sure these breaks are "truly relaxing," Eberly said. That means you should avoid watching horror movies or talking to your argumentative boyfriend.

Eberly suggested staying away from television altogether since it's difficult to watch for just a few minutes without getting involved. Try taking a walk or doing yoga instead.

Padgett recommended stretching out your shoulders and neck, as well as your hands if you're typing a lot.

If you're having a hard time relaxing, make a list of all of the things you're thinking about, then set it aside for later, Eberly suggested.

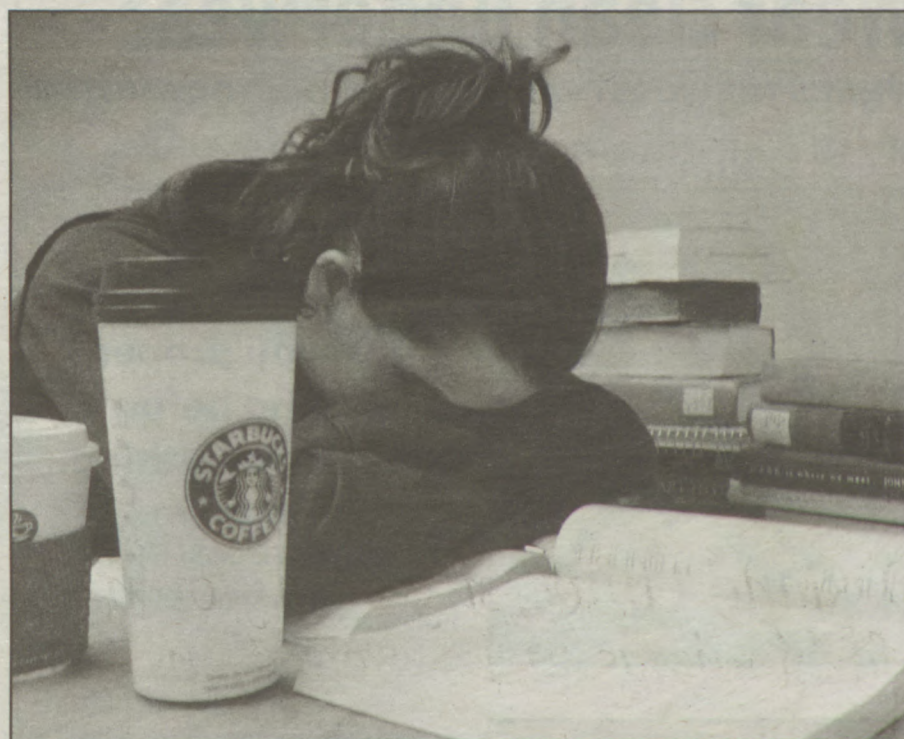
While studying may take precedence over many of your regularly scheduled activities, Padgett recommends sticking to your workout schedule if you have one.

"If at all possible, giving up (your) exercise program is not a good idea," said Padgett.

"You can decrease it a little bit, but try not to give it up completely."

When you do set aside time to study, make sure you're actually studying. Sound obvious? How often do you study with friends who spend more time chatting than reviewing the periodic table?

Try to find a distraction-free workspace. "There's this beautiful building in the middle of campus called the library," said Eberly — with just a hint of sarcasm.



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Students should break study sessions into chunks, rather than cramming for finals.

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- Drink water, caffeine dehydrates.
- Make this your mantra: The library is my friend. The library is my friend. The library...
- Ask your boss to reduce your hours the week before finals.
- Take regular breaks.

DON'T

- Pull all-nighters. You won't remember what you studied.
- Study for hours without taking a break.
- Watch t.v.
- Procrastinate.
- Study with chatty friends.
- Skip exercising.

Wear clean underwear

WHAT'S THE WORST PART ABOUT A DOCTOR'S VISIT?



"Doctors never give you proper warning before they do something. It's invasive."
RACHEL CASLIN
English, freshman



"When the receptionist gives you attitude."
ASHLEY BAJJOHA
Pre-med, freshman



"Finding out that there is actually something wrong."
ALLEN KNAPP
Economics, senior

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WHAT WILL BECOME OF **TONY SOPRANO** WHEN THE **FINAL SEASON** OF THE SOPRANO'S ENDS?



"He's gonna do time. He deserves it and he won't rat."
GLEN GRAY
Electrical Engineering, freshman



"I honestly think he's going to choke on a meatball."
Pat Kyc
Communication, junior



"I don't think he's gonna die, because you have to leave room for the show to come back."
SHARTRESE ROBERSON
Communication, junior

HOW TO BURN TIME WHILE WAITING FOR THE M.D.

1. Make a tiny house out of the tongue depressors
2. Play the cup stacking game, only with the ear inspection covers
3. Tell the nurse that you ate the contents of the biohazard box
4. Surprise your doc and put the hospital gown on backwards
5. Study the anatomy poster and then give your doctor a pop-quiz when he/she arrives
6. Treat the protective paper like the paper on the table at Macaroni Grille - bring crayons!
7. Put the magazines in alphabetical order



If these pets could talk ...

IF YOU WERE DR. DOOLITTLE AND COULD TALK TO ANIMALS, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD ASK YOUR PET?



**Senior
ANDREA
SOWLISO**
Spanish
Major



**Freshman
OKSANA
FEDORAH**
Psychology
Major



**Sophomore
KIM
ROBBINS**
Mathematics/
Secondary Ed
Major

She would ask
her cat, Cory:
"Why do you
throw up
every day?"



She would ask
her fish:
"What they did
to the other
fish. Because
I think they're
cannibals."



She would ask
her dog,
Tundra:
"Would you
rat me out?"



Dr. Jeckyl or Mr. Hyde?

WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO BE AND WHY?



"JECKYL, because he's a doctor, he's making money and he's using his powers for good."
Kari Marz
History, junior



"HYDE. He has more fun; he's the villain."
Nicole Meunier
Music, junior



"JECKYL. He's secretive, and it's unpredictable what he can do; it's cool."
Nate Johnson
Marketing, senior



"JECKYL. He's the brains behind the operation. He's the genius behind Hyde."
Tom Simon
Marketing, senior

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Shooting at local office

*1 dead, 2 injured
in Troy shooting*

By DAVID AGUILAR
Associated Press Writer

TROY, Mich. (AP) — Ninety minutes after reporting to work Monday morning, Jean Larson heard what turned out to be deadly gunfire inside her office building.

Police say Anthony LaCalamita III, an accounting firm employee fired from his job last week, returned Monday to the suburban office building where he previously worked, fatally shooting one person and wounding two others.

"We heard pop, pop, pop," said Larson, 48, who at first thought the sound was a fallen bookshelf.

But when she smelled gunpowder and heard other co-workers running down a hallway screaming, she realized it was gunfire.

"I heard one employee screaming, 'He's got a gun! He's got a gun!' ... It was a panic," Larsen said.

Authorities say LaCalamita left the Troy office complex and headed north. He was spotted by a motorist and later taken into custody by police who had orders to shoot and kill him if he resisted. He was arrested after a 30-mile car chase in which speeds reached 120 mph.

Larson said she befriended LaCalamita this past Christmas and described him as a "polite" man who was "a really nice guy."

She said her company is the last place she'd expect something like this to happen.

"This firm is amazing to work for," Larson said. "I just can't imagine anyone wanting to do something like this. Not here."

Calls to Gordon Advisors were not answered.

Police said the person killed was a 63-year-old woman from Warren.

"I'm not positive all three of the people were targeted but there appeared to be some purpose," Troy Police Chief Charles Craft said.

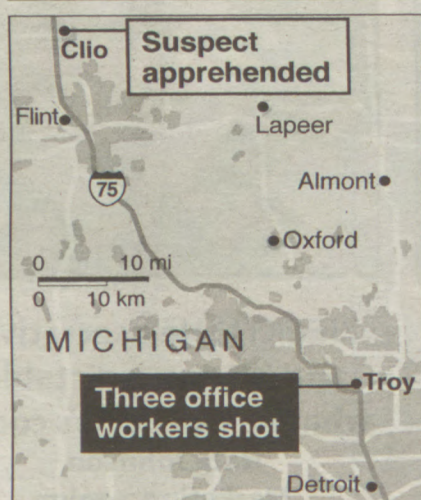
Lt. Gerry Scherlinck identified one of the wounded victims as a 47-year-old man from Sterling Heights, and the other as a 48-year-old man from Bruce Township in northern Macomb County. He said the men were in management positions.

The families of the wounded men requested "total privacy," and the hospital would not release details about the victims' conditions.



KEVIN HAGEN/AP Photo/Bay City Times

Anthony LaCalamita III is arrested following a high-speed chase on Interstate 75 in south Bay County near Detroit, Mich., Monday, April 9, 2007.



Graphic by The Associated Press

OTHER FATAL WORKPLACE SHOOTINGS IN MICHIGAN

Jan. 9, 2007: Mount Pleasant — Mary Lynn Babb, 30, a Morning Sun advertising representative, is in the newspaper's parking lot when her SUV is rammed and flipped. Babb, strapped in a seat belt and hanging upside down, then is shot in the chest. Her estranged husband, Thomas Babb, 37, is charged with open murder.

February 18, 2006: Taylor — A man, who authorities say had just been fired from his job, is accused of returning with a handgun and shooting two colleagues, one fatally, at a suburban Detroit paper plant.

June 2001: Plymouth Township — John McGhee shoots his ex-wife with a handgun in her truck rental center office before killing himself in a murder-suicide.

March 17, 2001: Romulus — A man accused of fatally shooting his boss at Metro Machine Works, an engine parts plant, is found dead inside a parked truck. Orlando P. Amezcua had a firearm in his lap and a gunshot wound in the head.

June 1999: Southfield — Joseph Brooks Jr. fatally shot psychiatrist Dr. Reuven Bar-Levav and Emmy Gregg, 45, and wounded four others before he killed himself in an office building.

July 4, 1998: Sault St. Marie — Newspaper carrier Nathan Hannah is suspected of shooting and killing the circulation manager of The Evening News. He is later convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Anthony Gillespie.

Court to weigh right to library books

By **DAVID EGGERT**
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Do you have a constitutional right to check out books from the library?

This week, the Michigan Supreme Court will consider a case that could have major implications for the state's 388 public libraries.

It pits a resident in Bloomfield Hills — one of the country's wealthiest cities but one without a library — against the nearby Bloomfield Township Public Library, which refuses to sell him a nonresident library card. Both sides say library users throughout Michigan could be hurt depending which way the high court rules.

"This isn't the time to be making it more difficult for people to become better educated and more informed citizens," said Robert Toohey, an attorney for George Goldstone, 89, who was denied a nonresident card from Oakland County's Bloomfield Township about 16 miles north of Detroit.

Goldstone says the state constitution gives residents a right to borrow books from any public library in Michigan for a fee.

Goldstone unsuccessfully tried to get a nonresident card at the township library in 2004 after a financial deal allowing Bloomfield Hills residents to borrow books there ended.

Talks had broken down over what the township could charge Bloomfield Hills for letting all of its nearly 4,000 residents borrow books. The township wanted about

\$1.4 million over three years, more than double what it charged the city from 2000 to 2003.

The township was fed up that its smaller neighbor was paying about \$150 per household to use the library when township residents had to pay nearly \$300 a household in property taxes for their own library. They now pay \$403 per household.

"It just didn't sit well for taxpayers here or for the library trustees," said Karen Kotulis-Carter, director of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. "They're happy to share resources. Just be fair about it."

If the justices require libraries to sell cards to nonresidents, librarians worry it would undercut service deals they have with communities without libraries. Those communities could instead just tell their residents to apply for nonresident cards.

That ultimately would reduce a stable and much-needed funding source for libraries, according to the Michigan Library Association and statewide groups representing cities, villages and townships. State government has been cutting aid to libraries because of recent budget deficits. Libraries have at least 200 service contracts with municipalities around the state.

"They're concerned their very support and way of getting funding might be gone," said Kotulis-Carter, who has headed Bloomfield Township's library for 10 years. When libraries ask for millage increases, she said "people are not going to step up and say, 'Sure, I'll double what I pay and everybody else can use it for free.'"

Toohey, a former Bloomfield Hills commissioner

who asked Goldstone to help him challenge the township, says nonresidents should pay a borrowing fee but argues that libraries shouldn't be able to charge excessive amounts for a basic right established in Michigan's constitution.

"It's a tax disguised as a book-borrowing fee," Toohey said of Bloomfield Township's attempt to charge his city hundreds of dollars per resident in a new service deal. The average cost of a nonresident card in similarly sized libraries is \$85, according to Toohey.

"The Legislature has not given the library any authority at all to collect what amounts to a tax on nonresidents," he said.

The 1963 state constitution says libraries "shall be available" to all Michigan residents but also gives libraries the authority to create rules. Librarians agree that a Marquette resident can visit the Detroit Public Library and read magazines, search the Internet and do research. The sticking point is letting a nonresident borrow books or other materials, even if they pay for a card.

Goldstone — who got a nonresident card in Pontiac — lost his case in Oakland County Circuit Court and the state Court of Appeals. Bloomfield Hills is reimbursing its residents who buy nonresident cards from the Troy Public Library.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox has filed a legal brief for the Library of Michigan arguing that libraries can't absolutely prohibit nonresidents from borrowing books.

Man hunts terrorists

Local man attempts to use fake terrorist hunting permit

By **MEAGAN MCLACHLAN**
Contributing Reporter

A Madison Heights resident assumed it his own duty to hunt the terrorists living among us.

Armed with a camera, handcuffs, a backpack filled with various papers, and three pictures of the victim and his home, the suspect insisted that he worked for the ATF, or Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and was investigating the complainant.

"I saw some flashing in my front window, and upon investigation I saw a man in a hat, sunglasses, and a red Marines shirt," said the complainant according to the police report.

After finding out that the police had been notified, the suspect reportedly fled on foot with the complainant following behind in a vehicle.

The police found the suspect at the corner of Battelle and Rowland and questioned his intentions.

He told police that he worked for the

Justice Department and had identification on him.

After checking the suspect for ID, the police reportedly found a terrorist hunting permit around the suspect's neck.

The permits can be purchased online at a stickers Web site for \$2.49 and magnetized for an extra \$0.99.

According to the permit, it is valid "anywhere on the face of the globe."

Other variations of the permit are available through the same company. They include permits issued by the Navy, Air Force and Texas.

"This is a prime example of the blatant ignorance held by many individuals in our country," sophomore Christopher Colonius said. "While I understand the need to protect our country from foreign attacks, I believe it should be left up to the authorities."

According to the police report, the suspect was arrested for impersonating a police/government agent.

If convicted, he could receive up to five or more years in prison and fines exceeding \$1000.

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Memoirs of a Mascot

The former Grizz speaks out on going to work

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Sports fans. You know who they are. Body paint, foam fingers and an arsenal full of chants and cheers.

But they are small potatoes compared to the super fan. No, not your beer-guzzling roommate who can spout out stats like he's reading a cue card.

I'm talking about the team mascot.

"The mascot is the embodiment of the ultimate fan," said Adam Panchenko, the former Grizz, Oakland University's mascot. "They are the symbol of the university."

But it takes more than slick dance moves and the ability to do a cartwheel to qualify as a mascot. According to Panchenko, it's all about the personality.

"If you're an extrovert naturally, you're going to be as the mascot," Panchenko said. "You have to pull the introverts in the audience out and pull the fan out in them."

More importantly, you have to be a fan of the game and have a basic understanding of what is going on. As you can imagine, screaming out, "Touchdown!" during a basketball game is a sure sign you should retire the foam suit.

"You have to be a fan," Panchenko said. "If you don't really know anything about the sport or can't really focus on what's going on, then it may not work."

Once one has donned the costume, there are certain rules a mascot must abide by when interacting with another mascot. A creed, if you will, with keeping their identity secret at games being numero uno.

"You can't knock off each other's masks in public or dismember another's costume," he said. "Once one of the rules



Photo courtesy of Adam Panchenko.

The Grizz throws his hands up in rage over a call during the 2006 NCAA tourney.

is broken or breached, it's free game. That's one of the mascot things. You will do anything not to be demasked. If you are a mascot, you'll respect each other enough not to do it."

All in all, like the bus in the movie "Speed," a mascot can never stop moving, even when their team is down by an ungodly amount of points. Take when Oakland played the first ranked Tarheels of North Carolina in the first round of the 2005 NCAA tournament for instance.

"When we were losing to North Carolina, I said to myself, 'I am not here to cheer the team on anymore. I am here to represent the university in the best light,' Panchenko said. "Because that's what you have to do. When no one is cheering, that's what the mascot is for."

Panchenko called his experience as the Grizz "one of the most rewarding things ever."

"If you can't play on the team," Panchenko said, "You might as well play for the team as the mascot."

The first rule of mascot fight club?

Be sure to tell the Oakland Post about it.

"(I remember) my fight at the Mid-Con Tournament two years ago against Oral Roberts. I talked to Eli the Golden Eagle ahead of time, and we decided to do a play fight. He called me out to the middle of the court. He pushed me, and I pushed him.

"Then, he pushed me a little harder and I landed on the table.

"I said, 'Hey, what are you doing?' So I pushed him even harder.

"Then, he grabs me, wraps his arms around my head and starts pulling on it. One of my snaps broke, and I said, 'Now you're going to die.'

"So I wrapped my right arm around him and put him in a headlock and started yelling and screaming and threw him across the court. He came back and I got him in a huge bear hug, picked him up and threw him on his back.

"I sat on him, grabbed his beak and hovered over him with a balled up fist like I was going to punch him. I said, 'You're lucky I don't kill you right now.'

"I smacked him on the beak and the buzzer went off. The crowd was cheering for me and booing for him, even though it was his home crowd. I annihilated him and that pretty much made the Grizz one of the most feared mascots in the Mid-Con."

—Adam Panchenko

Just asking...

WHO'S YOUR
FAVORITE
MASCOT?



Photo courtesy of adamsadoptions.blogspot.com.



University
Colorado Buffalo

"When they run the buffalo across the field, it's pretty much the coolest thing ever."

Nikki Gazetti
Senior



Photo courtesy of www.varsity.com.



MSU-Spartan

"I grew up watching the Spartans and I'm just an all-around fan."

Lauren Tally
Junior



The Oakland Post file photo
Senior Will McMahon looks to strike at the Onyx this season. McMahon was picked up by Quad City during their playoff run in the UHL.

Where there's a Will...

McMahon moves up to UHL for playoffs

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Contributing Reporter

Will McMahon hasn't played on a fourth line since he was five-years old. He's been a staple on the Grizzlies top line for the past three years and has accumulated 380 points in five seasons. But all that meant nothing when he turned pro.

McMahon became the third Grizzly in two years to play professionally, suiting up for the Quad City Mallards of the United Hockey League last Saturday. McMahon joins Dan Oleksy and Ryan Webb who have also played in the professional ranks.

"It's a good reflection, not only on our team, but on the league as a whole when we have players move onto the minors," said Grizzlies Head Coach Sean Hogan.

After Oakland's season ended, Hogan called and e-mailed "practically every coach in the minor leagues" to get McMahon's name out.

The Dayton Bombers in the East Coast Hockey League showed interest in signing him, but as their NHL and AHL affiliates – the Columbus Blue Jackets and the Syracuse Crunch – are out of their respective playoffs, players were being sent back to Dayton. This left no room on their roster for McMahon.

McMahon got his break with Quad City after his dad, Jim, sent his player profile to the Mallards, which led to a call a few weeks ago for him to join the team.

Juggling work and school, McMahon reluctantly turned it down, but when

the opportunity arose again last weekend, he jumped on it.

"It was much easier to decide to play in the game Saturday and sign the contract because it wasn't affecting my schoolwork," said McMahon.

Hardly a game passed this season without McMahon's name on the scoresheet, so it was no surprise when he tallied an assist in his professional debut, a 7-2 Mallards victory over the Muskegon Fury.

"It's always good to help contribute to the team and to do it in my first game (was a relief)," said McMahon.

The Grizzlies coaching staff and seniors watched the game online and Hogan was impressed with what he saw.

"Will was definitely one of the fastest skaters on the ice – and I'm not just saying that," said Hogan. "My prediction is that he will do very well."

McMahon has grown accustomed to getting roughed up while playing in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, but he didn't encounter any problems in his first UHL game. Instead of getting the hits, it was McMahon who was doing the hitting.

"It wasn't as huge hitting as I thought," said McMahon. "I do have a major size disadvantage in this league playing against a ton of 6-foot-plus guys. But then again, that's how it's always been for me."

The Bombers have already extended an invitation to McMahon to come to their tryout camp next season.

For more information on the Mallards or to listen to games online, visit www.qcmallards.com.

In Case You Missed It:

Basketball seniors named to national scholar-athlete team

Senior Nicole Piggott and sophomore Jessica Pike were honored by the Division I-AAA Athletics Director Association when the organization named its fifth annual scholar-athlete team. Piggott and Pike were among only 11 players from across the nation to be picked for the team. To be chosen, a student athlete must have a minimum of a 3.2 GPA and play a prominent role on their respective team.

Mother Nature doesn't take kindly to OU athletics

Inclement weather has been the cause of a slew of game cancellations this season for the Golden Grizzlies. Baseball's weekend series against Rochester College was canceled, as was men's track in Mt. Pleasant and women's tennis against Mid-Con newcomer IPFW. For a list of make up dates, visit www.ougrizzlies.com.

Women's golf places eighth in Kentucky

It seemed nobody in the U.S. was safe from snow showers this weekend as the Golden Grizzlies battled through two days of cold and high winds and finished eighth in a field of 12 teams. Senior Stacey Goins was the low scorer for OU with a score of 78. On the docket for the Golden Grizzlies is the Bowling Green Invitational to be held April 16 and 17.

Reynolds honored by the Mid-Con for performance

Senior Rob Reynolds was named Mid-Con Golfer of the Week after his performance in the Hal Sutton Intercollegiate Tournament. He finished tournament play with a score of 214 (-2), which placed him third in a field of 62. This is the first time this season Reynolds has won the award.

Pistons just inches away from home-court advantage

With a victory against New York Knicks Monday, all the Detroit Pistons have to do is defeat the Orlando Magic today to claim home-court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Pistons just picked up win number 50 with their 50-27 record, and the Magic are currently in the last playoff spot in the East with a 36-41 record. In the West, the Dallas Mavericks are sitting comfortably as the No. 1 seed in the conference with a 64-13 record.

MSU hockey honored with parade

The 2007 Frozen Four champions, the Michigan State Spartans, with a parade that led to the Munn Ice Arena, where fans gathered to rally behind their Spartans. School president Lou Anna K. Simon and athletic director Ron Mason presented the championship trophy, and fans were treated, video highlights of the tournament.

—By Samantha Franz
Sports Editor

We Like 'Em Sporty...

Do you play a club sport here at OU? Tried an extreme sport lately? Or maybe you just have a sports beef that's a rant in the making?

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Hockeytown sings the blues

By **ROB TATE**
Senior Reporter

It is here once again, the delightful spring. Although the weather hasn't reflected what we were envisioning April would be a month ago, things are shaping up in the Detroit Sports world to make for a memorable month.

Mid-April is generally an exciting time to be a sports fan in Michigan.

This year, the Tigers are loaded to make a long summer run to the playoffs, even though in the past they have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention by tax day.

The Pistons have reeled off some pretty successful playoff runs the last three seasons, all resulting in at least a berth into the Eastern Conference Finals.

For the most part, April has been good to Detroit's pro athletes.

But April hasn't been good to the Red Wings lately. Actually, April has been down right dreadful for them. The Wings will kick off the playoffs tomorrow when the Calgary Flames come in as the eighth seed.

Playing Calgary might just be the worst case sce-

nario the Red Wings could have drawn in playoffs this season.

The Wings have been booted by teams from the province of Alberta, Canada the last two seasons with Calgary besting Detroit in six games in the 2005 semi-finals.

The Wings suffered another defeat in six games against Edmonton in the 2006 first round. The Wings have been eliminated in the first round three of the last five playoffs since 2001.

The Wings also have had tough luck playing out west this season, accumulating a 2-10 record visiting all of the teams in California, as well as Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

What does this all have to do with the current cast of Red Wings? We will find out over the next couple weeks. Well, hopefully longer than a couple of weeks.

This is a better Red Wing team since the trade deadline brought in Todd Bertuzzi from Florida, who contributes an array of brute force and scoring, as well as little known winger Kyle Calder from Philadelphia, who also brings a little more finesse to the team without a ton of experience.

Bertuzzi's status for the beginning of the playoffs is

questionable after a collision with goalie Chris Osgood in Chicago last week left Bertuzzi sidelined with a strained shoulder.

The remaining questions that surround the Wings playoff hopes revolve around the young nucleus of the team, Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg.

There is no hiding the fact that Datsyuk just does not show up in the playoffs, scoring no goals in the last three seasons.

He also just received the longest contract extension in Red Wing history last week. He has to show the fans this year that he has earned that deal.

Zetterberg on the other hand hasn't played since Feb. 24 because of a back injury, but reports say he is ready to play tomorrow. The Wings can only hope that Zetterberg will be back to his old self out on the ice.

Overall, Red Wing fans just don't want to see another failure and it starts off with the first two lines.

We'll soon find out how they will fare when the first game of the playoffs kicks off tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Joe Louis Arena.

The Wings have some of the best talent and the biggest stars in the league. A first round exit this season will not be tolerated by the Red Wing faithful.

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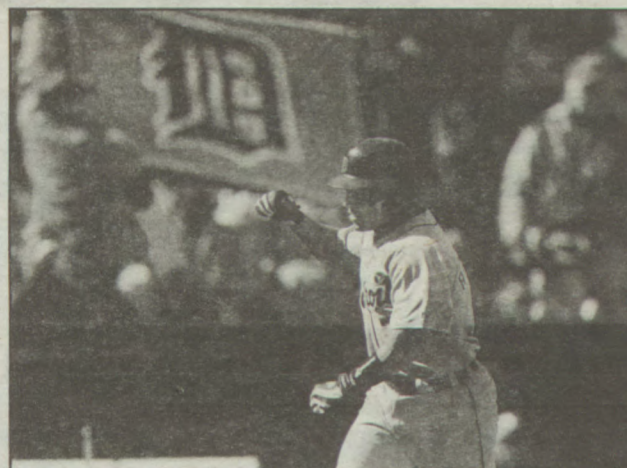
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TOM GANNAM/The Associated Press

The Michigan State University Spartans celebrate after defeating Boston College in the Frozen Four championship game Saturday in St. Louis. Some local ties include Matt Schepke of Warren, Jeff Lerg of Livonia and Brandon Gentile of Clarkston.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/The Associated Press

Pudge Rodriguez rounds the bases after knocking out a home run Sunday against the Kansas City Royals. The Tigers were down 2-1 in the ninth inning before Rodriguez's hit brought home three runners to take the game, 3-2.



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Rip Hamilton drives past Sasha Pavlov Sunday. Hamilton led all scorers on the court with 21 points as the Pistons surged past the Cavaliers in the final minutes to come up with a 87-82 win.

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BRIGHT EYES

Cassadaga

By NICK DEGEL
Contributing Reporter

Everyone grows up sometime, and Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst is no exception.

Oberst's sharp tongue, often aimed at society's failures, has dulled with age, revealing a concerted attempt to drop the "boy" from the "boy genius" title given to him by the music industry.

Oberst, Mike Mogis and Nate Walcott have returned with "Cassadaga" the most mature Bright Eyes release to date.

While the 2005 sister releases "Digital Ash in a Digital Urn" and "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning" displayed equal amounts of high energy and literal contempt for the Bush administration, "Cassadaga" is simply a laid back



Photo courtesy of Saddle Creek Records

account of life on the road.

Written in various studios, the album has a sound that is uniquely American, equal parts folk and country. The song "Four Winds" literally crosses the nation with a smile-provoking melody that is undeniable.

Sweeping string sections and bar room pianos make for songs as high as the sky, with some incredibly beautiful moments. "No One Would Riot for Less" aims straight for the heart thanks to backing vocals from Rachel Yamagata, Z Berg (The Like), and Sherry and Stacy

DuPreé (Eisley).

Even with so much going on instrumentally, Oberst has not lost the clever simplicity that has already etched his place among the best songsmiths. "I Must Belong Somewhere" is a shining example of great folk music, and "Hot Knives" is an excellent piece of storytelling.

Ultimately, "Cassadaga" is the perfect next chapter in the Bright Eyes story. A necessary step in Oberst's legend as a songwriter and champion of independent music.



MIKA

Life in Cartoon Motion

By MATT HARRIS
Contributing Reporter

With his curly locks and powerhouse falsetto, British export MIKA has burst onto the music scene with an impressive debut album. Conjuring up comparisons to such flashy musicians as Freddy Mercury, Rufus Wainwright and Elton John, MIKA's "Life in Cartoon Motion" is a campy musical journey backed by genuine musicianship.

A skilled piano player and songwriter, this flamboyant chanteur brings such animated life to each one of his songs that it's difficult not to gallivant around in a music-induced euphoria while listening to tracks "Grace Kelly" and "Lollipop", two of the album's strongest and most original songs.

A mix of flashy ditties and sincere bal-

lads ranging from heart-break to booty-shake, the CD may not be for the ultra-serious, indie-emo crowd. It is, however, a must for any music lover looking to get away from life in conventional motion and looking to get away to one cartoonish — if only for 58 entertaining, talent-filled minutes.



Photo courtesy of Island Records

Skip the "fourth meal"



Abuelo's serves it up

By JOE COLLARINI
Contributing Reporter

Quality Mexican restaurants are surprisingly hard to find. It's nice to see that one such restaurant is now available to us in a prime location.

"Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy," located next to Lakeside Mall, offers a great dining experience that goes well with a trip to some of your favorite stores.

The staple of any good Mexican restaurant is in its offering of free chips and salsa. Most store-bought brands of salsa are absent of the flavor and variety of fresh salsa, so dining out is the only way to really enjoy the treat. Establishments feel the pressure to be solid in their chip/salsa selection since the first taste can also be a first impression for the rest of the meal. Abuelo's comes through where it counts, providing a deliciously smooth, mild salsa and also a spicy habanero salsa for those feeling slightly braver.

The entrees offer a wide range of classic Mexican dinners along with new twists on old favorites. A majority of selections are served in large portions and complimented with enjoyable side dishes — exactly what you're looking for in a traditional Mexican meal.

The menu is pricier than the Taco Bell value menu, but if you're in need of forgetting how much you spent on dinner, you can order one of the large specialty drinks. And if one drink isn't enough, a pitcher of margarita can soothe the soul.

If drive thru taco's are as gourmet as your Mexican cuisine gets, give Abuelo's a try. A nice selection with impressive presentation and a great atmosphere make for a very nice alternative to an otherwise, simple diet.



Photo courtesy of Dimension Films

GRINDHOUSE

Blood and babes

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

Master of stylistic pyrogasms Robert Rodriguez and Lord High Fanboy Quentin Tarantino team up to present "Grindhouse". Two back-to-back feature-length films, one from each director, try to recreate gratuitous blood-and-babes flicks of decades past.

Rodriguez's "Planet Terror" goes first capturing the spirit—and intestines—of every biohazard/zombie film spawned in the 1980s. It relies mostly on latex and ooze for the ghoulish-infested, organ-melting mess.

The soundtrack is a growling, smoldering theme of impending doom and badassery, imitating and improving upon films like "Night of the Creeps" and "Return of the Living Dead."

Deliberately cheesy lines cleverly manage to come across as unintentionally funny.

A bit part by Bruce Willis and action sequences that will deplete the world's explosion supply for years help make "Planet" one of the most ridiculously entertaining movies to infect theaters this year.

Also good are the fake trailers placed before and after "Planet." You can use the opportunity to go fill your Coke or empty your bladder, but I recommend you suck it up and stick around. Trust me, it's worth it.

Unfortunately, you won't find the experience topped at any point during the next hour and a half.

Quentin Tarantino's "Death Proof" features Kurt Russell as walking anachronism Stuntman Mike. Any more about the plot and I'll ruin all this one's got going for it.

I love Tarantino and usually love the banter he writes for his characters.

Here, the movie feels bloated with about an hour of dialogue that neither develops characters nor endears them to the audience.

We never get a feel for Stuntman Mike or learn his motivations, outside some conjecture by a side character we never see again.

There's some suspense and at least one decent surprise, but all the build-up is let out like a slow tire leak, leaving you wondering, "So what?"

Too slow-paced to be fun and too pointless to be memorable, it's just bad—and not in a good way.

If bubbling skin, helicopter decapitations, a babe with a ballistic peg leg, and a car chase sound like a good way to spend three and a half hours, go see "Grindhouse."

If you can do without the car chase (and a lot of boredom), go see the first-half of "Grindhouse" and save an hour and 45 minutes of your time.

PLANET TERROR
four splats out of four

DEATH PROOF
one splat out of four

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

By **ERIK WESTFALL**
Contributing Reporter

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

There are certain Web sites on the internet you can't help but revisit time and time again.

What If Sports brings a unique twist on an old question many of us sport fans can't help but ask. For those always wondering how their favorite team would fare against the best teams in history. The site is designed for those wondering how the '04 New England Patriots would fare against the '76 Steel Curtain Pittsburgh Steelers or the early '90s Chicago Bulls would do against the '04 Detroit Pistons.

What If Sports takes the entire listing of statistics from each of six main sports and through a calculation engine, can produce results on how each matchup will play out.

The uniqueness of the site is taken a step further with their league options. For a small fee, you can take players from way back when and create a team however you want. The seasons are done with each of the four professional sports.

This site finally gives the curious sport fan the answer to the age old question: "What if?"

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Months after declaring its intention to make port at its own sovereign nation, Swedish file-sharing company The Pirate Bay may have sailed off with the loot of its users.

A Feb 22 Swedish news article quoted TPB operator Tobias Andersson: "We are happy to stay in Sweden since we are all from here." That's news to some users, who donated \$25 thousand to buy the Bay an island to circumvent copyright laws following a 2006 raid by Swedish authorities.

On Jan 9, TPB began collecting donations to buy or lease Sealand, a British naval platform turned sovereign nation, at buysealand.com. The site offered contributors citizenship in a country "with high-speed Internets [sic] access, no copyright laws and vip [sic] accounts to The Pirate Bay." On Jan 24, TPB announced they were planning to purchase an island. No updates or offers to return money have been made since.

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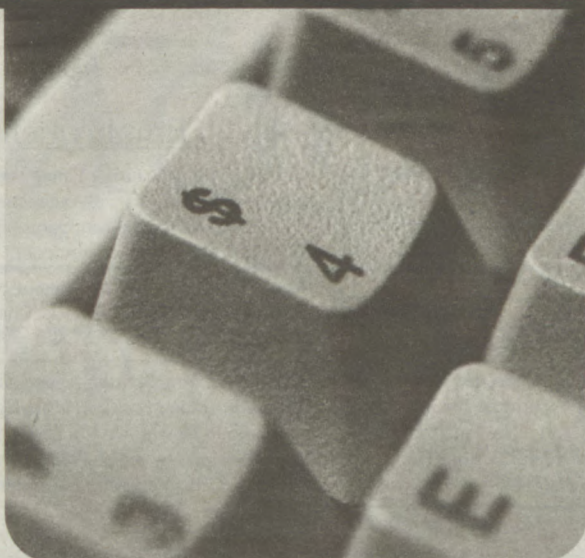
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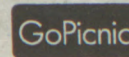
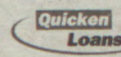
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Putting all differences aside

By PAUL GULLY
Mouthing Off Editor

Recently, while taking a stroll in the park with a female companion of mine, we witnessed one of the funniest events a human can bear witness to—or one of the most tragic—depending on whose perspective you see things from.

During our walk, a young lad was riding his bike down a narrow path. All of the sudden, he began to fishtail and, in slow motion, tipped over and fell off of his bright orange Huff.

I immediately dropped to a knee and burst into laughter at the boy's muddy misfortune.

However, the female that accompanied me on my walk, like a damsel in distress, covered her mouth and gasped, running to the boy's side.

And it was at that point I realized that there are just some things that men and women do inherently different and will

never see eye-to-eye on.

Take blowing your nose for example. After gently blowing her nose, a female will quickly fold her tissue up and dispose of it promptly. Conversely, it doesn't matter whether a guy uses his sleeve, a tissue or his hand, he will always check out what has just shot out of his nose and see what creation his bodily fluid has made. But there is a practical reason for this. If an image of the Virgin Mary on a grilled cheese can fetch \$2800 on eBay, imagine what a Virgin Mary snot silhouette would bring in.

Upon seeing a stray deer wander into view, a female will be struck with awe by the beauty and grace of the animal. They will watch it for hours on end, and when it comes to telling friends of the encounter, a female will become giddy and her voice will automatically raise several octaves. Assuming there is no rifle at hand, a man will be thinking of one thing and one thing only: Deer's good eatin'.

When it comes to the showering process, males and females are worlds apart. Women will walk to the shower in a bathrobe and only check themselves out in the mirror after de-robing. They will then spend the next half-hour washing and rewashing, using at least six kinds of body washes, a shampoo and conditioners for three different hair types. After the cleaning process, women will spend another 15 minutes with the post-wash lotioning and freshening.

For guys, there is one goal when it comes to showering: get in and out in time it takes for halftime of the game to finish.

As with many things, women feel the need to look their best going to the gym, even as they attempt to sweat off a few pounds. And here lies a problem—many women don't want to sweat and risk the chance of appearing less than feminine. Women also take the time to coordinate

their designer shoes, Victoria Secret "Pink" sweatpants with matching zip-up jacket and can many times be found talking on their cell phone while spending all of their time on the elliptical machine. Men feel it necessary to attempt to advertise their athletic feats of years past when going to the gym. They go to the gym, sporting their high school wrestling shirt that, back in 1997 was pearl white but has since turned a shade of off-yellow with sweat-stained holes in the armpit region. Men will refill a Gatorade bottle that they have been using since eighth grade phys-ed.

The irony of these seemingly silly differences is that they are the same attributes that make us unique individuals and ultimately, are the idiosyncracies that make us so appealing to the opposite gender. It's these differences that force us to say "Oh, that's so sweet," when a kid falls off his Huff and our female companion runs to their side.

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The Hooters delusion

By ALEX CHERUP
Guest Columnist

Troy's pair of Hooters is back in the news.

The city continues to deny a liquor license to the restaurant, which will soon result in a lawsuit: Hooters v. The City of Troy. In order to objectively understand the situation, I urge everyone to give the Hooters a good look over.

I was in third grade when my friends started talking about the new restaurant down the street on the bus ride to school. For about a week, talk about the hip joint filled the bus. One friend in particular, who loved wings, expressed interest in the place. Another loved animals and wanted to go for the cool owl mascot. Then one day my delinquent friend Mike came on the bus with a conspiracy theory. He claimed the Hooters' owl was a cover-up. "This is really all about something else—boobs!" he said.

We shouted him down as crazy. "How could it be a cover-up?" we thought. Everyone knows an owl hoots and must be a hooter.

Sadly, those days of innocence are gone. Now I understand the innuendo, intrigue and delusion of Hooters. Let us examine.

There are no "hooters" in Hooters. This is a fact. I have seen more hooters at college campuses. I have seen significantly more hooters at a swimming pool or a beach. If you are lucky, you can find even more hooters in a book at the library. An average summer day is a haven of hooters, a true Heaven of hooters. There are hooters everywhere—that is, everywhere but Hooters. All you will find are wetsuit-like spandex tights, obnoxious orange shorts and a cartoon owl. Also, when I look at the owl too long, he seems like a voyeuristic per-

vert—but there are still no hooters.

It is all about the delusion that there are hooters in Hooters. Basically, hooters are to Hooters as weapons of mass destruction are to Iraq. Only it is more difficult to start a war on Hooters than a war on Iraq, but nonetheless, just as ridiculous.

The whole problem with Hooters lies within this delusion of people "hooting" and hollering about the Hooters establishment. It is the self-righteous finger-point of the prim and proper. Without the constant obsession over the empty, adolescent word, it would have no delusion. There would be no war on Hooters.

One of the featured complaints against Hooters was a concerned citizen who said something like, "I do not approve of a Hooters. I do not want to have to give directions to my house and say 'turn left at the Hooters!'" It makes it seem as if there are actually huge breasts on the side of the road. Breasts so obnoxious they will screw up your sense of direction.

But back to the current issue at hand.

Troy City Councilwoman Robin Beltramini also is victim to the delusion. She said "If we grant variance to Hooters, then other businesses would want the same thing. Big Beaver (Road) is not the place for the Las Vegas strip."

First, this is a blatant slippery slope argument. No support is given to this claim—other businesses? Why is a family dentistry down the street suddenly going to want an ornithological nightmare and a liquor license?

Second, the Vegas strip is Vegas—there is not a Hooter's there—it has venues that are ACTUALLY sexual. I've been to Vegas, there are ACTUAL hooters there. I've seen them.

Third, you named the road "Big



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The Hooters located at the corner of Rochester Road and Big Beaver Road has stirred a controversy with the city of Troy.

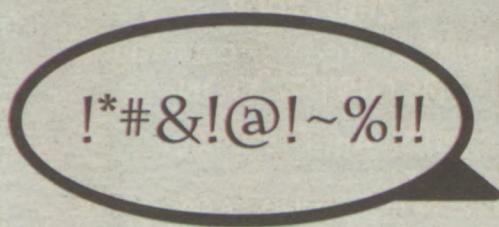
Beaver;" you officially lose all right to play the innuendo card with me.

I have seen the "Hooter's Delusion," as I am now calling it, many times in action.

I really did give the Hooters a new look. Everything I've said is true—there is no skin. Although the franchise does use the delusion of hooters to sell their wings. The only nudity I saw was a portion of a man's ass sitting at a table. Honestly, there was nothing else. I ordered a burger and sat at a booth—the only remotely sexual experience occurred when the girl sat next to me and took my order. I almost had a few seconds to fantasize about her in the wetsuit, but it looked more like she was going to swim with the manatees than take my order.

As a whole, the Hooters restaurant looked twenty-times better than the restaurant in the location before Hooters, which did have a liquor license—and had more hooters. I hate to disappoint the critics, but I received good service, ate a tasty meal and listened to a great array of music. I even saw an 80-year-old man's wife take a picture of him with the girls and a 6-year-old boy with two "I Love Hooters" balloons. Hooters even solves the generation gap—try finding that diverse demographic at a Kanye West concert. Of course, these are victims of the delusion.

If you are anti-Hooterian, do not encourage the delusion. Joining the attack against it only helps to promote Hooters. And if you want to see any hooters, don't go in.



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