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On behalf of the students here at Oakland University, I would like to welcome each of you back "home." This year is going to be a great one, as we will be proudly celebrating our 50th anniversary. There will be many exciting events this year to commemorate this accomplishment including Welcome Week, WOCOU (Week of Champions at Oakland University), and much more. I encourage each of you to attend these fun events and help in the celebration.

Your Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) is here to represent you, the student body. "Oakland University Student Congress strives to represent the student body and increase pride and unity on campus through dynamic leadership, a commitment to diversity, and an ongoing devotion to the quality of university life. We aim to meet the needs and address the concerns of our fellow students and encourage students to voice their ideas to help us create the best possible "Oakland experience."

As President, I want to ensure that your college experience here at Oakland University is one that you will never forget. OUSC will stand up for your rights and help guarantee that you are enjoying your time at Oakland University. We are constantly enforcing new initiatives and making Oakland University a better campus. Whether you become a legislator or join a committee, there is opportunity for you to make a difference on campus. Student Congress meets every Monday at 4:00 pm in the Oakland Center.

With over 150 student organizations on campus, there are plenty of chances for you to get involved. Oakland University continues to be the best university in the state, and continues to grow at a rapid rate, as do our organizations. It is never too late to get involved and make a difference!

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at rjmeyer@oakland.edu or at (248)-370-4294. Once again, welcome back to Oakland University. We are proud "Grizzlies" and I look forward to an exciting and eventful year!



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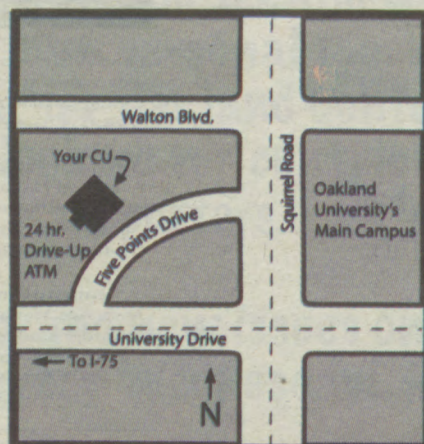


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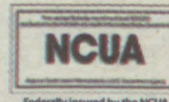
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Become a true Grizzly, get involved on campus

We attend Oakland University. We all take classes, park in the same lots and aim for the same diploma. Yet what does it really mean to be a Golden Grizzly? Is it just about the degree? Is it just a means to reach an ultimate end? For many, it may be.

For others, however, existence as an Oakland University student represents much more. It is a place of experience, personality and life. It is a place to speak passionately on the radio, serve as a politician, and even play video games with free food. In fact, it is usually even a place of free food, if you time your day appropriately.

There is always something interesting going on accompanied by sandwich wraps. There is such thing as a free lunch at Oakland University.

Do not believe the sign outside of South Foundation Hall labeled "Special Events" which never has anything written on its carapace. Everyday is a special event at Oakland University. Just take a few moments to look through the clubs and events throughout the school year — we have everything — from the famous to the charitable, from the artistic to the athletic, from the serious to the fun.

Why, then, is there a distinct lack of unification from within at Oakland University? Location is an important factor. Much is rooted in our perception of the university from before admittance.

Many of us did not experience the glamour of leaving home for a new and far-away place, like those attending other universities. The lack of change provides for humdrum complacency.

Of course, this mediocrity is only in our false expectations of a commuter school with less charismatic appeal. It is not the truth. There is as much character here as anywhere else.

We must distance ourselves from these false beliefs. If you spend enough time, you will understand how insufficient these explanations of Oakland University are. There is really so much to involve yourself in.

And appreciate the perks of Oakland over other universities — for instance, class size. Not only does it allow for improved education, but also provides easy venues to meet others and interact with professors. Be thankful we are even taught by professors, and not graduate assistants or teacher aids..

Another assault on Oakland's potential is based on the high population of commuters. We lack the direct unifying factor of common housing. We all go our own separate ways after classes split, and do not have to stay. In many respects, it is like a liberal high school. However, high schools have unification.

The dilemma seems easy to overcome.

All we need is a reason to recognize why we should be proud of Oakland and all we can do here.

And the reason is already here — we just need to stop ignoring it and open our minds. Find campus occurrences that fit our persona, and view school as more than just an x amount of years for reaching the ultimate end.

Take Keuouac's philosophy — the road is life. Experience the moment and find enjoyment in this place.

Make it more than walls, exams and grades. Before class, recognize those in the same experience as you. After class, explore the university and get the most out of your tuition.

Your best memory from college shouldn't be the parking lot and how uncomfortable South Foundation Hall's desks are.

It should be of all the opportunities the Oakland University has to offer.



Tuition increase not just a Michigan problem

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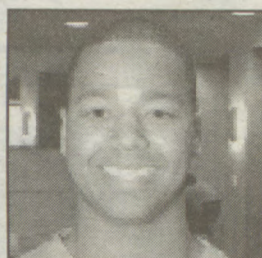
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Four on Four

four panelists share their take on four topics



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Suzanne M. Drapeau
Special Lecturer of Rhetoric

What are your thoughts on the 13.9% tuition increase?

It doesn't bother me, I mean it's expected to raise.

They are unnecessary. The university already receives enough money.

If people can't afford to tuition, it may affect enrollment at OU.

13.9 percent seems pretty extreme. Although the tuition increase seems to have been the best choice, if it was a choice meant cutting programs or raising tuition.

Two years after Hurricane Katrina, do you think New Orleans will ever fully recover?

It's going to be a long run and take a lot of time and support from the government.

It's going to be okay in the long run, but it's going to take a lot of time and a lot of support from the government.

My family was actually affected by the Hurricane Katrina. I was actually fortunate to be here, if not, I would have been there...I think over time it will recover, but not yet; going to take a lot of time.

I think the greater community will recover. But I think there are some people who won't recover at all.

Are you looking forward to the Dashboard Confessional concert taking place at OU on September 14?

Oh, wow! Finally some good music around here. Yeah I love them, now that you said that I'm gonna go.

I will most likely go, and take some residents with me.

I really don't know who they are, so I can't say either way.

I'm glad SPB is bringing music to campus. It enriches the university and the greater community when they hold events like this.

Are the Detroit Tigers play-off bound?

No, I'm just lacking faith in them, but I'm not into baseball that much.

I'm not a big sports fan. I guess they might have a shot. You never know.

I'm actually not from here, so I don't really follow the Tigers. So, I don't know. Hopefully they will.

They won last year, so I guess they have a chance this year.

OUSC Vice President: The time for action is now

By **JAMEELAH MUHAMMAD**
Student Congress Vice President

Many of us have heard about the various increases in tuition at universities across the state, especially the 13.9% increase at Oakland University which will add approximately \$971 dollars added to student tuition for the year. Realistically we can complain about this as much as we want, but if we don't actually plan to do anything, nothing will change.

In addition to the rising costs for college, there are a variety of issues that students face on a daily basis which pose either a challenge or obstacle on the road to achieving a degree. From financial to the personal reasons, I find the access and cost of college entering a crisis.

When one thinks about what it means

to be a student, the quick answer is to be a person attending an educational institution to pursue knowledge. What many fail to realize is that being a student is more than a simple role or means of classifying a particular group of people; it is a special identity, that possesses unlimited potential and ability for great things. If anything, the role of a student is completely underestimated because we possess the ability to handle and juggle all the challenges that bills, jobs, and careers present to us, while maintaining a strong and determined academic commitment. We are grown, and fully capable of understanding what we need as a student and as an individual in general.

Today I am asking that we put integrity, honesty, and dignity back into the word student, and make it something that is respected and valued. I am asking

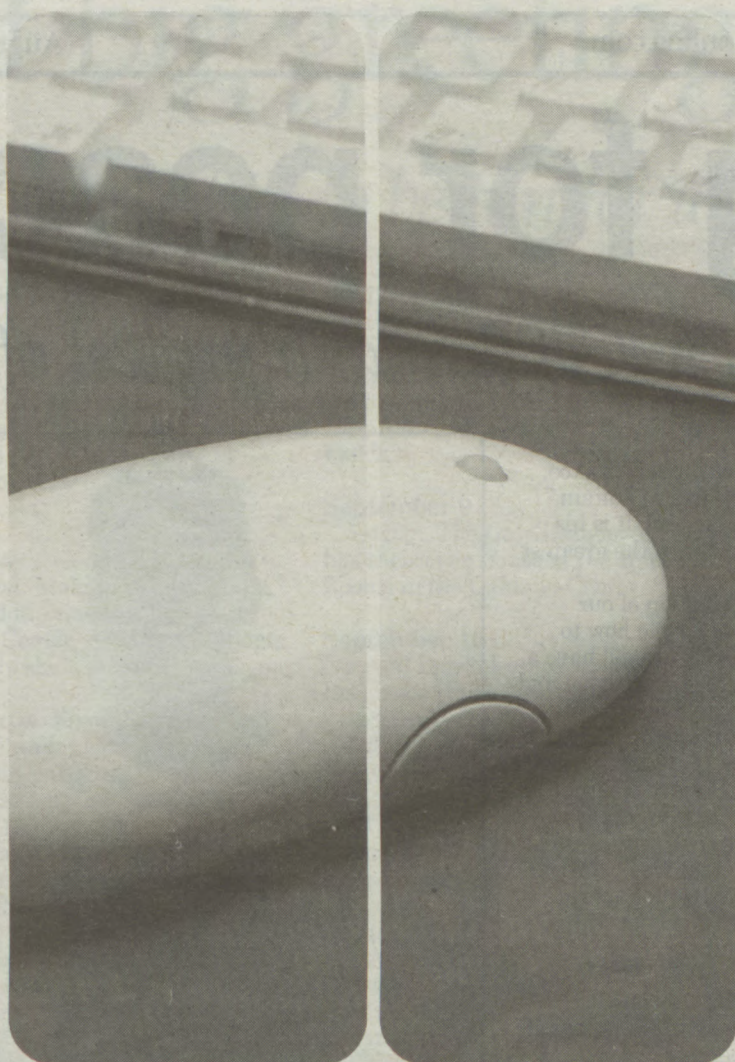
students everywhere, regardless of age, sex, or race, to embrace their identity and to fulfill the rights and responsibilities of what it means to be student. I am asking the students of Oakland University to stand up and show their support for higher education funding and to put an end to incredibly high tuition increases. As a student, you are not powerless. What you believe does matter.

In a few weeks, history will be made as students across the state will unite on the issue of making higher education a priority. On Wednesday, September 26th 2007 a group of Michigan public universities known as the Student Association of Michigan, will host a rally on the lawn of the state capitol building in Lansing to get the student voice out on matters of tuition increases at Michigan universities, to speak about the lack of support

from the state related to higher education, and to take a firm stance to ensure that the student voice is heard and action is taken.

There are approximately 18,000 students that attend Oakland University and the lawn of the state capitol building can hold 10,000 people. Let's not doubt and deny our ability to bring a massive crowd of students to this rally. If we care at all about our future as students, and the future of our family and friends in the state of Michigan, we should show our support as much as possible. All too often students remain silent; but the time for change and for students to speak out is now.

For more information about the rally, contact Jameelah Muhammad, jmmuhamm@oakland.edu, or stop by the Student Congress Office.



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Progressing for peace

OU student to walk from Virginia to California in protest of war

By NICK DEGEL
Senior Reporter

There is an adage in our culture that we should not talk the talk unless we can walk the walk.

And for Peace Nomad — aka Matthew Goricki — that walk will be about 5,000 miles long.

On Sept. 1, Goricki, an Oakland University junior, was to embark on a trek from Virginia to San Francisco on foot — a walk devoted to urging the end of the war in Iraq and global warming.

"I'm literally willing to die for this," Goricki said. "I don't want it to go that far of course, no one wants that, but that's how much I'm into it. I'm willing to risk everything to do this, just to spread the message."

Goricki, who only will go by the name Peace Nomad throughout his walk, hopes to spread awareness along his journey, influencing everyone he meets.

The idea for his journey first came back in March, when he discovered the story of another peace walker named Peace Pilgrim.

"She was 53 years old when she started with no money — not even a penny," Goricki said. "She had a comb in one pocket, a toothbrush in the other and walked across the country seven times."

Goricki's walk was to begin in Yorktown, Va., and follow the famous TransAmerica bike trail to the Missouri-Kansas area.

From there, he will be forced to break off south via US and state highways to steer clear of the cold during the winter months.

With plans to average around 20 miles per day, Goricki estimated arrival in San Francisco is around six months from now.

Once in San Francisco, Goricki is to take a short break before walking up the west coast, then back toward Michigan. He believes the whole trip should take about a year to complete.

A tent, a sleeping bag, a backpack, clothes, and a video camera will be the only items taken for the trip. Goricki plans to bring around \$1,000 for food — which means his daily budget will be just \$4 per day.

"Hopefully a lot of people will be helping along the way, just giving me stuff to support what I'm doing and try to help out," said the 21-year-old Sterling Heights native. "I'm going to rely on people helping out from time to time."

Goricki is more than ready for the hardships of roughing it cross-country. He took a two week survival training course in Utah, and he has pulled through some hairy situations since he began hiking at the age of 18.

"Back in April, I was in the Smokey Mountains and

my boots froze on me so I couldn't walk with them on," Goricki said. "Then my other pair of shoes froze, too, with four and a half miles left to go up a mountain."

While Goricki opposes all war in general, it is his stance on the war in Iraq that burns with the greatest conviction.

"The war is all for the global domination of our country and our country dictating to people how to live," Goricki said. "That is wrong. [The Iraqis] have a totally different culture, a totally different religion and here we are trying to tell them how to live."

Wearing this sort of message on his sleeve, the chance of a negative reception in certain areas of the country is very real. But Goricki welcomes opposing view points and relishes the opportunity to debate.

"I like talking to people that I disagree with because you get a better view of everything that way," Goricki said. "I like when people disagree, I just don't want anything to turn violent or hostile. I'll debate with someone, but I want it to be peaceful."

Goricki, who began contributing to The Detroit News when he was 13 years old, plans to stop by many college campuses along the way to speak to journalism professors and student papers.

When his journey is completed, he plans to use the video footage for a documentary. In addition, he plans to write three books on the experience.

"I'll write one about my adventures because I'll have a ton of them," Goricki said. "I'll write another about the different parts of the country, just the scenery and different cultures within our country."

"The other book will be about how people helped me. A lot of times you hear about people just doing bad things, so I want to write a book about how people helped me for no good reason at all," he said.

To follow his mission to stop global warming, Goricki will never use a motor vehicle for transportation once he begins his peace walk.

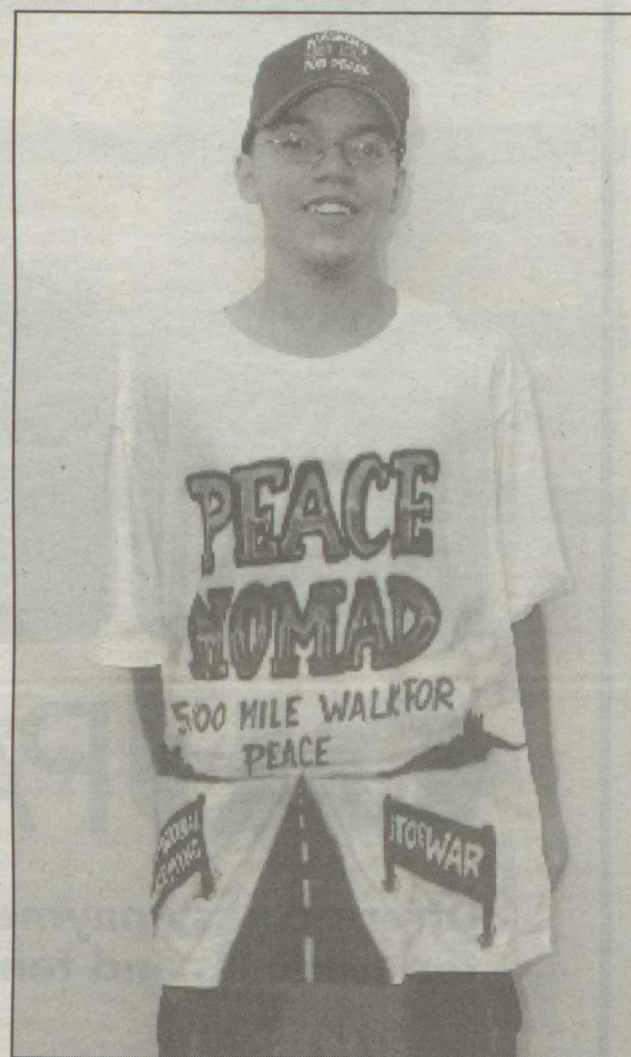
"It will be hard, especially living in this area, but I love riding my bike," he said.

He only is 30 credits shy of graduation, but Goricki knows that now is the right time to fulfill his so-called mission.

With a message of peace quite literally on his back, he believes that it is a state of mind that will never lead you astray.

"Peace is the best way," Goricki said. "Once you start oppressing peaceful people and doing stuff against peace, the general population won't like that. The people are for peace, and peace can't go wrong."

Anyone wishing to track Peace Nomad's progress can read his journey blog at www.walking5000milesforpeace.blogspot.com.



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"Peace is the best way ... The people are for peace, and peace can't go wrong."

MATTHEW GORICKI, aka Peace Nomad, said of his journey aimed at urging the end to the war in Iraq, as well as global warming. He is to walk about 5,000 miles.

New Grizzlies get big greeting

Welcome Week to be fun for all

By VANESSA ROSS
Staff Intern

Classes may be approaching quickly, but Oakland University has scheduled Welcome Week 2007 Sept. 4-14 to greet new students and help them feel at ease. Here are a few of the upcoming events:

September 4

11 a.m.-noon "Making College Count," a lecture held in Banquet Room A in the Oakland Center, will teach students valuable study skills and time management.

9, 9:30, 10 p.m. Enjoy pizza, pop and music on the walk to Meadow Brook Hall. Hamlin Courtyard.

September 4-7

"Ask A Grizz" information tables will be set up to answer students' questions about OU. They are to be available 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

September 5

11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Association of Black Students has its open house at Vandenberg Hall.

4-6:30 p.m. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is to host a Welcome Picnic between the Oakland Center and the Lake.

6-9 p.m. The Association of Black Students Family Reunion BBQ. All are welcome.

September 6

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy free food, live entertainment, inflatable and carnival games, prizes and more at the Greek Carnival. Between the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Affairs' Ice Cream Social. Between the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library.

1-4 p.m. Graham Health Center Open House. Q&A and handouts about available health care services.

7-9 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and WXOU Radio Station host "Jammin' @ Hamlin" a concert outdoors in the Hamlin Courtyard.

September 7

8 p.m.-midnight The Student Program Board is hosting the "Cirque OU" at the P11 parking lot.

8 p.m.-midnight Sigma Pi Fraternity's 13th Annual Pig Roast at the Upper Fields.

September 9

5-6 p.m. The Gay-Straight Alliance has their open house at the Heritage Rooms in the Oakland Center.

September 10

2 p.m. Dance lessons sponsored by Residence Halls Programming. Hamlin Courtyard.

5-6:30 p.m. Welcome reception for Native American Student Association. Heritage Rooms in the Oakland Center.

10 p.m.-midnight OU Greeks Bonfire is free for all students. Lower fields area at the bonfire pit.

September 11

8:46 a.m. 9/11 Remembrance on Kresge Library steps.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. GrizzFest Student Organization Fair. Representatives from student and Greek organizations are to answer questions and hand out information.

Noon-12:30 p.m. Golden Grizzlies Pep Rally between North Foundation and South Foundation halls.

September 12

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Play for free at Bumpers Oakland Center basement.

6:30 p.m. Association of Black Students is to host "Rock da Rec" Basketball Challenge at the Recreation Center in the three-court gym.

September 13

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Center for Student Activities' Volunteer Fair. Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and OU-MSU Federal Credit Union's Student Ambassadors Welcome Back Social. Oakland Center patio.

September 14

6:30 p.m. Gates open at Meadow Brook for Dashboard Confessional concert. Show starts at 8 p.m. (see Page 12)



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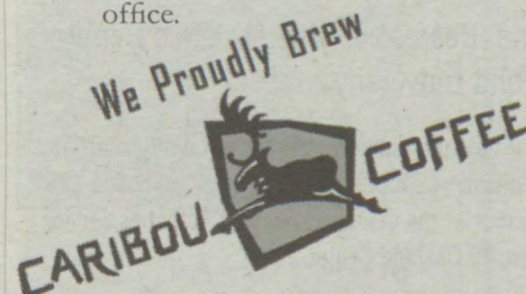
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Board OKs \$971 tuition hike

But members look for ways to help students cover higher costs

By PAUL GULLY
Managing Editor

There are certain things that every college student can expect with the start of a new semester — taking on the burden of a \$971 tuition increase usually isn't one of them.

However, this is what is facing Oakland University students as they return to school this fall.

After much debate and discussion at their July 11 meeting, Oakland University Board of Trustee members unanimously voted to increase university tuition by 13.9 percent — or \$971 per semester for incoming, full-time undergraduates.

All of the board members opposed such a drastic hike, but they agreed that it was necessary, according to several trustees.

"It was a gut-wrenching decision for us to increase tuition," Trustee Chair Dennis Pawley said. "However, failure to [do so] would have yielded an inferior education for students."

Oakland University President Gary Russi echoed Pawley's sentiments saying, "If we hadn't raised tuition, we would be compromising the quality of an Oakland education, and maintaining quality remains our primary mission."

Board members cited the lack of state funding for higher education, as well as state budget cuts, as the main reasons for the increase.

"It's become a joke that funding from the state is dropping as tuition goes up, over the past 10 years. You begin to wonder ... what the state is doing," said trustee Henry Baskin. "Where is the help for the students?"

Michigan's higher education invest-

ment over the last five years has been among the lowest in the nation.

According to Baskin, an unexpected budget cut of more than \$2 million from the state "blindsided" the university and board members, leaving them little choice other than to increase tuition.

In the past, the board has made cost reductions to help keep the costs of tuition relatively low.

According to vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil, the board has made cost reductions in the amount of \$28 million over the past decade.

But according to trustee Penny Crissman, the board came to "the rope's end" as far as cuts were concerned.

The \$971 increase breaks down to around \$600 covering the lack of state funds available to OU and roughly \$300 going toward university operating fees.

Communications major Shannon Coady said, "I think that \$1,000 was a little too high of an increase. But hopefully it will lead to a better education for students."

Electrical engineering major Nathan Ellis said, "I don't like it, but there's not really anything I can do about it. OU is still one of the cheaper schools ... and if I went somewhere else, it'd cost more because I'd have to pay for housing."

Well aware of the ramifications of such a substantial tuition jump, the university is taking steps to help ensure that another drastic increase is not in store in the near future.

The board plans to scrutinize every request that comes through OU, and several redesign projects are underway to increase cost effectiveness, Pawley said.

Baskin said, "By and large, the majority of the student body just can't face anymore substantial increases in tuition. And I don't foresee any substantial

increases because I think if we get to that point while I'm still on the board, we're going to have to take some different measures and start changing the business model of higher education."

According to Pawley, in the case that the university does receive its state funding, the board also has set up a clause in which they would attempt to give money back to students.

He said, "We did commit to this in the event that it happens. But I don't want to build false hope, because if there was a decent chance of that, I'd never have voted for the increase to begin with."

To help ease the impact of the tuition jump, the university also has significantly increased the amount of financial aid available to students, Russi said.

Both Russi and Oakland University Student Congress have been making trips to Lansing to lobby on behalf of the university and higher education funding.

And it is not just OU that is being affected by the state's decreasing economy and dwindling funds.

All of Michigan's 15 public universities experienced an increase in tuition.

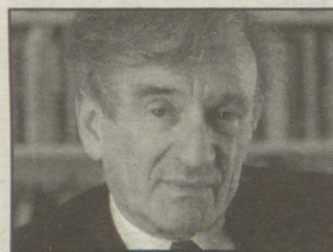
But while Russi and board members admit that the outlook for the state may appear bleak, many don't expect enrollment at OU to decrease.

Russi's goal to enroll 20,000 students at the university by the year 2010 remains.

But Pawley realizes that a drop in enrollment is possible.

"It is plausible that fewer kids will be able to afford college in the future," he said. "However, I think when it's all said and done, Oakland will still be well within the bottom third as far as tuition goes."


Senior reporter C.M. Graski contributed to this report.



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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.



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Tuition increases statewide

Here's how some of Michigan's public universities fared in the 2007-08 tuition hikes:

University of Michigan (U-M)	7.59%
Michigan State (MSU)	9.6%
Central Michigan (CMU)	21.1%
Wayne State (WSU)*	12.8%
Oakland University (OU)	13.9%
Eastern Michigan (EMU)	9.5%
Western Michigan (WMU)	5.8%
Grand Valley (GVSU)	9.9%

*WSU's increase comes to 18.1% when including a contingency fee.

OU's tuition continues to climb

Here's how Oakland's tuition* has increased for incoming undergraduates over the course of 5 academic years:

2007-08	\$7,927.50
2006-07	\$6,956.25
2005-06	\$6,442.50
2004-05	\$5,589.75
2003-04	\$5,458.50

*Rates given are for full-time, undergraduate, in-state residents.

Teens accelerate toward safety

Dodge-Auto Week Magazine teach driving skills at OU

By ADAM ROBERTS
Staff Intern

Usually the smell of burning rubber and the squeal of skidding tires is trouble when a teenager is behind the wheel.

But on Aug. 28, teens were able to buckle up and intentionally push a car to its limits.

The sights and sounds typically associated with tragedy and premature death seemed somewhat therapeutic in this educational setting.

At the inaugural Teen Driver Safety Summit, students and their parents learned just how dangerous cars can be, and they had a chance to test some of the capabilities of new Dodge Magnum.

The P1 parking lot along Squirrel Road was transformed into an obstacle course of wet pavement, chalk lines and stop lights.

"It was exciting ... hopefully I'll be better prepared for real life situations now," summit attendee Stephanie Choriatis of Rochester Hills said.

While the discussion was often somber, the optimism of youth could be seen in the grinning faces of those behind the wheel.

Dodge partnered with Auto Week Magazine to sponsor the event, the first of its kind.

Driving schools from around the country gathered at OU, including the Richard Petty Driving Experience safe driving program, which ran the driving portion of the event.

Kyle Petty, CEO of Petty Enterprises and NASCAR driver, was on hand to stress the importance of defensive driving.

"You have to have the right attitude when getting behind the wheel," Petty said. "Racing is about trying to pass people and making things happen. Driving on the highway is about not making things happen."

Event organizer Dutch Mandel, editor of Auto Week magazine, said that the idea for the summit came when he saw how poorly many drivers education programs were run.

Mandel also saw a lack of urgency concerning the fact that auto accidents are the single leading cause of death for teens and young adults.

The speaking portion of the event was as much for the parents in attendance as it was for the young drivers. And many speakers expressed that a lack

of parental guidance and control was a recipe for disaster.

For many parents, the summit was a chance for their child to become a little better prepared for the dangers of the roads.

"I was just glad to see something come locally and to have the opportunity to get him some experience," Laura Cumberworth of Rochester Hills said of her son, Jon, who recently got his driver's license.

By bringing their teens to events such as this, parents are showing the initiative that will help to make their children better drivers.

But it sometimes is a challenge to get young people to listen and apply what is lectured to them.

That is why a lot of the emphasis of the summit was placed on skill driving courses — not lectures.

Skills courses that put young drivers in inclement road conditions give them experience that basic drivers education courses cannot.

Many people think that these classes are stunt schools. And some parents worry that their children will be taught dangerous maneuvers they will replicate on the road.

According to Jeff Payne, who runs the Driver's Edge skills program, it's a common misconception.

"It's about giving them a feel for maneuvering out of dangerous situations," Payne said.

Colin Wilson, a Waterford student, is one of the success stories of this program.

"I participated in Driver's Edge and avoided a collision because of it," Wilson said. "I had better control of the car, and it was fun!"

Wilson was only one of more than 100 teens to experience the first summit hosted at OU.

And everyone involved with the event called it a success.

Mandel hopes that this will be the first of many Teen Driver Safety Summits — not only in Michigan, but also around the country.

But many of the parents who attended just are hoping that their teens got the message.

"He knows everything at this age," said a father of his son, Collin Figley, of Highland. "I did, too, when I was 16."

And that's the problem faced by the parents of teen drivers — one that isn't likely to go away soon.



Photo from motorauthority.com

Students were able to test the capabilities of the new Dodge Magnum, above, Aug. 28 when the P1 parking lot transformed into an obstacle course — complete with wet pavement, chalk lines and stop lights.



Photo from allposters.com

"Racing is about trying to pass people and making things happen. Driving on the highway is about not making things happen."

KYLE PETTY, NASCAR driver and Petty Enterprises CEO, said at the Teen Driver Safety Summit held at OU.

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University to mark 50-year anniversary

By TRACY WAWRZYNIAK
Staff Intern

If the host of events for Welcome Week wasn't enough to satisfy your taste for fun, a free buffet-style dinner will help to wrap up the first week of classes in style as Oakland University welcomes faculty, staff and retirees back to school for the OU 50th Anniversary Appreciation Dinner.

As part of OU's 50th Anniversary celebration — and coinciding with Welcome Week activities — the dinner is to be held on Friday at the Pioneer Food Court in the Oakland Center.

The dinner and festivities are to begin at 5 p.m. and are to last to 7:30.

The event is to feature a magic show, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There also will be door prizes and gift baskets for faculty and staff, including OU gear and donated items from local businesses and alumni.

Some of the evening's activities are to include face painting, caricature and henna artists, costumed characters and

carnival games.

Entertainment is scheduled to be provided by OU's dance team, Images, as well as the cheerleading team.

Attendees also will be able to catch a glimpse of the newly-updated Golden Grizzly mascot, which is to be revealed at the banquet.

"The Grizz costume is being updated to look more like the Golden Grizzlies mascot," said Tracy Huth, director of athletics. "The Grizz is getting an extreme makeover."

"The Grizz has become a focal point for our students, fans and the community, and we're going to give them a Golden Grizzly they can be proud of," he said.

Free tickets for students only are available at the Student Activities Center ticket window in the basement of the Oakland Center.

For more information about the anniversary banquet, visit OU's Web site or contact the Student Activities Center at 248-370-2400 or the special events office at 248-370-4908.

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— A woman reported that she had been receiving derogatory threats in her honesty box on Facebook. One message threatened to "stomp her to death." The woman also began to notice a green Chevrolet Trailblazer with two males following her around. The threats culminated in an incident where the two men almost struck the woman with their vehicle in the P1 parking lot. She reported the matter July 31 to OUPD after the near miss.

— OUPD ran the plates of a white Pontiac Firebird Aug. 3 and discovered that a registered sex offender was on campus with his wife and two children. The man claimed to be registering for fall classes, but police found no forms or papers in his possession. Deciding that his presence was a

threat to the several hundred high school cheerleaders at OU for summer camp, officers immediately removed the man from campus.

— Ten or 11 Marion High School dance team members were trapped in an elevator stuck between the 2nd and 3rd floors of West Vandenberg Hall Aug. 3. The Auburn Hills Fire Department responded. They were able to open the elevator and remove the girls, who were not injured.

— OUPD responded to an Adams Road residence on a call regarding a strange odor Aug. 14. Police discovered that a flower pot was emitting smoke. Officers were forced to stomp out the contents with their feet.

Meadow Brook to host singer Chris Carrabba

Dashboard Confessional's

front man to perform acoustic set

By VICKY LEFEBVRE
Contributing Reporter

The lead singer from the band often credited with birthing the new generation of emo — emotional hardcore — will be stopping by Meadow Brook Music Festival Sept. 14.

Chris Carrabba of Dashboard Confessional will perform before kicking off a multi-city solo tour in October with special guests Augustana and John Ralston.

The Color Fred — a side project of Fred Mascherino, guitarist of Taking Back Sunday — is to be the opening act at Meadow Brook.

Front man Carrabba will be a solo-acoustic act. The performance is likely to feature music from Dashboard's new album, *The Shade of Poison Trees*, which is scheduled to be released on Oct. 2.

The album will be the fifth for the Florida-based indie rock group. It is slated to reflect the acoustic roots of the band's first two albums, 2000's *The Swiss Army Romance* and 2001's *The Places You Have Come to Fear the Most*.

Tickets went on sale Aug. 3, running \$10 per ticket for Oakland University students with ID, and \$20 for the general public. According to Ticketmaster's Web site, tickets are still available.

Students who purchase tickets at the OU rate must present their Grizzly ID at the concert.

Concertgoers without a Grizzly ID will be charged full price (so don't bother buying \$10 tickets for non-OU students).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8.

Tickets are general admission seating — first come, first serve. Since acoustic shows are designed to be more intimate, there are enough tickets to fill the pavilion. However, concertgoers are welcome to sit on the lawn.

Parking is \$10 per vehicle for those who park at Meadow Brook. Parking somewhere else on campus and walking to the concert is free.

Tickets can be purchased online at ticketmaster.com, palacenet.com, The Palace Box Offices and at the Center for Student Activities service window at 49 Oakland Center.

Tickets bought at palacenet.com are subject to a service fee in addition to the \$10 price, however.

For more information, contact the Center for Student Activities at 248-370-2400.

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Severe weather spawns tornadoes

Inflicts heavy damage and power outages in Fenton, Holly

By JIM IRWIN
Associated Press Writer

"Fenton sustained the greatest amount of damage where the tornado path widened to approximately one-quarter mile, including the snapping and uprooting of hundreds of trees," the weather service said in a statement.

Almost all Fenton residents whose houses were destroyed or damaged found shelter with relatives, Dick Beauchamp, damage assessment officer for the Genesee-Lapeer Chapter of the American Red Cross, said Sunday.

The number of people requiring temporary shelter likely would have been higher if the tornado had hit apartment buildings instead of single-family homes, he said.

"Last night there was nobody in the shelter. Everybody apparently had someplace to go," Beauchamp said. "Pretty much everybody is insured so I doubt we'll have any client casework to do."

The tornado that touched down near Charlotte and ended near Pottersville in Eaton County generated winds approaching 140 mph, making it Michigan's strongest tornado in 10 years, the weather

service said.

Five people had minor injuries in Eaton County, where Sheriff Mike Raines said it was "miraculous" that there were no serious injuries.

"We had good warning," Raines said Sunday.

About 12 homes in the county were destroyed and seven others were heavily damaged. Authorities set up roadside checkpoints to make sure only residents were going into damaged areas as crews worked to clear debris, Raines said.

Consumers Energy said about 13,000 homes and businesses that it serves remained without power at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, including 12,000 in the Kalamazoo area. Detroit Edison said about 7,000 customers scattered around metropolitan Detroit remained without service.

"Customers who were impacted by the tornadoes on Friday ... may not receive electric service until late Monday evening," Consumers Energy, a subsidiary of Jackson-based CMS Energy Corp., said in a statement.

Scott Simons, a spokesman for Detroit Edison parent DTE Energy Co., said most of its customers were expected to



AP Photo/The Free-Press, Romain Blanquart

Uprooted trees lean against the home of Dayne DeHaven after a tornado swept through Holly, Mich., Friday, Aug. 24, 2007. More than 300 homes were destroyed by the violent weather.

have power by the end of the following Sunday.

About 300,000 Consumers customers and 127,000 Detroit Edison customers lost electricity at some point after the first round of severe storms struck Thursday, the utilities said.

The weather service said the Eaton County tornado was the state's strongest since July 2, 1997, when five tornadoes

hit populous southeastern Michigan, killing 16 people, injuring 117, destroying 330 homes and damaging 4,800 others.

Meteorologists also confirmed tornado touchdowns in a 6-mile stretch of Ingham County, a 4-mile stretch of southwest Lapeer County, a 3-mile stretch of northeast Washtenaw County and a quarter-mile stretch of eastern Shiawassee County.

New park opens in Highland Township

Highland Park, Oakland County's 13th park will open Oct. 1

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department will dedicate a new park later this month, said Executive Officer Daniel Stencil.

Highland Oaks, at the intersection of Milford Road and White Lake Road in Highland Township, will be Oakland County's 13th park when it is dedicated in a ceremony Sept. 28.

According to Stencil, about 40 percent of the 264-acre park is wetlands. The park features a five-acre lake which is shared with some private residents. The west boundary is the CSX railroad line.

The Oakland County parks system was able to purchase the property with \$2.1 million from the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission as well as a \$1.44 million Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

"It preserves a significant portion of land that has some natural resource features," said Stencil, "and will allow for future generations to enjoy the benefits of having [those resources]."

The park will be open to the public Oct. 1. Planned park activities include bicycle trails, fishing, horseback riding and deer bow hunting.

Oakland County has 6,400 acres of park land. Here are the locations of some of the 13 parks.

- Addison Oaks
West Romeo Rd. 9 miles north of Rochester
- Highland Oaks
White Lake Rd. and Milford Rd. in Highland Township
- Lyon Oaks/Lyon Oaks Golf Course
Pontiac Trail between Old Plank Road and Wixom Road in Lyon Township
- Waterford Oaks Water Park
Scott Lake Rd. between Dixie Highway and Watkins Lake Rd.

Jousting matches top off exciting Renaissance Festival

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

As it does every year, a peculiar portal opened in Hollygrove, making an era lost to history a tangible reality again.

This event, of course, is the Michigan Renaissance Festival, which has been a cherished autumn pastime for state residents and visitors since 1979.

Attracting a mere few hundred patrons in its first year, festival attendance has grown to over 220,000 guests per year, according to the State of Michigan.

Bloodthirsty knights, free-spirited beer festivals and acres of ye olde artisan shops have endeared Michigan residents to this decades-long tradition, as Governor Granholm has proclaimed the month of August as Michigan Renaissance Festival Month.

The festival opened on August 18, with "Arabian Knights," which featured authentic Arabic food, song and an Arabic dancing competition. The themed weekends will continue until the festivals end on the last Sunday of September.

Themes to come include: the pirate-themed "Buccaneer Beer Fest," multi-cultural celebration "Wonders of the World," "Shamrocks and Shenanigans," and the festival will come to a close with "Sweet Endings," featuring one of Southeast Michigan's most memorable chocolate festivals.

Whether you are new to the festival, or are planning on making your annual visit, this event is undeniably enchanting.

The music of bagpipes reverberate from head-to-toe, as you are welcomed by living reincarnations of residents of the renaissance era, moving you through the turreted gates of Hollygrove.

The bold scent of imported cigars, and the seductive odor of dragon's blood incense might be unexpected, but will fall into place as you delve deeper into the fantasyland.

Dancing gypsies may dance past you, soothing any culture-shock you may be experiencing with their beautiful Domari music.

The Michigan Renaissance festival is a place where castles tower, dragons learn to roar and eating slabs of meat nearly as large as your head, right off of the bone, is the norm.

While wandering around, perusing over 190 arts and crafts shoppes will likely yield some impulse purchases

worthy of cherishing, there are several ongoing and scheduled attractions to experience.

Daily, the "Renaissance Smoker" and "Royal High Tea" events offer an unforgettable experience for a \$10 fee.

Participants in the "Renaissance Smoker" will experience high-quality cigars, specialty beer and ales and an array of hors d'oeuvres. "Royal High Tea" occurs with Queen Elizabeth Glorianna, complete authentic tea, desserts and live entertainment.

For those with a dragon-sized stomach, the "Feast of Fantasy" features

a six course meal, with food prepared by the Queen's personal chef.

The 2007 menu features crab-stuffed mushrooms, corn chowder, lemon sorbet with blackberries, a mixture of grilled and seared meats, vegetables, and a dark chocolate fudge cake with a hazelnut ganache and mascarpone mousse.

Twenty-two other venues offer a variety of comedy acts, plays, feats of strength, dances, musical performances, sword-swallowers and fire dancers. The lance-splintering, heart-pounding action of a joust is a must-see attraction on the "Field of Honor."

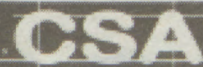
This year, visitors will get to experience the groundbreaking performances of the festival's new jousting company, EmoMojo.



Photo courtesy of Eric Tetreault
Highly trained jousters engage in full-contact combat in this year's Renaissance Festival.



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Michigan Renaissance Festival

The Center for Student Activities is pleased to provide discount tickets for another of Southeast Michigan's outstanding cultural and entertainment events: **The Michigan Renaissance Festival** in Holly!

The Festival runs on weekends from August 18 - September 30. The festival opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m. rain or shine. Ticket prices at the CSA Service Window are: \$13.50 for adults (reg. \$17.95), \$5.50 for children 12 years old and younger (reg. \$8.95), and food coupons for \$5.00 (regularly \$6.00).

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Balcony (K-O) \$38.25 (reg. \$42.00)

Balcony (P) \$17.00 (no discount)

Tuesday, December 4, (Student Discount) @ 7:30 p.m.

Main Floor and Mezzanine (AA-EE) \$68.00 (reg. \$75.00)

Second Mezzanine (A-J) \$40.00 (reg. 58.00)

Balcony (L-O) \$26.00 (reg. \$43.00)

Balcony (P) \$18.00 (no discount)

Sunday, December 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Second Mezzanine (C-H) \$40.00 (reg. 48.00)

Balcony (L-O) \$26.00 (reg. \$48.00)

Tuesday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

Main Floor and Mezzanine (AA-EE) \$68.00 (reg. \$75.00)

Second Mezzanine (A-F) \$52.50 (reg. 58.00)

Balcony (K-O) \$39.00 (reg. \$43.00)

Balcony (K-O extreme sides) \$18.00 (no discount)

Close date will be Friday, September 7



Ballet Folklorico de Mexico

at the Detroit Opera House

Sunday, September 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

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Close date will be Friday, September 7

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Twelve Angry Men

at the Fisher Theatre Sunday, November 4

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

at the Fisher Theatre Tuesday, October 2 and Sunday, October 21

Marriage of Figaro

at the Detroit Opera House Wednesday, November 14 and Friday, November 16

Walking With Dinosaurs

at Cobo Hall Friday, November 16

Get the complete schedule including prices and times
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Their shows are a combination of historical and theatrical, and all involve full-contact combat.

"I've picked the very best in the business. Kate Hopkins, the master rider and mistress of arms, rides the entire show sidesaddle," said Eric K. Michael, show producer, performer and company owner.

According to Michael, the 3 o'clock show is the best of the performances to see.

"It's a contest of arms, controlled chaos with a lot of risk management. Our shows are the only shows in America where you don't know what's going to happen next."

Not only does EmoMojo feature the finest jousters in the country, but their horses are also unique, as they are all rescued animals, and are half and full thoroughbreds.

Michael dreams of one day taking his jousters to television, and possibly the silver screen, and believes this goal is a possibility given their reception so far.

"The crowd has wonderful energy. Everyone's really lively, and usually it's standing room only. It's because we love what we do, and the audience appreciates this. We are grateful to be collaborating with the Michigan Renaissance festival, and having this site as the breakout venue for our new company," Michael said.

Those who enjoy a good laugh after witnessing some classic Renaissance carnage might enjoy "The Ded Bob Show," where a naughty skeleton puppet lulls his audience into being able to laugh at themselves with some warm-up bits, and ultimately at three "bobmotized" volunteers that assist in the final act of the show on stage.

Although the Michigan Renaissance Festival will bring out the child in any adult, there is a "Magical Children's Realm," specifically arranged to entertain actual children. Here, children can visit llamas, sheep, ganders and pigs at the petting zoo.

Knighting ceremonies, puppet shows and magic shows also occur every half-hour. For the young knight, be it an aspiring young William Marshal or Joan of Arc, a miniature facsimile of Camelot is also available as the perfect prop for a captivated child, or child at heart.

Age means nothing, though, once you've become another enchanted soul at Hollygrove.

For directions, or to purchase tickets online, visit: www.michrenfest.com.

Discounted Tickets are also available in the Oakland Center for \$13.50. Or, two people can get in for less than \$10 a piece, as long one of the guests donates four cans of food.

Local fun spots to feature art, live entertainment, food and drinks

By Tracy Wawrzyniak
Staff Intern

Looking for some loud fun and food? Jump on I-75 to Royal Oak and stop by Memphis Smoke.

All the way through Sept. 12, The Club Red Summer Concert Series, sponsored by local radio, will get you moving Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. The "Swine Dining" restaurant, 20 miles south of Rochester, features performances by local bands to benefit the American Red Cross — Southeastern Michigan Chapter. Prizes will be given away. More info at semredcross.org.

Have a piece of apple pie and take in some art at the 42nd Arts and Apples Festival in Rochester Park benefiting Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

The two-day event beginning Sept. 7 will offer food for various prices at two courts offering sausage, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, gyros, chips and salsa, plus cider and donuts, and other tasty treats.

After grabbing a bite to eat, enjoy live entertainment echoing through the park, located west of Main Street, featuring local bands that will perform rock, folk, and jazz. Area high school bands and local dancers will also perform.

Plus, don't forget the art. Over 250 artists from around the country with skills in woodworking, glassblowing, photography, metal, jewelry, painting and more will display their wares and kids can enjoy art too at the Kids Art Zone.

Also, stop by and munch on some delicious apples and down them with fresh cider every day at the Yates Cider Mill at Dequindre and Avon Roads in Rochester Hills. Patrons can enjoy hot cider, knockwurst, hot dogs, chili, and cinnamon almonds and still leave with an apple pie.

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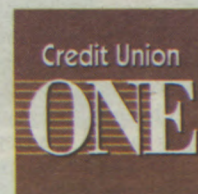


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Nation | World New Briefs

8-15 | Three people are killed and another six injured as a seismic jolt disrupts an attempted mine rescue effort at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah. | A powerful earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter Scale rocks Peru 100 miles near Lima, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A tsunami warning is issued following the earthquakes. At least 72 people are killed and another 680 injured. | Hundreds of Kenyan journalists protest in the streets of Nairobi against a law that would require them to disclose their sources.

8-19 | A week long heatwave in the south-east and midwest of the United States has caused the deaths of 49, with 12 deaths in Memphis, Tennessee

8-20 | An official of Murray Energy Corp., the operators of the Crandall Canyon mine in Utah, say that six trapped miners "may never be found."

8-23 | Officials in Ohio declare a state of emergency in nine counties as a result of flooding. | U.S. Customs and U.S. Navy officials seized a submarine-like vessel filled with \$352 million worth of cocaine off the Guatemalan coast.

8-28 | The World's Largest Casino, Japan's \$2.4 billion, Venetian Macao Resort, opens.

8-30 | Scores of Italians are arrested in a crackdown on the 'Ndrangheta organized crime clans active in Calabria.

Attorney General Gonzales resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alberto Gonzales, the nation's first Hispanic attorney general, announced his resignation Monday, driven from office after a wrenching standoff with congressional critics over questions of his honesty and competence.

Republicans and Democrats alike had demanded his departure over the botched handling of FBI terror investigations and the firings of U.S. attorneys, but President Bush had defiantly stood by his friend for months until accepting his resignation last Friday.

"After months of unfair treatment, that has created a harmful distraction at the Justice Department, Judge Gonzales decided to resign his position and I accept his decision," Bush said.

"It has been one of my greatest privileges to lead the Department of Justice," Gonzales said, announcing his resignation effective Sept. 17 in a terse statement. He took no questions and gave no reason for stepping down.

Greece fires a 'national catastrophe'

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Cooling temperatures and lighter winds on helped thousands of firefighters control wildfires that have ravaged Greece in the past week and killed at least 64 people.

Hundreds of people who lost homes, property, farms and livestock crowded into banks in southern Greece to receive up to \$17,732 per family in aid promised by the conservative government, which has been criticized for mishandling the firefighting effort. There were no initial estimates on the cost to the economy from the fires, called a "national catastrophe" by Greece's president, which began Aug. 23, and have destroyed a large part of the southern Peloponnese peninsula, where most of the blazes were concentrated.

Improved weather allowed firefighters to corral most fires into smaller, more controllable blazes, fire department spokesman Nikos Diamandis said.

"There is a serious danger for the next several days that fires will rekindle, so major firefighting resources will remain deployed," Diamandis added.

Twenty-one countries have sent firefighters to help Greece battle the blazes. A succession of heat waves since early

summer and winds often of gale force had turned much of Greece into a tinderbox and hampered efforts to extinguish fires, which often erupted as fast as they were put out.

The fire department has not announced an overall damage assessment, but independent estimates say around 495,000 acres of forest, olive groves and scrub may have been consumed.

The devastation infuriated Greeks, who already had been stunned by deadly forest fires in June and July. The fires are dominating political debate before the elections. Criticism that the government failed to respond fast enough — and its suggestions the fires resulted from an organized attack — could hurt the bid for re-election by Greek's Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis and his governing conservative party.

The government, which declared a state of emergency over the weekend,



AP Photo / Nikolas Giakoumidis
Flames reach a church at Zoodoho Pigi outside of Andritseni village in Peloponnese peninsula on Monday Aug. 27, 2007.

said arson might have been the cause of the fires, and several people have been arrested.

In the past, unscrupulous land developers have been blamed for setting fires to try to circumvent laws that do not allow construction on forest land.

Karamanlis said Saturday it could not be coincidence that so many fires broke out simultaneously in so many areas, implying that arsonists were at work.

Vick pleads guilty, apologizes



AP Photo/Gerald Herbert
Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick speaks at a press conference after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge, Monday, Aug. 27, 2007.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Michael Vick apologized Monday for "using bad judgment and making bad decisions" and vowed to redeem himself after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge.

"First I want to apologize for all the things that I've done and that I have allowed to happen," the star quarterback said at a news conference following his appearance in U.S. District Court to formally enter the plea.

Sentencing was set for Dec. 10 and Vick could be sent to prison for one to five years, although Prosecutors proposed a 12- to 18-month prison term.

Vick was suspended indefinitely by the NFL last week.

Looking somber and "speaking from the heart," Vick made his first public statements on the dogfighting ring:

"I made a mistake of using bad judgment and making bad decisions. Those things just can't happen. Dogfighting is a terrible thing, and I do reject it."

Vick singled out NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, Falcon's owner Arthur Blank, coach Bobby Petrino and his teammates for personal apologies, saying, "I was not honest and forthright in our dis-

cussions."

He also apologized to "all the young kids out there for my immature acts and what I did—and what I did was very immature. So that means I need to grow up."

"I totally ask for forgiveness and understanding as I move forward to bettering Michael Vick the person, not the football player," he said.

He concluded by saying, "I offer my deepest apologies to everyone. And I will redeem myself. I have to."

Vick took no questions.

He said little in packed courtroom for the 15-minute hearing.

The plea by the suspended quarterback was accepted by U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who asked: "Are you entering the plea of guilty to a conspiracy charge because you are in fact guilty?"

Vick answered yes.

"You're taking your chances here. You'll have to live with whatever decision I make," Hudson said.

In his written plea filed last week, Vick admitted to helping kill six to eight pit bulls and supplying money for gambling on the fights. He said he did not personally place any bets or share in any winnings.

STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

WHAT TO DO

WHERE TO GO

WHAT YOU NEED



The essentials for Golden Grizzly success...

Tip #1: Killing time between classes

So, your first class of the day ends at 10:27 a.m. The only problem is that your second class doesn't start until 1:20 p.m. You don't want to drive home and back, but you can't eat lunch for three hours either. Trust us, we've been there. Here are some ways to kill the hours between classes.

1. Go to the Rec Center

There's way more to do here than just lift weights—you can also shoot some hoops, try your hand at racquetball, challenge your friends to ping-pong, get a massage or walk the indoor track to blow off some steam.

2. Visit the Village

The Village of Rochester Hills is located mere minutes away from campus on Walton Boulevard and Adams Road. This shopping Mecca has 50 stores and restaurants, including Parisian, Victoria's Secret, Max and Erma's, American Eagle, Game Stop and Bravo.

3. Play outside

OU has plenty of green space, so turn it into your own personal playground. Weather permitting, grab a group of people and throw a Frisbee or play some catch with the ol' pigskin. You might even want to pack a picnic lunch.

4. Unleash the geek

If you're more of the button-mashing type, come on down to Bumpers Game Room, located in the basement of the Oakland Center, right next door to the Oakland Post. Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, pool tables—it's all here.

5. Great Lakes, great times

Hey, you already drove this far to get to school—take I-75 two exits up and swing by Great Lakes Crossing Mall. You can shop to your heart's content or play a game of putt-putt golf. Also, make sure to grab a milkshake from Steak n' Shake for your next class.

6. Walk it out

Bet you didn't know there are a variety of trails on campus you in which you can walk, run, inline skate or ride your bike. There are loops of 2.2 miles, 4.3 miles and 6.5 miles and include rolling hills and some woodland trails. For more information, visit the Recreation Center's Web site at www.oakland.edu.

7. Do homework

All else fails, you can do what you're paying thousands of tuition dollars to do. Some homework hot spots include the private study rooms in Kresge Library, the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center and if the weather is nice, plop a blanket down on the grass and get comfy under a tree.

Tip #2: After hours studying

It's late at night and you need a quiet environment to study in and the library is closed. Check out these local coffee shops that offer free wireless for after hours studying.

Java Hutt II

207 S Old Woodward, Ave, Birmingham, MI
248-642-7569

Store hours: 6:30- 2 a.m. Mon.-Wed., 24 hours Thurs.- Sat.

Coffee Net I

1117 East Long Lake Rd., Troy, MI
248-619-9498

Store hours: 7-2 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 5 p.m.- 2 a.m. Sat.-Sun.



Tip #7: Saving money on books

Half.com

- Ebay-esque shopping for books. A great option if you're looking for the cheapest used books.
- The condition of the books can be questionable.
- Also, some sellers can be unreliable.

Textbooks.com

- Again, great site for books priced way below retail.
- Books are bought from the site rather than sellers, so the purchasing process is a little more reliable.

Cheapesttextbooks.com

- Searches all well-known textbook outlet sites to find the cheapest price on the net.
- A great starting point when shopping online for books

OUSC Bookswap

(www.oakland.edu/bookswap)

- This allows OU students to buy and sell books from each other.

- If you have questions about the book, the site allows you to send messages to the seller.

- TIP: OUSC is not responsible for the transactions between students, or the books involve, at any time. Be aware that it is very easy to get scammed if you handle purchase information over the internet.

OU Bullentin Boards

- Students are always selling things through as on countless bullentin boards throughout the campus, even books.

- Check them out in the building of your respective major, or in the Oakland Center.

Learning the Lingo

Around here, the "OC" refers to the Oakland Center. The hub of campus activity, it hosts a variety of events and is home to the Pioneer food court.

the Post staff compiles must-know info about life at OU

Tip #3: Stay on top of the news

Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) has provided students in the past with free copies of the **New York Times** and **USA Today** in the OC and is looking to expand for the upcoming school year. OUSC President Rob Meyer said the Times and USA Today will also be available in the library, Pawley Hall and possibly other buildings throughout campus. OUSC is also hoping to provide students with the Wall Street Journal.

Those in search of less scholarly material can find free copies of **Metro Times**, **Real Detroit Weekly**, **Detroit Auto Scene** and **Between the Lines**, a weekly publication for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and friends, in various locations in the OC.

And of course, weekly editions of the **Oakland Post** are available for free all over campus.



Tip #4: Making the most of your student ID card

Remember waiting in that long line to get your picture taken during orientation? Well, that little gold card with your picture on it is your all access pass at OU.

The SpiritCard, your student ID card, acts as your meal plan and dining card, Rec Center membership card and library card. It also gets you discounts for tickets to events on campus and local businesses and gives you SpiritCash access. Get free copies of the New York Times and USA Today by swiping your plastic in one of many stands in the OC. The SpiritCard can also act as a debit card if you upgrade to SpiritCard Plus.

Keeping the ID card on you at all times is a good idea while on campus. And it could even be helpful if you lock yourself out of your house and need to break in McGuyver-style.

If your SpiritCard is lost or stolen report it to the ID card office, 112 Oakland Center. You can purchase a new card for \$10.

Tip #5: Resting up

Check out these sleepy time sanctuaries on campus:

- Fireside Lounge: complete with comfy couches, a fireplace and frequent piano music to lull you to dreamland.
- Kresge Library: look for a corner to cuddle up in on the second and third floors.
- The lounge in the basement of the Oakland Center: drift to sleep in comfy reclining chairs.

Tip #6: Finding the deals

Oakland University's Go Discount Card website (www.oakland.edu/gocard) hosts an extensive list of places you can find discounts including:

- Bangkok Cuisine - 10% off
- Arby's (Featherstone location) - Sandwiches and salads 10% off
- BP (Main Street location) - Free car wash with gas purchase
- Cranbrook Educational Community (in Bloomfield Hills) - Buy one general admission, get one of equal or lesser value free
- Green's Art Supply - 10%, 15% and 20% off based on purchase
- Hamlin Pub - 10% off
- Paint Creek Tavern - 20% off
- Quality Lubrication (Walton location) - \$2 off oil change
- Sevin Night Club (in Pontiac) - Free VIP admission (21 and older) excluding special events and holidays
- Spartain Motel - \$50/night for two double beds
- Spring Cleaners - 20% off dry cleaning
- UPS Store (Squirrel location) - 10% off and 5 cent copies

However, the website is not 100 percent up to date nor accurate. The following discounts have not made it to the site:

- Domino's Pizza - Buy a large/medium, get one free
- East Side Mario's - 15% off
- La Dolce Vita Spa - 10% off
- Long Nails - 10% off
- Red Lotus Yoga - \$10/class
- Rio Wraps - 10% off
- Stan's Dugout - 10% off dine-in
- Sun Oasis Tanning (University location) - Discounted visits and month packages
- Tokyo Sushi - 10% off

*Various cinemas offer student discounts.

Parking lot essentials

- OU is notorious for crowded parking, so keep these tips in mind when taking on the cement jungle:
- *Park early. Slide in before 10 a.m. to avoid the rushes.
- *Steer clear of meters. OUPD monitors them regularly, and a parking ticket will cost you \$20.
- *Park it. Get a spot and keep it for the day. Walk everywhere.

Welcome Week @ Oakland University

Tuesday-Friday, September 4-7

"Ask A Grizz" Information Tables

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday,
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Sunday, September 4-9

Kresge Library Help Sessions on OU Email Account & ILLiad

Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.;
Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;
Sunday, 1:00-10:00 p.m., Kresge Library

Tuesday, September 4

Center for Student Activities/Orientation & New Student

Programs: "Jump Start" for First Year Students
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Banquet Room B, Oakland Center

First Year Students: Making College Count

11:00 a.m.-Noon, Banquet Room A, Oakland Center

Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI):

Scholars Meet and Greet

1:00-2:00 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

New Student Convocation & Involvement Fair

3:00-5:00 p.m., Recreation & Athletics Center

OU Classes Begin

5:00 p.m.

"The Walk" to Meadow Brook Hall

Pizza, Pop & Music sponsored by OU Greeks

(Rain date: September 5)

9:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m., Meet at Hamlin Courtyard

Wednesday, September 5

First Full Day of Classes: 7:30 a.m.

Association of Black Students (ABS) Open House

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 121 Vandenberg Hall

Welcome Reception for School of Education & Human Services (SEHS)

First-Year Students

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Atrium, Pawley Hall

Men's Soccer: OU vs. University of Detroit-Mercy

4:00 p.m., Lower Fields

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Welcome Picnic

4:00-6:30 p.m., Between Oakland Center and The Lake

Association of Black Students (ABS)/Center for

Multicultural Initiatives (CMI): Family Reunion BBQ

6:00-9:00 p.m., Hamlin Basketball Court

(Rain site: Campus Recreation Center)

Thursday-Sunday, September 6-9

Actors 'n' Techies: Found a Peanut

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students

8:00 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall

Thursday, September 6

Kresge Library: Kresge Cafe

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Kresge Library

"Beatnik Poet Cafe,"

1:00 p.m., Student Lounge

Greek Carnival

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Outside, Between the Oakland Center,
O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library
(Rain site: Campus Recreation Center)

Student Affairs Ice Cream Social

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Outside, Between the Oakland Center,
O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library (Rain site: Pioneer Food
Court, Oakland Center); 5:00-6:30 p.m., Outside, Between
North & South Foundation Halls

(Rain site: Fishbowl, SoutFoundation Hall

Graham Health Center Open House

1:00-4:00 p.m., Graham Health Center

OU Counseling Center Open House

1:00-4:00 p.m., Graham Health Center

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF):

Welcome Week Large Group Meeting

7:00 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Residence Halls Council (RHC), Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fra-

ternity & WXOU: "Jammin' @ Hamlin" Outdoor Concert

7:00-9:00 p.m., Hamlin Courtyard

Friday, September 7

OU 50th Anniversary Appreciation Dinner

5:00-7:30 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

Women's Volleyball: OU vs. LaSalle

7:00 p.m., O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center

Student Program Board (SPB) Presents

Magician/Mentalist: Craig Karges

7:00-8:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Student Program Board (SPB) & Student Activities

Funding Board (SAFB): "Cirque OU"

8:00 p.m.-Midnight, P11 Parking Lot

Sigma Pi Fraternity: 13th Annual Pig Roast

8:00 p.m.-Midnight, Upper Fields

Saturday, September 8

Women's Volleyball: OU vs. St. Francis

Noon, O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center

Women's Volleyball: OU vs. Toledo

7:00 p.m., O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center

Sunday, September 9

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) Open House

5:00-6:00 p.m., Heritage Rooms, Oakland Center

Monday-Thursday, September 10-13

Future Alumni Network: FANs' Pride Patrol

All day. All over OU's campus.

Monday, September 10

Native American Student Association Welcome Reception

5:00-6:30 p.m., Heritage Room, Oakland Center

The U.N.I.T. (formerly Gospel Choir) Open House

6:00-9:00 p.m., Gold Rooms B & C, Oakland Center

OU Greeks Bonfire

10:00 p.m.-Midnight, Bonfire Pit, Lower Fields

Tuesday, September 11 – Patriot Day

9/11 Remembrance: Performance of "Taps"

8:46 a.m., Outside, Steps of Kresge Library

GrizzFest: Student Organizations Fair

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Outside the Oakland Center,

Between North & South Foundation Halls

North Foundation Hall Open House

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., North Foundation Hall

Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC)

Voter Registration Drive

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Outside the Oakland Center,

Between North & South Foundation Halls

Career Services Open House

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Golden Grizzlies Pep Rally

Noon-12:30 p.m., Outside the Oakland Center,

Between North & South Foundation Halls

Women's Volleyball: OU vs. University of Michigan

7:00 p.m., O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center

Alpha Omega Co-Ed Christian Fraternity, Inc.:

Play "Love of My Life"

7:37 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Wednesday, September 12

Play for FREE in Bumpers Games Room

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bumpers Games Room

Oakland University Student Congress Open House

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., OC Patio, Oakland Center

Gender & Sexuality Center (GSC) Open House

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 49 Oakland Center

Association of Black Students (ABS):

"Rock da Rec" Basketball Challenge

6:30 p.m., Three Court Gym, Campus Recreation Center

Thursday, September 13 – Rosh Hashanah

Center for Student Activities (CSA): Volunteer Fair

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge & Main Hallway,

Oakland Center

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity & OU-MSU Federal Credit

Union Student Ambassadors: Welcome Back Social

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., OC Patio, Oakland Center

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Open House

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Lake Superior B, Oakland Center

Student Video Productions (SVP) Open House

Noon-1:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m., 112 Varner Hall

6th Annual Campus Recreation vs.

University Housing Flag Football Challenge

6:00-7:30 p.m.-Tailgating activities;

7:30-8:30 p.m.-Flag Football Challenge, Upper Fields

Friday, September 14

Women's Soccer: OU vs. Cincinnati

4:00 p.m., Lower Fields

Friday, September 14

Student Program Board (SPB)

Concert:

DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL - SOLO ACOUSTIC

Tickets on sale now at CSA Service Win-
dow, 49 Oakland Center and Ticketmaster
Gates open at 6:30 p.m.; Show starts at
8:00 p.m., Meadow Brook Music Festival

Center for Student Activities
49 Oakland Center
(248) 370-2400
www.oakland.edu/csa

Tickets available at the CSA Service Win- dow, 49 Oakland Center for:

"The Rocky Horror Show" at Meadow Brook Music Festi-
val on September 6-8 (FREE tickets for OU students)

OU's 50th Anniversary Appreciation Dinner on Septem-
ber 7 (200 FREE tickets for OU students)

Michigan Renaissance Festival on September 8, 9, 15,
16, 22, 23, 29, 30 (Discounted tickets)

Dashboard Confessional – Solo Acoustic on September
14 (OU student tickets only \$10)

SLLB presents Elie Wiesel on October 9 (FREE tickets for
OU students, faculty, staff and OUAA members)



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Dorm room decor for under \$50

*Tired of the boring white walls in your dorm?
Spruce up your dorm with these decorating tips*



By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

Congratulations. You're here. Out of your parents' clutches, out of your boring house—and into a small white fluorescently lit box with beds and uncomfortable chairs.

Face it, your dorm room is lame, and you can't afford to spend a lot of money making it cool. That's okay—we're here for you, with a list of affordable alternatives to that stuff the school gave you.

LIGHTING

Hanging paper lanterns come in a huge variety of colors and designs and with cord (sold separately) can cost between \$10 and \$20 at Earthbound Trading Company (Great Lakes Crossing Mall, district 8), while desktop paper

lamps with cord (included) cost about \$13.00.

For a unique look, check out the \$15 Duderö floor lamp from IKEA. A white, lightweight material supported by a wireframe, makes the lamp shape suggest a large piece of glowing pottery.

During the fall semester, see if your parents even notice if you snatch a string of Christmas lights (or non-demonstrational mid-winter holiday lights) from the attic. But if you want to wait until Winter semester, remember to scan the clearance racks.

COMFORT

A pile of pillows can become a comfortable seat on the floor in lieu of an expensive beanbag. Try Granat cushions from IKEA, just \$3.99 each. Five or six and you won't even need a bed.

DECORATION

Saris (traditional Indian female garb) make good window hangings or curtains for doorways. You can get them from Earthbound for \$10.00 to \$30.00.

Movie posters are an old favorite for sprucing up a bare wall, but they can be expensive. Here's the solution: don't buy them. Go to a movie theater and ask—try when they're not too busy. Your chances are better if the movie has left the theater recently. You may have to try more than one theater, but there are plenty around OU.

You can also buy posters at the Oakland Center during Welcome Week.

OTHER TIPS

Don't forget that your mini-fridge can probably easily support the weight of your TV. Why buy a TV stand?

If you'll be returning to college next

year, be sure to watch your floor lounge for abandoned furniture and other goodies during the last week of winter semester. This reporter scored a futon frame, though the previous owner kept the nuts and bolts for some reason. Just be sure that no one is coming back for it before you claim it.

The dorms have tile ceilings, which make it easy to hang stuff. Find something cool, get some fishing line and string it up in a corner.

If you have something specific in mind, try Craigslist.com. Sure, you'll have to pick the item up, pay in cash and you won't get a warranty or return policy, but cheap is the word of the day here.

And yes, of course, scan the sales for your usual "big box" stores (the ones ending in "-mart" and "-eijer") and always look for the clearance sticker.

Back to school fashion 101

By SHANEIA CALDWELL
Contributing Reporter

It's time to say goodbye to those hot, long, lazy days and say hello to classes, books, friends, professors and of course, fall fashion. Have no fear; there are fashion trends attainable for students operating on a college budget. With the right clothing stores, upcoming fall trends can look as good as the runway attire in your closet.

In a dream world, most would prefer a wardrobe stylist and a boundless budget to prepare for the season, but this is the real world. After college expenses such as tuition, housing, room décor, books and supplies, most students' wardrobe resources are limited.

Fortunately, working with a budget does not mean looking cheap. From bright hues, wide-leg trousers and denim, to flats, boots and cropped jackets; students can cruise the campus in style for under \$200.



Photo courtesy of Express.com
Wide-leg jeans, \$80 at Express, are a popular trend this fall.

Comfortable, stylish casual wear will work well for students on campus. A variety of wide-leg trousers has dropped onto store shelves this autumn. The pants are not only affordable for college students, but also a popular fashion trend this season.

"The wide leg pants are really cute," said sophomore Brittany Marks. "I think I'll get a pair."

Marks plan to shop the racks at Wet Seal, Charlotte Russe and American Eagle.

For those with an internship, tailored trousers are suitable in the office and those traveling to classes

have the option of denim wide legs.

"I'm going for a more professional, classy look but still on the sexy side," said senior Erica Hirsch, who will start her internship this fall. The pants range from \$20 to \$80 and can be found at Gap, Wet Seal, Forever 21 and Express.

The traditional student can keep jeans at the top of their list. The city denim can maintain a casual but classic look.

"I'll be wearing a dress shirt with casual jeans," said sophomore Nick Mekjian, wearing a brown striped long sleeve button-up with dark faded denim and black leather boots.

Jeans will not only allow students to be flexible with their style but can be found at most stores for an affordable price.

"I just bought a pair of Jeans at J.Crew and got 10 percent off for being an OU student," said junior Mike Kondrategh who will be sporting jeans along with a polo and university t-shirts.

Denim works well with a bright-colored top, since tango orange, neon green and electric blue are the season's newest hues.

Colorful tops are sold at Wet Seal, Urban Outfitters, Old Navy and many other stores from \$10 - \$50.



Photo courtesy of Payless.com
American Eagle Addie Flats, \$19.99 at Payless will look good with jeans or skirts.

"I think bright colors will be in, since last year was earth tones," said sophomore Rachael Shulskie who is opting for jeans as well.

Jeans, boots and flats will work for walking on campus, said Shulskie.

Flats gained popularity last fall, with different colors, patterns and a variety of styles.

"I still like the flats although they were very popular last fall," said Marks.

"They are nice and comfy," Marks said she will be stepping in boots and flats this year.

So swing by your favorite mall and you can step into class in style, without breaking the bank.

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College can be smooth sailing

Students just need management skills

By STEVE STAGER
Contributing Reporter

School, work, sports, clubs, friends, family, fun, Facebook. Where do Oakland University students find time for it all?

With a new school year just starting, OU students have to face two challenges: time management and organization.

Tenille Dobson, an incoming freshman and nursing major, has to manage her time between two jobs and school.

"I basically just try to plan my day out," Dobson said. "I have a calendar and I use my computer and phone to set reminders."

Sophomore Matthew Carnagie has to work to pay his own tuition. He says his schedule is a bit hectic, but he manages.

"I go to school and whatever time is left over is time to work," Carnagie said.

Then there are students like sophomore Garrett Taffe who don't need time management tools.

Taffe, a sophomore math major, also has a part-time job and runs on OU's track team. He doesn't use a calendar or any other method to organize himself.

"If there's something I've got to do I just get it done," Taffe said. "It's tough but, you've gotta just do it."

But that doesn't always work for Taffe. He admits there are times that he doesn't finish assignments or doesn't get his work done on time.

"We can't manage time because time is given to us," said Sara Webb, Assistant Director of Orientation and New Student Programs at OU. "But it's the self management of what you do in that time that allows you to be a more organized person."

Webb instructs an introductory class for freshman called COM 101, which teaches new students important skills that they can use to better their college experience. One of the first lessons taught is organi-

zation and self management.

Webb says that one of the most important things a student can have in managing time is some sort of tool such as a calendar or a planner so they can visualize their time. But this tool or system of management is different for everyone and isn't something that can be taught.

"I can't just show you my calendar and then all of a sudden you do it that way and it works for you and life is great," Webb said. "There are lots of different techniques for students to lay out and manage their time."

Alysse Reynolds, a sophomore English major, says her system of balancing time between school, work and family works pretty well.

"I have a giant calendar on my wall," Reynolds said. "I'm obsessive enough that I even color code it."

Webb also suggests that students examine the things they spend time on and categorize it by urgency and importance. For example, how important is spending time watching TV compared to studying for a test the next week.

Time management and organization are among many other skills that will be discussed during C.L.A.W., a series of workshops this fall that will help new and current students sharpen skills to better their college experience. To find out more about C.L.A.W., visit the web site at www.oakland.edu/claw.

"I always question people when they say they don't have time for something important," Webb said.

"We're all very busy people, but if you really take a look at where your priorities are and where you are spending your time, chances are you can always carve out time to do something else that has become important that you didn't think you had time to do," Webb said.

TIPS FOR BETTER TIME MANAGEMENT

1. DETERMINE PRIORITIES: DECIDE WHAT THINGS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AND PLAN YOUR TIME ACCORDINGLY.
2. COME UP WITH A SYSTEM: USE SOME SORT OF TOOL LIKE A TASK LIST OR CALENDAR SO THAT YOU CAN VISUALIZE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THE TIME YOU HAVE TO DO IT.
3. REVISIT TASKS AND PRIORITIES: MAKE SURE WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS STILL WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AND THE TASKS THAT YOU PLAN ARE STILL IMPORTANT.
4. ASK FOR HELP: JOIN A STUDY GROUP - IT WILL SIMPLIFY YOUR TIME BECAUSE YOU WON'T HAVE TO FIGURE EVERYTHING OUT ON YOUR OWN.
5. BE ABLE TO SAY NO: REMEMBER YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING. SAYING NO TO THE UNNECESSARY THINGS GIVES YOU TIME TO DO THE NECESSARY THING.

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Can't we all just get along?

Don't be afraid of getting the roommate from hell, check out these tips for getting along

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

There's the quiet, scary one who keeps you up at night while he sharpens his knives. Or the gabber, who takes one deep breath in the morning and exhales words all day long. Then there's the slob, who turns your room into a nest of pizza boxes and dirty socks.

However, more likely, if you live on campus you'll get a roommate who isn't a total stereotype—but that's no guarantee you'll get along with her or him.

Sociology professor Terri Orbuch believes differences in values, friends and routines like sleep and eating habits make "adjustment and compromise" necessary for roommates.

Psychology professor Robert Stewart said that roommates with different values, rituals, customs or habits may find themselves in conflict, but even similar people aren't in the clear.

"For those who did not share a room with a sibling at home, the prospect of sharing a dorm room with a stranger can be especially daunting, even if they have a background almost identical to their own..." Stewart said. "It may be very difficult to adjust to someone simply opening the door and walking in to what you unconsciously think of as 'your room.'"

But Stewart doesn't believe that two people are ever incapable of getting along.

"I believe that people can be incredibly stubborn and bull-headed...to a point where their partner decides that interacting with them is no longer worth the cost or the effort. I do not necessarily see this as evidence that they 'can't get along.'"

"If one person isn't working or committing to making the living situation work, you might just not be able to get along or stay living together," Orbuch said. "Both people need to want to work at it."

And how do two strangers work at getting along?

Stewart's advice: "Communicate, communicate, communicate, and then negotiate, negotiate, negotiate."

Stewart believes people tend to hear only what they want or expect to hear from another person.

"If you can persuade yourself that the other person means well—that they are not crazy, pushy, mean, or whatever negative connotation you might have imposed on them—then you have taken the first step toward being able to hear, truly hear, the other person's message," said Stewart.

The necessary components of a good relationship with



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a roommate, according to Orbuch, are communication, good conflict management ("Conflict is okay" as long as you don't deal with it destructively), compromise ("Over the long haul, not just at the moment.") respect, fairness and trust.

"These are not easy to obtain," said Orbuch, "but develop over time."

Thinking in terms of "our room" instead of "my room" is key, said Stewart.

"If roommates focused more attention on making and keeping the peace than on their individual rights, many of the difficulties of adjustment would fade away."

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Rising from the ashes

Men's soccer looks to wipe their slate clean in 2007

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season wasn't typical for men's soccer coach Gary Parsons.

Since taking over the head coaching duties in 1981, Parsons had never failed to at least clinch a winning record. 2006 was a tough year for Parsons and a tougher year for the program. It may have even been a slap to the face to not be able to play in the conference tournament that Oakland hosted last fall.

For a coach that has well over 300 career wins at Oakland, dwelling on just one botched season is tough. So Parsons went to work during the off-season and, quite frankly, wants to just forget about 2006.

"A. It didn't feel good," Parsons said bluntly, reflecting on 2006. "B. We made changes to the team, C., the players who remain with the team work hard to make it better and D., we expect to be better this year."

Oakland had a 5-12-1 record overall last year, and was 3-4 in the now defunct Mid-Con Conference. The Golden Grizzlies faced a tough schedule early, including matches against 17th ranked St. Johns and 10th ranked UCLA and then 10th ranked Akron a few days later after the new rankings had come out. Scoring was hard to come by as Oakland had just two goals in their first six games.

A couple noticeable players that are off this year's roster are Adam Kliebert and Nick Nelson. Nelson contributed nine points last season while Kliebert tallied four points.

"They were just let go," Parsons said about the players missing on the roster. Parsons wouldn't comment any further.

It was up in the air if returning goal leader, Stefan St. Louis, a sophomore from Trinidad and Tobago would return this season. St. Louis had been competing for the Trinidad and Tobago under-20 team during the off season. St. Louis had some eligibility issues that needed to be cleared up before suiting up for the Golden Grizzlies this season. His debut will be delayed a couple weeks according to Parsons, due to some qualifying games St. Louis will play in for the national team. They expect him back soon, however.

St. Louis was one of the better forwards last season for Oakland. As a freshman, he scored four goals, including the game winner in a nice home win over Michigan State in front of the biggest home attendance all season.

"We aren't talking about our past history anymore, we've discussed that, we worked hard to change it and we are working on writing a new chapter of history," Parsons said.

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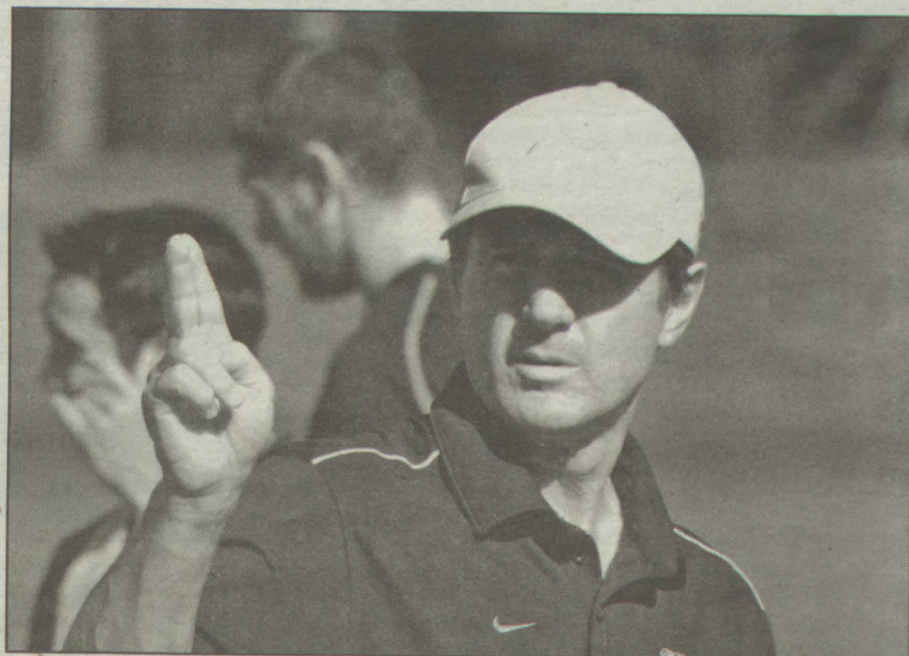
It wasn't a lack of talent or effort last season that developed into the losing season. Beyond St. Louis, Oakland had some talented players; unfortunately the numbers don't indicate it though.

"(The offense) will come from a number of different players this," Parsons said. "We just aren't the type of team that can rely on one player to win games for us consistently."

Junior Wade Allan played solidly at all positions last season. He only had one goal last season and no assists, but he tied for the team lead in shots on goal as well as possessing great control of the ball in the open field. Allan should be one of the key components to turning the team around.

Sophomore Sebby Harris should also see a boost in playing time; he will fill the role of striker in Parsons' offense.

"I think if he (Harris) was to evaluate his game is that he created a lot of chances last year, he didn't get a lot of goals so he needs to prove that he can put those chances



CHARLES GRASKI/The Oakland Post

Head coach Gary Parsons is ready to put last season behind him and look ahead to the future.

es in the back of the net for us," Parsons said.

This year's captain, senior Adam Brent, anchors a solid defense. Brent is one of the fastest defensive players in the conference. Junior Steve Clark, who had 1.54 goals against average last season, will return as the goalkeeper.

Reaching the Summit

With the creation of the new conference that all Oakland athletic teams will compete in, The Summit League, there aren't many big changes to the men's soccer side of things. Valparaiso has moved on to the Horizon League and IPFW is the only new team. North Dakota State and South Dakota State do not currently have men's soccer programs.

Oakland is ranked third in the preseason Summit League poll with one first place vote, but Parsons doesn't think it means anything.

"It means about as much as it always means," Parsons said about preseason polls.

Returning Leaders

Goals: Stefan St. Louis (4)

Assists: Piotr Nowak (2)

Points: St. Louis (9)

Shots on Goal: St. Louis and Wade Allan (14)

Goals Against Average: Steve Clark (1.54)

Who to watch for

Sebby Harris: Good play maker, will see plenty of opportunities on offense.

Martin Sandell: A transfer from Oslo, Norway. Parsons said that he could get some goals from the Midfield spot.

-Rob Tate

Kristi times four

OU Soccer's four Kristis hope to do big things this season

By **ROB TATE**

Assistant Sports Editor

For 2007, the Chinese New Year is the year of the pig. But, in 2007 for Oakland University women's soccer is definitely the year of the Kristi. Head coach Nick O'Shea will see the return of four great players, all having something else in common besides their first names, and that is talent.

If four different Kristi's on one team isn't confusing enough, it's hard to differentiate between them because they are all starters and that all are bringing back great talent to the 2007 squad.

The four Kristi's on the team (Tomczyk, Evans, Mitchell and Smith) combined for 22 goals, eight assists and all were key parts to last season's Mid-Con championship run last season. Tomczyk was the Mid-Con Offensive Player of the Year, leading the league in goals.

Junior Kristi Evans was solid for Oakland down the stretch with her hustle in the midfield and crazy hairstyles. Evans netted a career high eight goals last season, including three game-winning goals and she was selected to the Mid-Con all-conference first team.

Seniors Kristi Mitchell and Kristi Smith will be key anchors on the defense this season, where they will keep the momentum going on that side of the ball, making up for the departure of Cat Panabaker, who was Mid-Con Defensive Player of the Year last season in her senior year.

Once the conference schedule gets in full swing, it will be the beginning of a new era. The Golden Grizzlies will now compete in the revamped Mid-Con, which will now be now known as The Summit League, a league that will feature the

loss of Valparaiso and will add North Dakota State, South Dakota State and Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne (better known as IPFW)

Oakland didn't have an overly successful regular season last year, with an 8-11-1 overall record, a losing season on paper, but overall the team played well.

After defeating Southern Utah in the semifinals of the Mid-Con championship and then defeating Western Illinois in a thrilling shootout, things picked up for Oakland at the end. Western Illinois defeated the top seed Valparaiso in a huge upset in the semi-finals and Oakland beat Southern Utah on Kali Karibo's lone goal of the season, the game winner on a frigid November afternoon.

Oakland went on to South Bend, Indiana and proceeded to get white-washed, 7-1, by Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame was a top team in the nation at the time and ended up losing to powerhouse North Carolina in the finals.

Returning Leaders

Goals: Kristi Tomczyk (12)

Assists: Jessica Boyle (6)

Points: Tomczyk (26)

Shots on Goal: Tomczyk (36)

Goals Against Average: Marky Jenkins (1.99)

—Rob Tate, Asst. Sports Editor



Oakland Post file photo

Sophomore Nikki Neubauer looks to help her team go the distance in 2007.

Loyal Golden Grizzly fan dies at 62

By **PAUL GULLY**

Manging Editor

Oakland University athletics lost one of its top members this past week.

He never suited up for the Golden Grizzlies, never drew up a play, never took the floor. In fact, he never even attended OU.

But Bob Walters, with his wife Theresa by his side, was in attendance at nearly every Golden Grizzlies basketball game during the past 10 years.

Walters, who was dubbed a "super-fan," by Golden Grizzlies men's basketball coach Greg Kampe, died unexpectedly of a heart-attack in his Rochester home, Sunday, August 26. He was 62.

"He never missed a game," said Theresa Walters, his wife of over 30 years. "He always enjoyed the experience. My husband just loved Oakland basketball."

Although Walters, a former GM executive, did not move to Michigan until 1984, the St. Louis, Missouri native adopted the Golden Grizzlies as his team.

Walters' love affair with the Golden Grizzlies began when the program joined the ranks of Division I athletics in 1998.

"We decided to get season tickets when the program went Division I and we have been fans ever

since," Theresa said.

According to his family, Walters loved the small, home-town feel of the O'rena, and over the years came to love being a part of "such a fine university."

"He felt like it was home even though he never attended Oakland," Theresa said.

Although he suffered a serious spinal cord injury in an ocean accident in 1983, which required a year of treatment and therapy and left him with limited physical ability, Walters didn't let his disabilities "limit his love of life," much less stop him from attending OU games.

A passionate and dedicated fan, Walters could often be seen sporting an OU T-shirt, wearing his trademark black and gold headband, singing the OU fight song or waving his foam finger. A tall, slender man who walked with a cane and a constant smile, Walters' presence at center court came to be expected by fans and players alike.

"Bob and Theresa were everywhere we played," said Kampe. "League tournaments and all the big games — they were always there."

Through their loyalty to the basketball teams, the Walters were able to form relationships with many of the players and their parents, and also many administration and faculty members, including OU President Gary Russi; his wife, women's basketball

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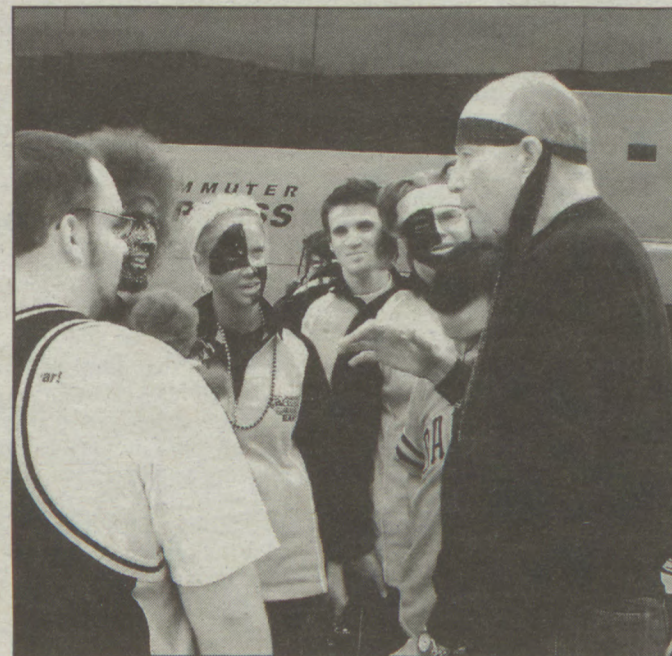


Photo courtesy of the Walters' family

Bob Walters chats with the Oakland University pep band before a conference championship game.

One is the loneliest number

After a single victory last year, volleyball seeks to improve

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**
Senior Reporter

With a new coach and a new conference name—not to mention three new conference opponents—things are already starting to look up for Oakland University's volleyball team.

Following last year's abysmal 1-25 record, anything can be seen as an improvement for the Golden Grizzlies.

Head coach Rob Beam showed much enthusiasm when he was hired last spring and that hasn't diminished at all over the summer.

"We've improved in every single area of the game," said Beam, who took over in March after Dave Schmidlin resigned late last year. "But probably the biggest area where there's improvement is the understanding of the team game, the players' jobs in relation to each other and how to work together to improve those jobs."

Beam had the advantage of returning all seven starters from last year, along with two other letterwinners. Adrienne Leone returns to Oakland where she played in 2005 and was a part of the Mid-Con's All-Freshman team that year.

"I think it's an ideal advantage to bring players back," said Beam. "Obviously, there are a lot of things that will be very different, but no matter what the experience of

having played in collegiate matches will translate very well for them."

Last year, one of the concerns was that the team was made up of primarily freshmen and sophomores and this year's team is still fairly young. With one senior lost from last season and only one on this year's roster, the odds look stacked against the Grizzlies, but Beam isn't concerned with leadership roles.

"I think having brought in two junior college players that played at a really high level in as juniors will give a little bit of maturity to a team that would otherwise be pretty young," he said. "Having so many players that did play a year ago makes us look older than it would seem as well, because a majority of our sophomores played as freshmen."

Both Leah Dupie and Monica Frechen, the team's lone seniors, are making position changes for the upcoming season. Dupie, a natural middle hitter, is returning to her position after experimenting as an outside hitter last season. Frechen will be playing on the right side, where Beam believes she will do just as well, if not better, than last year.

One of the season's most highly anticipated non-conference matches, at least from Beam's standpoint, is against the University of Michigan on Sept. 11.

"Being able to bring in the University of Michigan, a Big Ten team who could likely be a Top 25 or higher

level team, and to play them at home is a great opportunity for our players to see the level I think we're capable of playing at," he said.

More important than wins and losses, Beam's main objective for the season is to improve statistical measurements over last season's team.

"If we have statistical improvement, that means we have execution improvement, which will translate to on the court success," he said.



Photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletics
The 2007 roster is ready to wash their hands clean of last season.

Running with the middle

Young cross country rosters look to surpass preseason rankings

Women's Cross Country

By **SAMANTHA FRANZ**
Sports Editor

If you take a glance at the women's cross country roster, you'll notice something missing from the list:

There are no seniors.

The junior count isn't much greater either, with only Stephanie Huber and Katie Reilly coming back for a third year.

But what the 2007-08 roster lacks in experience will surely make up for talent and turnover rate.

The 10 new faces on the team, including two red shirts, are showing some promising talent and will carry the team into a strong program in future seasons.

Huber and Reilly, acting as senior leadership to the young squad, have displayed some promising stats for their teammates to look up to. Huber remained in the top front of the pack for all five of her races last season and Reilly did not finish any lower than sixth place for her team and usually finished her 5K races in under 20 minutes.

Also returning to the team are Newcomer of the Year Sarah Lieblen,

along with her fellow sophomores: Renee Baril, Kayla Doan, Sara Gerhardt and Leslie Schachinger.

The women's team kicked off their season Sept. 1 at the Golden Grizzly Open in Rochester. For complete results, visit www.ougrizzlies.com.

Don't miss it!

Oakland University has only one other meet at home, and that's Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

Men's Cross Country

By **SAMANTHA FRANZ**
Sports Editor

In a newly revamped conference that includes 10 schools, being ranked third in a preseason poll is certainly not a bad way to start the 2007 season.

The men's cross country team looks to take down reigning champion Southern Utah University with a young roster, with talented experience sprinkled in.

The team carries a roster of three seniors and four juniors that will provide leadership for 10 new faces and five returning sophomores.

Like the women's team, there were very strong performers from last season that look to set the tone for 2007.

All-conference honoree senior Jason Young, who never finished lower than third place for the Golden Grizzlies last season, will be joined by his other all-conference winners, junior Andrew Lawrick and sophomore Zack Jones.

The team also kicked off their season at the Sept. 1 Golden Grizzly Open. For complete results, visit www.ougrizzlies.com.

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Ready and roaring to go

Season almost in full swing after slow start

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Note: The Oakland Post went to press Aug. 31 and some events may have passed since.

For fans of Golden Grizzly athletics, August is the time of year to start getting excited. It's the time of year fall athletes emerge from summer training and when season schedules begin to be made public.

One team that was missing from that onslaught on information, however, was the men's and women's golf team. And for good reason: the team has no head coach.

Dave DeWulf resigned in May after coaching the Golden Grizzlies for 17 seasons, the longest of any Oakland University golf coach. Last season, he led the men's team to a fourth place conference finish and the women's team to their second consecutive second place finish in the former Mid-Con Conference.

Sources close to the team say that there will be a fall season, however, and the field of potential coaches has been narrowed down to four candidates. As of Aug. 28, one of the candidates looked stronger than the rest, but no details are currently being released. An official announcement is set to be made by Labor Day.

Another change to the team will be the addition of an assistant coach, as well the head coach moving to a full-time position. In previous years, DeWulf only worked

part-time for Golden Grizzly athletics.

The women's golf team has only one freshman on the team, in the form of Allen Park native Chelsea McCulley, so there is plenty of experience on the board for 2007-08.

Last year's young talent, sophomore Austin McDermaid, was twice named Mid-Con Golfer of the Week and junior Kelly Wilke looks to be on the rise, improving on her freshman season by five strokes in 2006-07.

On the men's side, sophomore Frank McAuliffe played every round of golf in his freshman season and led the Grizzlies with a 74.82 stroke average. His senior teammates, Nate Hendriks and Jack Nacy, also look to provide leadership for a team that has three freshmen on its 12-man roster.

For all of the latest information on the progress of men's and women's golf teams, visit www.ougrizzlies.com. Stay with the Oakland Post, as we will profile the new head coach in a future issue.

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coach Beckie Francis; Athletic Director Tracy Huth and Kampe.

"Bob was such a loyal fan," Francis said. "It just won't be the same without him."

"Bob was OU family," said Assistant Vice President Classroom Support/Tech Services, George Preisinger, who is also involved in the athletics department. "He will leave a hole in the Oakland community."

According to family, Walters has drawers filled with OU apparel, a OU license plate that reads "#1 Fan," and has several framed Golden Grizzlies plaques and newspaper articles.

The Walters' family even chose to lay Walters to rest in one of his Golden Grizz T-shirts.

While most passionate about the basketball programs, Walters also had a relationship with the OU band, the cheerleading team and also the dance team, according to family.

In the wake of Bob's death, the Walters' house took the form of a makeshift bed-and-

breakfast, housing family and friends who flew in from around the country to pay their respects to Walters.

Some with tears in their eyes, all with smiles on their faces, friends and family recounted numerous stories and memories they shared with Walters.

"Everyone loved dad," said the Walters' son, Eric Walter. "He was very quick-witted and fun-loving, and he was also very intelligent and caring."

"I never really saw my dad as disabled or frail, he was the strongest man I knew," said Pamela Young, the Walters' only daughter.

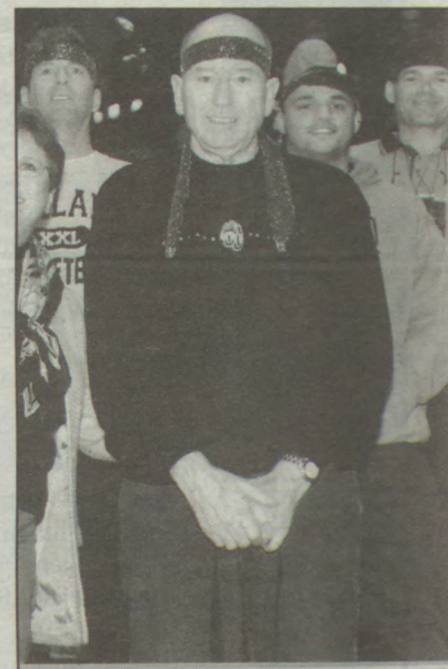
"He really touched everybody's life in some kind of way," added Theresa. I don't know what I'm going to do this year. [It's] going to be very tough."

Bob Walters is survived by his wife Theresa, three children Eric, Pamela and Mark, and three grandchildren.

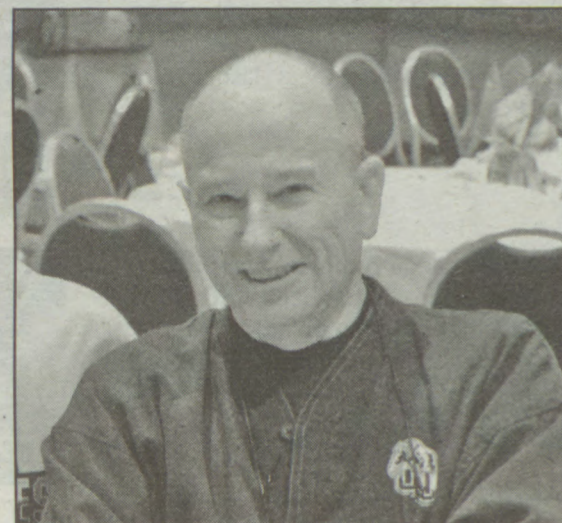
REMEMBERING A SUPER-FAN....



Top and bottom: Bob Walters could always be seen in his Oakland University gear and cheering his heart out for his favorite college team.



Walters poses with fellow fans during a Golden Grizzly matchup.



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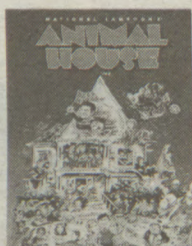
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OLD SCHOOL (2003) - Middle aged men want to relive the good-old days of college with their homegrown fraternity on a college campus. Rated R.



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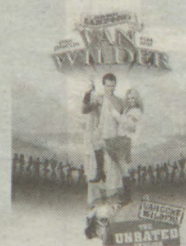
WONDER BOYS (2000) - A college professor faces a few roadblocks to finishing the book he has been writing for years. From a pregnancy to university politics to drugs, the English teacher has his share of drama. Be sure to check out the opening song written specifically for the movie by Bob Dylan, which won an Oscar in 2001. Rated R.



BACK TO SCHOOL (1986) - Rodney Dangerfield plays an obnoxious millionaire, who, in order to get his son to attend college, reapplies. Of course, he turns out to be a major hit on campus and ultimately learns some life lessons after much partying and disregard for academics. Rated PG-13.



ORANGE COUNTY (2002) - A tale about a recent high school graduate from California who will do anything to get into Stanford after others mess up his application submission. Watch for the many cameos throughout the flick. Rated PG-13.



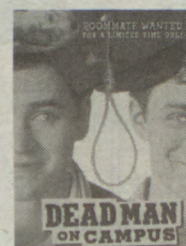
VAN WILDER (2002) - A seven-year senior with legendary bacchanal status on campus no longer receives funding from his father to attend school and saves his situation by creating income from his lavish, college parties. Of course, he must face usual conflicts involving girls and expulsion. Rated R.



WITH HONORS (1994) - A Harvard student's paper is found by a homeless man who bargains with the student to return the paper, page by page. The two develop an enriching friendship, and much is learned about life. Rated PG-13.



ACCEPTED (2006) - A student rejected from all of the universities he has applied to creates his own college with his own rules. Rated PG-13.



DEAD MAN ON CAMPUS (1998) - Two college students with G.P.A.'s ruined by extensive partying discover that if a roommate commits suicide, the others are granted A's for grievance. The two then search for the best roommate to kick this rule into gear. Rated R.

WEB SITES EVERY COLLEGE KID SHOULD KNOW:

- www.sparknotes.com - To look up quick, concise summaries of books
- www.projects.washingtonpost.com/2008-presidential-candidates/ - To look up information about the 2008 presidential candidates
- www.dictionary.reference.com - for definitions
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- www.answers.com - self explanatory
- www.oaklandpostonline.com- the latest

- in campus, local, and OU sports
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- www.studyabroad.com - self explanatory
- www.fastweb.com - for info on and ways to get money for school
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- www.careerlink.com - to find jobs in your major and post resumes
- www.monstertrak.com - for advice on job searching

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1. Dressing for the weather - In the winter layers work best
2. Napping in the Student Center
3. Downloading cool ring tones
4. Arriving with enough time to park
5. Using a computer to take notes in class

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OUTS



1. Wearing club gear to class - Who wears pumps in the snow?
2. Napping in class
3. Leaving your ringer on during class
4. Parking lot rage over not finding an available spot
5. Checking your facebook in class

SYMPATHIZING WITH A PSYCHO: The childhood of Michael Myers

By VICKY LEFEBVRE
Contributing Reporter

Rob Zombie, one of the better horror film directors in recent history, makes a perfect candidate for a remake of one of the pioneering films in the slasher genre, Halloween, and bringing back to the screen one of the most notorious killers in film, Michael Myers.

Zombie's remake of the 1978 classic has been dubbed a prequel/remake, containing core elements of the original, but also giving the viewer the back story of Michael Myers, a story that has always been known but never shown on screen. This film shows Michael as a 10 year-old boy with a less than perfect home life, attempting to make the audience understand why Michael Myers became so deranged; and at times it isn't hard to sympathize with the young boy.

Recent remakes have tried to humanize their psychopaths, and in most cases it ruins the story. Sometimes it's just more entertaining to know that a crazy person is well, just crazy. They don't have a motive to want to slice and dice, they just do it, and that is usually the most unsettling part about them. But in this film, the humanizing works mainly because every part of the film's



plot and its twisted figure are wrapped around what happened on that long ago Halloween night when young Michael Myers lost his mind.

Fans of the original will likely appreciate this take on the horror classic, as it is more gory and provocative while still sticking to the core of the story. Zombie's Halloween is by far the best remake in recent years, but in no way bests the original. There is, after all, a reason why a movie is called a 'classic.'

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Review of summer '07

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

Many of us took time to relax and unwind this summer. The news stations, however, did not have the same luxury. Here is a review of the media's best work, beginning with the most recent.

August 31: Karl Rove officially resigns – The Brain has finally left Pinky. Karl Rove resigns from the current administration after getting Bush elected – twice.

Rove is consistently called "the architect," which I find a blatant insult to fellows like Frank Lloyd Wright. It raises the question, if an architect designs a building that everyone hates and feels uncomfortable in, can he still call himself an architect? Since when is architecture assembling trash?

I do plan to send Rove a resignation gift, but I don't know how I will keep the fire going, that is – on the flaming pile of crap. I think I'll have people run it to Washington like the Olympic torch.

August 27: Alberto Gonzales announces resignation – Yet another jumps ship. I had a comment about this, but I don't recall it.

Instead, let us reflect on a couple of Gonzo's greatest hits.

In April, during his testimony to Congress, he responded 71 times that he could not remember the details. Isn't it depressing that the only job in the United States you can say "I don't recall" repeatedly without being fired is the Attorney General? What if we all could do that? Imagine if I merely wrote "I don't recall" after every segment?

In fact, I think every American citizen is owed 71 "I don't recalls" to be used freely during everyday life. Whether you're a student or a rock star, on a test, or performing a concert, you can use these "I don't recalls" free of charge, whenever.

"I can't get no...I don't recall." Don't worry, you have 70 more, Mick. We know you're getting old.

Gonzales also said in 2005, according to CNN, "if we are going to apply the death penalty ... it ought to be applied fairly," proving he is not really a neocon, but a moderate. He is for the death penalty as well as affirmative action.

August 17: Michael Vick indicted for dog fights – We discovered that apparently even the rich and famous cannot force dogs to fight to the death.

Yes, the dog days of summer are over for Michael Vick. All the televised moralists found the act so blatantly perverted and disgusting, yet these same individuals show the horrific acts on the screen more than a Geico commercial. Every half hour, the brutality was shown and shown again and again and again.

"This is the most vile, corrupt, sick, grotesque, inhuman and egregious thing ever – and we can't wait to show it to you again!" I just need the "Clockwork Orange" eye peelers and I'll be cured in no time. Maybe, like Vick, I'll even find Jesus.

August 15: Earthquake in Peru – This quake, a tragedy of unbelievable magnitude, measured an 8.0 on the Richter Scale. Windows broke,

just transporting it accidentally. What evidence do I have, you ask? Evidence! Why do you need evidence: she is young, hot, and famous and starred in "Freaky Friday!"

However, I personally was disappointed by Lohan. She is losing her touch – seriously, the competition is out shaving their head, forgetting panties, serving real time (less than a month), and starring in sex tapes. Lindsey, all you can do is waltz around with a few snorts of coke while liquored up? Girl, in the next scandal you better either be naked or bald, or else I'm not watching "Mean Girls" again. Cocaine? Booze? What a sell-out!

July 23: Dems YouTube presidential debate – This was the first presi-

ever blatantly break the law, I can now be pardoned. What a huge step forward for the criminal in the court system.

June 30: Mouthing Off Editor Alex Cherup and the Bellagio waitress – Wouldn't you like to know! If you're going to Vegas, I can hook you up.

June 29: iPhone released – I do not understand the iPhone. Why call it a phone? The phoning ability is only one of the many, many options of the device – and it is not even the primary one. That is like calling a car a radio because it has a radio in it.

June 27: Stephen Colbert: broken wrist – The entire Colbert Nation was in shock when Stephen Colbert broke his wrist. Somehow, the country was able to survive this national tragedy and persist. Thank God Papa Bear O'Reilly has unscathed wrists.

June 21: "Not a member of the executive branch" – Dick Cheney, the Vice President of the United States tells us that he is not a member of the executive branch. This somewhat ignores the supreme document of the land, the Constitution, which states: "The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice-President chosen for the same term, be elected . . ." I found the comment ludicrous. Apparently, the Vice President of the United States of America is so detached from reality that he confuses my dreams with reality. I have been dreaming for the past seven years that Dick Cheney is not a member of the executive branch.

Various: Movies for the third time – Spiderman. Sparrow. Shrek. All Bourne again. Apparently redundancy makes the most money. Apparently redundancy makes the most money. Apparently redundancy makes the most money. Now let's hope it gets laughs.

Various: Construction at OU – Most of the main campus was under construction this summer, and the results are obvious. We now have a few stone monuments dispersed throughout the field in front of the library – the perfect outlet for our raised tuition. Not to mention the new trees that were planted. It was so worth me being late to class each day in the summer.

So there are the results of the media's hard work this summer. It's no Summer of Love, but it's the only one we got.



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churches collapsed and over 500 were reported dead. I'm sure the Bush administration is trying to blame this on Hugo Chavez.

August 7: Barry Bonds sets new homerun record – "I don't recall." I still have several left.

July 27: Harry Potter #7 – Finally, the long awaited conclusion of the academic experience of a nerd wizard. Of course, there was much anger over the leaking of the ending of the book on several television and radio programs. Who would do this to the children? I suspect it was the work of Scooter Libby. That's what you get for the pardon.

July 24: Lindsey Lohan found with cocaine – The obvious headline story of the summer. Lohan, as I'm sure you are aware, was found with cocaine that, according to Lohan, was not hers. And I believe her. I also believe her blood alcohol level was not hers either. She was

dential debate done with YouTube. In case you were not already, it gave one more venue with which to be annoyed with Hillary Clinton. From home computers, individuals were able to send in questions to the candidates. Amazingly, most were decent questions, considering the average YouTube comment is "OMG this SUXXXXXX!" Who knew there are political theorists behind such remarks?

However, there was one embarrassing question from a blogger in Clio, Michigan who asked what the candidates would do to protect his "baby," which was in fact a firearm. I'm sure he wants the creation of the "No Gun Left Behind" act, which does not allow any firearm in the country to go unloaded, no matter what the economic status.

July 17: Brazil plane crash – Yet another thing to blame on Hugo Chavez.

July 2: Scooter Libby pardoned – This gives me hope. I feel safe – if I

Introduction to College

By **JOE COLLARINI**
Guest Columnist

College can be a beast.

Anyone who's been in school long enough can tell you that. How many people go away to school, only to come back after a year saying they aren't going back? How many people enter the world of collegiate academics and find themselves with their heads spinning after only a few days?

Most students will inevitably encounter some obstacles. These obstacles frequently stem from not knowing the facts before they enter higher education. Instead, they too often rely on two hard hitting myths they are told for years before college, and doing so can lead them right down the road of failure.

Perhaps the most damaging myth drilled into students' heads is the idea that high school is excellent preparation for college. Unfortunately, most of us can probably remember scheduling gym classes, computer classes and long lunches with a real class mixed in here and there, so that we can make it through as easily

as possible. While being intelligent and creative enough to work a soft system might score us enough points to get a diploma, it isn't exactly College Prep 101.

The problem arises when students leave high school thinking that because they were successful there, they can be successful elsewhere. This is not the case, and many incoming freshman are left scrambling to relearn everything they should have already known.

If high school leaves students with a cloudy view, parents should be there to help clear things up. However, dealing with parents can cause as many problems as problems solved. The myth that parents know best can have far reaching ramifications.

Of course, parents usually have your best interest in mind, but many times are unsure of how to provide it. Doing what parents want and leaning too heavily on their advice can leave students unsure of what is best for their individual needs, and hindered when it comes to figuring things out on their own.

Parents believe that because they've been through it, they know best. I'm sure

most of your parents haven't set foot on a college campus in decades. Times have changed in the last 30 years. If someone needs advice, they should talk to a teacher or advisor, someone without strong emotional attachment.

Many students, myself included, find that when in a new place, life is difficult if you lack basic skills and responsibility. SURPRISE! They find out that going away to school isn't always the best idea, showing up to class is wise and drinking everyday isn't a four-credit class. It's not even a two credit class. How were we supposed to know college could be like this?

Too often students rely on what others preach to them, in the process sugar coating every negative aspect and not letting them face reality. Learning the facts about college and how to combine school with life can make it easier to succeed. The fact is that no one cares how hard you have to work to make it, because there's always someone who has to work harder. No one cares that you aren't ready for the obstacles you're going to face, because if you aren't, you're going to have to overcome them anyway. You'd bet-

ter be ready to take control of your own fate. And if you fall, you better have the strength to get back up because someone may not be there to help you up.

In hindsight, it's easy to look back on everything and separate what you should do from what you want to do. High school prepares you for college, that is, if you take it seriously. Parents can give valuable insight, if you work with them to come up with a plan. Just don't let them make all the decisions for you.

It's true that the responsibility of being ready for college ultimately rests in the hands of each student, but at the ages of 14 to 18, to expect a someone to make all the right decisions to best prepare themselves for the rest of their lives is simply idiotic.

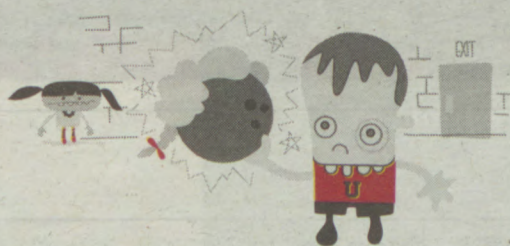
College can be a blast, if you play the game right. For me, the years I've spent at Oakland have been the best years of my life. I hope other students are able to get as much out of it as I have. But for all those just starting off, I offer some advice: this beast has fangs, and if you don't want to feel its bite, you better not take it lightly.

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Welcome
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Success, ASC Style

By Mia Evans

Contributing Reporter

New students have arrived on campus with high hopes and clean slates. Returning students are either motivated by the successes or shortcomings of their previous semesters. Everyone is focused on academic achievement.

In a few weeks however, the excitement of back to school spirit will pass on. Luckily there is the Academic Skills Center. ASC is a major resource on campus, available to help maintain student enthusiasm by assisting in educational support and offering free tutoring.

The Director of ASC, Charles Clark acknowledges the reality that some first year and returning students encounter problems and are under sever pressure. "Generally the main killer of academic success is the lack of time management. Time management is a part of self management, how you handle your social life and coping skills," Charles said.

The ACS provides students with an environment that encourages learning outside of the classroom. The office provides educational assistance but their mission is to empower the students to be independent learners and perform to their highest potential.

Clark said "Your choices must reflect your top priorities." There are a lot of students on campus juggling jobs, classes and student organizations. Although many students view their jobs as priority Clark suggests "Students with financial responsibilities need to make a plan to work without sabotaging their academic success." That plan must incorporate not only time for student employment but also studying and completing assignments.

With all the services available in the ASC there is no reason why Back to School Spirit shouldn't last all semester.

The Academic Skills Center is located at 103 North Foundation Hall.

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Reasons You know it's time
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1. You have to use your cell to calculate a 20% tip
2. The bluebook you left in the back seat of your car is yellowing
3. Your handwriting has gotten so sloppy even you cannot read it
4. Carrying a few books causes you to break a sweat
5. You have to check an electronic device to know the date
6. Your alarm clock is collecting dust
7. You understand Miss South Carolina's thoughts on education

How do you prepare to go back to school?



"Register for classes on time or else you'll have no classes to choose from."

Kyle Armich
Junior, Political Science



"Getting necessities. Things like detergent, food, things I need to live."

Joshua Wallace
Sophomore, Psychology



"I relax and mentally prepare for the coming semester."

Kelly Reed
Junior, Nursing BSN-MSN



"I've been searching online for the cheapest school supplies."

Kevin Luce
Sophomore, Physical Therapy

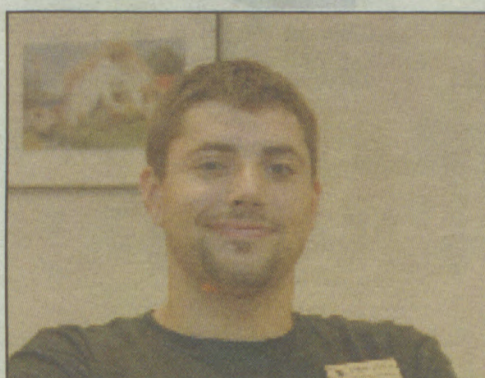
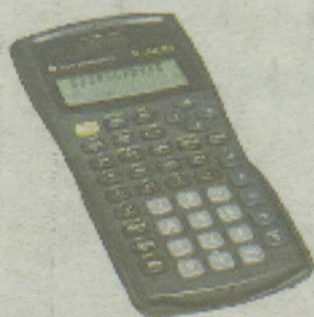
What's your favorite school accessory?



"My calculator. Every class I take has some sort of math in it."

Beth Smiecinski

Sophomore, Engineering



"I need my computer. Keeping everything organized is a must."

Anthony Serio

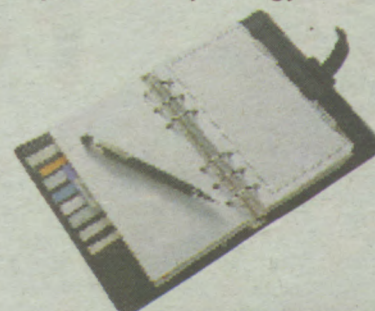
Junior, Business



"Whenever I use my agenda I never forget anything, so I always use it."

Crushawn Jackson

Sophomore, Psychology



Summers Best Sounds:



"Dave Matthews Band"
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Sophomore, Business and Administration

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