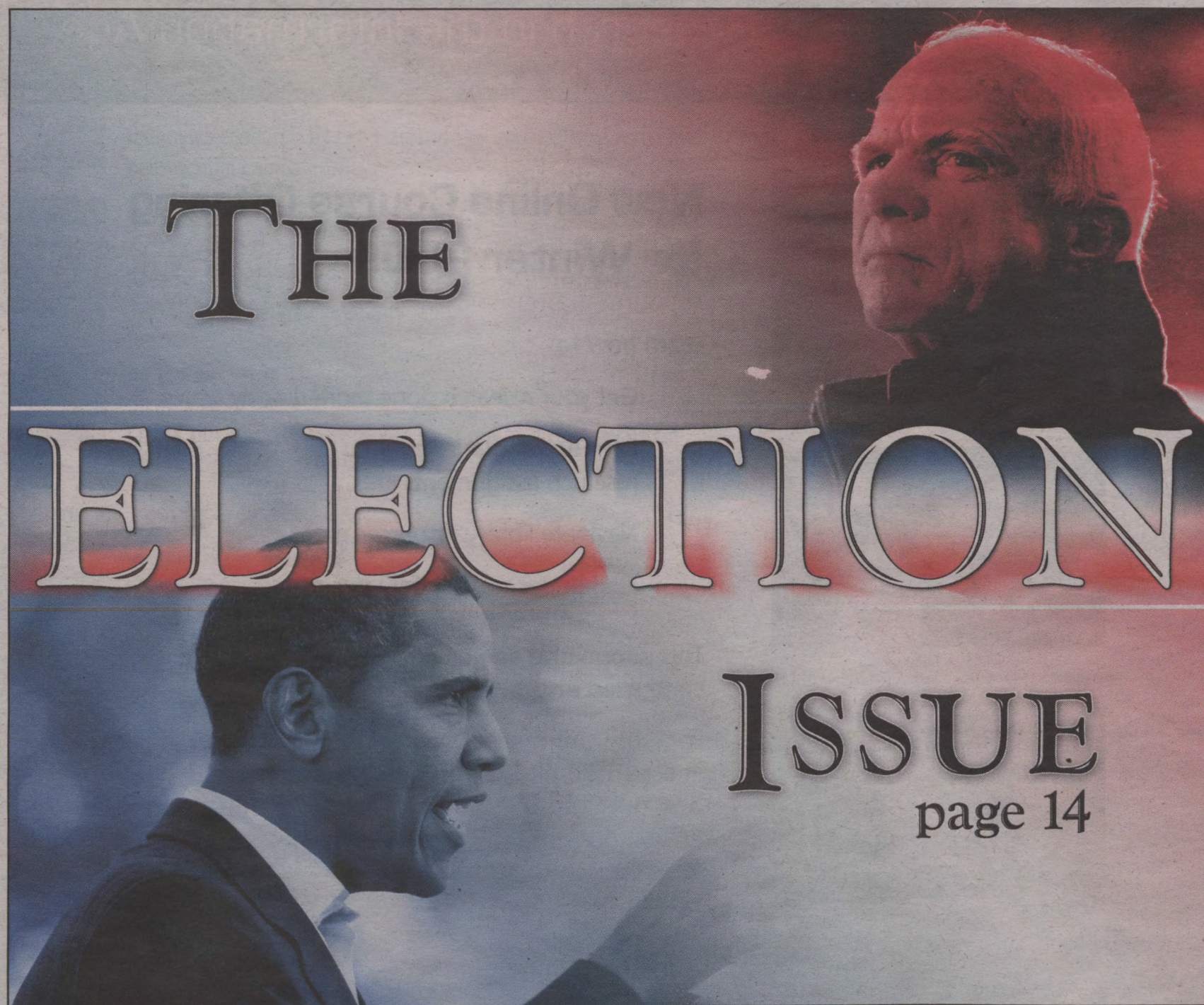


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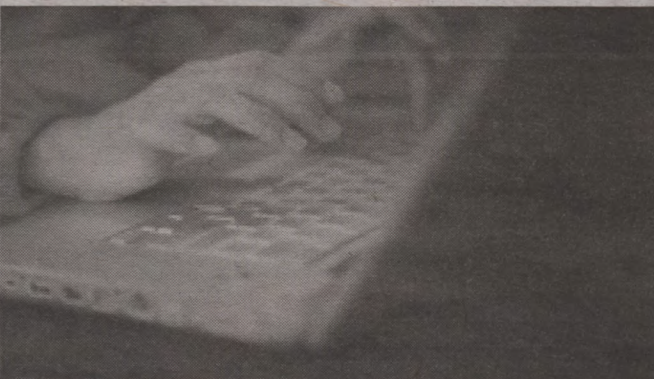
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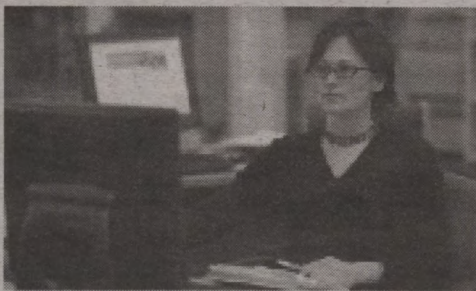
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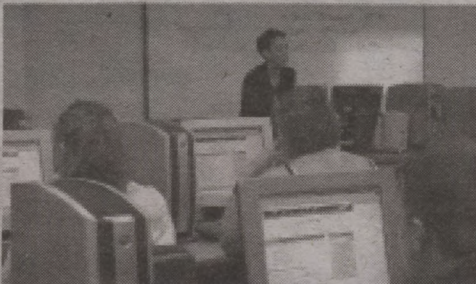
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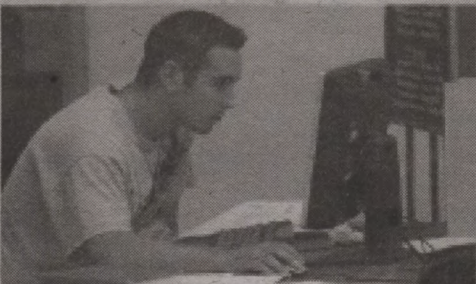
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Presidential race still on for Michigan's voters

It's been a little more than three weeks since Republican presidential candidate John McCain decided to pull his campaign staff and advertising from Michigan to reallocate funds to other battleground states. To many people, McCain was surrendering a key state and its electoral votes to his counterpart, Democratic nominee Barack Obama.

At the time of McCain's decision to pull his campaign out of Michigan, most polls showed he was trailing Obama by anywhere from five to nine points. However, since his departure from the state, Obama's lead has increased to double digits, with most polls putting Obama's current margin at 13-14 points. Some polls, including one cited in a Washington Post article, estimate that the Illinois senator has as much as a 22 point lead in the state.

The growing perception is that the race in our state is over. And on both sides, it's beginning to seem as though the importance of our vote has been somewhat diminished.

It's understandable that supporters of the McCain-Palin ticket may feel a little disheartened. Many see their candidate's decision as waving a white flag in a state that McCain overwhelmingly won during his bid for the Republican Party's nomination in the 2000 primaries. But that is no reason to stay home on election day. Just because Michigan is not part of McCain's immediate strategy does not mean that his campaign doesn't need your support. Don't take it personally. If you were planning on voting for him before, his decision on Oct. 2 shouldn't prevent you from voting for him on Nov. 4.

Just because your candidate is trailing in polls doesn't mean your candidate is less deserving of your vote. Do you no longer side with your candidate's stances and policies merely for the fact he has limited funds and decided to divert more money and people in states like Wisconsin, Florida and Ohio?

Michigan is not a lost battle — McCain could still win here. Crazier things have happened in politics. Many are familiar with Harry Truman's stunning come-from-behind victory in the 1948 presidential election.

While polls at the time were much less exact than they are today, the national media was all but handing the election to Thomas Dewey. What if Truman supporters, due to the perception that their candidate had no chance of winning, chose to stay home?

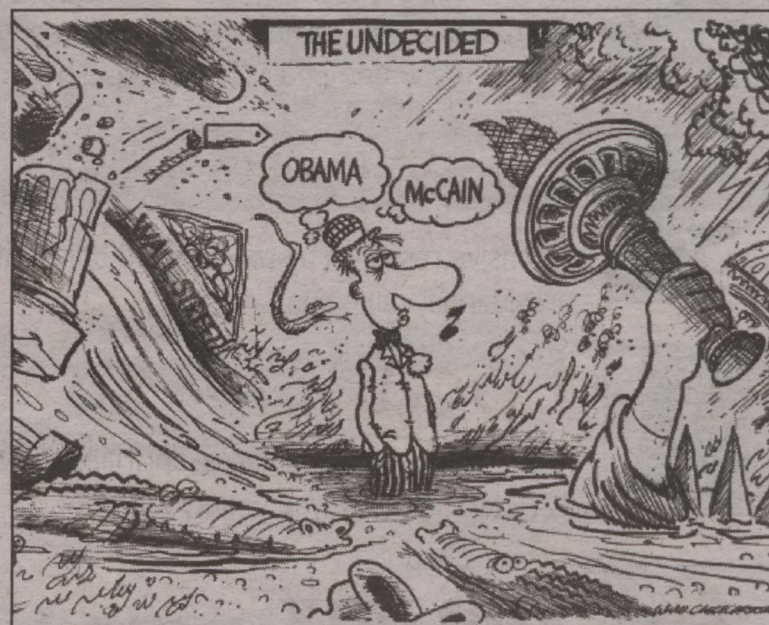
And on the flip side, although no Republican presidential candidate has won Michigan since Ronald Reagan in 1984, it doesn't mean Michigan's Obama-Biden supporters can take it for granted that Obama will win in Michigan. It is just as important for Obama supporters to cast their votes as it is for McCain supporters.

While polls have shown that his lead has increased, complacency can take away that lead on Election Day. Just as some McCain supporters see voting for the Arizona senator as a waste of time, many Obama in Illinois, and now Michigan, may see voting for Obama as an unnecessary or unneeded vote.

"Why should I bother with voting? He's going to win here even without my vote," people may think. It is the unfortunate effect of the electoral college, that a Democratic vote in a mostly-blue state is not valued as much, just like a Republican vote in a mostly-red state.

Supporters of third party candidates, who had at one time pledged their support for Obama, may now be more apt to support Ralph Nader or Bob Barr, in light of Obama's growing lead. And just because these third party candidates are not likely to win this year doesn't mean you are throwing your vote away if you vote for them, if you feel that their ideas are worth supporting.

Let's not forget that voting is a right granted in the United States that is not an option for many around the world. We're not going to hit you over the head with "voting is the most American thing you can do" rhetoric, but supporting a candidate should not stop because you don't feel he or she can or can't win. Your dissenting vote, even in a losing race, lets people know that the winning candidate isn't, the one who has all of the public support.



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On page 17 of the Oct. 8 issue, the correct title of the photo contest submission from Linda K. Pletz is "Autumn Reflection in the Park."

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One editor shares why he isn't voting this year

Jared Purcell
You/Local Editor



The upcoming election has heavily focused on getting young people registered to vote and I have felt plenty of pressure to do so. My parents tell me to register, as do my professors, my friends and my friends' friends.

Yet here I am: still unregistered and ineligible to vote for a new president. I never felt that I've needed to defend myself — until now, it seems. The usual "I just don't care" response is not good enough anymore. In fact, some people get offended by such a statement.

"How can you not care?" they ask. "You need to vote, it's a privilege and a freedom that you should take advantage of."

So why am I not voting? I guess I've always had a grudge against politics in general. The most popular response to that thought is that I should vote to change the way things are. I might

sound like the crazy man who lives on the street corner when I say that I don't want to contribute to a system that I don't fully understand — or trust.

One thing that seems obvious is George W. Bush will go down in history as one of the most despised presidents. Hell, they even made a movie called "W," making fun of his entire tenure while he is still in office.

I actually feel sorry for the guy. It must be hard when millions of people think you are terrible at your job — even if it's the hardest in the world to

do. I don't know, maybe we elected him twice because we thought he needed a second chance.

No, I'm not a Republican — nor a Democrat. I have to clarify that my political orientation because some Democrats would have pooh-poohed my entire argument because I suggested that Bush should get at least some kind of support. You hate him, I get it.

That brings me to my next point: War.

No, not the war on terror; I'm talking about the war between Democrats and Republicans. There is so much bickering that shoots left and right that the remaining few hope to avoid the cross-fire.

Most of the attacks from voters against candidates of the opposite party are the result of some stupid bias or out-of-context information.

I feel bad for all of the good, sane John McCain supporters out there who have to associate themselves with the dimwits that call Barack Obama an Arab, a

Muslim, or even a terrorist.

First, there is nothing wrong with being Arab or Muslim so I can't understand what the problem with that would be. Second, those who believe in such rubbish get to vote. It's a sad and scary thought knowing that voting on imperfections such as bias is allowed. If only it were possible to have voters take some kind of test — maybe an IQ test — before heading to the polls.

Obama is given a lot of credit for influencing the youth vote. His simple and inspiring message of change speaks to many gullible youth who are waiting to be told what to like. Like sheep in a heard, many vote for Obama because he is cool and because McCain hung out with that other guy.

Of course, there are plenty of first-time voters who are taking the time to get their research and facts straight in order to be ready to vote. I applaud that. Still, there are many that get high off of the word change and think that they can "change the world." How can you vote to change the world when it's hard enough to vote for a new American Idol?

Voting is a responsibility — don't do it until you are prepared. Would you rather have people voting based on what they saw on "Saturday Night Live" or "The Daily Show?" Well, they are.

I guess I just feel sorry for the good American voters. Our governmental system and election process are better than most nation's but it's too bad that so many people ruin its potential.

It just seems useless to vote for change when it's many of the ones voting for it that need changing.

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STUDENT LIFE WEEKLY

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HOT TOPIC

Midsemester crisis?

It's hard to believe more than half the semester has already passed. Many students have experienced and survived midterms and papers, but now what's next? For students who are taking 100 and 200 level courses, they have already gotten a glimpse of their possible collegiate future through midsemester evaluations.

In an effort to promote academic success, in 2003 the University Senate mandated all instructors of 100 and 200 level courses to provide students with an indication of satisfactory or unsatisfactory mid-semester progress. This allows students to gauge their academic progress and seek assistance if necessary. Professors either issue students a numerical grade, an "S" to indicate the student is earning above a 2.0, or a "U" to indicate the student has below a 2.0.

Midsemester grades were posted Oct. 14 and can be accessed via the OU SAIL system. If you have received a "U" in a course, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

1. Speak to your professor. Specifically, ask what can be done at

this point academically to enhance class performance.

2. Seek assistance in the Academic Skills Center, 103 NFH. Free tutoring is available for most 100 and 200 level courses.

If after meeting with your professor and seeking assistance there is still a possibility you will fail a course, explore the option of a withdrawal. This should be a last resort. Before withdrawing, if you receive financial aid, you must meet with a financial-aid advisor. The last day for official withdrawal for Fall 2008 classes is Tuesday, November 4. To withdraw, visit the Registration Office in 100 O'Dowd Hall and submit an official withdrawal form, or you may also withdraw from courses via OU SAIL.

So, if you have gotten a glimpse into your academic future and things seem bleak, remember there's still hope. Keep in mind, even if you have not received a "U" in a course for midsemester evaluations, this does not guarantee success. Continue to work hard and put forth your best efforts to finish strong and remain in good academic standing.

Letter to the Oakland Post:

I read your recent staff editorial on Chartwells. I attended OU from 1997-2002 and now work in the area. From time to time I stop back on campus just for fun — like I did today — and picked up an Oakland Post and have lunch. The price is definitely higher on campus than if I chose the Subway on Squirrel or University. The choice of only Pepsi products also wears real quick, but I think that's a side deal with Pepsi and not Chartwells anyway. The staff is painfully rude in some places on campus and I've left before thinking "thank God I'm not a student anymore."

The reason I'm writing today is because I'm signed up for Mystery Shops through Mystery Guest Inc. I get requests to do visits to OU's campus but I turn them down because it's day-to-day for me if I'm able to spend an hour standing in line in the Pioneer Food Court, and Mystery Shopping requires some scheduling. I thought you might be interested to know that there are opportunities for students on campus to get actively involved in the direction of Chartwells through Mystery Shops. Just as an alumnus who visits here and there, it would be nice if you guys were able to make some progress with this organization — it would be better for everyone.

Thanks again for the great editorial!

— Anne Cron

Professors share research

Collaborative work on elections sheds light on presidential politics

By SEAN GARNER
Campus Editor

A random discussion more than two years ago about the 2006 congressional elections led two Oakland University political science professors to merge their areas of expertise into one study.

On Monday, OU professors David Dulio and Peter Trumbore presented the findings from their recent study "The Battle for Power: Issues, Politics in the 2006 and 2008 elections" in front of a near capacity audience in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. The two professors attempted to examine how political strategies are different when issues of foreign policy play a key role.

OU President Dr. Gary Russi said Dulio and Trumbore received a monetary award to put on their presentation, and that the competition for the award is "very competitive and only given to one or two a year."

For their research, Dulio and Trumbore examined more than 400 political advertisements from 62 highly competitive congressional elections in 2006, an election where the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan played a more critical role than foreign affairs issues usually do.

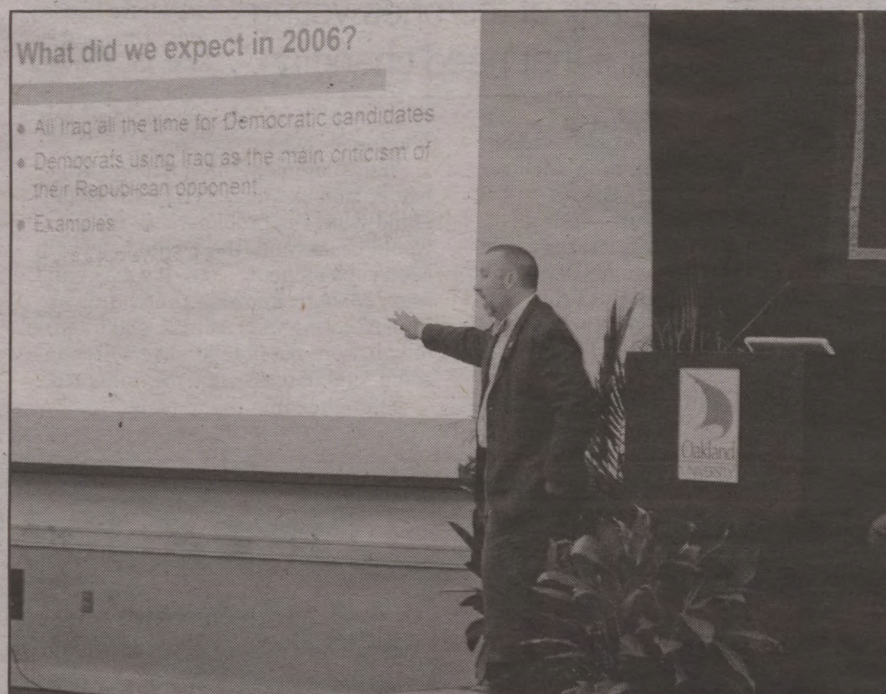
Trumbore said the idea for the study came when the two realized the midterm elections of 2006 represented a rare occasion when Dulio's area of expertise, elections, had significant overlap with Trumbore's forte, foreign policy.

"It really was just us walking down the hallway, having a conversation about the 2006 campaign," Trumbore said. "It was just crazy. These types of elections are never about foreign policy, and here they are talking about foreign policy. So we had the idea that could both put our expertise together and do a project."

Trumbore said that he thought having two different areas of insight is what made the project work.

"It's something that I would never have done on my own, and I don't think Dave would have either."

Dulio and Trumbore both said one of their biggest challenges was coming up with reliable research methodology, which they were not used to doing.



Professor Peter Trumbore uses a slide presentation to demonstrate the findings of his collaborative research work with fellow OU professor David Dulio. Trumbore and Dulio presented their work to about 300 people eight days before election day in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

"We had this question we wanted to answer, and we didn't have the skills or knowledge needed to analyze this data," Dulio said. "So we asked our colleagues who are more sophisticated methodologists to help us, and they pointed us in the right direction and helped us get over the hurdle."

The professors both specifically acknowledged for helping them in their study was Roger Larocca, also a political science professor, whose book, "Presidential Agenda" was praised by many in the political science community for its sophisticated research.

Dulio and Trumbore both said they were surprised to realize that the war in Iraq was not the single issue leading to the Democrats' big victory in 2006. Economic factors might have played just as big a role in their seizing both houses of Congress.

The two professors also spent a significant amount of time discussing how their findings could help people better

understand issues in the upcoming presidential election between John McCain and Barack Obama.

Russi said the presentation gave a perspective that people might not get from following the election in the media.

"They did a good job of framing the messages for both parties and issues the parties have ownership over," Russi said. "The notion is that what goes on during the campaign is often out of their control."

Russi said it was also fascinating to realize that this is the first election since 1968, in which neither the current president or vice president is a candidate.

"In a sense, they are both running as challengers," Dulio said.

Dulio went on to say that McCain's position as a challenger is trickier than Obama's because he has to, at once, appeal to the base of the Republican Party, which still supports current president George W. Bush, and the public at large, where Bush is less popular.

During the presentation, Dulio and Trumbore played several campaign advertisements, including an Obama ad showing a clip of McCain saying he voted with Bush over 90 percent of the time.

"A comment like that is designed to win in the primaries," Trumbore said. "However, it is suicide when it comes to the general election."

While both professors avoided making normative predictions about who would win the election, both said it would be one of the most interesting elections in recent history.

"2008 is just incredibly different than anything we have seen before. To have an election take place in the context of this huge economic crisis that we're experiencing," Trumbore said.

"Race, gender and ethnicity are really going to shape this election like none other we've seen before," Dulio said.

The two professors come from different parts of the political spectrum, with Dulio being a conservative and Trumbore a liberal. Dulio said he thinks by sharing the stage with somebody who does not share his point of view, it can help show that consensus is not necessary for polite, intellectual conversation.

"It allows people to see that two people can disagree pretty strongly but do it in a respectful and civil way," Dulio said.

Trumbore said that, while it did not interfere with their research, their divergence in views might add an element of entertainment to their presentations.

"I don't think it affected our research at all, nor did it affect our analysis," Trumbore said. "Now, when we go out in public to talk about these kind of things at events, we feel a little freer to play off our political differences."

Russi said he was pleased with the turnout for the event and says Dulio and Trumbore's presentation is part of OU's overall goal to showcase quality works from the faculty.

"Several years ago, we wanted to take some of the best and brightest from our faculty and bring in the community at large and let them see the work they're doing here," Russi said. "It's really grown. It started with about 25 attendees when we started, to about 300 here today."

Political clubs promote election

By DAVID SANDERS
Staff Intern

With the election just around the corner, the students involved with College Republicans and College Democrats at Oakland University are working to promote their candidates and issues in Oakland County.

The College Republicans work closely with the Michigan Republican Party. MIGOP is the main organization that leads many College Republican clubs at universities all over the state in promoting the election.

On Friday nights, the MIGOP have had College Republicans and other young volunteers perform phone calls, door knockings and literature droppings.

At an Oct. 15 meeting, Mike Brownfield, the campaign manager for Republican Representative Joe Knollenberg, said the work of organizations like College Republicans is vital to election success.

"This is the nuts and bolts of what happens in the campaign," Brownfield said.

On the weekend of Oct. 10, College

Republicans knocked on 3,100 doors.

Brownfield said MIGOP's main agenda is transforming Oakland County into more of a conservative area.

"There's a Democratic machine descended on us in Oakland County," Brownfield said. "What we have to do is fight back as best we can and what that means right now is trying to find who are the people who support us."

Anthony Markwort, another speaker for MIGOP, said the other focus of MIGOP is to make it more fun by members campaigning together in large groups.

"Campaigning isn't fun when you're by yourself," Markwort said. "If it's ten to 15 people it's fun ... Part of the reason I came on board with MIGOP is they said we'll do whatever we can to get the youth."

Jim Arapostathis, president of College Republicans at OU, said his group is much more active during election season, and more people are willing to help out with the club.

"During election time is when extra interest for this club is being generated," Arapostathis said. "It's much easier to

recruit people than it would be after December."

Arapostathis and the College Republicans will be promoting the election at a table in the Oakland Center through election day.

College Democrats are trying to promote the election as well, even though they have been inactive at OU for many years.

At an Oct. 15 College Democrats meeting Josh Hyman, said their objectives are to target undecided voters, supply students with absentee ballots, recruitment and provide transport services to election precincts on Nov. 4.

To make their plans more visible they will promote at tables on campus in the week leading up to the election.

Their main focus when promoting is to attract voters with absentee ballots.

"So what I'll recommend for everyone is to get in touch with their home city clerk," Hyman said. "What we want to do here at Oakland is make sure that we collect as many of those people with absentee ballots which are probably the majority of the [college students] who are going to be voting."

The College Democrats will try to track down undecided and absentee ballot voters to make sure they vote.

"We want to set up tables, go to dining halls, go to dorms, etc. and find students where they are at," Hyman said.

"The first part of our program chronologically has to be to get those students who aren't registered here," Hyman said.

College Democrats plan to distribute fliers around campus telling voters they are willing to give rides to the polls.

"We're doing what is called knock and drag," Hyman said. "We are literally going to take students to the polls."

The College Democrats' primary method of promoting is by bringing up hot button issues.

"Our strategy has been to talk to people and find out what makes them tick," Hyman said. "We want to see if they care about health care, education, etc."

Arapostathis said he is quite analytical in his approach to winning voters for the Republican Party.

"I try to dissect there arguments and persuade their points of view," Arapostathis said.

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On Oct. 25, OUPD pulled over a vehicle on Mansion Drive for exceeding the speed limit. Upon speaking to a backseat passenger, police witnessed two large bags of marijuana. A search of the vehicle also produced a glass smoking pipe, a plastic bottle rigged to smoke from and a large quantity of plastic bags. Three of the four occupants of the vehicle were turned over to their parents and OUPD sought a warrant for possession with intent to deliver marijuana.

OUPD were dispatched to the 2000 University Student Apartments to check on the welfare of a person lying in the grass. The person was highly intoxicated and a group of students were gathered around attempting to keep the person conscious. The person was also shirtless, had on only one shoe and had visible vomit on his pants. The Rochester Hill Fire Department were contacted and transported the person to Crittenton Hospital.

Students to delegate at Model UN

By DAVID SANDERS
Staff Intern

They may all be American citizens, but for four days, five Oakland University students will act as if they are from a foreign land.

This Thursday through Sunday, students from PS 390, a political science class, will play the role of United Nations representatives at the Lake Erie International Model United Nations Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cleveland.

Their goal is to successfully debate contemporary peacekeeping issues with college students from all over the country.

These issues will include, but are not limited to, human rights in Myanmar, the right to food and racism. Many students said their focus is on Palestine because of its civilian violence.

OU students will create peacekeeping resolutions and amendments that they'll propose during the conference.

Their mission is to find Oakland or other college students at the conference that will sign up to support their resolution.

Over a dozen universities will be participating in this event.

OU students can expect to negotiate with students from Oakland Community College, Harvard, Grand Valley State and many other schools.

Schools and individual students are judged by how well they present and reason their arguments.

"You win by portraying your country accurately, and working well with others in your session to discuss the issues and pass resolutions," said Paul J. Kubicek, Chair of the political science department who teaches PS 390.

Winning decisions are also determined by how well students use proper negotiating terms, and how little they rely on notes and outlines.

Three students will work on the Human Rights Council, in which they will be representatives for Nigeria, United Kingdom, and Malaysia.

The other two students will be part of the Arab League.

Liz Martinez, representing Sudan in the Arab League said her main focus is the genocide in Darfur.

One of the reasons she chose Sudan on

this issue is because she finds the violence in that country reprehensible.

"Arabs are killing African farmers and nobody's doing anything about it," Martinez said.

Brett Geschke, who will be the representative of Nigeria for the Human Rights Council, said he's targeting the typical peacekeeping missions that were mentioned earlier.

Geschke said he wants to, "make a big push toward [stopping] racial discrimination, the right to food, [human rights in] Palestine, and Burma."

The rest of the members said their agenda is geared toward improving the quality of life in Palestinian today.

Gina Valente, who will represent Malaysia on The Human Rights Council, said, "If you're in a country in The Middle East you would focus on Palestine, because you may have many Palestinian refugees in your country."

Jennifer Tanner, who will represent Yemen in the Arab League, said her attention is on Palestine as well because "Yemen feels they can relate to them because Yemen is anti-Israeli."

Tanner thinks the issue is of critical

importance because of humanitarian issues.

"Israel keeps avoiding human rights in Palestine," Tanner said.

Julia Hunko, who will represent the United Kingdom on the Human Rights Council, plans to argue mainly about how the UK can improve Palestine's government and their financial system.

Kubicek admitted that he is thrilled for his students to finally gain the opportunity to pose as UN representatives.

"I have been at Oakland University for eight years and I talked about doing this for as long as I've been here," Kubicek said. "If I were a student I would be all over this."

This will be the first and only field trip for this year's Model UN group, but Kubicek says he would like to expand the project in the future. He is looking forward to more conferences for his students at more prestigious venues.

"I would like us to work up to national level conferences at Harvard or in Washington," Kubicek said. "None of these students will be here for that since it will probably be two or three years from now."

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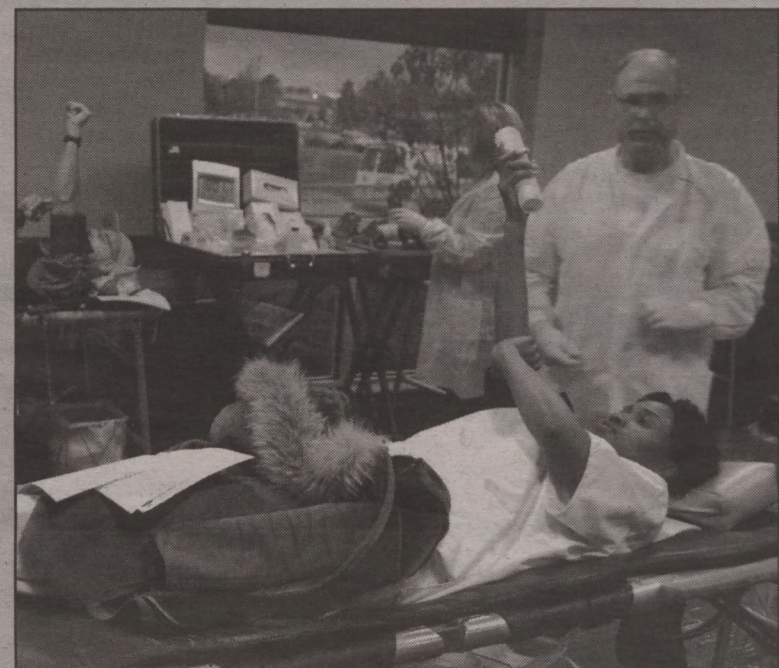
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On Now!

Grizzlies give blood



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Danielle Melvin, a senior nursing major keeps pressure on her arm while donating blood during the Fall Oakland University Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross. The blood drive ran Oct. 27-29 in the Oakland Center.

Having faith the electoral process

Local Christian organizations sponsor Q&A on candidates' views on the issues

By MASUDUR RAHMAN
Senior Reporter

Faith plays a role in politics for many Americans, as was apparent when nearly 100 people attended the "Decide in Faith: A Presidential Forum" event at Oakland University on Monday.

The forum's moderator Reverend David Buersmeyer said the purpose of the forum was to raise questions and concerns about the 2008 presidential race as it relates to key themes in Catholic social teachings.

According to Buersmeyer and program literature, the seven key themes of Catholic social teaching are life and dignity of the human person; call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities — to one another, families and society; prioritizing the needs of the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity with all humanity, regardless of national, racial, ethnic and ideological differences; and the care of God's creation.

This event took place in the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center and was sponsored by Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, The Newman Group of Oakland University among others.

During the forum, two representatives, one from each major presidential nominee, answered a series of questions based on the seven key themes of Catholic social teaching and one added question about health care.

The representatives' responses were not supposed to reflect their personal stances on these issues, but what their respective candidates' stances were on those issues. The questions were pre-

sented by eight panelists — three were OU students and the rest were students from University of Detroit Mercy and University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The format of the forum was unconventional because the two representatives did not appear in the same room together while they answered question.

Instead, while the first representative answered the questions, the second was in a different room where he couldn't hear the forum.

Then the first representative left the room and the second representative was brought in to answer the same questions.

Pam Hester, OU student and president of The Newman Group of OU, said after the forum, that she liked the format because "it was more conversational and not like a debate ... there wasn't any finger pointing."

Indeed, the forum did not seem confrontational, and instead appeared to have the purpose of civilly presenting to the audience, consisting what the positions of the two main presidential candidates were on certain issues.

The representative for McCain, Brian Palmer, was the first to answer questions. Palmer, a Catholic, is a member of the Michigan's House of Representatives.

After answering questions for 40 minutes, Palmer left the room and the representative for Obama, Doug Kmiec, was brought in to answer questions.

Kmiec, a professor of constitutional law at Pepperdine University, is also a Catholic and said that he is a Republican who supports Obama.

On the question of whether their candidates support legal protections for unborn children, Palmer said McCain supports overturning Roe v. Wade and

letting individual states decide for themselves.

Kmiec said Obama's focus is more on the causes of abortion, such as poverty.

In the same theme of "life and dignity," the representatives were also asked about capital punishment. Palmer said McCain supports the death penalty for "major sexual crimes ... like when children are involved," and Kmiec said Obama supports death penalty for "the most heinous crimes ... such as wide-scale terrorism."

When asked about same-sex marriage, both representatives rehearsed their candidate's support for keeping the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman.

They both also said the candidates favor legal non-marital unions between homosexual domestic partners for things like health care benefits and hospital visitation rights.

On the theme of "prioritizing the needs of the poor and the vulnerable," the representatives were asked what their candidates will do about the increasing gap between the rich and the poor nationally, and about the high home foreclosure rates in Michigan.

Palmer said McCain will focus on K-12 education and reform welfare policy. McCain doesn't "want to get rid of the safety net, but get rid of the fraud in the system," Palmer said.

As for foreclosures, he said McCain would lower interest rates. He refuted claims that McCain's plan helps mortgage lenders more than buyers.

"If it's a legitimate problem and not fraud, we'll try to help you," Palmer said.

Kmiec said Obama will restructure the tax system so that 95 percent of



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Representative Brian Palmer introduces himself to the audience before answering questions from the panel about McCain's stances on some issues.

Americans will see a tax cut, because "middle class makes democracy work."

As for foreclosures, he said Obama supports a "mortgage moratorium" plan that would allow homeowners having trouble with mortgage payments to stay in their home and stretch out the payment plan.

After the forum, the hosts recommended people to go to www.decideinfaith.org to raise faith-based questions on the election, participate in an online discussion forum and find answers.

Meadow Brook box office broken into, no items stolen

By RORY MCCARTY
Senior Reporter

The Meadow Brook Festival Grounds box office was broken into on Saturday. According to a police report, none of the property inside the box office appeared to be taken.

"Representatives from the Palace [of Auburn Hills] made the call," Capt. Mark Gordon of the Oakland University Police Department said. Meadow Brook Hall and Music Festival is owned by the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"Our security does patrols in the off

season, and they noticed the break-in and reported it to the OU Police Department," Palace spokesman Jeff Corey said.

Windows on the south and east sides of the building had been broken into.

Three windows on the east side appeared to have been smashed and then pried up, ripping their hinges off in the process.

Two handles from high-pressure gas tanks were found nearby, which may have been used to smash the windows.

Another window on the south side had been ripped off its hinges completely and

lay on the ground outside.

A bent pocket knife was also found nearby, which may have been used for prying.

Additional knives, which were described as common steak and dinner knives, were found in between boards on the fence enclosing the area.

Doors to the building were found opened, but no pry marks were found around the doors.

The perpetrators might have broken in and then exited through the doors, the police report said.

According to the police report, attempts

to find fingerprints and footprints were unsuccessful.

None of the equipment was taken. However, investigations into the break-in are ongoing.

According to Gordon, the owners of Meadow Brook could not guess why someone would have broken in and not taken anything.

"From their perspective, they really don't have any answers as to why they would have done this," Gordon said.

According to the police report, the box office is now set to be boarded up.

Homes for the holiday

Local homes transform into havens for Halloween hauntings

By **SHELLY LATSHAW**
& **LINA AMENT**
Senior Reporter & Staff Intern

As Halloween night approaches, neighborhood houses get in the mood by pulling out the pumpkins and ghosts and spreading the spider webs. One house in Berkley has taken the festivities to a whole new level.

On the corner of Edwards and Cummings sits a haven for corpses, monsters and masked murderers. The Berkley Boneyard's annual display has drawn crowds who wish to be frightened — or to simply enjoy some spooky family fun.

"Another guy used to do this when I was growing up," said Don Weiner, creator of the venue.

In order to relive childhood memories, Weiner puts in hard labor to make everything perfect for opening night.

"It takes three to four weeks to set up," Weiner said. "It's 90 percent me, 10 percent my brother and the neighborhood kids help too."

According to berkleyboneyard.com, most of the props used are home built and worked on year-round. Though the display is automated and no control is needed, a manual centrally located control booth is used to "achieve a better scare."

Not just Weiner, but families too, make visiting Berkley Boneyard a tradition.

"We get a lot of regulars," Weiner said. "We draw in people from all over the community."

For more information and pictures of the Berkley Boneyard, visit berkleyb.ipower.com/index.html.

On Tillson Street in Romeo, dead pirates commandeer the skeletal remains of a ship, a haunted corral stirs with cowboy ghouls, unearthed caskets are left abandoned by the undead, a hearse parks waiting for fresh corpses and the Tillson cemetery is now open for business.

The Tillson Street haunted displays have become a tradition that has evolved into a street-wide event that brings in an estimated 5000 visitors on Halloween alone.

Matt Ponke, a Tillson Street resident,

expects more than 10,000 people during October to venture down the street to see the homes' haunted displays.

"During the week leading up to Halloween, on any given night there is usually a line of slow-moving cars filled with gawkers that stretches the entire length of the street," Ponke said.

The annual Halloween theme that invades Tillson Street is credited as the brainchild of 29-year resident, Vicky Lee. Lee's decorations grew more extravagant, neighbors began to join in the fun.

Each home has different themed haunted displays and most decorations are handmade by the residents. The displays also include lights, sounds and animations providing a "spooktacular" haunted experience for all.

In 2005, Ponke won The Starkweather Arts and Cultural Society's First Annual Best House Halloween Decoration award. Ponke's Tillson Cemetery includes an electric chair, a ghost playing an organ and other animated ghouls.

"I've designed and build most everything I have myself, so I'm proud of all the props equally," Ponke said, "but if you ask most visitors, the electric chair or 'Sparky' seems to go over the best."

The Tillson street residents plan, build and pay for their displays with their own money. Neighbors often volunteer to help pass out candy or donate supplies to help with the displays.

"We do all of this because of the support and turnout we receive each year from visitors who come from miles around," Ponke said.

On Halloween night, Tillson Street is filled with thousands of trick-or-treaters, so many that the street is barricaded off by the police so that little goblins and ghosts can roam freely for their candy.

"I hope it continues to grow and become a permanent fixture in the area as 'that one Halloween street in Romeo,'" Ponke said.

Tillson Street is located in downtown Romeo off of Van Dyke Road and the homes will be on display now through the Halloween weekend. Visit www.terrorontillson.com and www.tillsonhaunt.com for more information and pictures of the haunted displays.



Photo courtesy of MATT PONKE

Homeowner Matt Ponke turns his house into 'Tillson Cemetery' every Halloween.

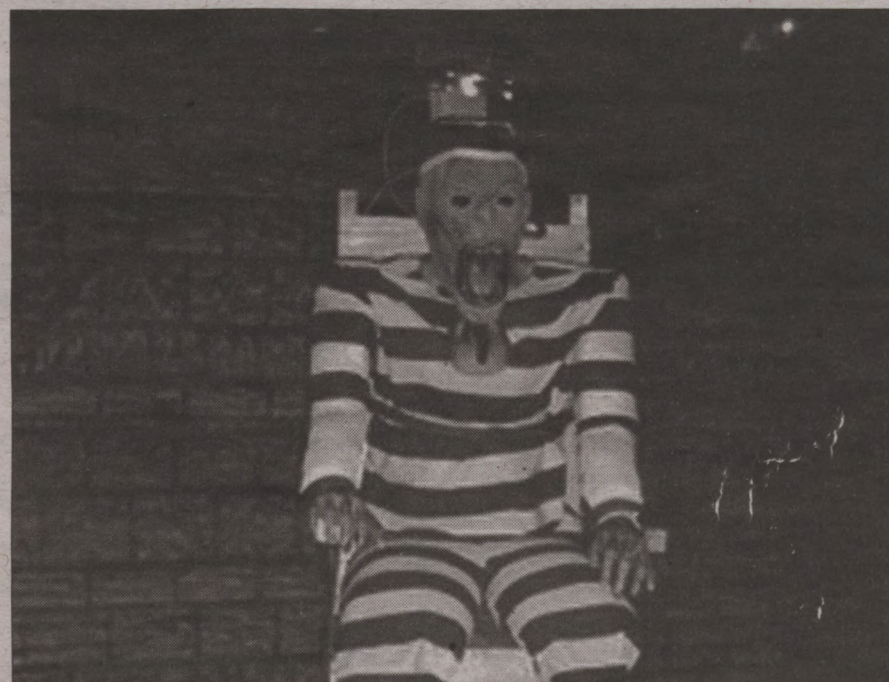


Photo courtesy of berkleyboneyard.com

A main attractions at the Berkley Boneyard is the man in the electric chair. The animatronic character shakes and screams as blue light flashes all around to give the effect of an electrocution.

Kwame confined

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — After nearly seven years in an exclusive 11th-floor office, former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will see the city through cloudy, narrow windows in a cell on the second floor of the Wayne County jail.

Kilpatrick appeared in court Tuesday to receive a 120-day sentence, the punishment for a scandal of sex, lies and text messages that was a millstone around the neck of a region already staggering from the woes of the auto industry.

With good behavior, Kilpatrick could be out in February after 100 days. He will also get a bill from the jail: \$60 a day.

"The Wayne County jail, and the cell Mr. Kilpatrick will be staying in, is no country club," Sheriff Warren Evans said.

"It's a Spartan cell, cinderblock, typical of jail cells," he said. "The punishment is being confined there, not necessarily the conditions of confinement when you are there."

The four-month sentence is part of an agreement worked out with prosecutors when Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice on Sept. 4.

He admitted lying while testifying last year in a civil lawsuit filed by former police officers who had accused him of demoting or firing them.

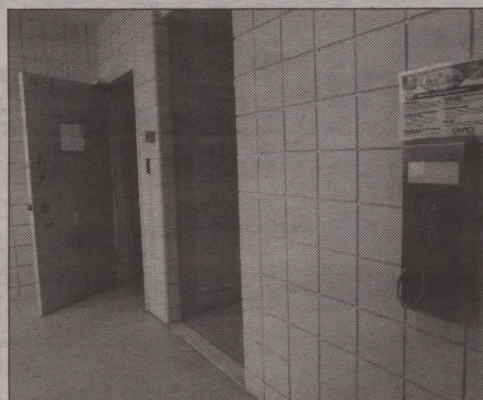
Kilpatrick and chief of staff Christine Beatty denied having an affair, but text messages obtained by a lawyer in the case — and later the Detroit Free Press — clearly contradicted them.

They used their city pagers to arrange trysts, share sexually explicit desires and praise each other's prowess between the sheets.

A fresh batch of messages was released last week in Beatty's criminal case, further revealing that Kilpatrick, married with three children, likely had other paramours. He's called "suga bear" in a text setting up an out-of-town rendezvous.

As a result of his notoriety, Kilpatrick, 38, will have his own cell at the downtown jail and will not mix with other inmates.

"One of the common threads about having a high-profile prisoner is nobody's ambivalent,"



PAUL SANCYA/Associated Press

The jail cell where Kilpatrick will be incarcerated at the Wayne County Andrew C. Baird Detention Facility is shown in Detroit on Monday.

Evans said. "Either you love him, you hate him, whatever. ... That also involves officers and it also involves other inmates."

Indeed, officers working Kilpatrick's floor will be carefully screened. Evans said he's "amazed" that some members of the public are "fringe lunatics" when it comes to opinions on Kilpatrick.

"I don't want fringe lunatic deputies in this process," the sheriff said. "You know what I mean, people who are very, very rational about most other things but don't seem to be able to walk a straight line on this one."

"We have the obligation to protect the former mayor," Evans said.

Kilpatrick will be in a 15-foot-by-10-foot cell for 23 hours, with an hour out for recreation. A toilet, sink and shower are inside, along with a phone for collect calls. It has a single bed with a thin mattress that hardly looks big enough to hold the 6-foot-4 former football lineman.

There will be no television unless Kilpatrick arranges to have one delivered. Any TV must stay with the jail after he is released. Lights out at 10 p.m.

Kilpatrick will have a view of freshly paved Clinton Street and the county courthouse. Detroit police headquarters are next door.

"He's not going to be treated any worse. He's not going to be treated any better than other prisoners," Evans said.

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Pallbearers carry out the casket after a funeral for legendary Four Tops frontman Levi Stubbs at the Greater Grace Temple in Detroit, Monday.



ROMAIN BLANQUART/AP,
Detroit Free Press

Detroit mayor Ken Cockerel, left, is greeted by John Ferchill as he arrives for the opening gala at the new Westin Book Cadillac Hotel Saturday, in downtown Detroit.



CARLOS OSORIO/Associated Press

Players from the Michigan State football team hold up the Paul Bunyan Trophy after they defeated Michigan 35-21 in Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday. The trophy has been awarded to the winner of the game between the schools since 1953.

People portraying politicians on screen

Top ten 'SNL' politician performances

1. Will Ferrell —
George Bush and Janet Reno
2. Tina Fey —
Sarah Palin
3. Darrell Hammond —
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger
and Bill Clinton
4. Phil Hartman —
Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton
5. Dana Carvey —
George Bush Sr. and Ross Perot
6. Norm McDonald —
Bob Dole
7. Amy Poehler —
Hillary Clinton
8. Bill Hader —
Joe Biden
9. Chevy Chase —
Gerald Ford
10. Jon Lovitz —
Michael Dukakis

Some of the best 'SNL' quotes:

"And now, I'd like to entertain everybody with some fancy pageant walk-in."

- Tina Fey as Sarah Palin

"Strategy."

- Will Ferrell as George Bush

"Don't refer to me as a 'flurge' — I Googled what it stands for, and I do not like it!"

- Amy Poehler as Hillary Clinton

*Flurge is an aging female no one wants to have sex with, according to

urbandictionary.com

"Mama's lil' baby loves shortnin', shortnin', Mama's lil' baby loves shortnin' bread.

Put on the skillet, put on the lid.

Mama's gonna make a little shortnin' bread."

- Dana Carvey as Ross Perot

What actor/actress would you like to see impersonate the presidential candidates and their running mates in a movie?



"I would say Tina Fey portray Sarah Palin. Number one because she looks like her, and number two because it was hilarious when she portrayed her on 'Saturday Night Live.'"

Ashley Gardner

Junior, communications



"Brad Pitt would play a good Barack Obama. He's a really versatile actor and does a good job at selling his role. He doesn't necessarily fit the description, but they could figure that out."

Steve St. Romain

Junior, accounting/finance

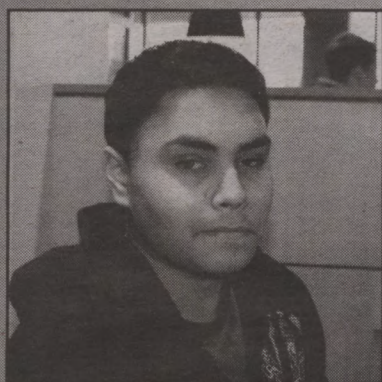


"Morgan Freeman play Barack Obama. He plays really good roles and brings himself totally into it. And, he looks like him."

Morgan Andreano

Junior, political science

Who's your favorite past president?



"Bill Clinton, because he was president for half my life, and the economy was in really good condition when he was president."

Richi Abdullah
Sophomore, accounting



"Theodore Roosevelt, because he did a lot for the United States, such as helping wildlife by opening a lot of national parks."

Tiffany Piper
Freshman, elementary education



"Kennedy because it takes some skill to get elected at such a young age. And he accomplished a lot."

Aaron Salem
Freshman, biology



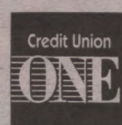
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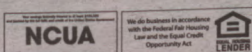
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VOTE NOTES

An election guide for OU students

Ballot buster issues '08

Students talk about issues effecting their vote and the role of race

By **LINDSEY WOJCIK**
Editor in Chief

There is no shortage for issues facing the nation and the next president, even racism lurks. Oakland University students told The Oakland Post what issue are affecting their vote most and whether or not they think Americans are lying about the role race is going to play in the election.

The Issues

Out of 383 students polled at OU, 31 percent said the economy was the number one issue that will determine who they will vote for in the 2008 presidential election.

Junior Jason Johns said the economy was the issue that would determine his vote. "Pretty soon I am going to go out looking for a full time job and if it's not a real strong economy, especially here in Michigan. I will probably have to move," he said.

Johns has family members who are heavily invested in small businesses. His mother owns a small flower shop and his uncle owns a small auto repair shop.

"They are very small businesses but they still fall under the category of Obama's tax plan for business and they are going to get taxed real hard," Johns said.

"I am afraid for those types of reason that her business, that my grandfather started 67 years ago, is going to go under because they can't afford taxes," he said.

Eight percent of students cited the job market as the most important issue this election. Five percent of students cited taxes, three percent noted the Wall Street bailout and three percent also said unemployment was the single most important issue.

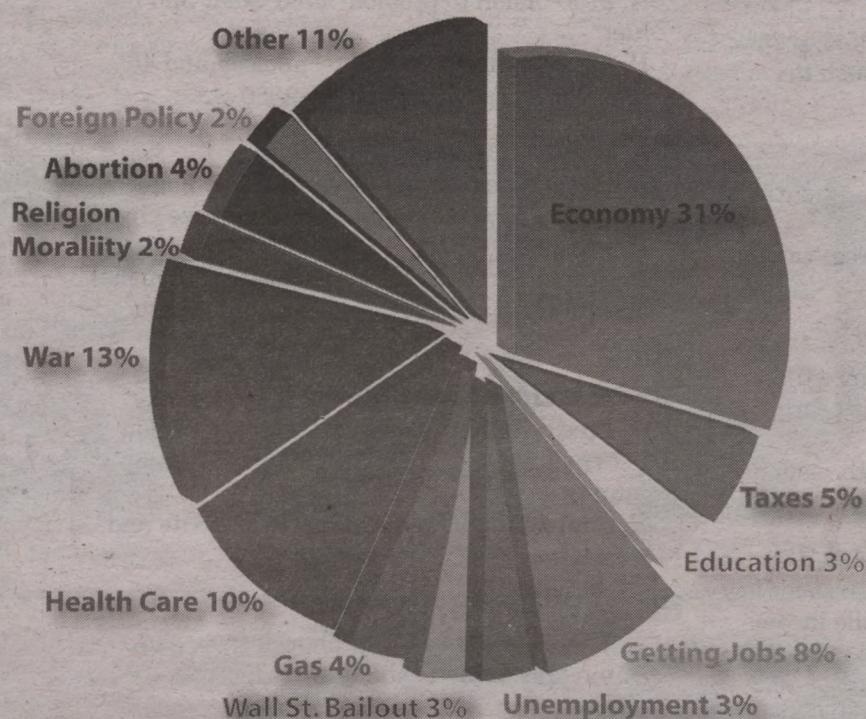
Colin Messing, a senior film studies major, said the economy was the single biggest issue for him.

"With the state of the stock market, especially in the past few weeks, and the job crisis here in the U.S., our economy needs to be the focal point of our nation's agenda," Messing said.

"I'm voting for the candidate that I believe presents us with the best economic reform in the next four years."

At 13 percent, the war in Iraq/Afghanistan ranked second among students as the single most important issue determining their vote.

Senior journalism major Kortney Glassford



Graphic by TRACY WAWRZYNIAK
The results of a 383 Oakland University student poll indicate that the economy is the most important issue that will determine their vote on Nov. 4. The war, other issues and health care were other issues.

said "the war in Iraq and the cost of the war" are influencing her vote.

"If McCain is elected, the national debt will continue to increase because of the war cost. It's not practical to devote resources to the war in this economic situation," Glassford said.

Eleven percent of students polled said one of many other issues like immigration, global warming and aid to the poor were important issues to them.

Health care was a concern among ten percent of students polled including communication major Nate Garcia.

"I don't have it and so don't 47 million Americans. We're all kind of screwed over with this," he said.

Kristen Cleland, a secondary education major also said health care was determining her vote. "Obama is for [universal] health care so it's kind of socialist and I don't want that," she said.

Four percent of students polled said gas was an issue and four percent also said abor-

tion was an issue for them. Two percent of students polled said religion and morality was an issue and another two percent said foreign policy was an issue for them.

Joshua Frailey said foreign policy was an important issue for him.

"I'm going to vote for Barack Obama, mostly because I think he will be the most effective in drawing troops out of Iraq and because of his foreign policy experience," Frailey said.

Role of Race

In what is shaping up to be one of the most historic presidential election of our time, 60.1 percent of 456 OU students polled said they don't think Americans are being honest about the role race is playing in the election.

"Even though race shouldn't be a factor, it is. It's been around and no matter how hard we try to sweep it under the rug, it still will show its ugly face," Jermain Kidd, an exercise science major said.

Alex Green, an international relations major,

expressed similar thoughts. "Racists will come in droves for the election," he said.

Brian Durand, a marketing major, also expressed similar thoughts. "I have heard from quite a few sources that when people enter the booths, they may change their mind at the last minute due to hesitation of allowing a new era to begin in the White House," he said.

However, 39.9 percent of students polled said Americans are being honest.

"The vast majority of Americans don't care about race, but it would be naive to say that race has absolutely no effect on any vote anywhere," said biology major Brain Gingrich.

Many students said they didn't think race was a factor in this election.

English major Sara Ebensperger said she doesn't think race is a factor in this election.

"I don't think Obama has played any sort of 'race card.' If you're going to say that, well then McCain played the 'veteran card,'" she said.

Heather Bonner also an English major said she thinks race isn't a factor in this election. "I think some of the bigger issues are overshadowing it, health care, taxes, the economy ... they don't have the time with economy being what it is, to focus on race," Bonner said.

Of 319 white students polled, 58.3 percent said Americans are not being honest about the role of race in this year's election.

"We are products of our parents and some of their values and beliefs are going to rub off for better or worse," said dance major Kathryn Hetrick.

Of 88 black students polled, 61.3 percent said Americans weren't being honest about the role of race in this election.

Of 48 students who identified with another ethnicity, 66.7 percent said Americans are not being honest about the role race will play.

Asijona Sanchez-Puebla, a sociology major, said she thought race played a role in the beginning of the election. "Now with everything going on in the United States, I think it's becoming less popular. People are more focused on the platforms that the candidates have," she said.

— The margin of error in both polls is plus or minus five percent. Rounding of numbers resulted in a small statistical variation.

— Research for this article was compiled by journalism students in Ruth Seymour's Newswriting and Feature Writing classes and Anne Becker's Newswriting class.

Which Candidate Suits You?

See if you are closer to Obama or McCain on the issues in this election

What should we do about ...

1. ECONOMY?

- A. Invest in America's infrastructure; give tax credits for research & development; tax big oil companies
- B. Lower corporate tax rates from 35% to 25%; cut government spending; extend Bush tax cuts

2. IRAQ?

- A. Withdraw one or two brigades per month until they all are out by 2010
- B. Troops should stay until Iraqi forces can defend the country on their own

3. HEALTH CARE?

- A. Americans could keep the insurance they have or buy into a government health care plan for people who can't afford it
- B. Provide tax credits to make health insurance more affordable

4. TAXES?

- A. Lower taxes for low and middle income families; raise taxes for families making \$250,000/year; repeal Bush tax cuts
- B. Don't raise any taxes and make Bush tax cuts permanent

5. ENERGY?

Mandatory cap and trades, reduce dependence on foreign oil, tougher fuel efficiency standards and:

- A. \$150 billion to promote wind, solar and bio-fuel
- B. \$2 billion in clean coal technology and 45 new nuclear power plants by 2030

6. ECONOMIC CRISIS?

- A. Immediate tax cuts for low income homeowners and seniors and a 90-day freeze on foreclosures
- B. Purchase troubled mortgages from financial institutions and restructure them at a reduced price

7. EDUCATION?

- A. Free community college; \$4,000 in tuition tax credits in exchange for 100 hours of community service
- B. Simplify higher education tax benefits and fix student lending programs

8. ABORTION?

- A. There should be comprehensive sex education and women should have the right to choose
- B. Overturn Roe v. Wade; teach abstinence

9. DEATH PENALTY?

- A. States should decide; narrow, limited, well-defined circumstances where the death penalty is applicable
- B. Expand the federal death penalty and limit appeals

10. GAY MARRIAGE?

- A. Allow civil unions, leave gay marriage licensing up to the states
- B. Oppose gay marriages and civil unions

11. IMMIGRATION?

- Secure the borders and:
- A. Crack down on employers, promote employment in Mexico
- B. Electronically screen for work eligibility in real time; eliminate the family backlog.

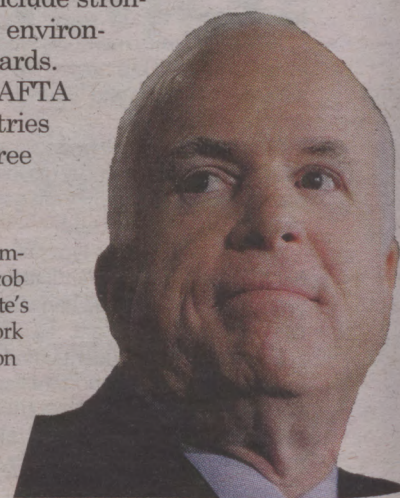
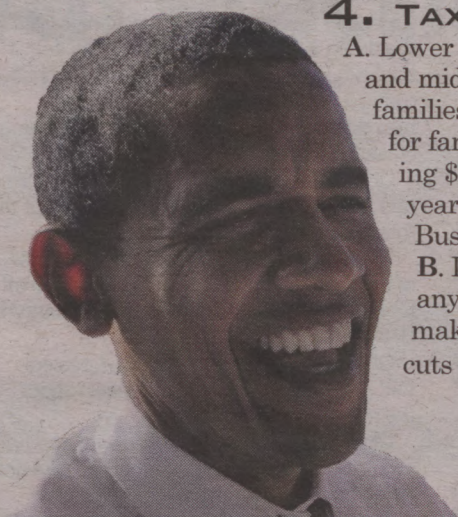
12. SECOND AMENDMENT?

- A. Ban semi-automatic and automatic firearms; leave gun manufacturers liable for crimes committed with firearms
- B. Safeguard the Second Amendment and protect gun manufacturers from civil lawsuits

13. TRADE?

- A. Renegotiate NAFTA and other trade agreements that undermine American competitiveness and to include stronger labor and environmental standards.
- B. Expand NAFTA to other countries and expand free trade

—Information compiled by Katie Jacob from the candidate's websites, New York Times, Washington Post, Readers Digest, AP, MSNBC, Wall Street Journal and CNN.



If you answered ...

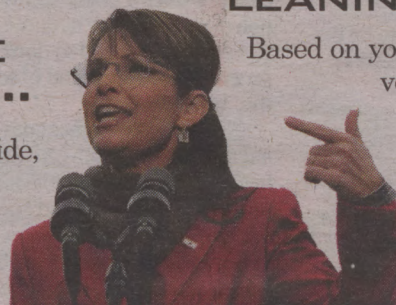
MOSTLY A, YOU ARE LEANING DEMOCRAT

Based on your responses, you may want to vote for the Obama-Biden ticket.



SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN...

You still have time to decide, but not much.



MOSTLY B, YOU ARE LEANING REPUBLICAN

Based on your responses, you may want to vote for the McCain-Palin ticket.

—Design by Colleen Miller, Margaret Grace and Brittni Carter

Where the other candidates stand

By SEAN GARNER
Campus Editor

When voters reach the part of the ballot on Nov. 4 where they are asked their choice for the next president, the first two choices they see will likely be very familiar. The rest might not be so recognizable.

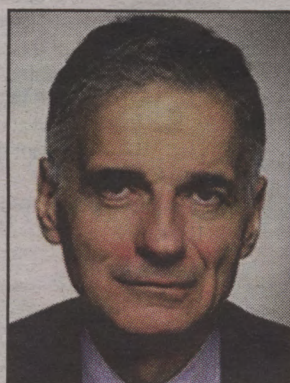
There will be several presidential candidates on the ballot in Michigan, and while they are virtually guaranteed to lose, that does not mean they cannot make an impact. Since the formation of the modern two-party system before the Civil War, no candidate not endorsed by the Republican or Democratic parties has ever won the election. However, several candidates have pushed members of the two major parties into embracing some of their views, and a few have even affected the results of the election.

Both Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt once ran for the presidency as third-

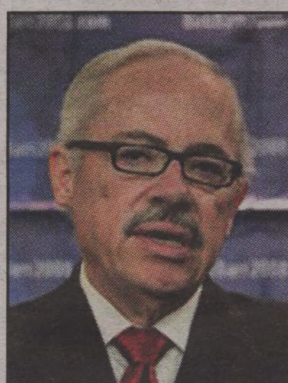
party candidates, and in recent elections, third party candidates have been a compelling variable. Many people say Green Party candidate Ralph Nader cost Al Gore the staggeringly close 2000 election, claiming he extracted enough votes from liberal voters to allow George W. Bush to win office. Ironically, many claim Bush's father, George H.W., was the victim of a similar fate eight years earlier when Reform Party candidate H. Ross Perot might have played a hand in Bill Clinton's win.

This year, there are four third party candidates who will be on the ballot in most states. Nader will be running again, this time as an independent. The other major third party candidates include: former Georgia congressman Bob Barr of the Libertarian Party, Baptist minister Chuck Baldwin of the Constitutional Party, and former Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney of the Green Party. All of the information on the candidates' views was interpreted from their campaign websites and ontheissues.org.

THE ISSUES



RALPH NADER



BOB BARR



CHUCK BALDWIN



CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

THE WAR IN IRAQ/ AFGHANISTAN

Believes both wars are illegal and morally wrong. Wants all soldiers removed as soon as possible.

Has long attracted the ire of fellow conservatives with his vocal opposition to Iraq. Wants an orderly withdrawal but thinks publicly announcing a timetable would threaten troop security.

Would bring the troops home from Iraq using advice from commanders on the ground to set a "realistic" time table.

Wants to immediately remove troops from both countries. Proposed articles of impeachment against George W. Bush while in Congress.

ENVIRONMENT/ ENERGY

Opposes offshore drilling and favors initiatives encouraging the development of alternative energies. Strongly opposes using explosives to alter the surface of the earth for the purpose of mining.

Opposed to regulating energy companies. Favors exploration of domestic petroleum resources.

No opinion available

Opposed to further development of both petroleum and nuclear energy. Wants to implement all the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol.

ECONOMY

Very Strongly opposed to the \$850 billion bailout. Thinks it is indicative of a cozy relationship between corporations and the federal government that is dangerous to democracy.

Is opposed to almost all forms of government regulation or assistance to private industry. Believes every area of the federal government should have its budget cut.

Believes American economy is hurt by unfair trade policies which reward companies for exporting American jobs. Favors a tariff-based revenue system.

Believes the US has enough money but too much of it is being spent on unwise special projects. Thinks there need to be more worker unions to protect jobs from being outsourced.

HEALTH CARE

Strongly favors a universal healthcare system with the government being the single payer. While he wants the government to finance the system, he would prefer delivery be left to private non-profit organizations.

Believes programs like Medicaid and Medicare are unsustainable and says nationalized healthcare leads to rationing of medical care.

Says government intervention is unconstitutional and dangerous.

Supports a single-payer insurance system with every medical treatment covered.

Know your props on election day

By **MASUDUR RAHMAN**
Senior Reporter

If American citizens want to see reform in the government or a law passed, they usually have to elect a representative and hope the elected official will do what they'd like to make happen — something that can take a long time or may never happen. But this year, there are two proposals on hot-topic issues that Michigan voters can turn into law without going through the hassles of congress: medical marijuana and stem cell research.

These are two citizen-initiated ballot-measure proposals that Michigan citizens can vote for on Nov. 4. Proposal 1 and Proposal 2 are state-wide, and if passed, will change laws only within Michigan.

Typically, proposals get on the ballot by organizations or groups of citizens who feel their elected officials aren't passing certain reforms fast enough, or at all. Ballot proposals are a form of direct democracy that citizens vote on directly and decide whether or not to make them law.

Before being on a state ballot, the petitioners of each proposal need to collect a certain amount of signatures of valid citizens who live in that state. According to michigan.gov, this year in Michigan, the required minimum was 380,126 valid signatures.

There were several other proposal initiatives, but only three of them collected enough signatures in time, and one was thrown out by Michigan Court of Appeals (involving reforms of the pay and benefits for Michigan state executive officials, legislators and judges). The two remaining for voters are Proposal 1 and Proposal 2.

Proposal 1:

Use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions, by Michigan Coalition for Compassionate Care

- Change Michigan law so that marijuana can be used by patients with certain medical conditions.
- If passed, Michigan would be the 13th state to allow medical marijuana.
- The patients would need a prescription from licensed doctors, which they'll get only if they suffer from diseases like cancer, glaucoma, HIV, Aids, hepatitis C, MS, other diseases that cause chronic pain, etc.
- Studies have found marijuana to be able to relieve pain for a period of time, but marijuana is more commonly used to recreationally "get high."
- Proposal 1 would not only allow these patients to use marijuana for medical purposes (not for recreational purposes), but also allow them to grow a limited amount of marijuana plants in a locked facility, like their house.
- The marijuana is to be used for only these medical purposes, and the proposal allows for punishments for those found to be using it recreationally or selling it, or committing fraud to get it.
- Proposal 1 would also create a state registry for licensed users and growers.
- Opponents of Proposal 1 say this law would make marijuana more accessible to children and there are other (legal, made by pharmaceutical companies) drugs patients can take to relieve pain. But proponents say other drugs don't relieve the pain in some patients, and that they're very expensive.

Proposal 2:

Human embryonic stem cell research, by Cure Michigan

- Change the Michigan state constitution so that human embryonic stem cell research is allowed.
- Michigan is one of only four states that don't allow human embryonic stem cell research.
- Stem cell research is allowed in America, but some states don't allow human embryonic stem cell research because it destroys an embryo, and some claim that's where life starts.
- Scientists and researchers value human embryonic stem cells because they can develop into any type of cells, fueling hopes for finding cures for human diseases.
- Opponents of this proposal say this will result in the unethical creation of human embryos ("life") and destroying it for research, but the text of this proposal makes it clear that no new embryos will be created for research — they will only take donated human embryos that were created by fertility clinics and were to be destroyed already. Opponents also say this will create taxpayer burden, but the text of this proposal does not address funding.
- Proposal 2 would also prohibit any buying or selling of human embryos.

Ins and outs of voting

By **KATIE JACOB**
Copy Editor

This year everyone is predicting a huge turnout by young voters. Oakland University students should be no exception. If you have questions about the upcoming election, check out the information listed below:

- Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 4.
- The polls will be open in Oakland County from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- You must register to vote at least 30 days prior to the election. If you are not already registered, you will not be able to vote in this election.
- To see if you are registered, go to the secretary of state's Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote. You can search by name and date of birth or with your driver's license number. If you registered at a campus voter registration drive or by mail, make sure you are actually registered before going to the polls on Election Day.
- Remember to bring an acceptable form of photo identification with you to the polls such as a driver's license, a state-issued ID, or a student identification with photo. Your photo ID does not need to have your address on it. If you don't have a photo ID you can still cast a ballot by signing an affidavit and your vote will be counted with all other ballots on Election Day.
- If you are a first-time voter in Michigan and have registered

to vote by mail, you must vote in person. If you need to vote absentee, you will have to go to your local secretary of state branch office, or to your city clerk, and verify your identification — with a driver's license or other state issued picture ID. The flag on the voter rolls that says you have to vote in person will be removed and then you can request an absentee ballot.

• You can download a request for an absentee ballot online at the Voter Information Center website or obtain a pre-printed request at your city of county clerk's office. Requests to have an absentee ballot mailed to you must be received by the clerk no later than 2 p.m. this Saturday. You have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Don't forget to place your signature on the outside of the envelope and make sure to use enough postage if you are mailing it in — two stamps should do.

• You must vote at the correct precinct. You can find your precinct location and clerk contact information at the Voter Information Center website. You can also view a sample ballot and find information on the candidates and the ballot proposals.

• According to a New York Times investigation, thousands of names may have been purged from the voter rolls in Michigan. If your name is not listed at the poll, an election inspector will contact the city clerk. They will check to make sure you are not registered in a different precinct and will ask you to sign an affidavit and fill out a new voter registration form. You may be

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allowed to cast a ballot, or you may be offered a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are less likely to be counted. If you vote by provisional ballot, you will have six days to go to the clerk and verify your voter information so that your vote can be counted.

- To avoid long lines vote early.
- If you encounter problems voting you can call Ruth Johnson, Oakland County Clerk at (248) 858-0581 or The Election Protection Coalition at 1-866-OUR-VOTE, or report voting problems at www.886ourvote.org.
- If you wish to work as a paid election inspector on Election Day you can submit an application to your city clerk.

Do youth still plan to rock the vote?

By RORY MCCARTY & MASUDUR RAHMAN

Senior Reporters

The 2008 presidential election is expected to bring a record number of new young voters into the political fold. Students in colleges around the nation, as well as Oakland University, are readying themselves for the voting booth on Nov. 4. But are OU students politically informed enough?

Some students said they believed the youth vote is going to make a big difference.

"The youth vote is going to be huge this year — whether or not they vote," said student body vice president Daniel Evola, explaining that regardless of whether or not young voters come out on Nov. 4 to vote or sit out the election, it will impact the results.

Some say that in the past the youth vote didn't make a big impact, but it will this year.

"The reality is that people generally don't show up on election day, and that's meant in the past that their impact on the outcome has been pretty negligible," said Peter Trumbore, an associate professor of political science at OU. "But I think that will change this time around."

But senior Jim Arapostathis said he's more skeptical of young people showing up to vote.

"Everyone said 2004 was the year that the youth were going to make a difference, but young people sat out in '04, and Bush won," he said. "I think it'll be the same this time too."

Arapostathis also said he thinks that while he and some other young people are informed enough to make a good decision in the election, the vast majority are not.

"Young voters are not experienced enough ... they're more impressionable and more susceptible to political rhetoric," he said. "Older



A group of young supporters cheer for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama at a rally on Oct. 17. Young voters are poised to play a key role in choosing the next president.

voters are more experienced and can see through a lot of the rhetoric."

Many students said they think that young people should vote, but that they should first inform themselves on the issues and the candidates.

Junior Curshaw Jackson said she has been informing herself by watching the presidential debates, participating in class discussions, and watching election coverage on TV.

"I do think it's better to vote uninformed than to not vote at all," Jackson said.

Matt Trausch, a senior who said that he voted in the 2004 election, disagrees. "I think

some people don't really know what they're doing and voting on looks is not enough reason," he said.

Trausch said he does believe, however, that people who vote for a candidate based on their party are justified in doing so.

"My parents are like that — they believe in what they believe. Republicans usually stay along the same lines from year to year."

Trumbore said that most students he talks to are generally more aware of the issues and the candidates in this political race, and that this is a change from the past.

Trumbore, now 44, recalled the first time

he voted in 1984 for presidential candidate Walter Mondale against Ronald Reagan when he was 20 years old. He said that while he took it "very seriously" and that it was "like a rite of passage" for him, he didn't feel that he was well-informed about the issues or the candidates back then. "Like a lot of people, I tended to vote on the basis of party identifications," he said.

While many students seem to agree that there is no criteria to judge who should sit the election out and who are informed enough to make a capable decision, everyone should have the right to vote.

"I think it should be left up to the individual to decide," said senior Ann Marie Lutfy. "But they're the ones who always complain, the ones who don't vote."

The campaigns of Barack Obama and John McCain have targeted young voters heavily this election, one example being appearances by both on "Saturday Night Live." Other than their own campaign websites, they also have accounts on popular social networks like Facebook, MySpace and YouTube, where they're connecting with many young people.

Students like Jackson are optimistic about their individual vote impacting the future of the nation.

"I think every vote makes a difference, because I'm not just voting as a college student, I'm voting as an African American and as a young adult," she said.

While some students may not agree about whether or not their individual votes will make a difference, Trumbore, a veteran voter, said that it's somewhere in between.

"I don't think I made any particular impact by myself, but then no single voter does," he said. "It's the collective act of voting that matters, that makes each individual count."

Through the lens: First time voters share their thoughts on 2008 Election

By JARED PURCELL

You/Local Editor

John Culcasi is a sophomore physical therapy major who has one thing in common with many other Oakland University students: He is planning to vote for a new president for the first time.

Culcasi said he feels he would rank above average in a ranking among his peers in political knowledge. "I have taken government classes and I do read a lot of the newspapers and stuff. I always go online to read Fox News and CNN to get different perspectives."

Culcasi registered to vote because of his own ambition. "I'd like to be a politician at sometime in my life," he said.

Culcasi attributes his ambition to his upbringing. "Ever since I've been little, my parents have always been very vocal about their opinions and political ideals," he said. "It rubbed off on me and I've always been pretty interested in politics."

Throughout the campaign process, Culcasi has had to rethink who he will support in the election.

"At first, I was a big supporter of Mitt Romney because of his success and various things he believed in," Culcasi said. "Since he dropped out — I didn't like John McCain at all — I started to go towards the opposite side of the spectrum. I don't like people who don't stick with a certain identity. [McCain] would say he is Republican but a lot of things that he was doing kind of combated that entire statement."

Although Culcasi thinks that voting is important, he also believes that each person needs to take the privilege of voting with a greater responsibility.

"I believe everyone should vote," Culcasi said. "But I also believe that everybody needs to be educated on the issues because there are a lot of people that take it for granted and don't get educated on what they need to know."

Katie Reilly, a senior in finance and accounting, is also going to be voting in her first presidential election. Although she

isn't too fond of either presidential candidate, Reilly currently supports John McCain and is a fan of Sarah Palin.

"I like what [Palin] stands for," Reilly said. "Everything that she said she was going to do, she did."

Although Reilly admits that she doesn't like McCain that much, she believes that Obama is a bit extreme.

"I think a lot of young people are going to be voting for Obama because he's been talking about change. I don't think what he's doing is going to be good."

Reilly also thinks McCain is getting judged unfairly.

"I think a lot of people put McCain with what Bush is doing and obviously nobody is happy with Bush," she said.

Culcasi and Reilly expressed that the best way to be a good voter is to make sure that you are educated before you fill out ballots on Nov. 4.

"Take what you hear with a grain of salt," Culcasi said. "Think for yourself and do your own research."

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An Oakland police officer

By JEANETTE WILLIAMS
Contributing Reporter

The next time you see an Oakland University police officer, I invite you to approach them and say "thank you," shake their hand, or even just smile and wave at them. I'd implore you to hug an officer, but for some reason they're touchy about people getting too close to their handguns.

The OU Police Department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, keeping our campus safe. The least we can do is let them know that we appreciate it.

Unfortunately, many of us don't realize just how much the OUPD does for us, or even that they're a real police department and not just campus security. One officer even mentioned that she found it amusing how often they were called "security" instead of "ma'am," "sir," or even just "officer."

True, they can issue parking tickets, assist you if you lock yourself out of your car or office, and even help you find your lost car in the parking lot. But they also have full arrest powers, firearms (with which they are very proficient, according to the trophy case in the waiting room) and a station full of extensively trained and experienced officers.

I had the opportunity to spend a Friday night patrolling campus with Officer Nicole Thompson, 26, who has been with the OUPD for three years. When asked why she became a police officer she cited "the usual reasons," such as wanting to protect and help people and that much of her family is also in law enforcement. Later she added, "I like that every shift is different. It's not like a normal desk job."

First, we toured the booking area which included a shiny metal bench to which unruly detainees can be anchored while awaiting transportation to the Oakland County Jail. She also showed me their new ink-free fingerprinting machine, which looked like something akin to a Xerox machine for your fingertips.



Photo courtesy of JEANETTE WILLIAMS

I followed OUPD officer Nicole Thompson as she responded to different calls and events on campus, including Midnite Madnezz.

Next we paid a visit to Hope Sukis, a dispatcher with the OUPD, who truly deserves a gold medal in multitasking. While talking to me, she effortlessly juggled the radio and phone, all while periodically scanning several computer screens. Throughout the rest of the night I would hear her voice interjecting from the radio in our car.

Finally, after signing a waiver, I slipped into the passenger seat of Officer Thompson's beefed-up Crown Victoria. She laid down a few ground rules to help keep me safe, then off we went. And yes, I wore my seat belt.

We began our patrol by setting a speed trap in the northwest corner of campus. Officer Thompson mentioned how "being highly visible" is often all she needs to do to reduce the speed of traffic and keep the roads safer.

Officer Thompson had just turned on her radar when she caught a motorist going about 20 mph over the speed limit. We peeled out behind the speeding vehi-

cle, flipped on the flashers and pulled the car over.

After aiming a spotlight directly at the driver — which is done to give the officer a good view of the inside of the car and to obscure the driver's view of the officer, both of which help keep the officer safe — Officer Thompson glided silently towards the vehicle. A minute later she came back with a drivers license, registration and insurance. She called in the plate over the radio and ran the license in the car. Both showed a clean record.

She gave the driver a warning and let him go.

"We just want them to be honest," Officer Thompson said, noting that part of the reason she let the driver go with just a warning was because he immediately admitted to speeding.



Photo courtesy of JEANETTE WILLIAMS

Officer Thompson checks a vehicle after we tracked down a speeder. She had to do this a few times during the duration of the evening.

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Photo courtesy of JEANETTE WILLIAMS

My 2-year-old son, Ethan, and I are happy to get a picture in front of an OUPD patrol SUV.

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OUPD

After pulling over a few more speeders, we were summoned to respond to nightwatch's complaint of a possible MIP (minor in possession) at Vandenberg West. A PBT (preliminary breath test) showed that he had not been drinking, although he was definitely acting strangely.

After a while we ended up patrolling the inside of the O'Rena during Midnite Madnezz. I trailed Officer Thompson through the rally, noticing that she never sat down or even leaned against the wall. Nor did her eyes ever stop sweeping the crowd.

At one point, we noticed a little girl who was lost. After a few minutes, another officer located her father, who was on the opposite side of the O'Rena, and the pair were reunited.

Toward the end of Midnite Madnezz, Officer Thompson abruptly turned to me and yelled over the noise, "We have to go." She mumbled something into the radio clipped to her shoulder and we darted out of the stadium.

Once in the patrol car, she pointed to a blinking bar on the computer screen,

saying that a motion-sensitive alarm had gone off in the great room of the OU president's residence. As soon as we were away from the O'Rena she cut the lights and sped in complete darkness through the woods to the president's house.

As I was busy clutching the armrest and praying for Bambi to steer clear of the roads, I heard a male voice on the radio say, "24, your partner stays locked in the car on this one." You better believe I wasn't going into a house that might have an intruder inside. I'll let the ones with the guns and bullet-proof vests handle this one, thank you very much.

Eventually the officers cleared the house and the hypersensitive alarm was reset. We headed back to the station — my shift was over.

In just four hours, we pulled over three speeders, breathalyzed two drivers suspected of operating while intoxicated, patrolled the O'Rena on foot, helped a lost little girl find her father and responded to an alarm at the president's house — and apparently that was a somewhat "quiet" night.

In the relatively little time I spent with Officer Thompson, I obtained a much clearer understanding of how the OUPD operates and I have a renewed respect for the officers who work so hard every day to keep us safe.

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By TOM MURPHY JR.
Senior Reporter

For any soccer team, the position of midfielder is crucial. They set up the forwards for scoring chances and they have to get back on defense as necessary.

It is the position that requires the most stamina and the most decision making with the ball. The midfielder is comparable to the point guard in basketball or the quarterback in football.

Oakland University senior Martin Sandell is the star midfielder for the Grizzlies.

Last year Sandell joined the Grizzlies as a transfer student from Oslo, Norway. He played an integral part in the success of the Grizzlies and he was named Summit League Newcomer of the Year.

This season Sandell continues to help lead OU as they get closer to attaining the goal of a Summit League Championship followed by a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Sandell said that he enjoys playing the midfield position as he has been playing it most of his life. But this season OU head coach Gary Parsons has been playing Sandell in different variations of the midfield.

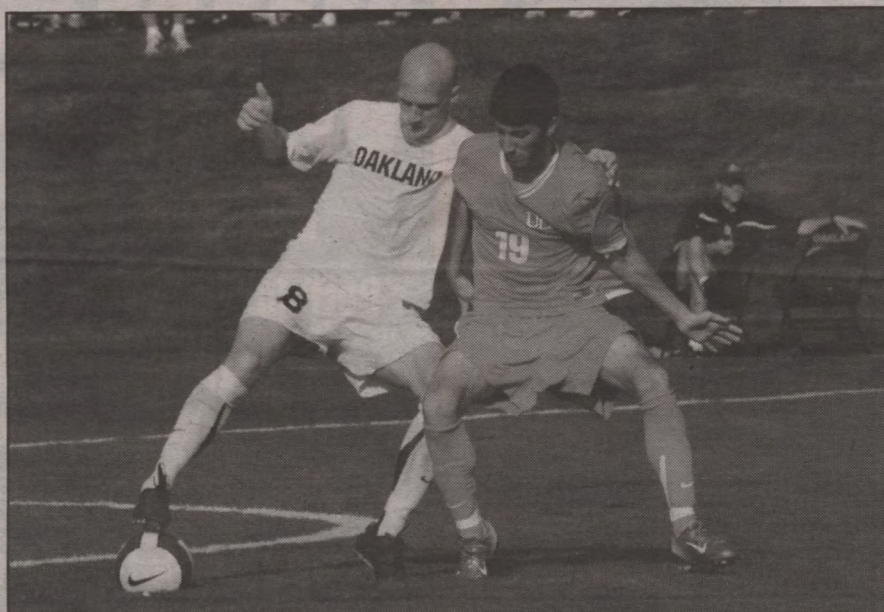
"I have been playing a lot of forward, or attacking midfield," Sandell said. "What I need to do is create chances, get opened up and get the ball up there (to the strikers). My role is to create scoring chances for the other guys more than scoring myself."

As of Oct. 17, Sandell has recorded two goals and four assists. Parsons said that he has used Sandell as an attacking midfielder, out wide as a forward and out wide as a true midfielder.

Parsons said that Sandell is an excellent playmaker.

"When you get the ball to Martin he doesn't lose it and he makes good decisions," Parsons said. "And he can beat a

"When Martin gets the ball, usually good things happen."



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Senior midfielder Martin Sandell wrestles the ball away from a U of D Mercy defender in 2007.

MIDFIELD MAESTRO

Martin Sandell doesn't pass to where the player should be, rather, where he knows they will be

guy when he has to. When Martin gets the ball usually good things happen."

Senior defender Ian Daniel agreed that Sandell is an excellent decision-maker. He said that Sandell coaches as he plays on the field.

"I think he is a very composed player on the field," Daniel said. "He's very vocal on the field and that makes it easier for everyone around him. He leads by example — he is a great worker. He goes above and beyond what most players do on the field. That is why he is one of the top players on the team."

While Sandell did have an immediate impact last year when he joined the team, he said that there is one major difference from the style he plays now, compared to the style of play he was used to growing up.



Senior Ian Daniel

"The main difference is that over there we use a zonal tactic where every player has the responsibility of a zone instead of a player," Sandell said.

"Over here it's more man-to-man. It was hard to get used to."

Sandell said that while playmaking is his main role on the team, overall team defense is very important for the team to continue to have success, building on their current 10-4 record.

"Obviously they are not going to score from up here but it's a team effort when we play defense," Sandell said. "If we don't do our job up here it makes it harder for [our defenders]. We work on team defense a lot."

While the Grizzlies are enjoying a successful season so far, Parsons said that Sandell and the rest of the team need to find more ways to score in order to be successful going into the end of the season.

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By the Numbers:
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The OU men's soccer team reached as far as the national No. 24 ranking on Sept. 27.

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Junior forward Sebastian Harris leads the Golden Grizzlies with 14 points tallied on the season.

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Senior goalkeeper Steve Clark leads the Summit League with eight shut-outs in thirteen games.

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SANDELL

"Our biggest problem is goal scoring," Parsons said. "If you look at our scores, there are a lot of 1-0 games."

Parsons said that during the team's practice, the team works on finding different ways to create more scoring chances when in their offensive third of the field because so far, they simply haven't been scoring enough to compete at a national level.

"It's a combination of a bunch of things," Parsons said. "It's not taking your chances when you can, it's giving up some responsibility by passing when you should try to take on a guy and to get a shot."

"It's decision making in tight spaces [in front of the goal]. You need to be a greedy player in the box, you need to be able to have confidence to get it done," he said.

Sandell's two goals and four assists are not enough to satisfy him.

"I hoped to play a little better than

I have so far, I want to create more chances for myself and my teammates, but we are doing well so you really can't complain," he said.

For Sandell, creating chances is his main focus when on the field. While he does like to score goals, being a play-maker is what gives him the biggest thrill as an athlete.

"Making a really nice pass (setting up teammate for a goal) can be harder than scoring," Sandell said. "If you get a nice setup and the goal is wide open it's easy to score."

Out with a big bang

By TOM MURPHY JR.
Senior Reporter

The Oakland university cross country team is competing in the Summit League Championship meet this Saturday in Shreveport, La. For freshman Kenny Wall this is the reason he decided to run for OU.

"When I first chose OU, coach Rice said that I would be able to run right away which was an immediate seller for me because I love to race, so I am glad that I could run right away and help the team," he said.

Wall has been helping the team all year with top five finishes among the men's team. He is one of the eight men who will compete for the Summit League Championship for the Grizzlies.

"I felt really honored to have the chance to be on the team that is going to the conference championship," Wall said. "I mean we're going to Louisiana, we never traveled that far in high school so it's a big change for me, it's fun."

Rice said that Wall has by far been the most consistent freshman on the team.

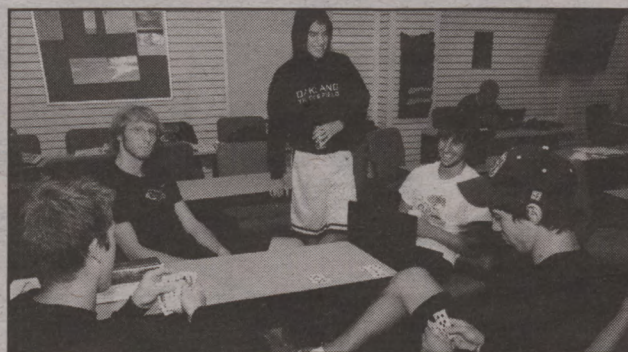
"If you look at the races he's run, he's been really consistent as far as the level he's raced and where he's placed on our team," Rice said. "I still think he has a much better race in him than he's shown and that is what I am expecting out of him this weekend."

For Wall and the rest of the Grizzlies the goal for the meet is to win the conference championship. According to Rice, the OU men's team has an excellent chance of winning.

"This is the first time I can honestly say that every guy traveling to this meet has been in our top five this year," Rice said. "So I am excited about it. It gives the guys a lot more confidence knowing that every single one of them potentially can be a top five scorer and really contribute to a championship."

Rice said that the battle for the championship basically comes down to OU and Southern Utah. He said that on paper, Southern Utah has slightly better times overall but that they have stayed consistent while the Grizzlies have improved with each race. This meet will be the first time this season that the two teams compete head-to-head.

As for the women, a championship may be out of reach



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Jason Bigelow, Jeff Bonzheim, Kenny Wall and Mike Craze play cards during the 24-Hour Relay in September.

for the young team but a top five finish is certainly not, according to junior Erica D'Angelo.

"We have a really strong team this year," D'Angelo said. "We can definitely come in second if we all have really good races."

Rice said that winning the championship will be hard because there are two teams (Southern Utah and North Dakota State) that are "head and shoulders above the rest."

He said the main goal is to gel at the right time.

"We've had certain individuals run really well on certain days and others not." He said that everyone can run their best race finishing in the top five, even as high as second is very attainable.

A key factor for both teams going into the race will be the weather in Louisiana. Both teams have recently been wearing multiple layers of clothing during training in order to be able to adjust to the higher temperatures that are sure to await them.

"I'm hoping that it won't be much more than mid 60s when they race. It will definitely be warmer than what we have had here but I think what we've done is prepare their bodies for overheating and reminding them to hydrate more; physically they can handle it," Rice said.

Pre- Nationals rosters announced

— **Head coach Paul Rice** announced the men's and women's teams that will be representing Oakland University at the Pre-Nationals meet.

— **The men will be led** by sophomore Zack Jones, freshman Kenny Wall, senior Andrew Lawrick, freshman Pat Cassidy, freshman Steven Marcinkowski, junior Mike Craze, junior Kevin MacDonald and sophomore Brandon Griffin.

— **For the women**, sophomore Erica D'Angelo will lead the pack, followed by freshman Amy Noser, sophomore Kelsey Carmean, freshman Jami Rodes, sophomore Sarah Thompson, sophomore Sara Lieblein, sophomore Kayla Doan and senior Stephanie Huber.

All-around all-stars

— Junior defender Stew

Givens was named Summit League Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week Oct. 27. Givens has two assists on the year while leading an OU defense that has only allowed nine goals on the year.

— Senior goalkeeper Steve

Clark was named Defensive Player of the Week Oct. 20. Clark has a 9-4 overall record with eight shutouts to lead the Summit League.

— Junior midfielder Sebas-

tian Harris was named Summit League Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week, Sept. 29. He's scored four goals and passed for six assists so far this year.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Oakland University hosted the Golden Grizzly Quadrangular Saturday, Oct. 25, where the men's and women's teams both defeated Cincinnati and Wayne State but fell to Western Kentucky. Marcin Unold had four first-place finishes for the men's team, while Agnes Solan added two first-place finishes for the women.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Golden Grizzlies placed third at the University of Detroit Mercy Fall Invitational Tuesday, Oct. 28, 12 shots in front of their in-state rival Detroit Mercy. Austin McDermid led the team with a total score of 169 (+21).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Grizzlies were without senior libero Lauren Duquette Friday as they fell to IPFW at home by a score of 3-0. Adrienne Leone hit .158 with an 11-kill performance in the losing effort.

MEN'S SOCCER

The OU men's soccer team blanked IUPUI Saturday by a score of 3-0 and beat Detroit Mercy 3-0 Tuesday to earn goalkeeper Steve Clark his eighth and ninth shutouts of the season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Grizzlies' women's soccer team picked up its sixth and seventh wins of the season at home over the weekend, defeating South Dakota State and North Dakota State, respectively. Meghan Hartwig scored three goals in the first half of the 5-1 victory over NDSU, while Jessica Boyle and Lia Williamson both scored in a 2-1 victory over SDSU. — Tim Rath, Sports Editor

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Outlined in chalk



Women's soccer head coach Nick O'Shea explains the game

With Oakland University looking to make up some ground in the Summit League standings against South Dakota State (see scoreboard at left), head coach Nick O'Shea knew that the Jackrabbits would be content to tie. So, he turned up the heat on the defense in order to score the winning goal.

"When they're content to keep more players back in the box and only one up, we're trying to go around them because there's not much space behind them," he said.

O'Shea said that in this situation he calls on sophomore midfielder Meghan Hartwig to

"serve" the ball inside to a striker to chip in.

"She's not as strong going around the defender on the outside, but coming to the inside we can play to get a piece of it as it's coming across," he said.

O'Shea said that he can rely on senior midfielder Jessica Boyle, who has scored eight goals in the year, in one-on-one attacking situations.

"Boyle is very good at this. As soon as she gets the ball at her feet (on the right side) and starts to go at that defender, she can either get around that player, or go down and then serve the ball inside."

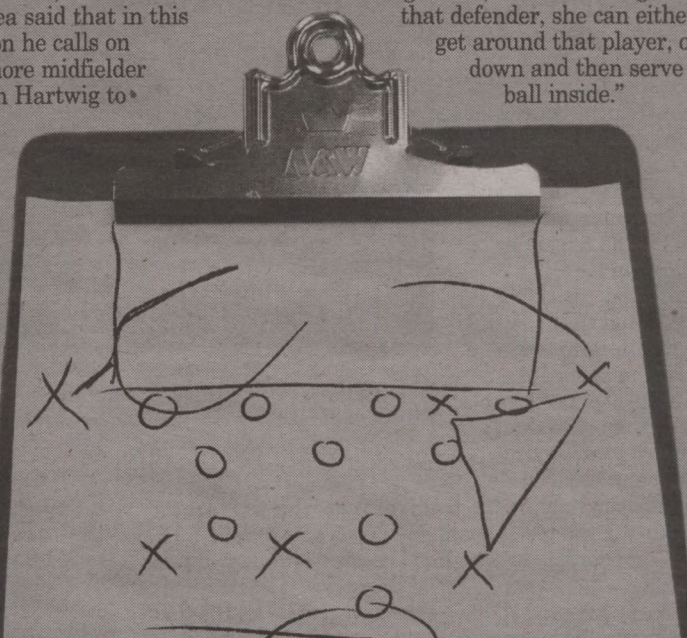


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GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Meghan Hartwig
Soccer

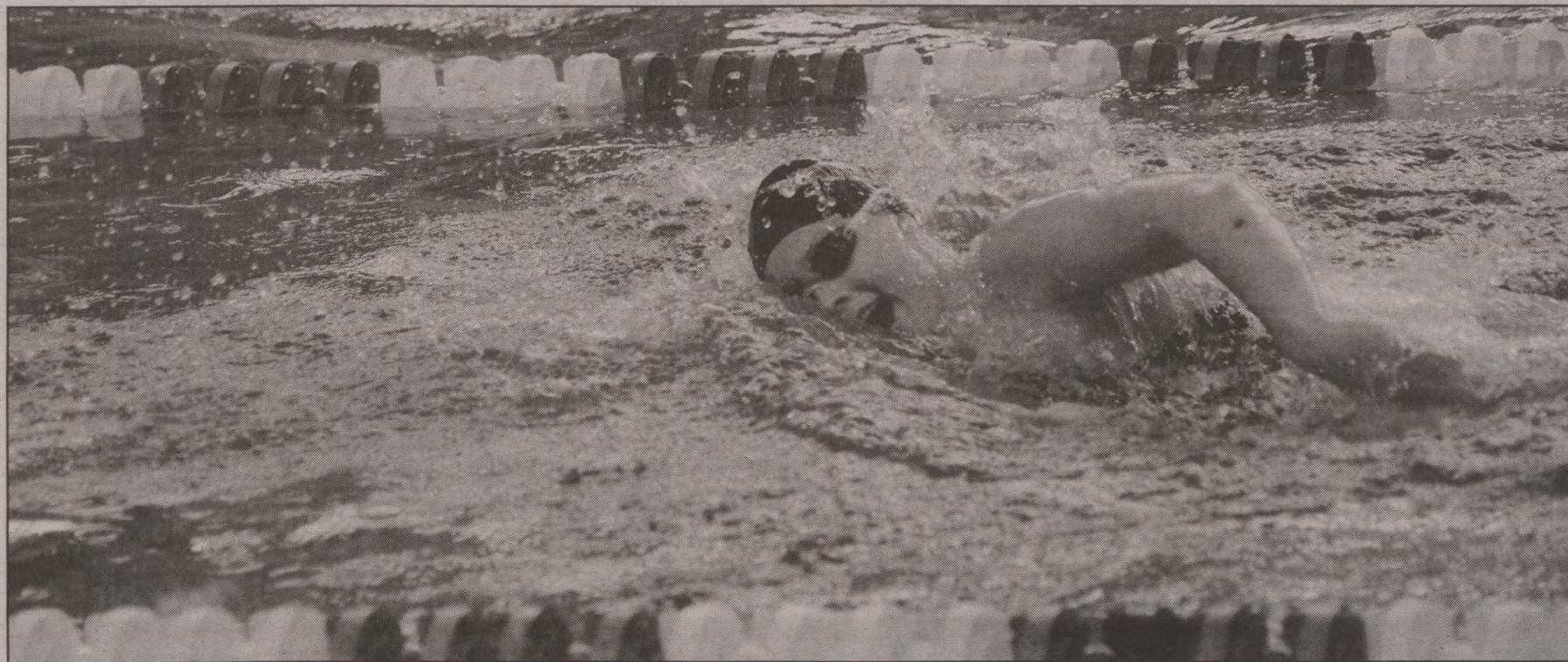
Year: Sophomore
Major: Elementary education



Photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletics

Hartwig scored a hat trick in the first half of a 5-1 victory over North Dakota State Sunday. It was just the fourth time that a Golden Grizzly has scored three goals in one half.

Golden Grizzlies Game of the Week



Sophomore Lauren Patterson swims in the fourth annual Golden Grizzly Quadrangular, Saturday. She was part of a second-place 400-meter relay team and placed fourth in the 200-meter freestyle. BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

OU dominates Quadrangular

By MACKENZIE ROGER
Contributing Reporter

The Oakland University men's and women's swimming teams hit the water with high hopes for arguably the biggest match of the season thus far, the fourth annual Golden Grizzly Quadrangular. They did not leave disappointed.

The Grizzlies men's team carved out victories against Cincinnati and Wayne State before falling to Western Kentucky in a 155-145 loss. Similarly, the Grizzlies women's team topped UC and WSU, while also falling to WKU, 176-122.

The early-season win got the team off on the right foot, said senior Sophia Gustafsson. "Winning leagues again is important," she said. "[But] our main goal is to break records from last season."

Gustafsson dominated both the 500 and 1,000-meter freestyle events, while also contributing valuable points in the 200-meter fly, finishing fourth with a time of 2 minutes, 9.39 seconds.

Junior Marcin Unold coasted to victory in the 200-meter freestyle and eked out a win in the 100-meter freestyle, finishing in 45.67 seconds, a mere 31 hundredths of a second before the second-place finisher, Josh Schneider of Cincinnati.

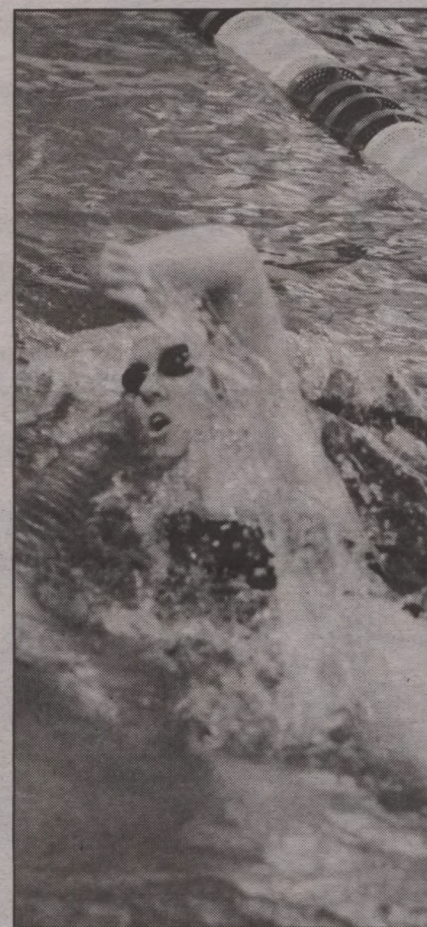
Junior Agnes Solan scored crucial points for the women's team, finishing first and second in the 200-meter and 100-meter backstroke events respectively, as well as first place in the 200-meter individual medley. Additionally, Solan was a part of the second place 200-meter medley relay, with a time of 1 minute, 47.39 seconds overall.

Senior Aaron Holdsworth led the Golden Grizzly push late in the meet with vital wins in the 100 and 200-meter butterfly. Holdsworth also took part in the 200-meter medley and 400-meter freestyle relay teams, helping both to finish first.

Both Grizzly squads dominated the earlier events in the meet, with top-five finishes in each of the first sixteen events.

The Quadrangular meet evened out the women's swimming and diving team's season record to 2-2, while raising the men's record to 2-1.

The OU women's swimming and diving team swim again next Saturday at home against Houston. The meet is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.



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Above, senior Sophia Gustafsson competes in the Golden Grizzly Quadrangular, Saturday. At left, Marcin Unold swims in the 100-meter freestyle, which he won by 31 hundredths of a second.



The Scene

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Obama or McCain: The next 'American Idol'?

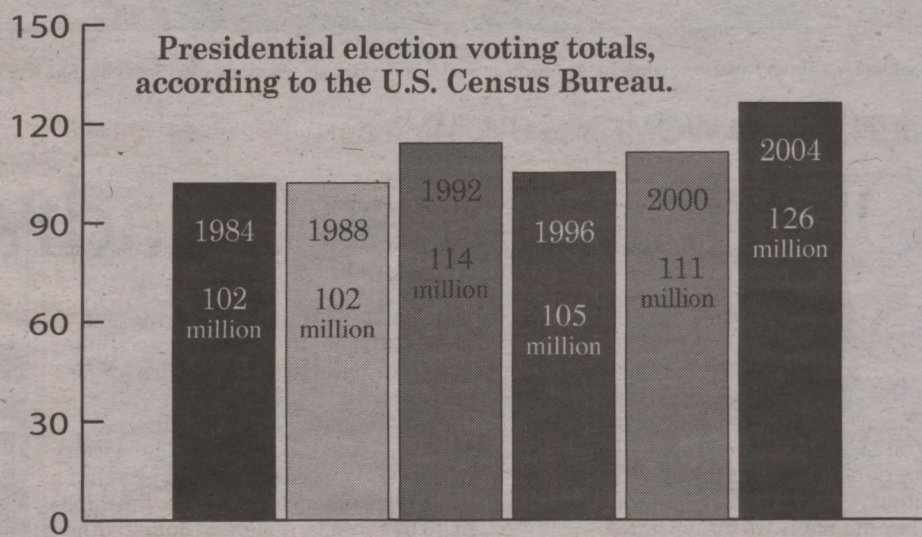
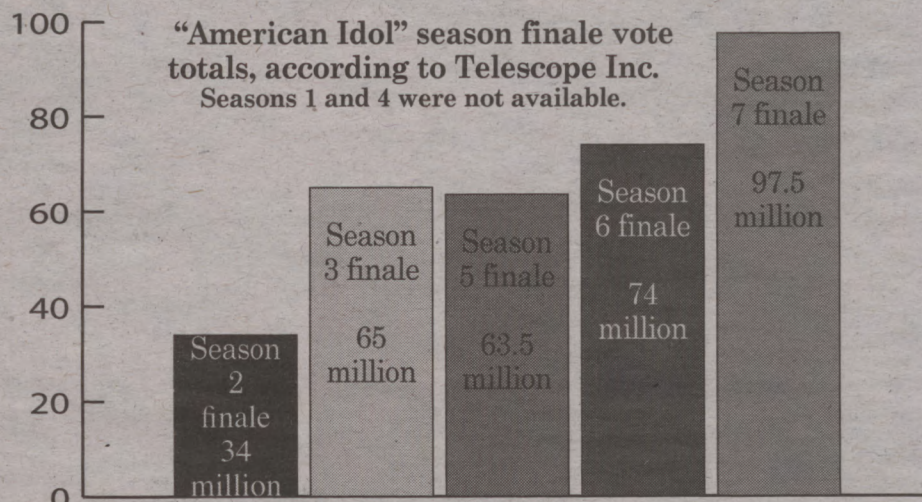
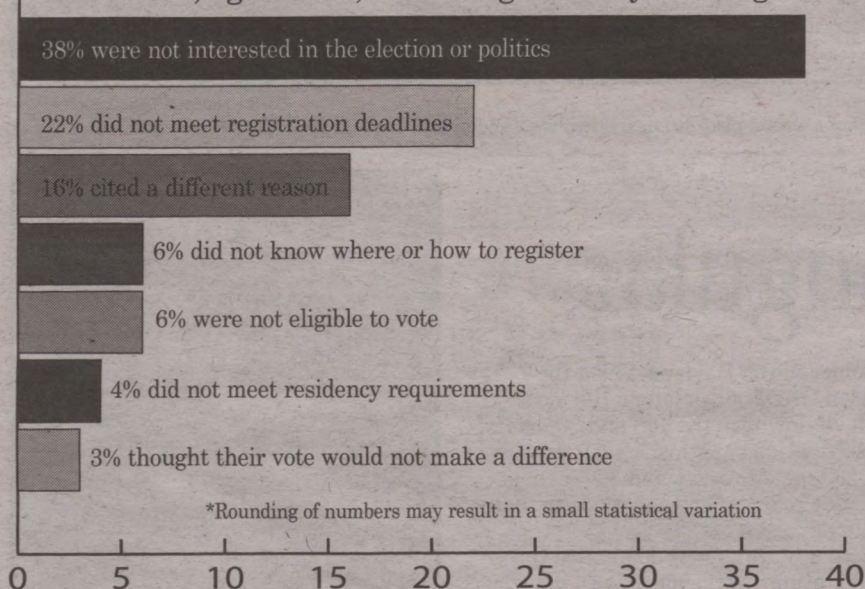
By SHELLY LATSHAW
Senior Reporter

As young voters step into the election booth for the first time this November, they may be shocked to find that the names on the ballot are not "American Idol" finalists or "Dancing with the Stars" competitors.

No David Cook, no Jordan Sparks, no Lance Bass and no Brooke Burke. No text messaging, phone calls or Internet voting. No cheesy theme-show music roaring in the background, no whirling disco balls or strobe lights. Just you, paper and a pencil.

While the phenomena "American Idol" and "Dancing with The Stars" make perfect fillers for the great American pastime of TV, they somehow reach inside our consciences. They tug at our inner morality and invoke our ethical reasoning. We must take a stand to fight for righteousness: We must vote for our favorite!

Main reasons why people were not registered to vote in 2004, ages 18-29, according to civicyouth.org.



QUICK HITS : REVIEWS IN 30 SECONDS

By TIM RATH
Sports Editor

T.I.
Paper Trail

★★★★★

Album Review

Just as on last year's "T.I. vs. T.I.P.," — a concept album about the battling personalities of Clifford "T.I." Harris — T.I. is once again a man in conflict on his sixth release, "Paper Trail."

The album hit stores on the day before T.I. was to begin a year-long jail term for illegal weapons possessions. As "Paper Trail" was being recorded, he

was under house arrest for unrelated charges.

The title alludes to the Atlanta native's return to literally writing his lyrics down and with that in mind, it's easy to see a reflective, sentimental attitude at work in "Ready for Whatever."

However, the king of the rap game isn't going out without a party. Singles "No Matter What" and "Whatever You Like" have dominated radio since they dropped and are sure to stay there long into T.I.'s prison term.

Who knows who he'll be upon his release, but one thing is almost certain: he'll be fun to listen to.

By AMANDA MEADE
Scene/Mix Editor

"Saw V"

★★★★★

Movie Review

The latest installment of the cult "Saw" films proved to be a little less than great.

The same gore was there, it just seemed as though it could have been stepped up a bit. Movie-goers can be used to constant cringing, and while there were a few scenes that would make one feel the pain the characters were feeling, more blood and guts defi-

nately could have been added.

As with most of the "Saw" films, one can expect an in-depth twist at the end. "Saw V" did provide a twist, but not an extreme one.

Also, similar to "Saw II," a group of people were introduced who all had something in common. They had to work to get themselves from room to room, coming across life-threatening obstacles along the way. The story between the people could have been more developed.

All-in-all, the film was clever, and it did its best to tie in the series before it.

But, for those who don't enjoy it, there is always "Saw VI" to look forward to next year.

Local Detroiters wrap up filming

Michigan's own 'Darling Nikki' makes its debut in Motor City

By KRECYNTHIA DAY
Contributing Reporter

"Darling Nikki" is finally being brought to life on film after being written nearly four years ago and local Detroiters who contributed to the film are preparing for its upcoming premier.

"You look at John Singleton, Spike Lee ... they started in their hometown by introducing their culture, city and history to show those in their area that if they strive for what they want, they can achieve it," said Kharisman Brown, writer of the film, which is his first.

"Detroit is already the founding city of Motown and now it's time to show we have talented actors and people who work behind the scene."

"[This movie is] kind of like an urban soap opera," Brown said. The story is about a Heisman-hopeful football player, Korey, whose life is turned upside down after he falls in love with an exotic

dancer. He goes to his cousin for help but finds himself getting into a little more than he expected.

As a side plot, Korey's younger sister, Darling, (Sasha Gorre) is struggling as she comes into womanhood and makes some bad choices herself.

"He's trying to save his career and his sister," said Mike Allen, who plays the role of Korey.

Brown said "Darling Nikki," an independent film, caters to Detroit. He believes it relates to the lives of everyday people from the city.

The film's director, Shawn Woodard, Brown, Allen and many other members of the cast grew up in Detroit.

"Usually when people like Hollywood directors make films about Detroit they show the bad side, the stereotypes that have been around for decades. I thought this would be a good opportunity to show the different sides of Detroit," Woodard said.

"A lot of good things are going on in the city, for instance, the rebuilding. There are lawyers, college people and people with goals in the film. I wanted to show Detroit, the different side, just keeping it real," he said.

Woodard has been a director for about six years and said "Darling Nikki" gave him a chance to do something in another genre. In the past, he has directed an action thriller, horror film and a few music videos.

Allen, who has worked on at least eight other films, said that he got involved because he liked the script, story line and the family values that his character has. He said he found him and his character to be very similar.

"I like my family to be tight and for everybody to stay close. I don't want anybody hanging out and doing the wrong thing," Allen said.

Brown said he wrote the movie because he was tired of seeing all the same types

of films. He said he wants to make clear to his audience that this urban film is different from others that people may be used to seeing.

"It's not your typical shoot 'em up, bang-bang movie; it has a good story-line," Brown said.

"It has a message, positive messages, some that are easy to notice and some a little more hard to find. I also think it showcases different facets of life and the strength of a family bond," Brown said.

"Darling Nikki" sets out to shed a positive light on the city of Detroit and to show viewers that there is always an alternative in life.

"You do control your destiny. You can make the decision to be successful. Sometimes you have to make tough decisions to get ahead in life," Woodard said.

There will be a red carpet premiere of the film from 3-9 p.m., Nov. 8 at Bert's Warehouse in downtown Detroit. For ticket information call (313) 452-5923.

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Debating the merits of young voters: in action or inaction?



By **TIM RATH**
& **JARED PURCELL**
Sports Editor
and You/Local
Editor

For Oakland University students who plan to vote on Nov. 4, please fight the urge

to wonder whom your peers voted for. A better question to ask yourself may be, "Why are they voting in the first place?"

Some may be at the polls because they want the United States to continue spreading democracy throughout the globe. Others may show up because they don't feel that college is affordable. Still, others may believe that their choice is simply a more TV-friendly candidate.

There's got to be some reason why everyone is excited for all this election stuff. FOX wouldn't preempt "House" for nothing, right?

However, since the 26th Amendment was added in 1971, setting the legal voting age at 18, young voters have been saddled with the label "uninformed."

It seems as if for every 10 celebrities inciting youth to "rock the vote," there's a sound bite on "20/20" of a kid that doesn't know Gov. Granholm from Government Issue.

With that in mind, it's time to settle the debate: is this label fair? Should young voters be decried for a lack of civics studies, or is Joe the **Plumber** as much to blame as Joe the Student?

That will be the topic of this point-counterpoint debate, between The Oakland Post Sports Editor Tim Rath taking the pro-youth vote side and You/Local Editor Jared Purcell taking the anti-youth side.

Jared: It's obvious, Tim, that the right

to vote is often wasted by the young. When campaign commercials are rendered less relevant than Obama Girl, it's clear that we have a problem.

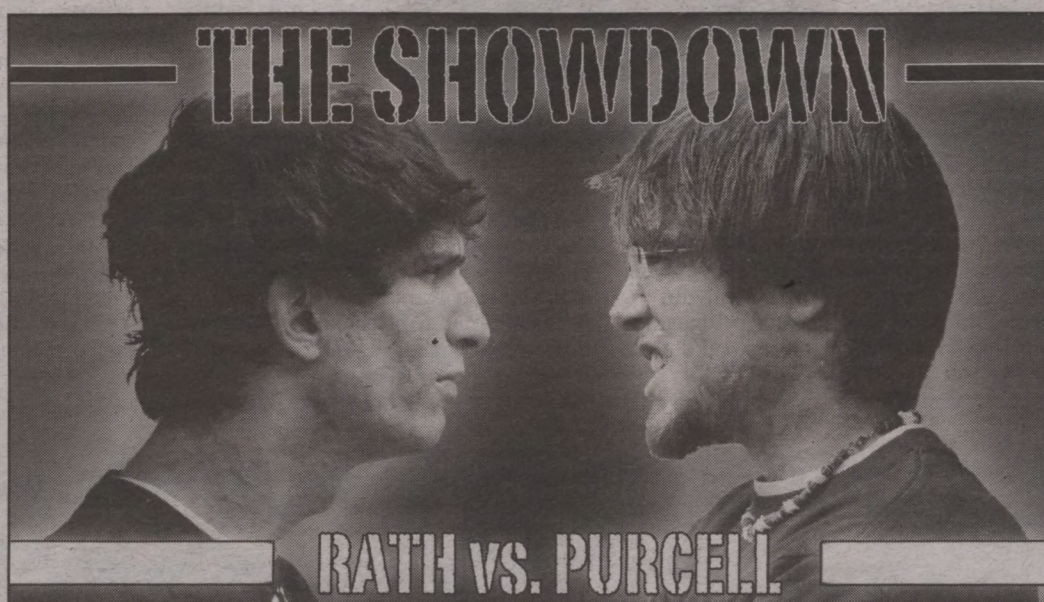
Look, you wouldn't stand in line at Cedar Point if you didn't know what roller coaster loomed large in front of you. You wouldn't wait for what seems like days for Subway if you didn't want an overpriced sandwich. So why vote for something you don't understand?

Any old Rip Van Winkle could sleep through the entire election process, wake up Tuesday morning and cast an ill-informed vote carrying the same weight and importance as a dutiful citizen who did their homework in following all of the candidates. It isn't fair to the citizen as an individual or the citizenry on a whole.

But you wouldn't know anything about homework, would you, Tim? You coast through your life as an American the same way that you do your life as a college student; doing as little work as possible, taking the "party" away from legitimately hard workers, all the while making yourself out to be the victim when the system that you feed off of collapses under the weight of your parasitism. Bug off!

Tim: Calm down, bookworm. I'm not going to pretend that I'm proud of seeing statistics from National Geographic like, three out of five young people can't find Canada on a map after all that **John Candy** did to teach us about its greatest export.

But what exactly defines "unin-



Oakland Post section editors Tim Rath and Jared Purcell square off in a debate about young voters. Photo illustration by DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

formed" to you, Jared? Should voters have to take a quiz on the names of the Supreme Court justices before they're given a ballot?

Should they write a dissertation on the benefits and drawbacks of the federal government bailing out private bankers? Memorize the names of the candidates' elementary school teachers? Their favorite foods? Maybe you could personally interview every potential voter before Election Day, just to make sure they know that Barack Obama's childhood security blanket was nicknamed "Snuffy." Hey, you'd have something to do on Saturday night for once!

Look, we're living in a time in which one potential vice president cites her home state's proximity to a foreign country as the basis of their foreign policy experience. We can't hold presidential candidates to any sort of educational standard as it isn't democratic.

Why should we hold voters to one as well?

Jared: For the record, if you knew anything about me, you would know that I have plenty of plans for Saturday night, involving much more interesting things than reading Obama's autobiography cover to cover. **Playing Mario Kart** by myself will be much more fun than that.

If you knew anything about our government in general, you would know that we live in a democratic republic and not a true democracy. Our government works spectacularly when we have great decisions coming from informed citizens with something at stake and poorly when it doesn't.

Let's face it, we just don't have as much at stake in any election as our parents do. How many of our lives are actually going to be affected by the political



affiliation of a Supreme Court justice?

How about agricultural subsidies, Tim, are you really "down" for "rocking the vote" so that tomatoes are as cheap on the open market as corn, or are you a normal college student, living and dying with the prices at Chartwells?

Young people have little to gain or lose with their vote so they choose based on frivolities: who looks best in a suit, who would win in a fight or who their favorite celebrity endorses.

Forty-nine percent of eligible voters ages 18-29 turned out for the 2004 election. How many showed up because they were scared of what P. Diddy would do if they didn't?

The answer, once again, comes back to education. If you don't feel as if you're educated enough to cast a meaningful ballot this year, then save your time and read up on the candidates instead. I don't

feel as if I'm educated enough, so I'm sitting this one out — that is responsible democracy in action.

Tim: More like responsible democracy inaction. I bet it's not the first time that you've felt inadequate either, right Jared?

“Forty-nine percent of eligible voters ages 18-29 turned out for the 2004 election. How many showed up because they were scared of what P. Diddy would do if they didn't?”

— Jared Purcell

Your argument is sounding more and more like the ones that have been used against Jews, Catholics, African-Americans, poor whites, women, felons and of course, young people, throughout history: "You're not educated enough. You have no stake in who gets elected." Yet you're still talking about how great our government is and how we should be proud to live in "the land of the free

and the home of the brave." After all, it's the very epitome of bravery and freedom to stay at home and let someone else make an important decision for you.

You're proud to be the black sheep of the herd, yet nobody is coming to you for

guidance when the times are tough.

In actuality, you're the one feeding off of the passion of the young people that are knowledgeable and politically active, those who took the time to improve themselves instead of wasting time on Facebook and MySpace, waiting for something that will never come. Please, come down with a nasty case of incurable Herpes.

For all of the bad raps given to young people for not knowing trivia like the names and favorite books of the senators from Rhode Island, it seems as if no attention is being given to the idiocy that I see coming from middle-aged people during this campaign season. Our generation is known for its tolerance of other cultures, whereas the ones waving stuffed monkeys at John McCain rallies that I've seen have all been middle-aged.

On the other side of the coin, how many middle-aged, Democrat union

members are going to the voting booth with a sheet of paper listing who their union representatives support, completely oblivious to the people they're supporting?

Regardless of the result on Election Day, it's clear that the youth vote will

play a pivotal role in its outcome. On average, the youth turnout vote on Super Tuesday was 16 percent, up from 9 percent in 2000, according to the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement. Instead of searching for scapegoats in the hard times that our country is going through, perhaps it is best if we all do

our research to the candidates running. Then, once we realize how foolish they really are, use the energy we were wasting on insulting each other and make sure those suckers never see another cushy political job in their lifetime.

“Our generation is known for its tolerance of other cultures, whereas the ones waving stuffed monkeys at John McCain rallies that I've seen have all been middle-aged.”

— Tim Rath

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White House to banks: lend now

By JENNIFER LOVEN
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — An impatient White House served notice Tuesday on banks and other financial companies receiving billions of dollars in federal help to quit hoarding the money and start making more loans.

"What we're trying to do is get banks to do what they are supposed to do, which is support the system that we have in America. And banks exist to lend money," White House press secretary Dana Perino said.

Though there are limits on how much Washington can pressure banks, she noted that banks are regulated by the federal government. "They will be watching very closely, and they're working with the banks," Perino said.

Anthony Ryan, Treasury's acting undersecretary for domestic finance, made the same point in a speech in New York before financial executives.

"As these banks and institutions are reinforced and supported with taxpayer funds, they must meet their responsibility to lend, and support the American people and the U.S. economy," Ryan told the annual meeting of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. "It is in a strengthened institution's best financial interest to increase lending once it has received government funding."

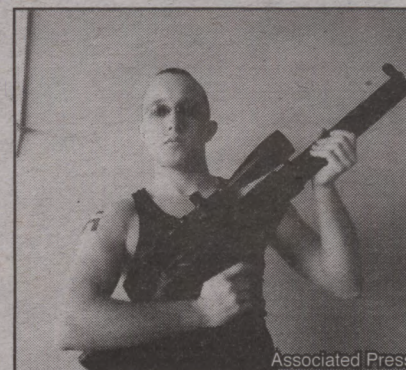
"The way that banks make money is by lending money. And so, they have every incentive to move forward and start using this money," Perino said.

There has been some evidence of easier lending, Perino said. But it's not enough

to calm stock markets or help small businesses that depend on a free flow of credit, not just to expand but to maintain operations through making payroll or financing inventories.

The government is making efforts on several fronts to thaw the frozen credit markets and combat the worst financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s. But so far, the efforts have shown little in the way of results. Libor, the London Interbank Offered Rate, a key goalpost for international lending, edged down only marginally on Monday and still remains at elevated levels.

The Federal Reserve began a program Monday to purchase the short-term debt of businesses, known as commercial paper. This market has been frozen since the collapse of Lehman Brothers spooked credit markets last month.



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This undated photo obtained from a MySpace webpage shows Daniel Cowart, 20, holding a weapon. Federal agents have broken up a plot to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama and shoot or decapitate 102 black people in a Tennessee murder spree, the BATFE said Monday.

Assassination plot on Barack Obama and others foiled

By LARA JAKE JORDAN
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WASHINGTON — Two white supremacists allegedly plotted to go on a national killing spree, shooting and decapitating black people and ultimately targeting Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, federal authorities said Monday.

In all, the two men whom officials describe as neo-Nazi skinheads planned to kill 88 people — 14 by beheading, according to documents unsealed in U.S. District Court in Jackson, Tenn. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The spree, which initially targeted an unidentified predominantly African-American school, was to end with the two men driving toward Obama, "shooting at him from the windows," the court documents show.

"Both individuals stated they would dress in all white tuxedos and wear top hats during the assassination attempt," the court complaint states. "Both individuals further stated they knew they would and were willing to die during this attempt."

An Obama spokeswoman traveling with the senator in Pennsylvania had no immediate comment.

Sheriff's deputies in Crockett County, Tenn., arrested the two suspects — Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells, Tenn., and Paul Schlesselman 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark. — Oct. 22 on unspecified charges. "Once we arrested the defendants and suspected they had violated federal law, we immediately contacted federal authorities," said Crockett County Sheriff Troy Klyce.

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Three dog Halloween night



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Little, a Chihuahua, owned by Liz Newton, of Salem, Mass., waits during the second annual "howl-oween," a dog costume contest, Saturday, Oct. 25, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

British Prime Minister calls for bigger IMF bailout

By DAVID STRINGER
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LONDON — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown called on China and oil-rich Gulf states to bolster the International Monetary Fund as more countries rocked by the global economic downturn seek help, saying Tuesday those with the greatest surpluses should do more.

The British leader, who has been at the forefront of efforts to combat the global financial meltdown, said the IMF needs "substantially" more than the current \$250 billion set aside for struggling nations. The IMF's executive board

is expected to soon consider ways to streamline its emergency loan programs as it braces for a stream of petitions.

In the past few weeks alone, Iceland, Pakistan, Hungary and Ukraine have all sought help from the IMF, long known as the lender of last resort.

Brown's office said the British premier will discuss exactly how much more money he believes should be pledged during upcoming talks with fellow world leaders.

"We must act now, we must set up the fund as quickly as possible," Brown told reporters in London.

Brown said he will travel to the Gulf region Saturday to discuss the plan and

speak by phone with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao later this week.

He said he wasn't ruling out an additional contribution from Britain, which itself is struggling under the global financial meltdown, but indicated other countries would need to take the lead.

It will be "the countries that have got substantial reserves, the oil rich countries and others, who are going to be the biggest contributors to this fund," Brown said.

Speaking in Berlin, Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa said that "we would like to play a part in [working on] an international financial system, a new system."



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