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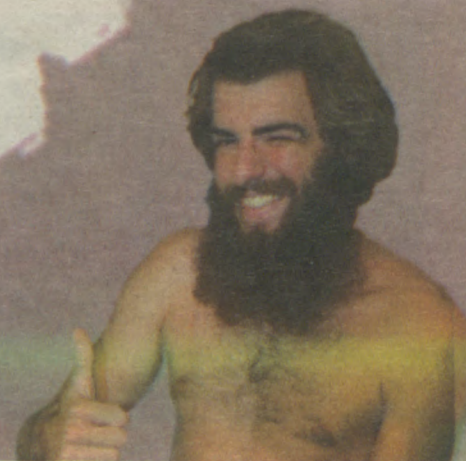
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Take advantage of sunny days and blue skies

Labor Day has come and gone. White is now out of style.

But the days are still pleasant. Outside, the air is fresh, the temperature is mild and the sky, for the most part, is blue.

If you are outside, take a deep breath. Breathe in and out. Enjoy the fall atmosphere.

Soon, however, the nostrils of autumn will be breathing down our necks. The outdoor activities of summer will be shelved until next year.

As one strolls across campus, it is evident. Few take advantage of the pristine perfection of the day.

Others huddle away like moles in a world of carpeting and artificial light. In a few months, this will be the norm for most. Studying, eating and walking, whenever possible, will be within the safe confines of bricks and hot, mechanical air.

These days out of a good Van Morrison song are numbered. It is challenging that many choose to not acknowledge this.

Why sidestep the outdoor wonder?

Of course, we all have busy schedules and places we are required to be.

The problem is not just as the season comes to a close. Even during the best days of the summer, malls are packed, while sidewalks are under populated.

There are countless venues to enjoy and experience the outdoors. Remember, the outdoors is not limited to Outdoor World in Great Lakes Crossing.

One need not camp in the Porcupine

Mountains or trek to the Amazon jungle to take pleasure in the weather.

A 15 minute walk on Paint Creek Trail or 30 seconds of solitude over Bear Lake as one jaunts off to class can do the trick.

Take it in whenever the chance presents itself.

The past week has been sublime with arguably better weather than mid-summertime. Most would agree the current season is one of the most beautiful.

Hopefully, these final days of a departing season will not be dominated by hectic workloads or apathy.

There is no reason to let these hindrances block the enjoyment of the soon to change season. Enjoy it. You already spent the summer in the mall.

When the winter season blows our way, many are affected by what is known as "seasonal depression," where the weather plays a pivotal role in determining one's mood and well-being. If we are to be trapped by the shouts of the meteorologists, allow it to influence us now.

Perhaps, if we accept and concede to the power of the elements, we can be more in touch with the power it may have over us.

When the sun is high and the breeze is sweet, find the equilibrium.

And when the clouds are gray and the wind is burning, remember the equilibrium.

When the water tastes like wine, don't forget to enjoy it. Like Max Bialystock says in "The Producers," "If you got it, flaunt it."



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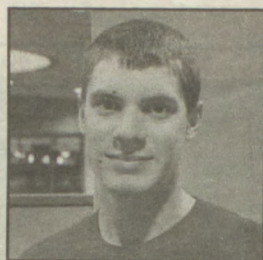
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Four on Four

four panelists share their take on four topics



Eric Seeley
Freshman, General
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Melissa Butcher
Sophomore, Health
Sciences major



Eric Ulicny
Freshman



Joshua Kozlowski
Junior, Secondary
Education major

Has O.J. Simpson been treated fairly in light of his recent arrest?

He is being singled out because he was previously involved in a murder [trial]. Even though more people were recorded on the tape, his record is bringing a higher degree of blame onto him.

No, I don't think so. There were others involved, not just him.

I honestly have not heard about the O.J. story.

I think O.J. is treating his friends unfairly. The only reason they probably agreed to help him rob the guy was to get some publicity and fame. O.J. should stop hogging the media attention.

The world's oldest person recently turned 112 years old. What do you think it takes to live that long?

Living to be that old takes good health practices, which includes exercise, not using drugs, and a proper diet.

Taking care of yourself by getting good exercise, good nutrition and having a positive attitude.

I think if you have a good balance between work and play and try to live a low-stress life, you will live to an old age.

Divine intervention maybe? Definitely manufactured parts from overseas. I'd like to see that autopsy when he dies.

Given the current situation, do you think the United Auto Workers should go on strike?

No, because a strike really doesn't accomplish anything. It's just people holding signs. The only people that care about the issue are the people that would strike.

No, I don't think so. If they have a problem with it, they should just get another job or support their company.

I am kind of divided on this because I understand that auto workers are really fighting to better their jobs, but it's also tough because the auto industry is so competitive right now.

I don't know much about the situation. But if the workers aren't getting what they want, maybe a strike is the answer. It worked for baseball.

Has David Beckham been a bust or was he worth the money and media attention?

He probably is a bust. I think he just came to get more publicity and more money.

He shouldn't get paid if he's not [playing].

I think you should be paid if you play, not to sit around. But I know he has a contract, and you can't fight that.

No he wasn't a bust. If anything, he can boost their moral. He's obviously better than the rest of his teammates. He's a superstar, so his motivational speeches should be pretty good.

Whadya Think?

Want to be a future panelist for "Four on Four"? Do you have some great ideas for panel questions? Get in on the action. For more information, or to send us a column, e-mail the Perspectives editor at oakpostmanaging@gmail.com.

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Provost's passion advances Oakland University sees new programs

By ADAM ROBERTS
Staff Intern

With the energy and enthusiasm the office demands, Provost Virinder Moudgil has provided a stability to the position that previously hadn't been seen during the term of President Gary Russi.

His critics have called him cold and calculating, but he has a passion for the university and for the students he has mentored over the years.

Since 2001, Moudgil has been second in command at OU, responsible for all academic matters and issues that directly affect the classroom.

No other provost under Russi lasted more than three years. Bill Connellan and Dave Downing were interim selections, and other choices, such as Dagmar Cronn, did not work out.

One difference between Moudgil and his predecessors is his communication with Russi. His office is down the hall from Russi's, and they stay in contact daily.

But Moudgil attributes his success to having the support of both the faculty and the president when he took over.

"I couldn't ask for a better administration to work under," Moudgil said.

Working with Russi, Moudgil has been involved in the rapid growth that has characterized Oakland University over the past six years.

Moudgil was involved in talks to bring Cooley Law School to OU, as well as the development plans of the upcoming medical school.

He helped many programs, including the reinstatement of the distinguished faculty award and formal recognition for the tenure and promotion of faculty each year. Moudgil also helped to establish the writing center and supported the start of the study abroad program.

Moudgil was the department chair of biological sciences before taking the provost position. He still maintains a research laboratory, which he visits most afternoons, and checks up on the students he oversees.

In recent years, research fellowships have increased at OU. And Moudgil feels that research excellence is how the university's prestige can continue to rise.

He launched the Undergraduate Student Research Scholar Program, which funds undergraduate research that is overseen by full-time faculty mentors. Moudgil takes great pride in the students.

Walking into his lab, Moudgil keeps a wall decorated with pictures of the students who he worked with and who have since gone on to bigger things.

These students, Moudgil said, will be his legacy.

In addition to the lab, Moudgil's fondness for the classroom has not diminished since he has taken the provost position. He said that he misses the classroom and looks forward to the few times each semester when he can guest lecture.

"Going into the classroom every morning was a breath of fresh air," Moudgil said. "I used to hate Friday nights and love Monday mornings."

And that's just one more example of the passion that drove him to the office of provost and keeps him looking toward the university's future.



Virinder Moudgil



SAMI BIRCH

Carrabba acoustic set gets raves from crowd

By YVONNE SZYMCZAK
Contributing Reporter

Dashboard Confessional lead singer Chris Carrabba serenaded an excited crowd last Friday with a guitar in hand and a catalog of songs defining emo, or emotional hardcore.

Billed as "Dashboard Confessional, Solo and Acoustic," the performance, hosted by the Student Program Board, drew more than 2,000 people to Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Pavilion seats reached capacity after doors opened at 8 p.m., although eager fans lined up two hours before the show.

"People were running like ninjas to get to the seats," volunteer usher Lacy Skidmore said, referring to those closest to the stage.

The fans may have been hoping for a personal moment with Carrabba, who, according to an interview with the Associated Press, is known for having so-called eye sex with fans.

Before any intimacy with Carrabba, The Color Fred took the stage around 8 p.m. with lead singer Fred Mascherino of Taking Back Sunday.

"Fred was way better than I thought. I was dancing the whole time," said concertgoer Kyle McMahon.

But shortly after 9 p.m., when Carrabba took the stage, the night was filled with camera flashes and cheers.

Though it was cold out, he warmed up the crowd with "Swiss Army Romance," followed by "Don't Wait" and "Again I Go Unnoticed."

The charm of the acoustic arrangements got a positive response.

"I prefer acoustic, so the concert was two-in-one: Dashboard and acoustic," said concertgoer Katie Simopoulous.

Carrabba also played "Thick As Thieves" from Dashboard Confessional's new album, "Shade of Poison Trees."

The album is set for release on Oct. 2.

"It's a song about the end of the summer and going back to college and moving on," Carrabba said.

A surprise came during "The Places That You Come to Fear the Most," when mid-song Carrabba cut in with "Wow Now I Can Get Sexual."

The rest of the set included "Carry This Picture," "Ghost of a Good Thing," "Screaming Infidelities," "Remember to Breathe," a "Teenage Dirtbag" cover, "Stolen" and "Vindicated."

The show ended around 10:30 p.m. to cheering with "Hands Down."

Many fans had nothing but praise to offer Carrabba's performance.

"It was my first time seeing them, and I don't think it could have been any better," said concertgoer Sami Birch.

"The atmosphere was amazing, and the general feel that was present was unlike any other. I love acoustic music, and Dashboard really delivers."

Another Dashboard Confessional performance is scheduled for Nov. 2 at Clutch Cargo at 65 E. Huron in Pontiac.

Special guests are to include Augustana and John Ralston.

The show is to start at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are \$27.50.

OU explores alternative energy

University seeks ways to reduce \$4.6 million annual energy costs

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**
Senior Reporter

Oakland University consumes about 35 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year, said OU energy manager Jim Leidel.

That is equal to about 3,285 households, according to data from the U.S. Department of Energy.

OU spent more than \$4.6 million on energy, which includes heating and electricity, last year — an average of about \$270 per student.

But Leidel is gradually changing the way OU keeps its lights on and students' hands warm.

"We're always looking for ways to economize," Leidel said. "It's my job to figure out how to make it work."

In 2003, Leidel used a \$100,000 grant from the state's Energy Office to install solar paneling on the roof of the student apartment building at 4000 Meadow Brook Drive.

Alternate Energy Solutions, Inc., a Michigan company, leased a 164-foot-tall wind sensor tower to the university in February 2006.

Using data from the tower and a grant from the university, Leidel said that he hopes to complete a study of

the feasibility of wind-generated power on campus by the end of the year.

If a wind-power project is approved, the windmills could be constructed on the golf course, Leidel said.

Also, two recently installed diesel backup generators are running on 20-percent biodiesel fuel.

Leidel said that the university's interruptible rate plan with DTE Energy allows a 5- to 7-percent rate break on days when OU activates the generators to help lighten the load of the southeast Michigan electrical service provider.

"The hope is to save some money on our electric and then bank some money and buy some more generators so we have enough to [provide backup power to] the whole campus," said Leidel, who owns a biodiesel-powered car. The generators can power about half the campus now.

But none of the projects come close to Leidel's ultimate goal: a biomass boiler to utilize wood waste for fuel.

The boiler would be crucial to any plan to make OU a self-sustaining campus.

Leidel said that solar power is too expensive without considering extremely long-term cost benefits.

"The majority of our heating will have to come from this biomass system I'm studying, and the wind power would supplement a little bit," he said.

In the winter 2006-07 issue of his Oakland Energy newsletter, Leidel said a biomass boiler — besides providing heat — could work with the diesel generators to power the campus.

He also estimated that the cost of fuel for the boiler would be one-eighth to one-sixth of the cost of natural gas. He said that the cost of giving OU a self-powering campus could pay for itself in less than 10 years.

"Management has been pretty supportive of these different things so far, but things for the campus have to be economical. We have to have a good business case to do these," Leidel said.

He received a grant to study the possibility of a biomass boiler.

"It's feasible," Leidel said, after explaining that Central Michigan University has such a boiler. "It's just whether it's going to fit our campus here."

"It's exciting stuff," Leidel said.

To find more information on Oakland University's self-contained energy plans, go to www.oakland.edu/energy.

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New program offers educational support to OU students

By VANESSA ROSS
Staff Intern

Life's challenges create opportunities to change, adapt and grow, and succeeding at college is one example. But when this opportunity becomes a struggle, OU has programs to help.

This year, OU introduced a new program called the Peer Transition Assistance Program to help students with ADHD, Asperger's and autism.

Modeled after programs at Boston University and the University of Minnesota, the Peer Transition Assistance Program is designed to help students with Asperger's, ADHD and autism transition into a bustling college environment.

According to Beth DeVerna, supplemental instruction and tutor coordinator at OU, the program currently has nine students.

A PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE

Students in the program meet individually with a peer consultant throughout the week.

"We hire peer consultants who have knowledge of things on campus," Director of Disability Support Services Linda Sission said. "These students meet with their academic advisor on a regular basis, are familiar with the Rec Center, student organizations and the writing center."

The peer consultants walk their students through the process of making appointments and managing their classes. They also provide the students with someone to talk to.

"It's an individualized program," Sission said. "Some students need more help than others."

IMPROVED LEARNING

In addition to the Peer Transition Assistance Program, the Academic Skills Center offers free peer tutoring. OU also has O.P.T.I.O.N.S., a post secondary transition program for students who have mild cognitive disabilities.

At the Academic Skills Center, students with or without disabilities can get tutored by paid peer instructors who earned a 3.0 or higher in the course subject and have been recommended by at least two faculty members.

"A lot of people have a stigma about tutoring and think it's for people who are not smart. That couldn't be further from the truth," said Charles Clark, director of the Academic Skills Center. "Tutoring is for students who want to raise the level of their performance."

For example, students who want to raise their GPA from a 2.5 to a 3.0 or from a 3.0 to a 3.5 can use tutoring as a tool, he said.

And the O.P.T.I.O.N.S. program offers students with mild cognitive disabilities an age-appropriate setting for nontraditional learning.

ACHIEVING MORE

According to Dr. Robert Wiggins, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services, often "the only option available for students with disabilities, once they finish high school is to go into some kind of vocational training program. We wanted them to be in a situation where they could continue to do their academic interest and be with college-age kids."

Wiggins said that O.P.T.I.O.N.S. is a continuing education program.

"Students are not pursuing a degree just taking more classes," Wiggins said. "For instance, one student wanted to learn American Sign Language because she works for an organization that supports persons with hearing impairments."

"These are students who are interested in continuing to learn even if they can't master everything in the class," Wiggins said. "This way, students don't have to settle for a low-level job. They can get a more challenging job and become more interesting to their fellow employees."

So whether students struggle with time management or math, have a learning or a cognitive disability or just need to refresh study skills, OU has a program to help.

To contact Disability Support Services, call (248) 370-3226.

The Academic Skills Center can be reached at (248) 370-4215.

For more information on the O.P.T.I.O.N.S. program, contact Dr. Robert Wiggins at (248) 370-3095.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Success in college is about more than just good grades. But no matter where students are struggling, they're not alone. Here are some tips to make the most of OU's resources:

- Take advantage of the Academic Skills Center. Located at 103 North Foundation Hall, the center offers free tutoring, supplemental instruction and assistance in scholarship applications.
- For students with disabilities — learning or otherwise — contact Disability Support Services at (248) 370-3226. Find out what sorts of academic assistance are available.
- Make an appointment with an academic advisor. Advisors can offer help, not only with scheduling and classes, but they can point students in the right direction to get the assistance they need.
- Get involved in a transitions program. Go to www.oakland.edu to find out how.

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KEEPER OF THE DREAM AWARD

NOMINATION OR SELF-NOMINATION FORM

The Keeper of the Dream Award was established in January 1993 to recognize Oakland University continuing undergraduate students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 are available to students who have demonstrated strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and in promoting interracial understanding. The awards are presented publicly each year at the annual Keeper of the Dream Celebration. Scholarships will be distributed evenly during the fall and winter terms.

Nominees must possess all of the following: current cumulative grade-point average of 3.0, demonstrated campus involvement, record of responsible citizenship, and be enrolled a minimum of 12 credits each term for fall 2008 and winter 2009 semesters.

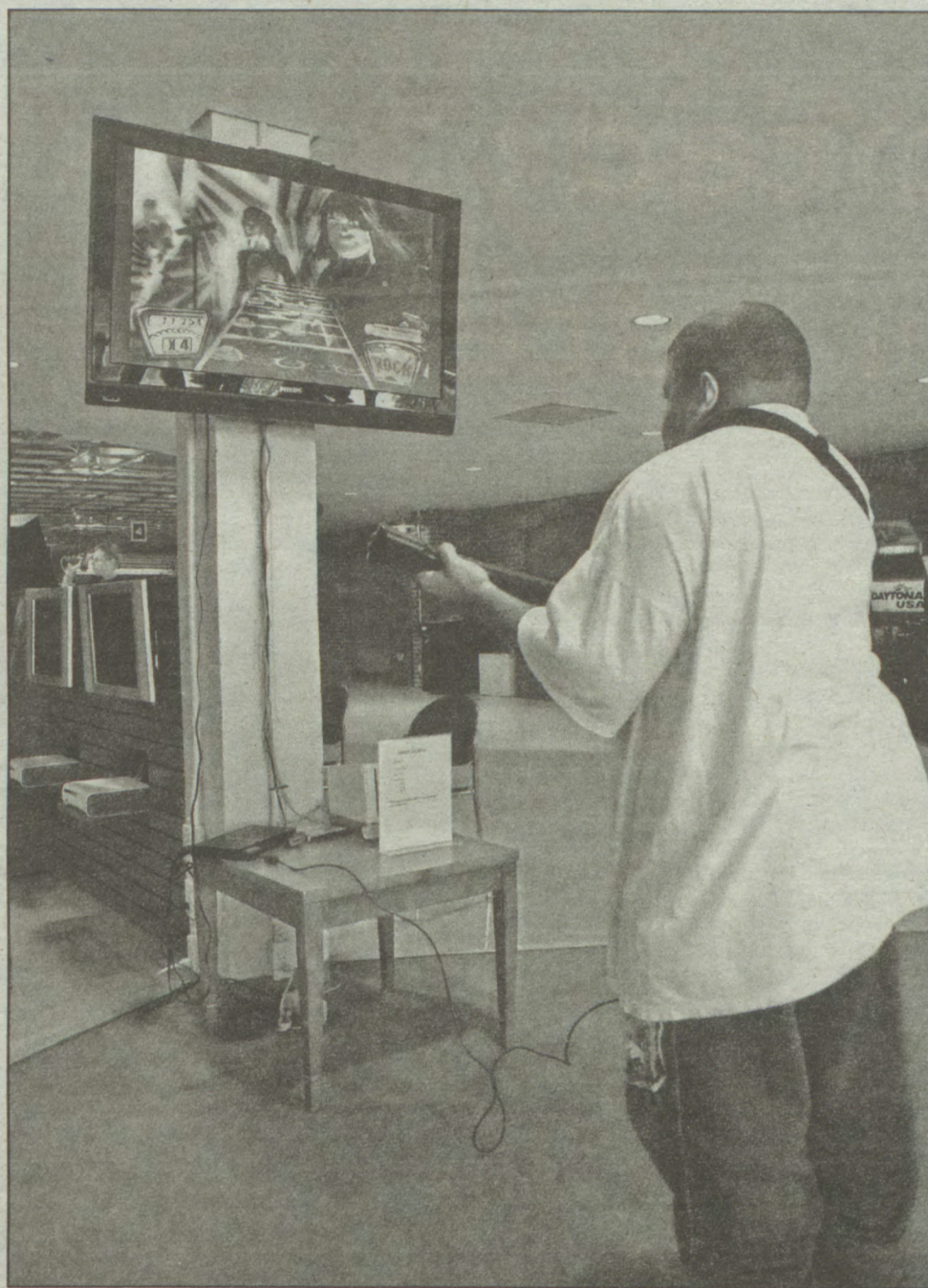
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2. In an essay of 500 words or less, please describe how you have made a positive impact to improve interracial understanding within the Oakland University community. Your essay should be clear, concise, double-spaced and typewritten.
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For additional information, please contact the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, 134 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4404. All nominations are due by October 12, 2007.

Return completed nomination packet to: Michelle Southward, assistant director, 134 North Foundation Hall,

A BRAND NEW BUMPERS



Sophomore George Hamilton Jr., plays Guitar Hero at Bumpers Game Room Tuesday. Bumpers installed several new gaming stations where students can enjoy their downtime in between classes. The game room added eight Xbox 360 game systems and a Nintendo Wii, each with its own gaming station for playing.

DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

POLICEFILES

A student contacted OUPD over harassing cell phone messages, e-mails and instant messages. The threats came from another student whom she met earlier in the month. Prior to calling the department, a mutual friend of the two attempted to intervene but was unsuccessful.

A student lost consciousness and hit her head in the hallway of the Science and Engineering Building. She had been examining cadavers and

began to feel faint from the smell of the embalming fluid. The student sustained minor injuries to the chin and face from the fall. It happened after the student went into the hallway to get some fresh air.

A player from the OU hockey team had his championship ring stolen from this gym bag at the Rec Center. He informed OUPD that he did not secure the locker with a lock.

Church challenges image of Christians

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

Christians suck.

That phrase may be something you expect to hear depending on who you talk to. But coming from a Christian church organization, it might be a bit surprising.

And that's one of the reasons that Dan Sadlier, a teaching pastor for Quarterlife, created the "Christians Suck" series.

"We are talking about some of the places where Christians — including us — have just gone wrong, including how we have treated ourselves and others," Sadlier said.

Sadlier works for Kensington Community Church, and he said he hopes that the series will begin a process of restoration.

KCC Assistant Arts Director Brian Rossi said, "This series is basically us as Christians owning up to the stereotypes that have arisen in society about Christians. They've happened for a reason."

So why advertise the series with the title "Christians Suck"?

Shock and awe only are the surface of this controversial strategy.

"It's definitely for shock value. That's why we use the term," Sadlier said. "I think, though, throughout the series, there will be a sense of humility that will come across. We don't have all of the answers. We definitely don't have it all together. We don't get all of it. We want to say 'We're sorry.'"

And some students already are intrigued by this approach.

"They have good points. I would find it interesting. I would go to check it out," OU student Craig Ricketts said.

But Sadlier said since he has been promoting the series, several dozen people have told him of his impending damnation to an eternity in hell.

"All of the people that say things like that have been Christians," Sadlier said. "The college students that have contacted me have been upset at first, then when they turn the postcard over, are intrigued by the message."

KCC Arts Director Derrick Ostivic said, "The term 'suck' might be a mystery or might be misinterpreted by the older orthodox Christians. It isn't confusing to the younger generations. They know what it means."

According to Sadlier, one concerned mother turned the "Christians Suck" slogan around on him in an e-mail and said, "You Suck."

But the older critics are not alone. Some Oakland University students also said the message is in poor taste.

"It's not a good form of advertising. You shouldn't have to be negative just to get a response," OU student Brian Farmer said.

According to linguistics student Courtney Dutkowski, the term "suck" is a representation of just how lazy society has become.

"I think they missed their mark with this," Dutkowski said. "It's the wrong advertising strategy and the wrong type of message to convey if you actually want to educate people."

The first message of the series, "Christians suck... because they are boring," was prefaced with complimentary food and drink, as well as live music. Pool, table tennis, basketball, air hockey and Guitar Hero also were available. But there was a point to all of the fun and games.

"Something has to be restored for there to be celebration. Absolute celebration comes from absolute restoration," Sadlier said.

According to Sadlier, Christians are boring because sitting in a half-circle reciting Scripture without feeling invigorated or inspired will not restore the faith that has been ravaged by everyday life.

"We want people to have a good time and share their love of Jesus, and that is what true celebration should be about," Sadlier said.

An assemblage of Quarterlife members and Oakland University students heard the message loud and clear last Thursday, as more than 100 people turned out for the commencement service.

"Last year, turnout was very low. The best turnout was around 60 people," Sadlier said.

He attributes the success of the first session to a good delivery of the message of humility and the willingness of the attendants to listen.

For more information, go to www.kccquarterlifeou.com.

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Campaigning for office

OU junior secures spot in general election for Rochester Hills City Council

By ERIN M. SOMMERVILLE
Contributing Reporter

College students are generally portrayed as the ultimate shirkers of responsibility. In movies at least, college students skip classes on Mondays because they're still too wasted from the fraternity party they attended on Friday to keep their eyes open.

That is not the case with OU junior Jennifer Stein. She's vying for the chance to partake in the responsibility for the whole city of Rochester Hills.

Stein is running for Rochester Hills City Council at large, meaning that if she wins, she'd be accountable to the whole city of Rochester Hills, not just one district.

"Being at large, you have to try to keep all the residents happy, which means that at times, what is good for one area of the city may not be the best for the other area," Stein said. "So you have to do more of a balancing act and make sure you try and make all residents happy and that your decisions won't negatively impact any area of Rochester Hills."

In the primary election, held Tuesday, Sept. 11, Stein, who ran against 10 other candidates, was successful in securing one of the four spots on the ballot for the general election, which takes place Nov. 6. It was a close call, with only 60 votes between Stein and the fifth place candidate and 50 votes between her and third

place.

The most difficult part, Stein said, was waiting for the results of the election to come in. She described it as a "nail-biting experience," but added, "It helps .. if you know you have done everything you could possibly do and you have people that support you around at the time the results are coming in. I was really grateful to have supporters show up and wait for the results with me."

There are two positions available on the City Council, so she has a 50/50 chance. She said she doesn't look at the other candidates as competition because "they're all great people. They care about the city, but I do want to be on it."

To run, candidates have to file a petition with 50 signatures of registered Rochester Hills voters saying they'll support the candidate.

Once the signatures are approved, and if the candidate doesn't decide to back out, they're on the ballot. Stein has spent the last three months campaigning and going door to door giving residents information about herself.

Stein said she has spent under \$1,000 dollars on her campaign by doing literature drops, lawn signs and going door to door. "We didn't have enough money to do mailings because it was coming out of my pocket at the time."

Initially Stein had a campaign manager, but he had to back down due to other obligations.

She said she's had help from friends, family, other students, Oakland University associate professor of political science David Dulio, a Rochester community school board member and Oakland County Commissioner, Tim Greimel, and former student body president Michael McGuiness.

Politics is in Stein's blood. Her father was a trustee on the Avondale school board, and she helped him campaign. A graduate of Rochester Adams High

School, she's also been involved in just about every youth government organization available, including student council and high school student congress, where she was the vice president for the state of Michigan.

Stein has served on many Rochester Hills committees, including the Youth Government Council, the Administration and Information Services Committee, the Water and Sewer Technical Review Committee and the Rochester Auburn Hills Youth Community Coalition.

When she's not busy with classes or politics, Stein enjoys spending time doing volunteer work. Habitat for Humanity at OU, Meals on Wheels and the Ronald McDonald House are among the community service work she does.

Stein ran as a write-in for City Council two years ago, but mostly just helped other people with their campaigns.

Issues that Stein hopes to address in office include public safety, fiscal responsibility, protecting open spaces and getting residents more involved in the community. She wants to encourage the city to use technology to help inform citizens of community events and services.

Twenty-one-year-old Stein said, as far as she knows, she would be the youngest person to be elected to Rochester Hills City Council.

Stein has received some criticism for running at such a young age. People have even gone so far as to tell her that they will not vote for her because of her age.

"I don't think some people saw me as a valid threat for this election," she said.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Jennifer Stein distributes campaign literature to a student on campus.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
Lawn signs are a part of Stein's low-budget campaign.

There are those who believe Stein deserves a chance. "A lot of people will listen to (me) talk, and by then, they realize that I'm qualified, that I have experience and I know what I'm talking about."

One of the challenging parts of campaigning for Stein has been raising support money.

"It's hard for me because I have a hard time asking people for help ... when it comes to money." However, Stein said the task isn't impossible. "If people know you and they believe in you, you'll have a good shot at raising money."

She said it's not difficult to balance school and her political aspirations because "if you have the desire to do something, you can balance whatever you want if you really want to. Sure there are nights where I'll be up until four in the morning working on stuff, but it's worth it to me, and so I don't have a problem balancing it."

Her advice for those interested in doing what she's doing is "never listen to the naysayers. Always go for what (you) want to do."

New art exhibit opens

Alumnus's work breaks the bonds of contemporary art

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Senior Reporter and Graphics/Web master

The art of Oakland University alumnus Jef Bourgeau is representative of a journey that has spanned several decades. His current exhibition titled, "Jef Bourgeau: A Retrospective," utilizes every conceivable medium and, more importantly, transcends the confining nature of popular contemporary art.

"It's more about the commodification of art today than the art itself. With artists forging a signature style, they are in a way also confining themselves to a persona repeated and evident in their work," Bourgeau said.

He refers to his series of mixed media on paper mounted onto composition board that comically resemble warning signs, where edematous silhouettes represent what could or will happen, as "branded."

"Branded really emphasizes how an artist can be bound to a single image that in no way represents who they are or were as artists or what the significance of the art is. With the branded series, all of that is arrested in one single abstraction," Bourgeau said.

The exhibition explores much more than this, as it is a real-time catalogue of the artist's career and biography and comes with a "user's manual."

He playfully attributes Picasso's cubism to a cracked lens on a box camera

that he experimented with in his pieces, "Picasso's Camera" and film "A Rose for Picasso," which debuted at the Museum of New Art in Pontiac in 2006.

The essence of Bourgeau's work can be discovered in his installations, such as "American Beauty," and "kaBOOM," which play identifiable, material cultural icons against one another and much more.

"Art should be a very individual experience. It should be more than what one critic has to say about it ... it should be an exchange ... an interactive and personalized process," Bourgeau said.

As a former student of English at OU, Bourgeau was about to have a novel published, and then the publisher went out of business. He retrospectively counted this as a blessing, and he now incorporates all of the mediums, including writing, photography, painting and film, into his living artistic biography.

"I'm a failed writer," Bourgeau said. "This exhibition is really my novel, which uses multiple avenues of expression."

He encourages all aspiring artists to resist convention and be true to themselves.

"The more different it is than what's happening now, the more you should go for it."

Visit Jef Bourgeau's exhibition at the Oakland University Art Gallery through October 7.

For information or directions, call (248) 370-3005.



C.M. GRASKI/ The Oakland Post

"American Beauty (Sleeping)"



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"A History of Black People"



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"The Shroud"

A student's prescription for good health

Exercise, proper nutrition and a good night's sleep will help reduce chances of catching that cold

By STEVE STAEGER
Contributing Reporter

It's that time of year again — time for late nights spent finishing assignments, early classes, junk food meals and energy drinks.

As the seasons change and a new school year begins, it can be easy for students to get into some very unhealthy habits. These habits have their consequences when it comes to students' well being and preventing illnesses during the fall.

According to Erin Fox, a dietetic intern at Wayne State University, the most common illnesses this season include colds, sinus infections and upper respiratory infections. She says precautions students can take include sleep, exercise and most importantly eating healthy.

"You need to make sure you're not skipping fruits and vegetables," said Fox. "They provide vitamin C which is the best way to prevent colds."

Julie Thams, a physician's assistant at the Graham Health Center, has even more tips for students to stay healthy this fall.

"So much of this is related to students' issues with proper nutrition, proper health care and proper exercise," Thams said. "We've got to manage those well in order to be as healthy as we can possibly be and to be academically successful, as well."

According to Thams, many students become ill because of a lack of sleep. Students should be getting seven or eight hours of sleep each night, she says.

"This means if you have morning classes, you need to adjust when you go to sleep so you are still getting the right amount," Thams said.

She also suggests finding the right environment to sleep — somewhere dark and quiet, and a place devoted solely to sleeping. And if you're having a hard time sleeping, Thams suggests limiting caffeine intake.

Proper nutrition is another key to staying healthy, according to Thams. She suggests eating well-balanced meals, including five fruits and five vegetables each day, along with a lot of protein and 1200 mg of calcium. That calcium can be found in dairy products and calcium supplements.

"You need to avoid processed high fat intake," Thams said. "A big culprit is pop. It's an easy thing to drink, but as far as its sugar level and sodium level, you're going to want to go more with water and natural juice."

Beyond balanced meals and abundant sleep, Thams also encourages students to get the right amount of exercise.

"A good exercise program would be three to five times a week for 30 to 60 minutes," Thams said. "This needs to be a mix between strength training and aerobic exercise. Try a walk or jog one day, then weight training the next."

Thams suggests that students take advantage of the on-campus recreation center and its programming to start a good fitness program.

If students have any questions about staying healthy or if they become ill, they are encouraged to stop by the Graham Health Center during business hours.

"Exercise, eat right and get a good night sleep," said Thams. "All of that has to go together to be the best student you possibly can be."

FOOD COURT SURVIVAL: MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

Burgers: Skip the burger itself and, instead, select a grilled chicken sandwich without the mayo or cheese.

Subs: Try an all-veggie, turkey or ham 6-inch sub on whole wheat with oil and vinegar dressing.

Pizza: Opt for a veggie or plain cheese slice, and instead of that second slice, pick up a salad to suppress your appetite.

Source: Cheryl Koch, M.S., R.D.
<http://health.yahoo.com/experts/weightkoch/13025/surviving-the-food-court>

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Oakland University

Code of Academic and Student Conduct

Code of Student Conduct Purpose

Oakland University students are expected to practice civility and uphold the highest standards of academic and personal integrity. These campus community values are reflected through campus standards and regulations. The purpose of Oakland University's Code of Student Conduct is to foster the growth and development of students by encouraging self discipline, assist in creating an educationally supportive environment, and to protect the well-being of the campus community. This code includes nonacademic and academic conduct and applies to all undergraduate students, graduate students and student organizations at Oakland University. It is the responsibility of all university students and organizations to familiarize themselves with the conduct code at the beginning of each academic year. The conduct code is set forth in writing to give students general notice of the conduct expected of them. The code is not written with the specificity of a criminal statute and is not designed to define misconduct in exhaustive terms. The Code of Student Conduct shall apply to a student's conduct even if the student withdraws from class or school while a disciplinary matter is pending.

NOTICE: The reader should take notice that while every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in the Student Handbook, Oakland University reserves the right, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to make changes at any time without prior notice. Oakland University provides the information in the Student Handbook solely for the convenience of the reader and expressly disclaims any obligations which may otherwise be stated, implied or inferred. The Student Handbook, in its entirety or in its component parts, is not a contract and cannot be utilized, construed or relied upon as a contract.

Jurisdiction

The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the mission of the university or the safety of its members. This may include taking disciplinary action against students whose behavior off university premises or between academic periods violates university ordinances and regulations, federal, state, or local laws; or which materially and adversely affects the individual's suitability as a member of the campus community.

Judicial Process

The Dean of Students Office administers the university judicial process and insures that student rights are protected. The judicial system provides for the timely and orderly investigation and adjudication of alleged nonacademic and academic conduct violations of community standards. All conduct records are maintained in the Dean of Students Office and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA").

Nonacademic Conduct Regulations

If a student breaks a law that also violates university standards of conduct, the student may be held accountable by both external authorities and the university. The university may at its sole discretion elect to pursue disciplinary action against the student either before, during or after administrative, civil or criminal proceedings arising out of the same or other events and shall not be subject to challenge on the ground that external charges involving the same incident have been dismissed, reduced or are pending.

Imminent Danger/Emergency Suspension

Sometimes, the nature of a reported incident may require immediate action be taken by the university to protect the members of the community. Such a situation occurs when the nature of the allegation brings into reasonable question the prudence of permitting the accused student to continue as a member of the university or residence halls community prior to a formal hearing. To protect the safety and well being of university students, faculty, staff or university property, the student may be temporarily suspended prior to formal adjudication of the case. In any such instance, the university will promptly implement its judicial procedures to address the conduct in question.

Academic Conduct Regulations

All members of the academic community at Oakland University are expected to practice and uphold standards of academic integrity and honesty. Academic integrity means representing oneself and one's work honestly. Misrepresentation is cheating since it means the student is claiming credit for ideas or works not actually his or her own and is thereby seeking a grade that is not actually earned. All academic misconduct allegations are forwarded to the Dean of Students Office and adhere to the student judicial system.

Following are some examples of academic dishonesty:

1. Cheating on assignments and examinations. This includes, but is not limited to, the following when not authorized by the instructor: the use of any assistance or materials such as books and/or notes, acquiring exams or any other academic materials, the use of any other sources in writing drafts, papers, preparing reports, solving problems, works completed for a past or concurrent course, completing homework or carrying out other assignments. No student shall copy from someone else's work or help someone else copy work or substitute another's work as one's own. No student shall engage in any behavior specifically prohibited by an instructor in the course syllabus or class discussion.
2. Plagiarizing the work of others. Plagiarism is using someone else's work or ideas without giving that person credit. By doing this, a student is, in effect, claiming credit for someone else's thinking. This can occur in drafts, papers and oral presentations. Whether the student has read or heard the information used, the student must document the source of information. When dealing with written sources, a clear distinction should be made between quotations, which reproduce information from the source word-for-word within quotation marks, and paraphrases, which digest the source of information and produce it in the student's own words. Both direct quotations and paraphrases must be documented. Even if a student rephrases, condenses or selects from another person's work, the ideas are still the other person's and failure to give credit constitutes misrepresentation of the student's actual work and plagiarism of another's ideas. Buying a paper or using information from the Internet without attribution and handing it in as one's own work is plagiarism.
3. Cheating on lab reports by falsifying data or submitting data not based on the student's own work.
4. Falsifying records or providing misinformation regarding one's credentials.
5. Unauthorized collaboration on assignments. This is unauthorized interaction with anyone in the fulfillment of academic requirements. Individual (unaided) work on exams, lab reports, homework, computer assignments and documentation of sources is expected unless the instructor specifically

states in the syllabus that it is not necessary.

6. Completion of original work. When an instructor assigns coursework, the instructor intends that work to be completed for his/her course only. Work students may have completed for a course taken in the past, or may be completing for a concurrent course, must not be submitted in both courses unless they receive permission to do so from both faculty members.

Student Organization Regulations

General student and Greek organization regulations are included in the Student Organization Handbook available in the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA), 49 Oakland Center. Organization officers are provided a copy of this handbook at the time of student organization registration. Student organization violations are addressed through the CSA. All university ordinance violations are addressed by the Dean of Students Office and adhere to the student judicial system. All academic conduct violations will adhere to the Academic Conduct Regulations.

Hazing Policy

Of special concern to student organizations is the university hazing policy. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation related to organizational membership that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule, or any activity that threatens or endangers the life or safety of an individual. All forms of hazing are strictly prohibited at Oakland University.

Student Organization Conduct

Any person who is aware of possible student or Greek organization nonacademic misconduct is requested to report the alleged violation to the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development. Such matters will adhere to the Student Organization Regulations. All academic conduct violations should be reported to the Dean of Students Office.

Judicial Procedures

Judicial procedures for addressing cases of nonacademic, academic or student organization misconduct vary slightly, but the following steps are included in each process. The term "dean of students" as used in this document shall mean "dean of students or other person designated by the vice president for student affairs to process and/or hear case(s)." The focus of the judicial process shall be to determine whether a student has violated campus standards or regulations. Deviations from prescribed judicial procedures shall not invalidate a decision or proceeding unless, in the opinion of the dean of students, significant prejudice to a student resulted from the deviation.

1. **Complaint:** A complaint of misconduct is usually written and includes specific allegations or charges. Any faculty, staff or student who is aware of possible student misconduct is requested to report the alleged violation to the dean of students.
2. **Interview:** Upon receipt of a complaint or report of alleged student misconduct, the accused student shall meet with the dean of students or assistant dean of students for an interview to determine if a university hearing is required. The accused student may have an adviser, who must be a member of the Oakland University community, present at the interview and shall be informed of the alleged violation and advised of his/her rights.
3. **Notice:** Upon determination of the need for a disciplinary hearing, the accused student will receive written notification. Written notice includes a statement of the alleged misconduct with sufficient particulars to enable the accused student to prepare his/her defense, the date, time and place of any hearing, and the names of witnesses who are scheduled to appear at the hearing. Normally, notice is provided at least 72 hours in advance of any hearing.

Hearing Types

The University Conduct Committee (UCC) and Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) are both comprised of five members, representing faculty, staff and students. Hearings of the UCC and ACC are tape recorded to provide a record in the event of an appeal.

The UCC includes two students and three faculty and staff selected by the Dean of Students Office. A faculty member or staff member will chair the UCC hearing. A non-voting representative of the Dean of Students Office will present an overview of the case.

The ACC includes faculty appointed by the University Senate Committee, two students selected by the Dean of Students office, and one staff representative of the Dean of Students Office. A faculty member selected by the University Senate Committee will chair the hearing.

The focus of inquiry in disciplinary hearings shall be to determine whether there has been a violation of campus standards or regulations and, if necessary, appropriate sanctions.

There are seven types of conduct hearings at the university depending on the nature of the infraction:

Student nonacademic conduct cases will be addressed in either a University Conduct Committee Hearing or a University Conduct Administrative Hearing:

• University Conduct Committee

If the alleged violation is of a non-academic nature, the accused student may choose a University Conduct Committee (UCC) hearing. All serious matters of misconduct can be referred to the UCC by the dean of students. Hearings of the UCC will be closed to the public, unless the complainant and the accused student both agree to conduct an open hearing. Requests for an open hearing require a 48-hour notice and the final determination is made by the UCC chair. The purpose of the hearing is to determine responsibility for an alleged violation and make sanction recommendations to the dean of students.

• University Conduct Administrative Hearing

If the alleged violation is of a nonacademic nature and the accused student fully accepts responsibility for the violation, the dean of students may allow an administrative hearing. This hearing is conducted solely by the dean of students or assistant dean of students. The hearing officer decides on the appropriate sanction and if the student agrees with the sanction(s), the case is concluded and all appeal rights are waived. If there is no agreement on a sanction, the University Conduct Committee will hear the case.

Student academic conduct cases will be addressed in either an Academic Conduct Committee Hearing or an Academic Conduct Administrative Hearing:

• Academic Conduct Committee

If the alleged violation is of an academic nature, the case will be heard by the Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) of the University Senate. Academic conduct hearings are generally closed to the public. In all cases heard by the ACC, the purpose will be to make a decision regarding responsibility or innocence with respect to the alleged misconduct. In the case of a "responsible" finding, the ACC also will determine the sanctions.

• Academic Conduct Administrative Hearing

This hearing is used when the student accepts responsibility for the alleged violation. The dean of students may choose to hold an administrative hearing conducted by the chair of the Academic Conduct Committee. The dean of students, faculty member bringing the case and the student(s) charged will be present. The hearing is held to decide an appropriate sanction. If all parties agree on a sanction, the case is concluded and all appeal rights are waived. If the parties cannot agree on a sanction, the Academic Conduct Committee will hear the case.

• Residence Hall Hearing

If the alleged violation is of a nonacademic nature, involves a residence hall student, occurred in the residence halls, and is not a major infraction, the matter will be heard through the Residence Hall Judicial System. The procedures for the Residence Hall Judicial System are included in the Residence Hall Handbook.

• Student Organization Conduct Hearing

Student or Greek organizations may choose a Student Organization Conduct Hearing. All serious matters of nonacademic misconduct can be referred to the University Conduct Committee (UCC) by the Center for Student Activities. These hearings will be closed to the public, unless the complainant and accused organization both agree to an open hearing. Open hearing requests require a 48-hour notice and final determination is made by the SOCC chair. The hearing is to determine responsibility for the allegations and decide sanction(s). All appeals are made to the dean of students or his/her designee.

• Student Organization Administrative Hearing

If the student or Greek organization fully accepts responsibility for the violation(s), an administrative hearing may be allowed. The hearing is conducted solely by the director or his/her designee. The hearing officer decides on the appropriate sanction and if the organization agrees with the sanction(s), the case is concluded and all appeal rights are waived. If there is no agreement on a sanction, the University Conduct Committee will hear the case.

Hearing Procedures

1. Written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing will be provided to the student 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The notice will include a statement of the alleged misconduct with sufficient particulars to enable the accused student to prepare his/her defense and the names of witnesses who are scheduled to appear at the hearing.
2. The accused student or his/her adviser shall notify the dean of students in writing at least 48 hours prior to a hearing of the name, address and phone number of witnesses he/she wishes to call and the context of their appearance. After the witness list is finalized, the accused student is responsible for asking them to appear at the hearing.
3. The dean of students will advise the accused student of his/her right not to make any responses or statements that may be incriminating and also will inform the student that any information or answer given may be used in a disciplinary hearing or a court of law.
4. Throughout the hearing, it is the responsibility of the chair to determine the appropriateness of all questions and comments. Any member of the hearing committee and advisers may make inquiries and comments when properly recognized by the chair.
5. The dean of students will make all decisions regarding postponement of a hearing prior to the hearing date. It is the responsibility of the chair to make all decisions regarding postponement or continuation of a hearing once in progress.
6. The chair has the authority to maintain the proper atmosphere throughout the hearing. Any person, including the accused student, who disrupts a hearing or who fails to adhere to the rulings of the chair, may be excluded or removed from the hearing.
7. The chair has the final decision as to the admissibility of any evidence, written statements, documentation or testimony. Irrelevant or unduly repetitious evidence may be excluded.
8. After considering all evidence, the conduct committee will deliberate in private, determine responsibility or innocence, and determine an appropriate sanction.

University Sanctions

If a student or an organization is found to be responsible for academic or nonacademic misconduct, the following sanctions may be imposed singly or in combination. The sanction(s) imposed will be commensurate with the offending conduct and may take into account the student's educational record and any previous conduct record. Additionally, sanctions may prevent the student from representing the university in some extracurricular activities.

1. Disciplinary Reprimand. A written reprimand that expresses university dissatisfaction with the student's conduct and clarifies expected behavior in the future.
2. Disciplinary Probation. Written notification that any further violations within the probationary period shall result in more severe disciplinary action. The probationary period will be for a specific period of time or until the completion of any specified requirements or conditions that are a part of the probation.
3. Deferred Disciplinary Suspension. The student remains enrolled; however, any violation of conduct regulations during the period of deferred suspension will, after a determination of responsibility, result in disciplinary suspension.
4. Disciplinary Suspension. A decision that removes the student from the university for a specified period of time, usually no more than two years. The suspension might be immediate or begin after the end of the semester. In either case, the student is eligible for consideration for readmission at the end of the specified period.
5. Disciplinary Expulsion. A decision that removes the student permanently from the university. Normally, the penalty shall consist of the student being barred from the premises of the university.
6. Other Sanctions. May include, but are not limited to, prohibition from engaging in any extracurricular activity such as, running for or holding office in any student group or organization, limiting athletes from participation in sports-related activities, restricting students from serving on any university committees, or limiting student employment, service charges, holds on records, counseling, restriction or removal from on-campus housing, community service, and writing a paper.
7. Fines. Established and published fines may be imposed.
8. Revocation of Degree. A degree awarded from the university may be revoked for fraud, misrepresentation, or other violation of university standards in obtaining a degree, or for other serious violations committed by a student prior to graduation.
9. Withholding Degree. The university may withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned until the completion of the process set forth in this Student Code of Conduct, including completion of all sanc-

tions imposed, if any.

Disciplinary Findings

After the hearing, the student will be informed of the findings of the committee. The findings may include:

- A. Not responsible: No misconduct has been proven.
- B. Responsible: The student was proven responsible for the alleged misconduct by a preponderance of the evidence or accepted responsibility for the charges.

Expelled or Suspended Student Refund Policy

When a student is expelled or suspended from the university for disciplinary reasons (either academic or nonacademic), the date of the disciplinary violation will be used to determine whether the student is entitled to a refund of any tuition or fees according to the current university tuition and fees refund schedule. Additionally, residence halls and apartment room and board charges will be prorated based on the student's room checkout date.

Appeal Procedures

There are only two grounds on which the decision of the Nonacademic and Academic Conduct Committees may be appealed:

1. Substantial new evidence, which was not available at the hearing and/or;
2. Procedural error that significantly affected the outcome of the case.

*Severity of the sanctions imposed is not grounds for an appeal.

Nonacademic Conduct Right of Appeal

Appeals for the University Conduct Committee are processed through the vice president for student affairs. The vice president may affirm the decision and sanction, affirm the decision and modify the sanction, reverse the decision, or return the case to the conduct committee for further consideration or rehearing. The decision of the vice president is final. The vice president may designate another individual or group to recommend an appeal decision.

Academic Conduct Right of Appeal

After a hearing has ended, all students receive written notification of the findings and sanction(s). The decision of the Academic Conduct Committee shall be final, subject only to the student's right of appeal. The Steering Committee of the University Senate grants authority to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, or designee, to screen all appeal letters and determine merit.

Form of the Appeal

Students will normally have ten (10) working days from the date of the written notification to submit a written appeal stating the grounds for the appeal and the disposition the student seeks as a result of the appeal. If the appeal is based on new evidence, the letter should specify in detail what the new evidence is, how it affects the case, and why it was not presented at the hearing. New evidence in written form should be included with the letter of appeal. If the appeal is based on a procedural error, the letter should specify in detail what the error was and how it prevented a fair adjudication of the case.

Acceptance or Rejection of the Appeal

All information submitted will be reviewed to determine whether there are grounds for an appeal. If the appeal is rejected, the student will be informed and the case will be closed. If the appeal is accepted the case will be reverted back to the Dean of Students Office for a rehearing with a newly constituted Academic Conduct Committee.

Student Rights

Oakland University students shall enjoy certain rights as members of the academic community in addition to those rights that they enjoy as citizens or residents of the United States and the state of Michigan. While the following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all rights supported by the university, it does reflect principles that are essential to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to the pursuit of learning and the development of students as scholars and citizens.

Students have the right of free inquiry, expression and association, and students are expected to exercise their rights within the bounds of civility and community responsibility.

- Students have the right to participate in university-sponsored services and activities without discrimination or harassment based on a student's race, creed, color, sexual orientation, national origin, age, sex or other classification that deprives the person of consideration as an individual.
- Students have the right to protection against improper disclosure of their student record as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).
- Students have the right of access to their personal records and other university files as provided for under the FERPA and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.
- Students have the right to join associations without fear of harassment or intimidation.
- Students have the right to petition for change in either academic or non-academic regulations, procedures or practices.
- Students accused of misconduct or of violating university policy have the right to have their responsibility determined in accord with university procedures and standard due process protections.

Health Related Emergencies

In cases involving health-related emergencies (physical or psychological), the university may take appropriate action to protect the health and safety of the individual student and of the campus. Such action may include restriction from the campus until the situation is addressed as well as notification of the student's family. This can also include a voluntary or administrative medical withdrawal. Students will receive written notification of the decision to invoke an administrative medical withdrawal. Students who have received a medical administrative withdrawal due to a health related emergency must complete the re-enrollment process prior to enrolling in subsequent coursework.

Re-enrollment Process

Students who have received a voluntary or administrative medical withdrawal due to a mental health condition may request re-enrollment.

The student must complete the following:

1. Submit to the Office of the Dean of Students, a Request for Re-enrollment form with supporting documentation. The request must be completed by a qualified (licensed) mental health professional.
2. Once the completed request form and supporting documentation have been submitted, the student must schedule a meeting with the Dean of Students to review his/her request.

Questions regarding the judicial process or incidents of a disciplinary nature should be directed to the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, (248) 370-3352.

The complete Student Code of Conduct is available on-line at

www2.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/

Split decision

Bearcats overtaken with ease, Westerwinds not so much

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — When one looks at a picture of a bearcat, it raises the question "is it more of a bear or a cat?" Well, whatever it is, Oakland University's women's soccer team (2-4 overall, 1-2 conference) had no problem keeping the visiting Bearcats of Cincinnati (2-2-1 overall) at bay and recorded their first shutout of the 2007 regular season with a 1-0 decision Friday.

In the seventh minute, senior Courtney McCracken opened the attack for the Golden Grizzlies with a shot from the right side.

It wasn't until the 39th minute, however, when the lone goal of the game was scored.

Kristi Evans broke away from her defenders and set up teammate Jaime Hulet for the shot inside the box. The shot was blocked, but junior Jessica Boyle was there for the rebound and drilled the ball into the net, raking up her first goal of the 2007 campaign.

"Evans made a nice play," said head coach Nick O'Shea. "[They put] a quality ball in to Jaime and Boyle, always a hard worker, was there [to rebound] for a good finish."

The closest Cincinnati came to putting a mark in the scoreboard in the first half was a breakaway up the left side, courtesy of Emily Hebbeler. However, junior goalkeeper Kim Herbst was able to slide and catch the ball, keeping OU on top.

In the second half, O'Shea pulled Herbst, despite two quality saves in the first half, and sent freshman Elizabeth Watza between the posts for the second half.

"Kim's been playing good all year," O'Shea said. "We just have three other keepers with no experience right now so we had to try and get some experience for them in case Kim gets injured or something like that."

Watza showed no sign of freshman nerves and made three stops in the second half, including deflecting Cincinnati's Erin MacDonald's rocket over the crossbar in the 52nd minute.

The Bearcats fought all the way to the end, throwing a shot in the contest's final minute, which was easily saved by Watza to preserve the shutout.

The Golden Grizzlies had a scare in the 74th minute when freshman midfielder Melissa Hartwig was hit in the face while trying to head the ball and fell to the field in a heap. She was helped up from the field after several minutes and recieved stitches to her forehead on site. She required two layers of stitches, 20 in all and is expected to get them removed later this week.

Hartwig did not play in Sunday's match up against Summit League opponent Western Illinois, in which the Golden Grizzlies fell to the home team as the Westerwinds routed OU 2-1. It was the first time the two teams have met since the 2006 Mid-Con finals last November.

Western Illinois (5-1 overall, 1-0 conference) scored both of their goals against Herbst in the fourth and 27th minutes of the first half.

Senior Kristi Tomczyk extended her team lead to four goals this season with a shot off goalkeeper Meghan Tyk's hands in the 71st minute to make the score 2-1.

The Golden Grizzlies had a chance to tie the game in the final minute off a corner kick to set up Boyle, but her shot flew high of the net and the Westerwinds walked away with the 2-1 victory.

On tap is a Friday afternoon battle against the USC Trojans, who are ranked 17th in the nation, at the OU Soccer Field at 4 p.m.

"Southern Cal, being ranked in the top 20, is a huge game and a good challenge," O'Shea said. "We always like to test ourselves."



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

TOP: Kristi Tomczyk eyes Cincinnati's net on the opposite end of the field against the Bearcats. She leads the Golden Grizzlies with four goals this season.



LEFT: Lauren Brodie heads the ball away from Oakland's net in a defensive effort Friday. The Grizzlies successfully shut out the Westerwinds with a 1-0 decision.

Clipped in Corvallis

Men's soccer takes first loss of season to UC-Davis

By **ROB TATE**
Assistant Sports Editor

When it rains, it pours.

In the Pacific Northwest, a place that's known for its vast amounts of rain, the Oakland Golden Grizzly men's soccer team lost its first game of the season after a torrential downpour of goals, courtesy of the UC-Davis Aggies.

But it wasn't all bad for the Golden Grizzlies at the Diadora Oregon State Classic in Corvallis, Ore. this past weekend.

Things got off to a good start on Friday. A well-rested Golden Grizzly team defeated the host school, the Oregon State Beavers, by a score of 1-0.

Coming into the contest, Oakland had not played since Sept. 5 when they tied Detroit-Mercy 0-0.

Junior goalkeeper Steve Clark played a great game in net for the Golden Grizzlies.

With the conclusion of the game, Clark had a shutout streak that extended over 279 minutes. His last goal was given up against Rutgers on Sept. 2. Clark stopped three Oregon State shots on the game.

Sophomore sensation Sebby Harris added to his goal total on the young season, netting his team leading third goal of the season, unassisted in the 75th minute.

"We played a very good first game against Oregon State and we hung in there and played and we ended up get-

ting the goal late in the game, so I was very happy with our efforts on the night," head coach Gary Parsons said.

The next night against UC-Davis, the wheels fell off Oakland's Oregon Trail wagon as the Aggies took a 4-2 victory from the claws of the Golden Grizzlies.

"We were flat, we didn't come out to play, and they basically won the game in the first half," Parsons said.

The Aggies pounded Oakland early and often, scoring four goals on the game, dumping a bucket of water on Steve Clark's hot streak in net.

Clark's shutout streak ended in the 15th minute of action when UC-Davis leading scorer Sule Anibaba shot one in from 16 yards out to grab the early lead.

The Aggies continued the offensive onslaught, adding three more goals in the next 20 minutes including an Anibaba penalty kick in the 34th minute.

Sophomore Stew Givens found the back of the net in the first half for his first career goal, assisted by junior Piotr Nowak. Nowak has two assists on the season.

Junior Gabe Hernandez scored the only goal in the second half, beating UC-Davis goalkeeper Brian Wickers in the 64th minute.

Oakland will battle Mid-American Conference foe Western Michigan today at 4 p.m. at the OU Soccer Field.

Oakland is 7-1-1 all time versus the Broncos, including a 2-1 victory last season in Kalamazoo. The Broncos are 3-3-0 so far this season.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Sophomore striker Sebastian (Sebby) Harris is off to a good start on the young season. His three goals, including the game winner on Friday night against Oregon State, leads the team.

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Jessica Boyle
Women's Soccer



Year: Junior
Major: Medical Lab Sciences

Boyle's first goal of the season was a big one, as it was the game winner against the Cincinnati Bearcats last Friday.

MEN'S SOCCER NEWS AND NOTES

Sophomore defender Stew Givens has one goal and two assists on the young season. Givens had no points last season while playing in 14 games.

Junior Gabe Hernandez's goal against UC-Davis on Saturday was the first of his career as a Golden Grizzly. The mid fielder transferred from Schoolcraft College in the offseason. Hernandez had one goal and two assists in his two seasons as an Ocelot.

Junior goalkeeper Steve Clark has logged every minute in net so far for Oakland this season. Clark has 21 saves and a 1.09 goals-against-average on the season.

—Rob Tate, Assistant Sports Editor

Volleyball split even on road

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's volleyball team opened up Summit League play with a pair of games on the road last weekend. The Golden Grizzlies beat the Ladies of Centenary Friday, but fell to Oral Roberts the following night.

Centenary was the only team in the Summit League predicted to finish below Oakland in the preseason coaches' poll, so it should come as no surprise that the Grizzlies were able to knock off the Ladies. It was no easy task, though, and the match went to five games.

The Grizzlies dropped a close one the first game, 34-32, then rallied back to win the next two games 30-18 and 30-22. On the brink of elimination, the Ladies stuck it to the Grizzlies with a 30-23 win to force a fifth game. Oakland took the final game 15-6 for the win.

Friday's victory was the first time the Grizzlies have won the league opener since 2004 when they beat the Ladies 3-1 at the O'Rena. In 2000, they swept Chicago State 3-0 on the road to open conference play.

Junior Lauren Duquette, who head coach Rob Beam tabbed last week as the best libero the previous three weekends, set a school record with 41 digs Friday night.

Oakland wasn't as fortunate Saturday, as they fell to Oral Roberts in a three-game sweep. The Golden Eagles won by scores of 30-22, 30-23 and 30-26.

The Grizzlies fared best in the final game of the match, as they hung in closely with Oral Roberts.

Junior Amy Golem had 17 kills for Oakland, including three straight in the third game to help OU pull ahead of the Golden Eagles, 11-9. Golem also had three kills later that game, along with serving four straight points to come within one point of Oral Roberts' score. Oakland topped off there and the Eagles took the next three points for the win.

Oakland hosts Summit League newcomer South Dakota State this Friday night at the O'Rena in the team's first home league match of the season.

Congrats!

Junior Lauren Duquette was named the Summit League's Defensive Player of the Week. She currently ranks second in the conference with 5.86 digs a game and has 1,040 career digs.

By the Numbers

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Previous Oakland University record for digs in a five-game match, set by Beth Ann Rourke at UMKC Nov. 15, 2002.

Conference opens the Golden Grizzlies have won since joining Division I in 1998.

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New Summit League teams Oakland University will square off against this weekend—South Dakota State and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW).

Home games left on the schedule for Golden Grizzlies volleyball this season.

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Welcome to Grizzly Country

Golf coach hired after months of question marks

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

It was a move more than four months in the making.

After head golf coach Dave DeWulf resigned from his post in May after 17 seasons with Oakland University, the weeks began to turn into months as the search for a replacement carried on.

Finally, Golden Grizzly golfers and fans alike can breathe easy.

This month, Oakland welcomed Brian Costello, former head coach at Belmont University in Nashville, to the Golden Grizzly family as the new head golf coach.

"It's a great place," he said after his arrival at OU. "Everybody was very nice and very receptive."

Costello is no stranger to Michigan terrain—he grew up in Lansing and is a 1993 graduate of Lansing Everett High School. From there, he attended Ferris State University and received a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis on marketing and professional golf management.

After graduation, he worked as an Assistant Golf Professional in Portland, Ore. and at the Detroit Golf Club. It was during his tenure in the "D" when he became interested in coaching golf at the collegiate level.

"The University of Detroit-Mercy plays out of the Detroit Golf Club and I got to know their coach and some of the guys [with the program]," he said. "They created a women's program a few years ago [in 2004]

and I was asked to help out with a couple of the girls and that's kind of how it started."

After working with the women's program, he also took the reigns of the men's program and became an associate head coach at the university. He took the Titans to the 2005 Horizon League Championship and qualified for the NCAA Central Regional.

He then took a head coaching job at Belmont University, where he led the team to two team championships and coached two golfers to All-Conference honors.

When the position opened up at Oakland University, however, Costello saw the opportunity to take a team to the next level.

"I felt that I had taken Belmont as far as it can go," he said. "The support structure isn't there like it is here at OU. This job has a lot more opportunity and possibility."

As the fall season marches on, Costello sees a lot of youth on his team.

"They're very talented, but very young," he said, with only three seniors total on the men's and women's rosters. "It's going to take a little time to develop."

Costello is looking to sophomore Frank McAuliffe for leadership.

"He's been a great player for a lot of years," he said. "He's going to be kind of the leader of this team going forward."

As far as his inaugural season goes, Costello wants to see improvement in his golfers.

"I want to get better," he said. "Just to continue to improve. I'd like to see us compete at the conference championship. I think we have the ability to make a run at that and that's our focus right now."

Costello also hopes to bring a golf tournament to Rochester, so the student body can come out and cheer on their Golden Grizzlies, since there are currently no home tournaments.

"We have a lot of guys and girls that work very hard every day and sometimes, golf doesn't get the support and recognition it deserves. It's a kind of a behind the scenes program. We eventually will have a home tournament and hopefully get the entire student body out there rooting us on."

Tee Time

The men's team will take part in a tournament at Cleveland State this weekend. The women's team will not tee off until October.

In Case You Missed It:

Cross country competes at Bowling Green

The men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Mel Brodt Invitational in Bowling Green, Ohio Saturday. The men's team finished third overall out of 12 competing teams in the 8K race. Sophomore Zack Jones finished fifth in the field of 132 competitors and ran a personal best time of 25:21.29. Rounding out the Oakland University finishers in the top 20 were junior Andrew Lawrick in 12th place with a time of 25:38.81, senior Jason Young with a time of 25:45.98, sophomore Ross Solanskey at 25:50.50 and junior Kevin MacDonald in 20th place, clocking in at 25:52.53.

The women's team, on the other hand, stayed more with the middle of the pack and finished in eighth place in a field of 14 teams. In the 5K race, Oakland had a top finisher in the form of freshman Kelsey Carmean in 22nd place out of 166 runners with a time of 18:41.68. OU's two other runners in the top 50 were sophomore Sara Gerhardt in 44th place with a time of 19:19.08 and freshman Sarah Thompson in 46th place at 19:21.12. The next meet will be Sept. 28 at the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind.

Want to play men's basketball? Try to make the team as a walk on

The Oakland University men's basketball team will hold an open tryouts on Monday, Oct. 8 from 10-11 a.m. at the O'Rena. The tryout is only available to currently enrolled students. For more information, send an e-mail to assistant coach Saddi Washington at washingt@oakland.edu.

Former Grizzly signs deal with IHL team

Oakland hockey alum Ryan Webb has signed a contract with the Port Huron Icehawks of the International Hockey League, the team announced Monday. Webb played five games for the Grizzlies in 2005-2006 before signing a professional tryout agreement with the Motor City Mechanics of the United Hockey League (now the IHL). He had two goals and five assists in those five games. Prior to signing with Port Huron, Webb spent time with the Flint Generals (UHL), the South Carolina Stingrays (East Coast Hockey League) and most recently, the Jacksonville Barracudas (Southern Professional Hockey League), where he played the last two seasons.

Rugby season to kick off Saturday at OU

Oakland University's club rugby team will partake in their first match of the season against Lake Superior State Saturday at 1 p.m. The game will take place at the upper fields on OU's campus, across from the student apartments.

Men's golf finishes 14th at tournament

The Oakland University men's golf team kicked off their 2007-08 campaign with the John Piper Intercollegiate at Bowling Green, Ohio. They finished 14th in a field of 15 teams, with Eastern Kentucky taking the top spot. The Golden Grizzlies had a top finisher in sophomore Frank McAuliffe, who finished 39th out of 78 golfers with a score of 228 (77-73-78).

—By Samantha Franz and Brittany Ochtsinsky
Sports Editor and Senior Reporter

TSL Women's Soccer Standings

Conference

	W	L	T	Pts.
South Dakota State	1	0	1	4
Western Illinois	1	0	0	3
Oakland	1	2	0	3
Southern Utah	0	0	1	1
North Dakota State	0	1	0	0
Centenary	0	0	0	0
Oral Roberts	0	0	0	0
IUPUI	0	0	0	0
IPFW	0	0	0	0

TSL Volleyball Standings

Conference

	W	L
South Dakota State	1	0
Oral Roberts	1	0
Western Illinois	1	2
North Dakota State	0	0
IUPUI	0	0
Oakland	0	0
UMKC	0	0
Centenary	0	0
IPFW	0	0

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Plus, check out coverage of soccer, volleyball, rugby, cross country and much more!

GM-UAW talks resume

Complex details slow momentum toward deal

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press Auto Writer

Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. were to resume Tuesday, slowed so much by the complexity of retiree health care and other issues that a deal could be days away.

Both sides reported progress, but a person who was briefed on the talks said it's taking a lot of time to reach agreement on details, such as changes GM is seeking in work rules and job classifications, as well as financial issues. The person requested anonymity because the talks are private.

"It's billions of dollars and the security of somebody who's put 30 years into the company on an assembly line, so both sides want to get it right," said Harley Shaiken, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley who specializes in labor issues. "So that's going to slow things down a bit."

Talks resumed midmorning Tuesday after about 10 hours of negotiations Monday ended at 9 p.m., GM spokeswoman Katie McBride said.

Pete Hastings, an auto industry corporate bonds analyst with Morgan Keegan & Co., said investors should be confident

because the two sides appear to be moving closer to a settlement that would avoid a strike. The UAW is negotiating an agreement with GM first and will try to persuade Ford and Chrysler LLC to accept the same terms.

"This labor agreement is monumentally important and would be a big step towards completing the turnaround for GM," Hastings said. "I fully expect them to get a deal done. It's in both of their interests to get something in place."

But the mood in GM's plants was subdued as workers awaited word on the talks. After a weekend of marathon bargaining, GM workers were on the job Monday at the automaker's 82 U.S. facilities, including assembly and parts plants and warehouses. The UAW represents around 73,000 GM auto workers.

UAW spokesman Roger Kerson declined to comment on the talks.

In part because of the talks, GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner canceled a Tuesday trip to Washington, where he was expected to discuss energy issues at a Commerce Department event and meet with members of Michigan's congressional delegation.

It was unclear whether Wagoner's decision to stay in Detroit was a sign that an agreement is near. Company

spokesman Greg Martin said the change "reflects the demands of his schedule and the ongoing labor talks. No more, no less."

GM's four-year contract with the UAW was to expire at midnight Friday. The union extended it on an hour-by-hour basis as the two sides talked through the weekend, including a 16-hour bargaining session Sunday. Ford and Chrysler extended their contracts indefinitely.

Local union leaders have said the main outstanding issues in the talks are retiree health care expenses and whether GM will promise to build new vehicles at UAW-represented factories. GM wants the union to take over responsibility for retiree health care costs using a company-funded trust. The UAW was asking for job guarantees in exchange for taking on the costs.

GM, Ford and Chrysler have a combined unfunded retiree health care obligation of more than \$90 billion. GM's unfunded obligation alone is \$51 billion. The companies want to get those obligations off their books to improve their financial outlook and boost stock prices and credit ratings. They also want to free themselves of the risk of inflation in health costs.

Peter Nesvold of Bear Stearns said

Monday that a health care deal will help GM, but Ford may be better positioned to take advantage of the settlement. Ford has \$40 billion in cash on hand to fund the trust, while it's unclear whether GM has sufficient liquidity to fund the trust. GM has already sold major assets such as a stake in its GMAC finance unit, Nesvold said, while Ford is still expecting to get more cash from the sale of its Jaguar and Land Rover units later this year.

GM's product cycle also is peaking right now with the introduction of the redesigned Chevrolet Malibu, while Ford's product cycle is in a lull but will be improving in 2008, Nesvold said in a note to investors.

Morgan Stanley analyst Jonathan Steinmetz agreed that while the establishment of a health care trust would be a watershed event, it's not a panacea for GM, which still faces a soft U.S. auto market and the possibility of continuing U.S. market share losses.

"With the health care issue on the sidelines, we believe investors need to focus a lot more attention now on international growth and additional cost-cutting opportunities," Steinmetz wrote in a note to investors.

Martin Short's comedic talent to grace Flint Theater

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

Martin Short is a comedy legend whose performance career includes starring roles in movies, television shows and Broadway productions. He is a nationally known master of the stage.

And this Saturday at 8 p.m., Short will add the "Whiting" theatre in Flint, Michigan to his long resume.

The venue will host "A Musical Evening with Martin Short," featuring the comedian and his many talents. Expect musical romps and some of Short's classic characters, including the pompous celebrity interviewer Jiminy Glick.

Short's career goes back to the early 70s when he got his first major gig in a production of "Godspell." Eventually, he was hired by The Second City Toronto,

where he honed his improvisation skills.

This led to a stint performing on sketch comedy television show SC-TV (Second City Television) in Canada, and a season starring on Saturday Night Live during the 1984-85 season, in which he created one of his most popular characters, the over-anxious Ed Grimely.

This led to starring roles in the "Father of the Bride" movies, and "The Three Amigos" along side fellow comedians Steve Martin and Chevy Chase.

Short even tackled the daytime talk



photo courtesy of thewhiting.com
Comedian Martin Short will be in his element at The Whiting theater in Flint.

show scene with "The Martin Short Show" in 1999, where Jiminy Glick was conceived, and led to the Comedy Central hit show "Primetime Glick."

On "Primetime Glick" Short's pleasantly plump Hollywood insider host obnoxiously interviews celebrities as diverse as John Sally and Bill Maher.

Short also had the privilege of playing Leo Bloom in the Los Angeles production of

Mel Brooks' "The Producers" opposite Jason Alexander.

One of Short's latest accomplishments includes his Broadway show "Martin

Short: Fame Becomes Me," which opened on Broadway in August 2006 and closed in early January 2007.

Positive reactions abounded in response to his time on Broadway. The Associated Press hailed Short as "an unstoppable comic spirit with an inexhaustible sense of fun. It's the audience that is worn out from laughing."

If you enjoy a hearty laugh, this is a show you do not want to miss. The performance begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets start at \$27 and go to \$68.

According to the Whiting Web site, there is a student rush option offering tickets for \$12 on the day of the performance. All that is needed is a student I.D. Availability is not guaranteed — call the Whiting at (810) 237-7333. Students are allowed to buy up to four tickets.

Legislature deadlock continues over income tax increase

By TIM MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

State lawmakers resumed their efforts Monday to avoid a looming partial government shutdown.

Weary members of the Democrat-led state House, who spent the weekend at the Capitol but didn't make much visible progress, began returning to their desks shortly before noon. They were still deadlocked on a proposal to raise the state's income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.6 percent, which would eliminate roughly 60 percent of a projected \$1.75 billion deficit for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. The proposal, which had been voted on since Friday, was pulled off the House voting board Monday afternoon, and leaders said they would break until 5 p.m.

The Republican-led state Senate was tired of waiting. The chamber was expected to consider buying more time to resolve the crisis by passing what's known as a continuation budget. The plan would briefly extend current spending plans into the next fiscal year.

"We've got to have something in place to ensure there is no government shutdown," Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, a Republican from Rochester, said Monday afternoon. "The House put us in a box this weekend. They came out with nothing. It sets us back."

Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she would veto a continuation budget unless a tax increase or other revenue increase was attached.

"I will not sign a continuation budget unless there is revenue to support it," Granholm said at a Monday afternoon press conference at the Capitol. She called on lawmakers to compromise and break the deadlock that threatens the state's ability to pay for services such as health care, education and public safety.

House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, said more than a dozen GOP lawmakers had been in negotiations with him and Granholm over the weekend. Dillon also said he was optimistic that some mix of spending cuts and tax increases could be passed by the House on Monday and sent to the Senate, even if it meant staying in session until midnight again.

"We've got an understanding of how we're going to fix the fiscal crisis. I'm confident that I'm going to reach my goal of a bipartisan solution out of the House," Dillon told reporters. Assistant Minority Leader Kevin

Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, said House Republicans stood up for Michigan taxpayers by refusing to vote for a tax increase during the marathon session. Members of the clerk's staff said they could not recall the House ever meeting on a Sunday.

"We are a long way from being at a point where we should consider any such increase," Elsenheimer said as lawmakers left. "It's time to get down to the business of actually making the changes that we need to make in the way Michigan provides government before we even start looking at revenues."

Although Elsenheimer said it was unlikely any House Republicans would vote for a tax increase when the House met Monday afternoon, he said he couldn't guarantee that none would back a tax increase at some point.

The income tax bill would boost the rate from 3.9 percent to 4.6 percent, an increase of \$350 a year for an individual earning \$50,000. As lawmakers re-entered the chamber Monday, the voting board showed 48 Democrats in favor of a bill, with 10 not voting — a tally unchanged from Sunday. Republicans who were present opposed the bill. At least 56 votes were needed for passage.

Democrats hold a 58-52 majority and could pass a bill on their own. But they were rushing for bipartisan support hoping it would help prospects for approval in the GOP-controlled Senate and give political cover to Democrats in swing districts whom anti-tax groups might try to recall.

Dillon said he believed any budget solution the House might reach Monday would include an income tax increase, although he wasn't committed to its being raised to 4.6 percent. He said that wouldn't bring in enough money to fix the budget shortfall, however, so another revenue source would be needed.

One likely scenario is extending the 6 percent sales tax on goods to a limited number of services, although Dillon said sporting events and entertainment would be exempt from the tax. The House needs to pass a budget solution on Monday because the Senate will have to wait five days before it can take up the measures because of legislative rules, putting the state dangerously close to starting the new fiscal year Oct. 1 with no budget in place.

Dillon said he hoped to get assurances Monday from Bishop that a bipartisan package that included tax increases would be taken up by the Senate.



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Elie Wiesel

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



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Things to do in Detroit before you graduate

By KRISTIN SIMOVSKI
Contributing Reporter

The difficulties of college life are not limited to studying, working and extracurricular activities. Taking a break from the books comes with the challenge of figuring out what to do. When you add a limited income to the picture, planning a day out or a night on the town can be exhausting.

Luckily, Oakland University isn't far from downtown Detroit and other great attractions, giving students endless pocket-friendly entertainment options.

Get Artsy



CELESTE FILLATRAULT/The Oakland Post
Dart to see the art at the DIA

The Detroit Institute of Arts houses nearly 60,000 works of art, with collections featuring works from all over the world. The museum has been closed for renovations since May but will reopen November 23.

The 'New DIA' is expected to be more user friendly with an expanded education center, interpretive tools and new signage to make navigating the galleries easier. Other updates include a family room, a larger gift shop and Café DIA. Monet and Michelangelo fans alike are sure to enjoy the revamp of one of Detroit's richest cultural centers. For updates on the renovation and prices, visit www.dia.org.

Be a Sports Nut



Photo courtesy of mytravelguide.com
Go crazy and celebrate Detroit sports

The Sporting News named Detroit as the Best Sports City of 2007, and it isn't hard to see why. We've got the Red Wings, the Pistons, the Tigers, the Shock and, yes, even the Lions still have die-hard fans who continue to visit Ford Field in the hopes that they'll have at least a decent season.

Not only is the "D" home to some of professional sports' finest teams, but there are a host of great college teams, as well, including OU's own Golden Grizzlies.

The great thing about Detroit's teams is that even when they're at their worst, the fans stand behind them. Detroit is a great city for any sports fan, so rock the Old English D, and go to a game, no matter the sport.

Have a Burger with a Side of Rock n' Roll



Photo courtesy of waymashing.com
Rocking good times at the Hard Rock

The Hard Rock Café Detroit showcases the city's eclectic mix of music history, with memorabilia representing everything from Motown to Rap and rock 'n' roll. Detroit's rich music scene is exemplified with mementos from some of the Motor City's greatest acts: The Temptations, Madonna, Eminem, Ted Nugent and more. The Café also features relics from Marvin Gaye, Keith Richards, Jimi Hendrix and Gene Simmons.

Channel Your Inner Chazz Michael Michaels



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Not at all like two hot dogs in a bun

The Ice Rink at Campus Martius Park is open November through March, and during the holidays a 60-foot Holiday Tree is displayed near the rink. Admission to the rink is \$7 for adults, and skate rental is \$3. During the spring and summer, live music is featured in the park along with wireless Internet access and the park café Au Bon Pain open year round.

Go Greek Go Greek



Photo courtesy of wikipedia.com
OPA doesn't even describe it

Greektown, mainly known for the casino of the same name, is an ethnic neighborhood hosting over a dozen restaurants, bakeries and pastry shops, and other entertainment.

Greektown was actually a German neighborhood when it was established in the 1830s but has since evolved into the vibrant Greek entertainment district it is today. Many of the coffee shops and restaurants are open 24 hours, so stop by anytime. Opa!

Visit a Landmark



Photo courtesy of modernimaging.com
The spirit of the city showing spirit

There are many landmarks in Detroit but the Joe Louis Fist is one of the most famous. It's located on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson avenues and is a tribute to Detroit's boxing hero. Another great Detroit icon is the Spirit of Detroit, located at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building.

The Michigan Central Railroad Station, which opened in 1913, is another city landmark that offers visitors a look into the city's past. Though the station hasn't seen a train since 1988, it has been used in other ways, including a cameo in Michael Bay's film "Transformers."

Another landmark worth seeing is Tiger Stadium, the city landmark that has probably stirred the most controversy in recent years. Demolition, at least partial, is in the cards for this legendary stadium, but now it's just a question of when.

Lions and Tigers and Bears...



SARA KANDEL/The Oakland Post
Grrreat times at the Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo has been an area favorite for kids and adults alike since its opening in 1928. It was one of the first zoos to feature cageless exhibits and houses a variety of species. Be sure to see everything when you go from the reptiles and amphibians to lions and tigers. The zoo is also home to the Arctic Ring of Life, a state-of-the-art polar bear exhibit, and the Wild Adventure Ride, the country's first zoo-based virtual reality ride.

The newest addition to the zoo is the Australian Outback Adventure, allowing visitors to get up close and personal with kangaroos and wallabies. The only thing separating you from these animals is a knee-high cable bordering the exhibit's winding paths.

Also new to the zoo is the Giraffe Encounter, where visitors can stand on an elevated platform and see eye to eye with these tall creatures. There are even opportunities to feed the giraffes, though don't go expecting to be able to – feedings are subject to the giraffes' appetites.

Talking with a Rock Star

By SARA KANDEL
Scene and Mix Editor

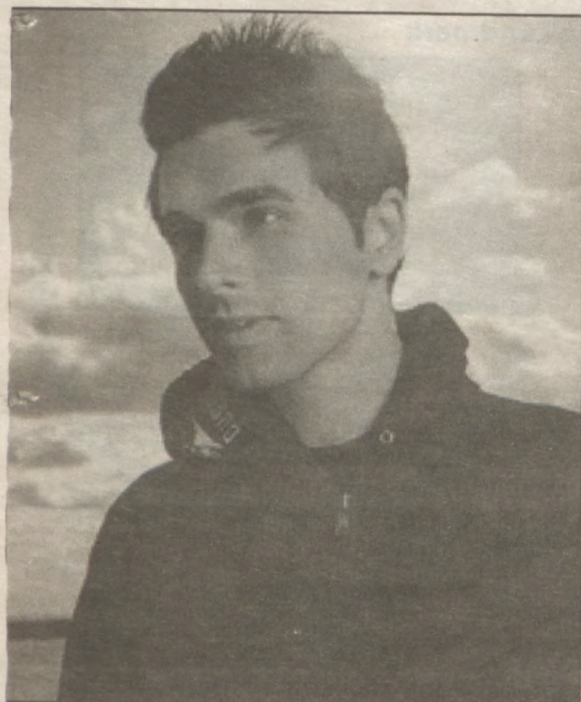


Photo Courtesy of rollingstone.com
Dashboard Confessional's front man, Chris Carrabba played OU Friday

The spread was impressive: carrots, celery, cheeses, power bars, breads and cereals. The table seemed to have everything a rock star could want— well a healthy one at least— but there was one thing missing.

"If you're nervous you can have a drink. I'm always a little nervous." Dashboard Confessional's Chris Carrabba said, pointing to the back of the room.

Ah, there it was on a table by the shower, next to a box of Throat Coat— a fifth of Absolute Vodka, the seal still locked around the cap. The bottle sitting there was the last thing needed to complete the inventory checklist of what a rock star's dressing room would include.

Rolling up his sleeves revealing two completed ink-sleeves Carrabba picked up his guitar and began to play. He says his sleeves have meaning but didn't want to talk about it.

"I got my first tattoo when I was 15, in the basement of my friend's house," Carrabba said. "He had gotten a tattoo gun online and he needed a willing and stupid guinea pig and I was as willing and as stupid as a 15-year-old kid could be," he said.

Looking up, seemingly at nothing, he laughs. "I like to call it abstract," he said.

In an attempt to pay tribute to the reason Chris Carrabba is sitting in a dressing room at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University, the conversation moves to music.

"I've played in Michigan before," Carrabba said. "I've ruled in Michigan."

He enjoys playing here and likes playing on college campuses, but his favorite place is Radio City Music Hall.

"It's really beautiful, and there is a lot of history in that place," Carrabba said. The word 'history' side tracks the conversation once again. This time sticking with media, the topic hops to books.

"I've read a lot lately," said Carrabba. "I read this really good book about Abraham Lincoln called 'Team of Rivals.' It's about how he put together all this hype to foster this birth of ideas," he said.

Minutes later, book talk ends and the conversation switches back to his craft: the writing, singing and playing of hit songs.

Carrabba says he doesn't like to write when he's touring. He's currently finishing up the material for his follow up to the new solo CD.

Both fans of his solo work and fans of his group work will be happy to know he plans on continuing both.

"I just like the option to do both because they kind of bring out a different kind of energy. I never stick strictly to the solo format anyway," he said. "There is something about playing solo, you just kind of have to wing it, but there is a certain spirit of danger when it's no rhythm section and you could mess up at any moment and everyone would notice because there is no cover. I love that. I usually take more risk when I'm acoustic."

Carrabba's new solo CD comes out soon, and DC is joining forces with Counting Crows for a deluxe edition of "August and Everything After."

Dane Cook gets funny with Jessica Alba

By SARA KANDEL
Scene and Mix Editor



Photo Courtesy of sanfranciscocomedycompetition.com
Dane Cook's screen play might see the big screen.

Putting a more physical spin on his normal brand of humor, Dane Cook stars in the romantic comedy "Good Luck Chuck."

He plays a loveable dentist with a curse. The curse that every woman he sleeps with ends up finding true love in her next relationship doesn't effect him until he finally meets the woman of his dreams, co-star Jessica Alba. Chuck has to break the curse or risk losing her to another man.

Laughter ensues through a myriad of corky sex scenes, hilarious date moments between Cook and Alba and women attempting to get one-night stands with Cook so that they might find their prince charming.

Alba says the physical comedy in the film was the initial reason she liked the script.

"To me, that's my favorite comedy — Lucille Ball, Peter Sellers, Gilda Radnor. Those are some of my favorite comedians. I just think that when you embody the character completely, you get to express it in every way, not just in setting up jokes and little facial expressions," Alba said.

"Dane encouraged me to take everything a step further and I think if I didn't work with him, I probably wouldn't have," she said.

Although the previews show an Alba and Cook that fit their characters perfectly, the two say they are nothing like their on screen roles.

"To have Jessica Alba's character come to me and say 'I love you. I want to be with you,' and then have to repel this woman (Alba). Could I do that in real life? No. I'd probably let a train run over me to have a girl like Jessica Alba come and want to spend a little bit of her R&R time," Cook said.

Cook, who considers himself an introvert when not performing, says he likes replying to fan e-mail, designing his album covers and thinking about his script. His script, "Steve's Fortune" which he describes as a "big budget Reservoir Dogs," may be in production soon. "We're meeting with some big producers, and, knocking on wood right now, that are talking about maybe getting it going," Cook said.

"I love Pulp Fiction. I love Reservoir Dogs. I love old 70s Steve McQueens' stuff. And so I wrote one. I wrote something that is very character driven, although it has a lot of action in it," Cook said.

In addition to production of his script, Cook is currently planning a 20-city tour. Information about the tour will be available on his Web site soon at, www.danecook.com.

Although the real life Dane Cook and his on-screen character are worlds apart, Cook says he enjoyed filming. For fans of the movie, he recommends the DVD to get the full "Good Luck Chuck" experience.

"I will say right now that not only have we made a movie that I know is just going to crack people up in the theatres," Cook said, "but when that DVD comes out and you see the extras of those, you know, love scenes, you're going to howl."



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Kanye Trumps 50

50 Cent's Walk of Shame

By Kristin Simovski
Contributing Reporter

Those who talk the talk are usually told to walk the walk. Normally not a problem for Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, except when the talk is about his solo release, "Curtis."

"I'd like to thank y'all for comin' out tonight," 50 Cent said. "It's my third album, third tour. Third time's a charm."

In "Follow My Lead," featuring Robin Thicke, 50 Cent makes the bold assumption that his third album will be his charm.

Songs "Ayo Technology" and "I Get Money" are in radio circulation, but they are the only two of the 17 tracks worthy of release. "Curtis" dwells on unimaginative beats that reinforce mundane lyrics, which are masqueraded by an unfamiliar and enthusiastic delivery in the two radio hits.

Guest appearances by Thicke, Mary J. Blige, Justin Timberlake and Akon are not enough to spare "Curtis" from being another boring rap album.

Fortunately, fans who anticipated the highly publicized release of 50 Cent's latest album have a better option if musical ingenuity and stimulating lyricism are what they seek.

Kanye West wasn't shy about his motives to publicly heat up a feud between himself and 50 Cent to fuel sales of his third solo project "Graduation." The album has exactly what "Curtis" lacks: a backdrop of vibrant beats beneath layers of thoughtful lyrics and infectious energy.

West teams up with Mos Def, Lil Wayne, Chris Martin and T-Pain on "Graduation" and tracks like "Stronger," "Can't Tell Me Nothing," "Champion" and "Good Life" are already thriving on the airwaves.

However, unlike West's previous two records, "Graduation" lacks a certain vivacity that stood out in songs like "Gold Digger" and "The New Workout Plan." Kanye's previous work hard/play hard mentality isn't shining through this time around.

Publicity proves to be paying off for 50 Cent and West, who have both already sold hundreds of thousands of records, but publicity can't make the record worth listening to twice.

50 Cent talked the talk, but only Kanye West seems to be walking the walk.

Second City's New Act



Pirates make their way to dooms day at the Second City

Photo courtesy of the Second City Detroit

By C. M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

We live in an age of fear, scandal, economic turmoil and other very serious business. It is definitely no laughing matter...until The Second City gets hold of it.

The cast of "Night of the Living Debt," Brett Guennel, Quintin Hicks, Jaime Moyer, Tara Nida and Tim Robinson, with their unique shining moments, humorously commemorate the demise of our beloved state in a way only a Second City cast could.

This upbeat, fast-paced trek through the painful realities of daily life is largely centered around Michigan. But a component is added to the hilarity factor with a look at what might happen if Dick Cheney got temporary presidential power for five seconds if President Bush handed it over while he was in the "potty."

"Night of the Living Debt" is an apt title, as it is undeniable that Michigan's economy is struggling. It might even be said to be terminally ill.

One year from today, it will happen. Doomsday is upon us.

The show opens with the usual dimming of the lights, and a somber procession ceremonially inches toward the crowd, candles in hand. They fan out, chanting. "Carmina Burana," the traditional suspense-building tune of horror films lets the audience know that the end is nigh.

The sketches that follow elevate the show from a somewhat grounded orientation and rapidly ascends to a height of absurdity—a choice made by Director Mark Levenson that has proven to be a successful one.

"We definitely have to earn the more absurdist scenes through a transitional process established by our director. The response has been great," Nida said.

The energy-sapping routine of everyday life is delved into, as the audience is given a third-person view of an everyman incessantly changing lanes as reports of endless back-ups and accidents blare from the radio only to find that there is no escaping the standstill.

Department of Homeland Security operatives chime in on a neurotic telephone conversation between two women at work discussing their deteriorating relationships that utter a "buzzword."

The names of the DHS operatives are, of course, classified.

By the time the foul-mouthed teddy bear appears, unofficially known as "Lamar" and animated through the puppetry skill of Hicks, a great journey has been taken in a few gut-busting moments. The bear's style is undeniable, and his antagonistic mouth is a great contrast to his fuzzy-wuzzy exterior.

As with every comedy revue by The Second City, debt is created through a process centered on the art of improvisation.

"Three nights per week we have our improv nights, where we act out suggestions from the audience. If something is successful with the audience, we continue to test it. A successful sketch is reworked and, if it is continuously well-received, will make it into a show," actor Tara Nida said.

Hopefully, fortune will smile upon you and something unexpected will happen as it typically does, which makes every show a special experience. Know also, that Hicks does not wear his nipple rings for every show.

Before you attend this show, remember to refresh yourself on some U.S. history and popular culture "fun facts," because you might get stopped by the "Border Patrol" in the show's audience participation sketch. If you don't know the answer to anything, just say that you have a house in Tucson.

As scandals abound, unemployment is on the rise and Michigan is a close second to Mississippi as the fattest state in the Union. Take pride in Michigan, it's shaped like a hand.

"Night of the Living Debt" plays until mid-November, when The Second City's new Novi location will debut its sixth comedy revue since its move from downtown Detroit.

"Second city in Chicago and Toronto are sort of national treasures, and they don't have to try so hard to advertise themselves. Now that we're at a new location, people really have to find us. We're not as tourist driven as we used to be, so we really need to get our name out there," Guennel said.

For general information, tickets and driving directions to The Second City, visit: <http://www.secondcity.com/?id=theatres/detroit>.

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The bare truth about nudism

Strip your notions of shame, clothe yourself in your birthday suit

By MICHAEL PALMER
Guest Columnist

My roommate and I have a lockerroom policy in our apartment.

You would not be surprised to walk into the locker room at the gym and see me naked, so you should not be surprised to walk into my apartment and find me sitting at my computer — sans pants — writing an article for The Oakland Post.

I am a nudist at heart but not always in practice.

Sometimes, I find it hard to argue with the part of my brain that has been conditioned over the years to believe that to be naked is to be dirty and shameful. From as far back as one can remember you are instructed to wear clothing at all times. Even when it's not practical, like during a hot summer day playing in the backyard.

Why are we taught this?

Clothing definitely has its practical uses, and nudists will never argue with you over those.

If it is cold out, we are going to wear clothes. If there is snow on the ground, we will put on some boots and a few warm layers. And, if we are going to be sitting on or using things that are not ours, we will wear some clothes out of common courtesy.

But when it comes to the warmer months when we all get tempted to laze about the house with as few articles of clothing as possible, nudists just take the next logical step and step outside.

Getting the mail has never felt so liberating!

Our society has condemned exposing the naked human body since the beginning. It is taught in the mainstream

religious texts that you should cover your "shame."

This disposition is prevalent in the United States.

We are taught from childhood that our bodies need to be covered for no other reason than tradition or normalcy.

We should be embracing the uniqueness of the human form from an early age to encourage children to be comfortable with the body they have. Then as adults, they can be less concerned with their bodies and more concerned with their minds.

In the time it takes to put on a pair of pants, you could have read the Bill of Rights twice.

If only Dick Cheney were a nudist!

All of our imagined reasons for wearing clothing for its own sake are just that; made up. They are largely based on an irrational association between nudism and sexuality.

If you go to a naturist gathering you will find no exceptional amount of sexual tension. What you will find is a friendly group of people who are comfortable with themselves and enjoy being with other people, who share their appreciation for humans in their natural state.

Nudism is a freeing experience and a great stress reliever. When you are around many naked people you, realize that the Hollywood stereotype of the "perfect" body is very out of touch with the population at large. You gain an appreciation for the natural variation of body types and a growing sense of awe with humanity.

Our arbitrary ideas concerning nudity are often applied unevenly across the sexes.

I will quite often walk shirtless through

the Oakland Center, and, besides a few sideways glances, no one gives it a second thought.

Try doing that as a female. This double standard should be offensive to us as a society striving to be equal.

There is no physical difference between a male's breast and a female's breasts besides size, and that is inconsistent anyway.

Take, for instance, an overweight man or a small-framed woman. Where, then, is the difference? It can't be the glands, no one can see those!

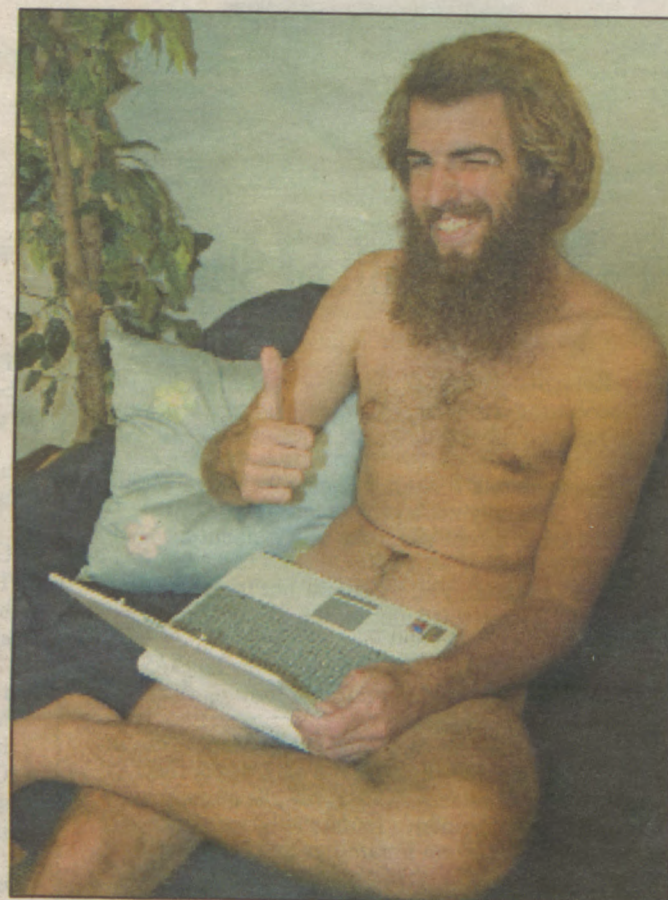
These norms make no sense, and it is our sophomoric attitude towards sexuality that reinforces these ideas.

We, as a society, need to grow up. Perhaps we could look to the past for a little guidance.

In ancient Greece nudity was the norm at athletic events, festivals or just at the gymnasium.

The very word "gymnasium" reflects their stance towards nudism. Gymnasium is derived from the Greek adjective gymnos, meaning naked.

There is nothing wrong with a naked human. We are born naked and learn our "modesty" as we grow from our parents and other elders.



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Michael Palmer takes a second to pose in his favorite outfit while writing his column.

The next time you are with someone with whom you are comfortable or just by yourself — take a minute to examine your bodies; your joints, eyes, skin, muscles.

Every body is different, and every body is amazing.

Detach the ridiculous baggage that is shame and just look at your body as what it is: you.

Now if you will excuse me, I have to go put on some pants. I am freezing!

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By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

It's about time.

Unjust war has met head-on with publicized civil disobedience, circa late-60s.

Once again, it's about time.

One hundred ninety-two modern day Henry David Thoreaus offered their wrists to handcuffs in order to express their extreme distaste to the current administration's uninvited epic in Iraq.

An estimated 100,000 protesters, led by the ANSWER Coalition, were in attendance at Capitol Hill. Protesters arranged a "die-in." They covered their bodies with signs on the Capitol lawn — a laconic demonstration of the soldiers killed in Iraq.

Arrests occurred when individuals passed the police barrier.

It is like America is dating the First Amendment again — and almost making it to third base.

You were right, Mr. Bush: This is just like Vietnam.

Of course, the timing could not have been better. With the president's speech earlier in the week and an account from Gen. Petraeus, the Iraq War has taken the front seat away from Lindsay Lohan.

"I walked down the streets of Ramadi a few days ago, in a soft cap eating an ice cream," Petraeus said to The New York Post.

No joke — he actually said that.

What is this guy, 5 years old?

Why doesn't he just say, "The war is working because I have ice cream!"

Now the joke: And what flavor was it? I assume the flavor of victory — victory with some sprinkles.

There is a war going on, and dairy desserts are the first thing to come to mind? Who else did we give a no-bid contract to — Baskin Robins? I'm sure *that* ice cream cost around \$100.

Anyway, this is straying from the point much like the Moveon.org ad against Petraeus in The New York Times did.

Forget him and his frozen yogurt.

The anti-war attitude should be in the form of attacks against the actions of the entire administration. Petraeus is only a pawn in the game — and the administration isn't even playing chess. (Chess requires too much intellectual stimulation).

In that sense, don't go after a pawn when the opponent is playing Monopoly Junior.

Time to play right back. And getting

sent directly to jail without passing Go is the best way to do this. And the protesters this past Saturday keyed in on this.

Emphasis is on the wrongness of the war and the inappropriateness of its conspirators. Rather than make ad homonym shouts at a specific pawn's record, the distaste of the actual game is shown.

Remember, Uncle Cheneybags has written the rules.

Iraq is becoming Halliburton Avenue.

Of course, we could go into why the war is unjust. However, I only have one page of allotted space.

Just to make the protests concrete with the current situation: Our presence is creating more terrorists: Our disrespect to the autonomy of a nation and domination is deplorable. The war is a long string of lies that has continued from Cheney's initial speech to "Mission Accomplished" to Gen. Petraeus.

We have lost our credibility in the issue.

How many deaths are worth a politician's lies? How can these corrupt men still be trusted?

The best option may be along the lines of Dennis Kucinich's "international peacekeeping force," which have fewer stigmas with the region. Those in power have failed.

It is time for them to "not pass Go."

In his rant against those who wish to end the war, conservative pundit Glenn Beck said "We are Americans. We are not quitters."

Not quitters? Our society is filled with quitting — whether it be smoking, overeating or turning off the Glenn Beck program in irritation.

Does it make sense to not quit a mistake?

Of course one wants to quit making a mistake. But, obviously, Glenn Beck doesn't realize this, he has remained on his show.

Nonetheless, this is the attitude opponents of the war should focus on. They should also highlight the dogmatic bobble heads, the greedy corporations and the prevaricating politicians.

International law has been violated. It is our duty as citizens to do all in our power to police corruption from the inside. Attack the wrongness, the lies and the inhumanity of it all.

Even Alan Greenspan is against Bush's foreign policy. But still, there are the critics. Apparently not everyone has read Ron Paul's required reading list offered to Rudy Gulliani.

Take the following instance: I wit-

nessed a war protest where a woman continually yelled that the protester was "a terrorist." If you stand for peace, love and justice, you're a terrorist. What has our country come to?

When this is the case, it is time to march on Washington. Old hippies and young veterans, liberals, libertarians, socialists, anarchists, Marxists, commies, Newt Gingrich, Ralph Nader, Neil Young, the Dixie Chicks, Merle Haggard — it doesn't matter. Now is the time. Leave the neocons in the Minneapolis men's room, and go out and get results.

We hear some troops are to exit Iraq in December. However, a military presence will remain. More political rhetoric. There has been enough runaround from the government, enough politics. It is time to demand that the representatives represent us and no one else. That is their job — and we hired them.

This means we are the ones who must fire them. "Why not liberate these United States" like Haggard says.

This week has been deemed a "week of action" for those against the war. Many will flood areas, such as recruiting stations, where some might decide to join the military.

But we need not even go that far. We have options all over — there are even protests right outside our campus or in Troy.

Firstly, there is the 11th Hour for Peace at 11 a.m. on Big Beaver and Rochester roads, where signs are held reading "Support the Troops, Bring them Home." It is run by the Rev. Richard Peacock of the First United Methodist Church of Troy.

Also, right on campus, on second Fridays at 5 p.m., at Squirrel and University, the Men and Women in Black offer protest to the war.

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Goldmans seeks memorabilia linked to Simpson arrest



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O.J. Simpson is taken from the Las Vegas Police Investigative Services Division in Las Vegas, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007

By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
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LOS ANGELES — If the Goldman family has its way, it may soon own the sports memorabilia O.J. Simpson is accused of committing armed robbery to recover for himself.

One man charged along with Simpson said Tuesday that the Las Vegas hotel-room dispute seemed like a setup.

Walter Alexander, 46, said the former football star may have been tricked because the memorabilia dealer who tipped him off also recorded everything on tape.

"It sounds like a setup to me," Alexander told ABC's "Good Morning America."

He said Simpson had thought the memorabilia belonged to him after getting a call from the dealer. "He did believe that he was going to retrieve his own property,"

Alexander said.

Simpson was being held without bail Tuesday in Clark County Detention Center on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon.

Witnesses and authorities have said that they don't believe Simpson had a gun but that some of the men with him did. If convicted, Simpson could receive up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count.

The Heisman Trophy winner has been in and out of the spotlight since he was acquitted of murder in the 1994 deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman.

The Goldman family, which won a civil verdict against Simpson, has waged a decade-long campaign to track down and claim his assets to fulfill the civil verdict. It planned to file a request in Superior Court

on Tuesday to obtain ownership of the sports memorabilia seized.

David Cook, an attorney for Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, said he believed Nevada authorities would turn over the items with a court order after Simpson's criminal case finishes. The items include Simpson's Hall of Fame certificate, a gold Rolex watch and the suit Simpson wore on the day he was acquitted, Cook said.

"The [memorabilia] will never go back to Mr. Simpson," Cook vowed. "He's going to walk out of Clark County empty-handed."

Simpson's arraignment was set for Wednesday. Yale Galanter, Simpson's lawyer, said he was preparing a bond motion and will ask for Simpson's release on his own recognizance.

"If it was anyone other than O.J. Simpson, he would have been released by now," he said.

In light of alleged Blackwater shootings, Iraq plans review of foreign security firm status

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BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government said Tuesday it would review the status of foreign security firms after a fatal shooting of civilians involving Blackwater USA.

The Interior Ministry said Monday that Blackwater — a N.C.-based company that protects U.S. diplomats and other dignitaries and projects in Iraq — was banned from working in the country after Sunday's deadly shootings that apparently occurred after a car bombing in western Baghdad.

The shootings have touched a nerve and raised scrutiny over what many Iraqis consider a mercenary force that runs roughshod over people in their own country.

Blackwater is one of three private security firms employed by the State Department to protect its personnel in Iraq, and a decision to force it to pull out would create tremendous difficulties for the U.S. government.

The two other firms, both of which are headquartered in the Washington, D.C., suburbs, are DynCorp and Triple Canopy, based in Herndon.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said he understood the need for protection for Westerners and dignitaries but that preliminary findings showed Blackwater used excessive force.

Citing Interior and Defense ministry initial findings, al-Dabbagh told CNN that more than 20 people were killed. Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-

Karim Khalaf, however, said 11 were killed.

Blackwater has insisted its employees acted in self-defense and that those killed were armed combatants who threatened State Department personnel.

Both Iraqi officials appeared to soften the government's position after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice assured Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki of a fair and transparent investigation.

Al-Dabbagh stressed the ban on Blackwater was temporary, pending the final investigation: "We are not intending to stop them and revoke their license indefinitely, but we do need them to respect the law and the regulation here in Iraq."

Blackwater and other foreign contractors accused of killing Iraqi citizens have gone without facing charges or prosecution in the past, and it was unclear why the shooting Sunday drew such a fierce reaction by the Iraqi government.

Al-Maliki, under political pressure, may have seen a straightforward way to gain political ground by lashing out at a practice unpopular with all Iraqis. Unlike many deaths blamed on foreign contractors, Sunday's shootings took place in a crowded area in downtown Baghdad with dozens of witnesses.

"Blackwater regrets any loss of life but this convoy was violently attacked by armed insurgents, not civilians, and our people did their job to defend human life," Blackwater's spokeswoman, Anne E. Tyrrell, said in a statement.



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66 killed in plane crash

The wreckage of a One-Two-Go passenger plane sits on the side of the runway after it crashed while attempting to land at Thailand's Phuket International Airport Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007. The passenger plane filled with foreign tourists crashed in heavy rain on Thailand's tourist island of Phuket, leaving at least 66 people dead and 42 hospitalized, officials said.

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