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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Yay or nay?

Issue appears
on ballot this fall

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

There is no question that racism exists, says Jerry Zandstra, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. "The question is how are you going to address it. That's the key issue."

This November, voters will decide if race, gender, color and ethnicity should continue to be used in government hiring and public university admissions across the state.

If the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative passes, it would eliminate the usage of such factors, thus eliminating affirmative action.

Zandstra was among a crowd that gathered for a debate on the pros and cons of the current policy and the effect the MCRI may have if passed this fall.

Robert Sedler, a professor of law at Wayne State University and opponent to the initiative, argued that race and gender preferences help make up for past discrimination.

"We live in a nation that has had a long and tragic history of racial discrimination, a history of gender discrimination," he said. "That has led to consequences. The consequences are enduring in many ways."

Affirmative action helps to overcome these enduring consequences, said Sedler, who is white.

"The justification for affirmative action, the affirmative consideration of race as a plus factor in making decisions about university admissions

Affirmative action groups report campaign accounts

(AP)—A group that wants to ban some affirmative action programs in Michigan raised about \$178,000 last year, according to documents filed with the state.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative spent most of the money it raised on a political consulting firm, legal fees

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Gonzales defends spying program

By KATHERINE SHRADER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales insisted Monday that President Bush is fully empowered to eavesdrop on Americans without warrants as part of the war on terror. He exhorted Congress not to end or tinker with the program.

Gonzales' strong defense of Bush's program was challenged by Republican Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and committee Democrats during sometimes contentious questioning.



Gonzales

Specter told Gonzales that even the Supreme Court had ruled that "the president does not have a blank check." Specter suggested that the program's legality be reviewed by a special federal court set up by the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

"There are a lot of people who think you're wrong. What do you have to lose if you're right?" Specter, R-Pa., asked Gonzales.

The attorney general sidestepped the question directly, just saying, "Obviously, we would consider and are always considering methods of fighting the war effectively against Al Qaida."

He said that court was already quite familiar with the program. He also said he did not think

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A study by the University of Utah showed that each hour of sleep under the recommended number is the equivalent of consuming one alcoholic drink.

Wake up!

By ERIN MALLARD
Contributing Reporter

Good morning sunshine! It's 6 a.m. You have a biology exam at 8 a.m. You have a 45-minute commute. You can't find your keys.

Freshman Shariyon Major has an 8 a.m. lecture.

"I stop when I get to the OC and get something with caffeine, and sometimes I still fall asleep," she said.

Sound familiar? If 8 a.m. classes are the bane of your existence, maybe you need to approach your mornings a little differently.

There is no miracle cure for morning lethargy. However, there are a few simple lifestyle changes that experts agree can help jump start your day, and they're proven to last longer than your caffeine buzz.

First on the list: get more sleep.

According to a study done by the University of Utah, people need an average of eight to nine hours of sleep per night.

The study also showed that each hour of sleep under the recommended number is the equivalent of having one alcoholic drink. That means that if you cram for exams until 2 a.m.,

then get up at 6 a.m. for class, you're taking your test under conditions similar to having consumed four alcoholic drinks.

Dr. Robert Jarski, director of Complementary Medicine and Wellness at Oakland University, recommends avoiding caffeine and alcohol at least six hours before sleep. While your first alcoholic drink might make you feel drowsy, within four hours it will become a stimulant

and could wake you from a sound sleep.

Even medicinal sleep aids interfere with normal sleep patterns, he said.

Jarski recommends stretching before sleep and taking some form of calcium, like milk, as a natural sleep aid that won't interfere with sleep patterns.

Maybe you make a habit of getting a good night's sleep during the week, but over the weekend you're a night owl ... and then a sloth.

According to Dr. Brian Goslin, director of exercise science at OU, "It's really hard on your body to have that kind of variation in your sleep patterns."

It takes your body a few days to get used to new sleep patterns, so get your partying done on Friday night, then get back to your normal sleep pattern.

Your body will thank you Monday. Pounding the Aquafina is step number two for a perkier you. According to the Mayo Clinic, "Even mild dehydration

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IRS details tax season schemes to avoid

By MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sending the Internal Revenue Service a "corrected" wage form reporting zero income won't make your taxes disappear, the tax collectors said Tuesday.

This and other ideas for dodging taxes surface each spring when millions of people start working

on tax returns. They are schemes that can mean fines and prison to users, and a few new ones surfaced this year.

Reporting zero wages is a new twist on an old idea, filing a return with zeros written on every line. Trying to eliminate all of the year's income by deducting it all won't work either, the agency said.

The IRS has also noted the misuse of a form that taxpayers can

use to request the elimination of a previously assessed tax. This scam, typically used by people who never file tax returns, attempts to erase taxes the IRS assessed for those who don't prepare returns.

"I urge taxpayers not to be taken in by hucksters who promise to lower or eliminate taxes,"

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How to file taxes electronically

(AP)—The IRS is once again joining forces with makers of tax preparation software to allow millions of taxpayers to prepare and file their tax returns electronically at no charge, but there are some changes this year.

The "Free File" program started out four years ago as the IRS was seeking to encourage more taxpayers to file their returns electronically. It not only cuts down on paperwork

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Pondering what to do in your free time?

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SLEEP

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— as little as a 1 to 2 percent loss of your body weight - can sap your energy and make you tired.” Signs of dehydration include excessive thirst, fatigue, headaches and muscle weakness. And the third change: do not skip breakfast.

Your brain needs glucose to function. When you haven't eaten in a while, your blood sugar levels drop and you become hypoglycemic.

If you're going to make it all the way to the end of that morning lecture, you need a breakfast that includes complex carbohydrates: oatmeal, whole wheat bread; protein: milk, eggs, yogurt; and a reasonable amount of fat.

Complex carbs give you blood the glucose you need. Protein helps you feel full, and a little bit of fat goes a long way to making things taste better.

The thing to avoid in the morning is “simple sugar.” This means refined sugar – the granular white stuff you put in your coffee and the stuff that coats your Cinnabon.

Since simple sugar isn't hard for your body to break down, it works like a roller coaster. Your blood sugar levels skyrocket for a while, but about one hour later, your brain runs out of fuel and starts to shut down.

The solution to the breakfast problem isn't necessarily a trip to Starbucks, either.

While caffeine has been shown to increase brain activity, it's also known to increase jitters and anxiousness.

“It's kind of like a drug-induced energy ... it's not a natural way to boost (energy),” Goslin said.

Not to mention all of the calories that come in a cup of your favorite frappacino.

However, if you are in the habit of drinking a cup or two of coffee or tea in the morning, it may not be a good idea to quit

cold turkey.

Caffeine can be addictive, but one to two cups every day won't turn you into a junkie. Uniformity will keep you from having energy highs and lows.

Energy bars may be a quick-fix breakfast substitute, but they often contain more carbs and calories than your body really needs.

Reading up on the history of Europe may feel like climbing a mountain, but it doesn't require that you eat like a mountaineer.

Read the labels. In most cases, you will get just as much nutrition from a couple of cinnamon raisin bagels.

Assistant Director of Programs at OU's Rec Center Mila Padgett recommends Kashii brand bars, which have a good balance of nutrients and fiber.

Another tried-and-true energy increaser is exercise. This might not make sense at first, since running to class when you've overslept is generally pretty tiring.

However, as Goslin points out, “There's been a lot of study of exercise and the positive psychological benefits of people who exercise.”

Ask just about any jock at the gym, and they'll tell you that exercise leaves them feeling happier.

Padgett suggests including exercise in your morning routine. “Your body is waking up from a six-hour rest phase and it needs to be given a little jolt,” she said.

Ten minutes of stretching or yoga can get your blood flowing and your breathing under control.

Goslin recommends exercising at least three times a week.

A good workout should include a warm-up, 20 to 30 minutes of aerobic exercise, 20 to 30 minutes of strength and resistance training, and a cool-down.

Make sure you do something you like. If running and push-ups are your exercise routine of choice, but you hate running and push-ups, you're probably not going to last very long.

Try joining an intramural basketball team, or check out local

indoor climbing gyms which are open year-round.

If there's no room in your day for a trip to the gym, you might just consider taking the scenic route to class.

“Deliberately make choices that cause you to use more energy,” Goslin said.

Park in the parking structure before your class in South Foundation Hall and take the stairs instead of the elevator.

That's 20 minutes of exercise before class even begins.

The final step to ending waking-up woes is simple: relax!

Jarski recommends spending 10 to 20 minutes, twice a day doing some kind of relaxation technique, such as yoga.

This will help you learn to calm your mind before going to sleep at night. He also suggests creating a wake-up routine. “The goal is to associate waking with feeling awake and alert.”

Instead of rolling onto the floor at the first alarm beep, make a habit of sitting on the bed for 30 seconds and setting the intention for your day.

Follow this with 3 to 5 minutes of relaxing stretching and 10 minutes of sitting in comfortable position. Padgett also recommends developing a morning routine so you don't have to rush, which increases your blood pressure.

If you commute, give yourself enough time to get to school so your stress isn't increasing as you get closer to campus.

Remember, obsessing over stress will just make you more stressed.

All of these suggestions may sound time consuming, but Jarski said he believes they're worth it.

“We think of our time as being really precious and limited, and all of these things are an investment in time.

“When you do these you become more alert, more efficient and focused,” he said, adding that the investment “will come back during the day.

about one another except by rubbing elbows in the classroom.”

The event was sponsored by the College Republicans, College Democrats and Association of Black Students.

“By the time that vote comes, nothing is more important than that the citizens of Michigan have a fair opportunity to consider every side of the issue so they can decide for themselves what is right and wrong, just and unjust, and determine what the right thing to do is in this state,” said Barbara Grutter, president of Toward a Fair Michigan.

“I always thought positively about affirmative action because I am minority,” said junior Nebula Perez, adding that the event effectively described both sides of the issue.

Junior LaTriana Eddington agreed with Perez that both sides were well represented.

One of the committee's major expenses was \$14,550 for charter buses, including those used to carry Detroit-area students to state elections board meetings.

Operation King's Dream reported raising \$34,447 in the past year, plus an additional \$103,049 in in-kind contributions. The committee reported a cash balance of \$381 as of Jan. 17.

Another opposition group, One United Michigan, reported a cash balance of \$32. The group received \$1,348 for the year and reports nearly \$316,000 raised for the election cycle.

spokeswoman for Intuit.

However, competition among the tax software companies to lure in customers mounted over the years, leading to what Miller described as a “free-for-all” last year, with many companies making the free filing offer available to anyone, rather than focusing on the lower-income taxpayers who needed it most.

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the 1978 law needed to be modified.

And, said Gonzales, “To end the program now would afford our enemy dangerous and potential deadly new room for operation within our borders.”

At the White House, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan declined to say how the administration would respond to Specter's suggestion that the program be reviewed by the special federal court. McClellan said he didn't want

to provide “on-the-spot analysis” of Gonzales' testimony or “get into ruling things in, or out, from this podium.”

“This is something that we've briefed members of Congress on over the course of the last several years. We will continue to brief members of Congress about this vital program,” McClellan said. The administration gave classified updates on the surveillance program to just eight congressional leaders.

Specter told Gonzales that federal law “has a forceful and blanket prohibition against any electronic surveillance without a court order.”

While the president claims he has the authority to order such surveillance, Specter said, “I am skeptical of that interpretation.”

A former Texas judge, Gonzales played an important role as White House counsel in developing the legal justification for the spy program. He served in that post from January 2001 to February 2005.

Gonzales called the eavesdropping program “reasonable” and “lawful,” and said much of the published criticism about it was “misinformed, confused or wrong.”

IRS

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said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson.

The IRS also urged taxpayers not to fall victim to phishing, a technique identity thieves use to get personal financial data from unsuspecting victims. The thieves may pose as an IRS official and send an e-mail asking for personal financial information. The IRS doesn't contact customers using e-mail.

Other schemes to avoid: ■ Trust Misuse: Transferring assets into a trust does not always eliminate or reduce taxes. The IRS has 200 active investigations of trust promoters under way. Taxpayers should seek the advice of a

qualified professional when considering a trust.

■ Frivolous Arguments: Courts have repeatedly ruled that they will not honor certain legal arguments, such as the position that wages are not income or that paying taxes is voluntary.

■ Return Preparer Fraud: Dishonest people who prepare tax returns, some promising big refunds, can cause big headaches for taxpayers. Some skim from refunds or prepare fraudulent returns. No matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy.

■ Credit Counseling Agencies: Be careful of credit counseling organizations that claim they can fix credit ratings, push debt payment

plans or impose high fees. An arm of the IRS is investigating a number of organizations for possibly violating rules governing educational credit counseling.

■ Charitable Abuse: Be careful to follow the rules for tax breaks offered for charitable donations. The IRS is investigating a number of abuses in this area.

■ Offshore Transactions: The IRS continues to crack down on individuals who try to evade taxes by using offshore financial accounts.

■ Employment Tax Evasion: Schemes that urge employers not to withhold payroll or income taxes from wages do not hold up in court, the IRS says. The agency is also looking into tax evasion schemes involving employee benefits.

AFFIRMATIVE

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and public employment—and where appropriate gender as well—is justified on the grounds that it is in the public interest,” he said. “This initiative would ban that.”

Opposing Sedler was William Allen, a professor of political science at Michigan State University and chair of Toward a Fair Michigan, a nonprofit group that works to inform about the issues surrounding affirmative action.

Allen countered that affirmative action perpetuates the state of mind that minorities cannot succeed without help.

“Some people believe those enduring consequences mean that black people in particular can't measure up without a helping hand, that they can't in fact measure up on their own,” said Allen, who is black.

Sedler, however, finds that affirmative action provides a

diverse student body in the university setting, and this, in turn, provides a better educational experience for all students.

“What's the advantage for white students to going to school with a substantial number of students of color?”

“It breaks down stereotypes, it teaches them that people of different races are human beings just like they are,” he said. “And you can't learn that out of books as well as you can learn it on your own experience.”

Allen agreed, but said he finds that students can still reach out and learn about different cultures and people without being forced to by university admission policies.

“It is true that people might learn things from interaction with people they don't know,” he said. “But it may be going a step too far to think that we have to define education in our own society in such terms that we think it impossible to learn

government employment and contracting and education programs, including university admissions.

The proposal appears headed for the November ballot, although some legal hurdles may remain.

Meanwhile, an opposition group appears to have gotten a break on the cost of its legal representation. The Detroit law firm of Scheff & Washington made a \$100,000 in-kind contribution to Operation King's Dream, a committee affiliated with the pro-affirmative action group By Any Means Necessary.

maker of the popular TurboTax software, and H&R Block Inc.

When the program started out, it was intended to make tax preparation software available to those “who use it the least but could benefit from it the most” — lower income taxpayers and those who might qualify for the earned income tax credit, said Julie Miller, a

You can file taxes electronically this year.
True
False

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said he believes President Bush is fully empowered to eavesdrop on Americans.
True
False

What would get rid of affirmative action in Michigan?
a. Affirmative Action Clause
b. Michigan Civil Rights Initiative
c. 12th Amendment
d. Michigan Civil Liberties Program

According to 2004 figures, how many Americans are without insurance?
a. 1 billion
b. 20 million
c. 125 million
d. 45.8 Million

How much money did the Coaches vs. Cancer raise at Mongolian Barbecue?
a. \$500
b. \$800
c. \$1500
d. \$1000

How much do you know about current events?

Circle the correct answer for each question. Completed forms should be placed inside the box located outside The Oakland Post in the basement of the Oakland Center, office 61, no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

Faculty art on display

*Gallery open
through
Sunday*

By STEVE ST. PIERRE
Contributing Reporter

In the past, the Meadow Brook Art Gallery has held art shows for Oakland University students that allowed faculty to display some of their art. However, at the current MBAG Faculty Exhibition running

through Sunday, Feb. 19, six faculty members and their work are in the spotlight.

The exhibition, free and open to the public, features works from studio art faculty members Kyohei Abe, Andrea Eis, Lynn Galbreath, Dick Goody, Sally Schluter Tardella and Vagner Whitehead.

"We are all trying to connect and inspire dialogue," Galbreath said. "It is a visual form of communication more than anything else."

The artists say they must manage their time wisely and maintain a high degree of patience in practicing their craft.

"It is very difficult (for me to

find time)" said Whitehead, assistant professor of New Media.

"It is like having two different careers — two full-time jobs. I work at home, so whenever I have time to do something — between preparing for classes, work, eating and sleeping — I try to."

"Teaching is the job I love, so it is easy to make time for students," Tardella said. "Painting is my passion. I can always make time for it, it is who I am."

Those attending the exhibition will not only see the artwork on display — they will also be able to speak to professors and learn what it takes to succeed in the field.

"(The students) need to get involved in the Studio Art program, get to know the other students, join La Pittura (and) come to all the openings in the MBAG gallery," Galbreath said.

In addition to the gallery, OU offers beginning studio art courses that teach technique.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery is located in Wilson Hall Room 208 and is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

During Meadow Brook Theatre performances, the gallery is open Wednesday through Friday from 7 p.m. through the first intermission, and Saturday and Sunday from 5 p.m. through the first intermission.

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"We are all trying to connect and inspire dialogue. It is a visual form of communication more than anything else."

—Lynn Galbreath, Oakland University professor

OUSC

Legislator calls minutes into question

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Student Legislator Justin Zatkoff — who was narrowly appointed to Oakland University Student Congress after a heated confirmation hearing last week — has wasted no time in suggesting changes to current OUSC procedure.

Zatkoff kicked off Monday's OUSC meeting with a motion to postpone the approval of last week's minutes.

He said the minutes up for approval were lacking accuracy. The motion ultimately failed.

At the time of Monday's meeting, Zatkoff was waiting for the result of a Freedom of Information Act he filed to obtain a copy of an Oakland University Television recording of last week's OUSC meeting.

Scott Burke, OUSC's video resource coordinator, told The Post Monday night that a copy of the video had been delivered.

"I feel that if these minutes are going to be the official — and only — record of our meetings, then they need to be as complete as possible," Zatkoff said before his motion was denied.

The motion followed Zatkoff's attempt last week to obtain the tape of the Jan. 30 meeting.

During that meeting, Zatkoff was asked questions for over an hour about a controversial documentary film he produced and posted on his Web site.

He told The Post that his intentions for trying to obtain the OUSC tape were to test the accuracy of the recorded meeting minutes from Jan. 30.

As a courtesy, OUSC contacted OUSC's executive board to ask if it was appropriate to turn over the tape, Burke said.

The e-board told Burke not to release the tape to Zatkoff on the grounds that it would supersede the written minutes of the official record, said Student Body President Michael McGuinness.

"The minutes are the official record of our meetings," said Student Body Vice President Kori Lynn Caver. "If anybody disagrees with them, then they can motion to change them before they're approved."

OUSC Public Relations Agent Krupa Ujla also disagreed with Zatkoff that the current method of recording minutes needs reform.

OUSC does not attend the meeting in its entirety, and there are often problems with recording audio, Ujla said at Monday's meeting.

Other Student Congress members voiced in with similar points; and the motion to postpone the minutes ultimately failed to pass.

Student Congress also voted unanimously on Monday to postpone the second reading of the report produced by the Voting Reform Commission until after the election on April 3.

The report set off hours of debate when it was introduced last week about whether the commissioners who drafted the new guidelines should be eligible to run for elected office.

Legislator Joshua Miller, who was on the commission that drafted the guidelines, said that waiting until after this year's election would give OUSC the benefit of hindsight when they vote to incorporate the reforms into their bylaws.

CLUB MAKES THE HEADLINES

Members of OU's Dagorhir Club brave the snow and wind to act out a live-action role-playing game, Sunday, in the field behind Hamlin and Van Wagoner Halls. Wired Magazine did a story about the club for an upcoming issue. Dagorhir club has been a club for almost two years and the game has been played nationwide for almost 30 years. The club practices Sundays at noon in the Rec center during inclement weather, and in better weather practice outdoors.

DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post



POLICEFILES

■ WRONG NUMBER REVENGE

A female student filed a report with Oakland University Police Department after she received threatening phone calls for several weeks. The student reported she accidentally dialed a wrong phone number in mid-January, and since that time the person has called her about six times. The student also said she planned on changing her phone number.

■ BEING ANDREW JACKSON

While counting money from the safe in the office,

a Chartwells employee discovered a counterfeit \$20 bill. She took it next door to Credit Union ONE where it was confirmed the bill was fake. There are no suspects or ideas as to where it came from.

■ THIEF GAMBLER WITH JACKET HEIST

Someone walked away with more than just prizes at Casino Night. A coat belonging to a student, valued at \$300, was stolen from the event in the Oakland Center. Keys to her dorm room and the

OC were in the coat, along with her SpiritCard Plus. OUPD is reviewing surveillance tapes from the area.

■ SMILE, YOU'RE ON SURVEILLANCE CAMERA

Someone stole \$100 from a student's wallet in the computer lab in Elliott Hall. The woman left her wallet in the lab and when she returned two hours later, the money was gone. OUPD contacted the lab manager, who said there is surveillance video of the theft.

UPANDCOMING

Thursday, Feb. 9

Join Student Congress President Mike McGuinness as he delivers the State of the Student Body address. He will discuss changes since last year's address and plans for the remainder of the year. The speech will be in the Fireside Lounge from noon-1 p.m.

The Black Law Student Association presents "Then and Now: Sleeping on Your Rights" in room 207 O'Dowd. The presentation will cover the life and death of 14-year-old Emmet Till and the jury that found his murderers not guilty. The event

begins at noon.

Alumni George Jackson, Jr. will present "From the Classroom to the Boardroom," in which he will reflect on personal and professional successes. Jackson, who is president and CEO of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, helped initiate the half-billion dollar East Riverfront Development project and the \$150 million Book Cadillac Hotel restoration. The event will be held in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms at 5:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Future Alumni Network, Oakland University Alumni Association and the School of Education and Health Sciences.

Monday, Feb. 13-Friday, Feb. 16

The Center for Student Activities asks students to be nice and perform random acts of kindness this week. Daily events are planned, including a massage clinic, treats for commuters and a day of making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the less fortunate. See flyers around campus for exact dates and times.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

If you waited until the last minute to buy something for your sweetie, stop by the Oakland Center. The Meadow Brook Greenhouse is having a flower sale from 7:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. in the main hallway.

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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CSA SERVICE WINDOW EVENTS:

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Chicago (Feb 28, March 5)
- Three Mo Tenors (March 14, 26)
- Aida (April 26, 28)
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 25, 28)
- Wicked (May 31, June 1, 4, 8, 11, 18)
- Annie (Feb 21)
- Les Grans Ballets Canadiens (April 7)
- Cinderella (May 17, 19)
- Salome (June 7, 9)

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICER TRAINING

Monday, February 13, 5 - 6:30 pm
Rooms 128-130, OC

All NEW Presidents and Treasurers of New and Returning Student & Greek Orgs should plan to attend. Sign-up in advance in the CSA Office.

"The Flicks" @ Oakland University

7:30 pm, Meadow Brook Theatre, \$4/person

Feb 14: Black Girl Feb 21: American History X
March 28: Glengarry Glen Ross April 4: Rashomon

Learn to Lead Series:

"Recruiting Membership"

Thursday, Feb 23, 5-6 pm,
Lake Michigan Room, OC
Pre-Register by emailing
hardenbu@oakland.edu,
walk-ins are welcome!

African-American Celebration!

The African American Journey
Liberation Through Organization
January 7 — March 14

Wednesday, February 8

Jamaican-British Pianist presents "Music
by Africa and the African Diaspora"
8 pm, Varner Recital Hall

Thursday, February 9

"From the Classroom to the Boardroom" -
A Presentation by George Jackson, Jr.
5:30 pm, Gold Rooms, OC

Friday, February 10

"Taste of Africa" Gala 2006
4 - 7 pm, Banquet Rooms, OC

Monday, February 13

"Hop on the Black Starline -
A Tribute to Marcus Garvey"
Noon-1 pm, Gold Rooms (Part I)
7 pm, Gold Rooms (Part II)

Random Acts of Kindness Week!

February 13-17!

Celebrate "RAK" Week by showing your appreciation & thanks to those around you. Share the joy of each other and take part in being kind!

Tuesday, February 14th

"Good Morning Commuters!"

9 - 11 am, Dodge Hall Main Entrance

Valentine's Day Lunch & Learn:

Learn to Give Massages!

(Then buy a \$1/minute massage after)

Noon - 2 pm, Gold Room C, OC

Meet, Greet & Appreciate Greeks Reception

Noon - 1 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

This event is a part of African-American Celebration

Check out www.oakland.edu/csa for more info!

Current Events Interactive Discussion

Wednesday, February 15

noon - 1 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

Discuss current events that have the potential to affect us for a long time to come. Possible topics

include: The Palestinian Elections;

The Iranian Government's position on its nuclear

program and statements by its President;

The Confirmation of Samuel Alito to

the Supreme Court; Plant Closings at GM and Ford &

the impact of Superbowl 40 on the Detroit Area.

The Panelists: Dr. Peter Trumbore, Dr. Dave Dulio

& Dr. Don Matthews.

Everything you need to know to enjoy the winter olympics

Want to watch the olympics this year, but you don't know much about the games? Or do you like the olympics, but want to know more about your favorite sport? The following is a list of all of the sports that are included in the Winter Olympics and a little bit about each one of them, according to Torino2006.org.

The **biathlon** is an Olympic Winter sport that combines freestyle cross-country skiing and small bore rifle shooting. The events take place on circuits of various lengths — 2 km, 2.5 km, 3 km, 4 km — depending on the specialty.

The **bobsleigh** specialties are competed in teams of two or four. At the departure, all team members

push the sled for about 50 meters — a distance which is usually covered in less than six seconds to a speed of about 40 kmh — before the crew loads into the sled.

There are two **cross-country skiing** techniques: the classic technique and the freestyle technique. In the classic technique, the skis are kept parallel and never leave or deviate from the two tracks marked on the course. The freestyle technique allows the skier to choose the moves and the type of pace.

Curling is a team game that is performed on a frozen pitch, the concept of which is very similar to bocci. It consists of sliding 19.96-kilogram

blocks of stone, called rocks, which have a handle so that they can stop as close as possible to the center of a target drawn on the ice, called the house.

Figure Skating consists of four different events: men's and ladies' individual skating, pairs figure skating and ice dancing. The individual competitions are composed of two separate parts: a short program and the free skating.

Freestyle skiing competitions entail going down an extremely steep course and performing aerial manoeuvres and acrobatic jumps with very short skis. The spectacularity is the common element between the discipline and the course: moguls and jumps

developing on two parallel courses and merging into one single area.

Athletes in the **luge** compete with their feet pointing toward the finish and the only break coming after the race has ended, when the athlete turns toward the results board.

The **Nordic Combined** is comprised of two different disciplines: ski jumping and cross-country skiing.

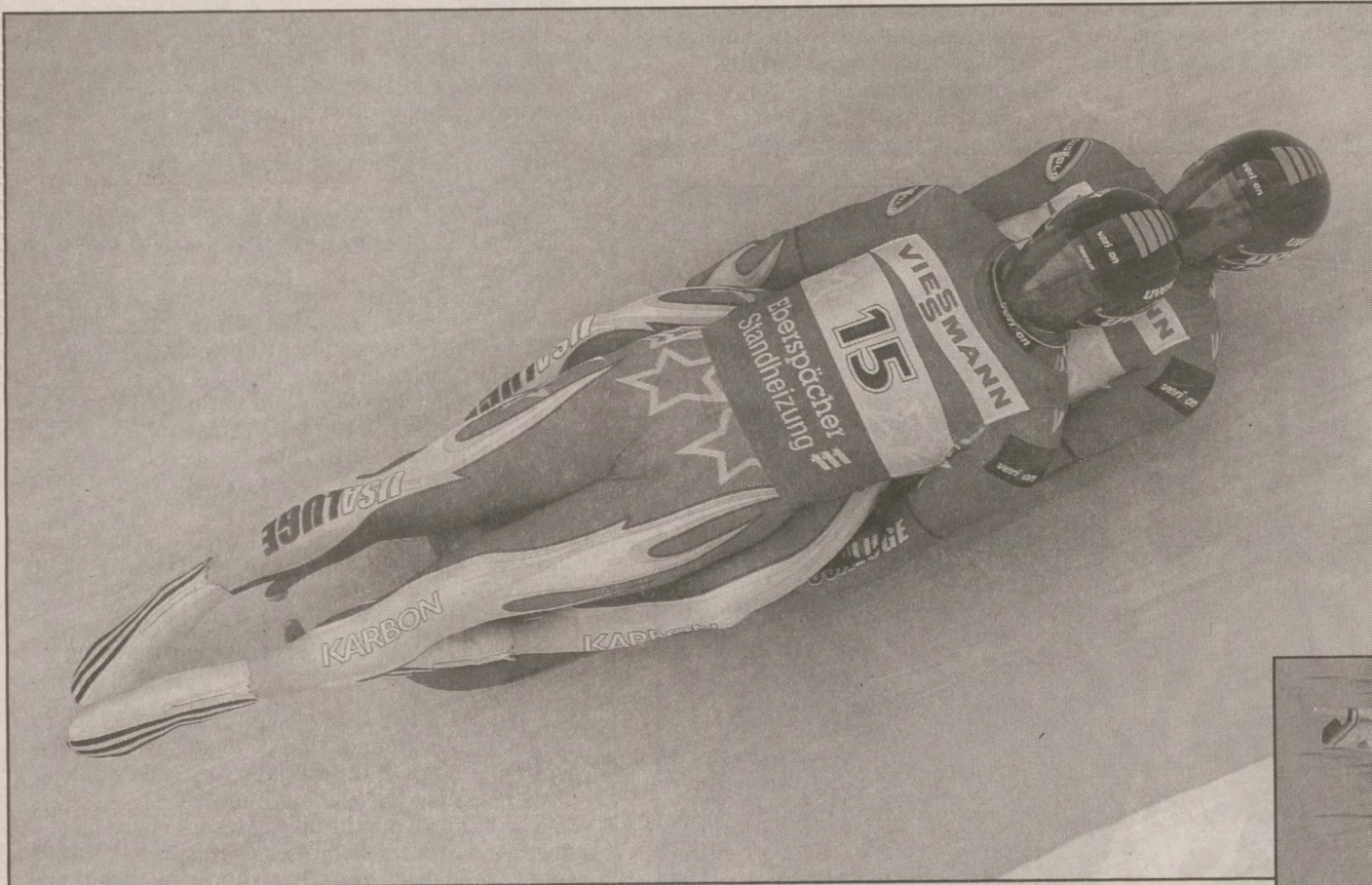
Short track speed skating competitions can be easily described: fast and spectacular. In short, track-speed skating competitions are disputed over shorter distances, similar to the dimensions of a hockey rink, 30 by 60 meters, with at least four skaters.

Face down on the ice is the position

taken by athletes in the **skeleton**.

Lying prone, facing downhill, arms at their sides, hurtling down the run at maximum speeds of 130 kilometers an hour. Skeleton athletes use the same track as bobsleigh and luge. To move the sled, only the thrust force produced by the athlete and the force of gravity are permitted. In Skeleton, steering is carried out by means of the athlete's body movements.

Other sports that are included in the winter olympics are **alpine skiing, ski jumping, snowboarding, speed skating and ice hockey**. For more information on these sports and other information about the Torino games, visit <http://www.torino2006.org>.



Above: Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin from the United States are seen in action during the men's doubles Luge World Cup event in Winterberg, western Germany. Right: Rachel Steer from the United States competes in the women's biathlon sprint at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002.

Chelios named captain of United States hockey team

DETROIT (AP) — Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios will captain the U.S. hockey team at the Turin Olympics, the third straight Winter Games he has been accorded the honor.

Chelios, 44, led the United States to a silver medal at the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City. He also was captain at the 1998 Games in Nagano, Japan.

Chelios will be the oldest American ever to compete in an Olympic ice hockey tournament, according to USA Hockey.

"I've been there before," Chelios said at a news conference in Detroit.

"It's our job to get them ready and prepare them," he said of the team's younger players. "Let them know how important each game is and really be ready off the get-go."

Along with fellow 2006 Olympian Keith Tkachuk, Chelios is one of only two American ice hockey players to be named to four Olympic squads (1984, 1998, 2002, and 2006).

"The one thing that kept coming up about Chris is his competitive nature," said Peter Laviolette, the U.S. coach. "It kept coming up over and over again: This is a guy than can help win hockey games."



When to watch

Follow your favorite olympic athletes on their journey to the gold. Below are the dates, times and networks of olympic programming from Feb. 10 through Feb. 14.

Friday, Feb. 10

NBC — Opening Ceremony; Parade of Nations; Lighting of the Olympic Cauldron, 8 p.m.-midnight

Saturday, Feb. 11

USA — Live: Women's hockey: USA vs. Switzerland, noon-2:30 p.m.

NBC — Luge Men's Singles; Nordic Combined Individual Final; Alpine Skiing Men's Downhill Timed Training, 3-6 p.m.

NBC — Figure Skating Pairs Short Program; Freestyle Skiing Women's Moguls Final; Speedskating Men's 5000m Final; Luge Men's Singles; Alpine Skiing Men's Downhill Training, 8-11:30 p.m.

NBC — Ski Jumping K95 Individual; Medals Plaza Award Ceremony, midnight-1 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 12

CNBC — Live: Women's hockey: Canada vs. Russia, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

USA — Live: Women's hockey: USA vs. Germany, 1-3:30 p.m.

NBC — Speedskating Women's 3000m Final; Cross Country Women's Pursuit and Men's Pursuit; Luge Men's Singles, 3-6 p.m.

NBC — Alpine Skiing Men's Downhill Final; Short Track Speedskating Men's 1500m Final; Ski Jumping K95 Individual Final; Snowboarding Men's Halfpipe Final; Ski Jumping K95 Individual Final; Luge Men's

Singles Final, 7-11 p.m.

NBC — Short Track Speedskating Women's 3000m Relay and Women's 500m; Medals Plaza Award Ceremonies, 11:35 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 13

NBC — Luge Women's Singles, 4-5 p.m.

NBC — Figure Skating Pairs Free Skate Final; Snowboarding Women's Halfpipe Final; Speedskating Men's 500m Final, 8-11:30 p.m.

NBC — Medals Plaza Award Ceremonies, 12:05-1:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

USA — Women's curling: USA vs. Canada (live); Biathlon Men's 10km Sprint Final (live); Men's curling: USA vs. New Zealand (live); Luge Doubles Training Runs; Alpine Skiing Women's Downhill Timed Training, 3-11 a.m.

MSNBC — Live: Womens hockey: Italy vs. Russia; Canada vs. Sweden; Switzerland vs. Germany, 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

USA — Live: Women's hockey: USA vs. Finland, 2:30-5 p.m.

NBC — Cross Country Women's Team Sprint Final; Luge Women's Singles, 4-5 p.m.

CNBC — Women's curling: U.S.A. vs. Japan, 5-8 p.m.

NBC — Figure Skating Men's Short Program; Alpine Skiing Men's Combined (downhill & slalom) Final; Speedskating Women's 500m Final; Luge Women's Singles Final, 8-11:30 p.m.

NBC — Cross Country Men's Team Sprint Final; Medals Plaza Award Ceremonies, 12:05-1:30 a.m.

Team USA heading for gold

Shaun White, 19, Xarlsbad, Calif. The free-spirited U.S. snowboarder — who is favored to win gold — says he was a pretty good soccer player but gave up the sport mostly "because of the soccer moms. ... It was just intense to me." In his first Olympics, White is certainly peaking at the right time. He has already won eight medals in Winter X Games.

Sarah Hughes, 20, Great Neck, N.Y. Considered second-best American figure skater going into the Salt Lake

City 2002 Winter Olympics, behind favorite Michelle Kwan.

In her long program, Hughes landed seven triple jumps, including two triple-triple combinations.

Apolo Anton Ohno, 23, Seattle, Wash. Three-time overall World Cup champ and short track skating's most famous face after putting heart and soul into 2002 Olympics where he won silver and gold medals.

A flowing-haired skater with a soul patch on his chin, Ohno's careening presence on the ice creat-

ed a sensation among screaming teenage girls and fans who stuck fake hair on their chins.

Bode Miller, 28, Easton, N.H. Miller first gained widespread recognition when he won two silver medals at the 2002 Winter Olympics in the Giant Slalom and Combined events.

In the 2004/2005 season, Miller made history by winning at least one race in each of the four standard disciplines: Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, and Downhill.

— Compiled from The Associated Press

Oakland University's

Student Affairs

Student Liaison to the OU Board of Trustees 2006-2007

Now accepting applications/nominations. The role of the student liaison is to serve as a source to the Board in decisions regarding student issues. Term of office is one academic year, beginning July 1. Must be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher), have earned 56 undergraduate credits (28 from OU) or 18 graduate credits (9 from OU). Must not hold any other elected campus office, have a record of service to the campus or community, and no record of disciplinary action. Applications available at Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center. Call 248-370-4200 for more information. **Deadline is March 31, 2006.**

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Graham Health Center is here to help. If you've managed to put on a few pounds over the holidays, here are some tips for losing them: drink plenty of water, watch your portions, eat a variety of healthy foods, and avoid sugary snacks. If you need further help, call for more information on healthy eating and exercise.

GHC...The Place to be for a Healthy Me!
370-2341 or
www2.oakland.edu/GHC/

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

- The Reality of Internships, Thursday, Feb. 9, noon, Gold Room C, OC
- Time Management, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5 PM, Lake Michigan Rm., OC

INTERNSHIPS & CO-OPS: THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS

Reality of Internships & Co-Ops Panel Discussion
Thursday, February 9

12 noon-1 PM, Gold Room C, Oakland Center
Learn the value in gaining internship or co-op experience to prepare you for your future career. Employer representatives will be available to discuss key skills and criteria sought by employers. Speak with students who currently have internships/co-ops. Free food and refres-

refreshments provided by Alpha Kappa Psi.
Questions? Contact Career Services at 275 West Vandenberg Hall, 248-370-3250.

CAMPUS RECREATION

BOWLING PARTY:

Free to all currently enrolled OU students with valid ID

When: Friday, February 10
Where: Avon North Hill Lanes, 150 West Tienken Road, Rochester, Michigan

Sign up at the Rec Center in order to participate—(248) 370-4732.

*Space is limited to the first 200 registered bowlers so hurry in!

Intramural Sports—Don't miss the Winter IM Registration Deadlines

Sport	Registration Deadline	Captain's Meeting
Indoor Soccer	2/10	TBA
Racquetball	2/10	TBA
Table Tennis	2/10	TBA

Rec Sport and Fitness Day

Celebration Recreation with us by participating in **Rec Sport and Fitness Day** on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 4-8pm. A variety of activities based around recreation will be featured. Win some great prizes, have fun and enjoy being active.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

New Student Programs is searching for Peer Leaders to serve as co-facilitators of the COM 101 course in Fall 2006. Applicants must have junior or senior standing in Fall 2006 and have a cumulative GPA of 2.8. Applications are available in New Student Programs (121 North Foundation Hall) or online at www.oakland.edu/newstudents (Under "Leadership Opportunities") and are due on Friday, March 10, 2006 by 5 PM. For more information, contact New Student Programs at (248) 370-4418 or nsp@oakland.edu.

EDITORIAL

Keep the party goin'

The big game is over. The celebrities, athletes, media personalities and thousands of football fans that visited our city last week have all returned home. The streets of downtown that were set aglow by the buzz of the greatest mass-media event in the world have returned to their normal lackluster condition.

So, what happens now? Do we pat ourselves on the back for representing Detroit so well to the rest of the world and call it a day? Should we thank the NFL for being kind enough to give us this opportunity and resign ourselves to the notion that this was as good as it gets?

Why not? After all, that's what the rest of the country expects us to do.

But what if we tapped further into the spirit that allowed all this to happen? The spirit that allows the citizens of a city that has lost all of its former prominence — and more than one million of its citizens — to remain strong and proud. Maybe if we kept that spirit going we could restore some of our former prominence and make downtown Detroit a place to visit even when the Super Bowl isn't in town.

The Post hereby assigns a mission to anybody who caught the fever last week: spread the message. Tell everyone you know how much fun you had; let them know how great Detroit can be. Keep the buzz going as long as you can — come back down next weekend and the weekend after that. Fill the restaurants, bars, and nightclubs, and shop in some of downtown's great stores. Make business boom so future investors give downtown a greater nod when they decide

where to open up their next supermarket or apartment complex.

Last week proved that the spirit of Detroit is still alive — bruised — but full of life and yearning to experience a rebirth. It was clearly evident in the looks on the faces of the everyday citizens who traveled downtown to soak up the scene and be a part of history. It was evident when we saw the baby boomers — the ones that left the city many years ago — forget their jaded feelings for a moment as they saw their former city lit up like never before.

We all saw the images of well-known celebrities riding around in limousines and receiving VIP treatment wherever they went. We saw them enjoying themselves, and probably thought, "Gee, it must be nice." However, their confidence was displayed in stride — for them this was just another party (albeit a big one). On Monday they got to fly first class back to their beautiful homes in places like Southern California, Florida and New York. On Monday, it was back to the daily grind for most metro Detroiters.

We not only now have a taste for what life can be like with a vibrant downtown area, but we know that it's possible to obtain for ourselves.

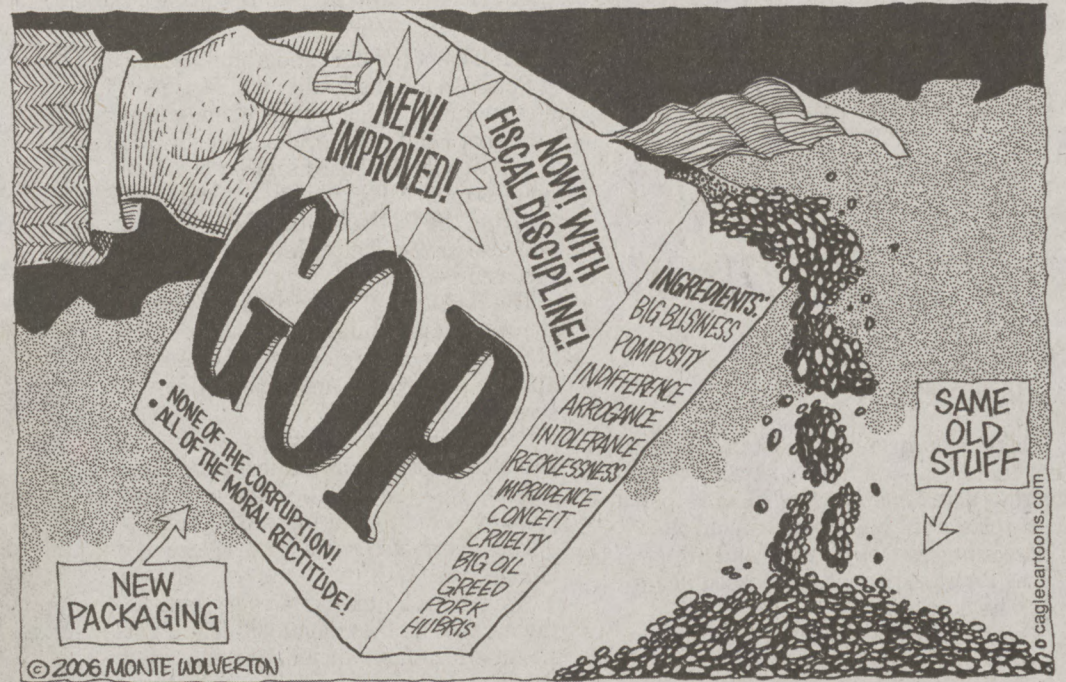
Do we really want to forsake this opportunity? Obviously there won't be a Super Bowl every weekend, but even without one, we can still make downtown a place that's fun to live in and visit. The people want it and deserve it. The only catch is that we're the ones who are going to have to make it happen.

— THE OAKLAND POST

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"It was both unethical and unfair for members of the Voting Reform Commission to announce their candidacy for the upcoming student body election in association with the announcement that the new guidelines had been approved."

—Brendan J. Stevens
OUSC Financial Affairs director



Repackaging the GOP By Monte Wolverton



Roqaya
Eshmawi
Editor in Chief

Freedom of speech does not mean the freedom to slander

The recent publication of cartoons portraying Prophet Muhammad — may the peace and blessings of God be upon him — is a reminder of the tragic and pathetic state of human indecency we have reached today.

The Danish paper Jyllands-Posten published 12 drawings of the Prophet Muhammad in a Sept. 30, 2005 issue. The drawings sparked anger

throughout the Muslim world.

The images provoked emotions in Muslims because the representation of God and His prophet are forbidden in Islam, and further because they desecrated the prophet.

Rather than reproach the newspaper for its indecent actions, French and German newspapers republished the caricatures writing that democratic freedoms allow them the "right to blasphemy," according to The Associated Press.

"Because no religious dogma can impose itself on a democratic and secular society, France Soir is publishing the incriminating caricatures," the French newspaper wrote.

It can be argued that many have been killed in the name of Jesus Christ. Would these newspapers publish a cartoon depicting Jesus as a killer? Would they publish a cartoon that is anti-Semitic, anti-African American or anti-Native American? Muslims are not only angered by the

"blasphemous" nature of the cartoons.

They are angered by the disrespect, most importantly, to their revered prophet — and also, in turn, to them — in the name of free speech.

"Anti-Muslim images are unacceptable, as are anti-Semitic images, anti-Christian images, or any other religious belief," State Department Spokesman Curtis Cooper said on National Public Radio. "But it is important that we also support the rights of individuals who express their freely held views."

Yes, we should support their rights to express their freely held views, as does the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Article 19, proclaiming for all "the right to freedom of opinion and expression."

However, this right ends when it begins to infringe on the rights and freedoms of others.

In his article "Unlimited Freedom of Speech?" Jan Weijers argues that the rights of individuals "do not mere-

ly include freedom of speech, but equally a basic right to dignity, privacy and respect, and the basic right not to be subjected to degrading or inhuman treatment.

"Words can be just as hurting, degrading and threatening as physical force," writes Weijers, director of the International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth.

Article 5 of The American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, the world's first international human rights proclamation, states, "Every person has the right to protection of the law against abusive attacks upon his honor, his reputation, and his private and family life."

Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad infringe on every Muslim's right to dignity, respect and the basic

right not to be subjected to degrading or inhuman psychological treatment.

They are abusive attacks upon their honor and their reputations, for this is a man they hold dearer to their hearts than their own selves.

This is not simply an issue of freedom of speech, it is also an issue of intolerance, ethnocentrism, and respect and dignity for all inhabitants of our earth.

"The freedom to publish something that's offensive means there's also a responsibility not to publish something that is gratuitously offensive," says Fred Hyatt, editorial editor of The Washington Post.

Cartoons should be intellectual venues to spark debate, not insult the ordinary sensibilities of people nor to spite them.

There is a very good reason most papers in the United States haven't published the cartoons — they embrace freedom of speech as well as respect human rights, for people of all races, faiths and ethnicities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is hard to overlook the possibility of foul play

Dear Editor,

Ambition. What does it mean and what is it? A useful tool or a dangerous weapon? I believe members of the Oakland University Student Congress legislature proved it can be a very, very dangerous weapon when it becomes self-serving. I would like to voice my displeasure with The Oakland Post's article covering the weekly Student Congress meeting in the Feb. 1, 2006 issue.

It was both unethical and unfair for members of the Voting Reform Commission to announce their candidacy for the upcoming student body election in association with the announcement that the new guidelines had been approved.

While they should be commended

for countless hours spent on updating and revising the Elections Commission and Validations Committee guidelines, it is hard to overlook the possibility of foul play.

While such an early declaration would have been a violation of the previous guidelines, it is concordance with the newly-passed rules.

Unfortunately, only members of OUSC, a select number of gallery members, those affiliated with this publication and a handful of "outsiders" knew about the changes.

This is rather surprising considering these individuals signed a letter read before the legislative body outlining their desire to maintain the integrity of the student body elections. It seems they've gone directly against their own decree.

They could have easily gone "off the record" with The Post or merely waited at least one week to declare their

candidacy.

It is rather surprising I haven't seen them giving public speeches before official campaigning begins, which is allowed now.

With the student body supposedly dismayed with the apparent failings of the student body elections over the last year, it is disappointing that those entrusted with strengthening the ethical and moral foundations of those elections would so grossly abuse their own power for personal gain.

So far, ambition seems to mean selfishness and a hunger for power, and appears to only have use to those who are willing to take strides to further themselves, not this student body.

Brendan J. Stevens
Financial Affairs Director
Oakland University
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The McGuinness/Caver administration will continue to do the best for students

Dear Editor,

I write regarding the Feb. 1, 2006 edition of The Oakland Post.

There were a lot of topics that I would like to address, but I will focus on the front page story related to Oakland University Student Congress.

Currently I have the honor and privilege of serving my fellow students as our Oakland University Student Body President.

Elected in the March 2005 elections with current Student Body Vice President Kori Lynn Caver, our terms began in May.

We have worked hard on behalf of our wonderful students.

Accordingly, that is what Vice President Caver and I will continue to do until our terms end in May.

My focus is on carrying out my many duties as Student Body President.

I did not approach The Oakland Post about future intentions, but was contacted by the paper.

I understand this was prompted by other potential candidates informing The Post of their future intentions.

Regardless of any election-related developments, I shall actively serve in the role our students elected me to fill.

There are three months remaining for the McGuinness-Caver Administration, and we shall continue to do our best for our student body, 'straightforward' and 'involved' as always.

Michael McGuinness
Oakland University
Student Body President

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

— The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States

COMMONALITY

"While diversity is a good thing, there are some things we need to have in common."

—Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, a Republican from Kalamazoo who introduced a bill that would make English the official language of Michigan

Restaurant plowing path to opening

New eatery serves another dining option

By CRAIG A. COLE
Contributing Reporter

Oakland University students and area residents will soon have a new restaurant to dine, drink and hangout in, or rather, a new restaurant built inside an old one.

According to restaurateur and owner, Chris Puertas, the eatery is scheduled to open its doors Feb. 20.

Located at 3773 E Walton, Red Ox Tavern will be easily accessible to OU, it'll be just across the street. The new eatery will reside in the same facility that housed the Cooker restaurant until it was foreclosed on in the late summer of 2004.

The property was purchased by the Red Ox of Auburn Hills LLC., of Plymouth, Mich., Aug. 9 2005. The building is being renovated.

Puertas said the tavern will have an atmosphere similar to a pub-restaurant.

"We'll have a full bar (and a) full menu."

Puertas said the facility will feature entertainment apparatuses often found in other bars and restaurants. Items include a regulation shuffleboard table, a pool table, an electronic NTN trivia with Texas Hold 'Em and the football game, QB1. The bar will also have a digital Internet jukebox for its customers.

The Red Ox's 21 televisions may win over the sports fans and students alike.

Seventeen of the screens are plasmas, and the remainders are projection big screens.

Besides interior entertainment, Red Ox will also offer patrons outdoor activities. Puertas said they will be adding an outdoor patio expected to seat up to 100 people.

The tavern also has a log fireplace in its lounge area.

"We'll have a little bit of everything on the menu. The Ox's menu will feature classic American fare," including steaks, pasta, fish, ribs and pizza, said Sharon Vickers, Red Ox's executive chef.

Puertas described the atmosphere as "upscale," adding that the stamped concrete floor features the tavern's signature logo.

Red Ox will also be able to host private parties in its 100-person banquet room.

Puertas said the tavern will be open for lunch and dinner until 2 a.m. "We're looking forward to having good crowds."



The Red Ox Tavern is moving into the building formerly occupied by Cooker. The Ox plans to open Feb. 20. Located seconds north of OU's campus, the restaurant will likely provide more competition for restaurants such as TGI Fridays and Applebees, both located on Squirrel Rd., east of campus.

PEACE OF MIND

Public shootings leave shoppers with mixed ideas on safety

By KRISTEN JANNEY
Contributing Reporter

Last November, a man entered a music store at a mall in Tacoma, Wash. and opened fire. Six people were killed.

This incident has called to question the safety of shopping malls.

While some Michigan residents worry about mall safety, others say the incident has not affected the way they feel about the safety inside the malls of the metro Detroit area.

"A tragic incident, such as a gunman running through the building, doesn't even cross my mind as I walk through a crowded mall," said OU

student Erica Rinkinen.

"I still felt safe at Great Lakes Crossing, where I did all my Christmas shopping."

Kimberly Shadwick, general manager of Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, says that measures have already been taken to assure shopper safety.

"We have adequate security measures in place, therefore no changes had to be made," in response to the shooting, Shadwick said.

Associates at shopping centers in the surrounding area say they do not fear a related incident happening in any of their facilities.

According to Joy Powell, director of security at Oakland

Mall in Troy, to effectively secure any place of business, all employees must consistently be on the same page.

"We are always thinking about and upgrading security," she said. "Not necessarily in response to the shooting. It is unfortunate that it happened, but security is an everyday thing."

Powell said she believes public security in any aspect is a huge responsibility.

Shoppers going to Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights don't need to worry about security.

"The building is secured 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, interior and exterior," said Joslyn Bellamy, assistant manager of the mall.

Hidden cameras have been placed throughout many of the stores. Most of the lighted parking lots are equipped with surveillance, she said.

Linda Davis, a shopper at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi, said, "I come here all the time, whether it's to shop or just to eat lunch, and I never feel unsafe."

Davis also said she always sees security guards on patrol.

"I feel pretty safe inside local shopping malls," said OU senior Yana Fedotova.

Her safety was reassured when she heard on the news that mall security was coming up with stricter rules, including curfews for teen-age mall-goers.

OU student Melanie Thacker said the issue of safety isn't on her mind when she shops.

"The thought of danger is

not an issue when I am in a store looking for a new outfit or a new pair of shoes," she said.

Another OU student, Alex Calhoun, said that he is uncertain about mall safety. "I have never felt safe inside a mall," he said. "I don't think there is anything else security can do, it's just a risk you have to take in such a large place."

TRANSPORTATION

Leaders: Detroit is good host city, but lacks mass transit

By TOM KRISHER
The Associated Press

DETROIT— While the city did an excellent job in hosting the Super Bowl, there is some room for improvement, local leaders said Monday.

And transportation is the main issue that needs to be addressed, they said.

Detroit is at the center of one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country without a comprehensive mass transit system.

It was a weakness that showed itself during Super Bowl weekend when suburbanites coming downtown for a winter festival overwhelmed a shuttle bus system.

"Everything was absolutely perfect, except the Park and Ride," Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said at a morning news conference.

Outlying lots, particularly Saturday night in Macomb County, were filled to capacity, and people had to wait hours for buses headed down-

town.

Kilpatrick said more than 300,000 people used the shuttles on Saturday alone, exposing a flaw that he said will take statewide cooperation to fix.

The mayor said Detroit recently lost a professional bowling tour stop to Salt Lake City, which has a rail link from its airport to downtown.

Larry Alexander, president of the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, said mass transit is critically important to luring more Super Bowls and other large-scale events.

"The missing link is the mass transportation," Alexander said.

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Now Playing ...

Music, Theater & Dance

"Blue Window" is playing this weekend at the Varner Studio Theatre. The play follows characters at a Manhattan dinner party and the connections between them. This dramatic and humorous play takes place in New York apartments and is the winner of the prestigious George and

Elisabeth Marton Award for playwriting.

General admission is \$12 and \$6 for students. Show times are 8 p.m. Thurs. through Sat. and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The **Mariah Malec Movement Project** features the work of artistic director Mariah Malec. It includes live music, text, comedy, drama and more and highlights the talent of Tommy Parlon and many local dancers and musicians.

It takes place Saturday in the Varner Recital Hall. General admission is \$15 and \$8 for students. Call (248) 370-3013 for more information about these and other Music, Theater and Dance events.

Concerts

Valentine's Day downtown at the **Max M. Fisher Music Center**, home to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, features the talents of **Chris Botti**. Botti, a young and tal-

ented trumpet player who opened for Sting's "Sacred love" tour, will perform selections from his own recording Tuesday at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>.

O.A.R. (Of a Revolution) comes to the **State Theatre** in Detroit Feb. 10. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. and features songs from the band's new album "Stories of a Stranger." Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.



Freshman Courtney Vagasky, an elementary education major, stares lovingly into the eyes of her boyfriend, Chad Green, a sophomore business major. Green and Vagasky are one of the many couples who will spend Valentine's Day together Tuesday.

It's the thought that counts

The best way to show you care this Valentine's Day

By **ALICIA SOSSI**
Assistant Features Editor

This Valentine's Day, it's the thought that counts — really. While department store catalogs suggest fancy perfume, chocolates or even lingerie, many female students say any gift would be nice, no matter how small. "Happy Valentine's Day" is just fine," said Alex Majauskas, a junior marketing major. "Flowers die,

I don't really like chocolate, and cliché gifts are bad. Give me something useful or take me out to dinner. That's always a good choice," she said. Courtney Brooks, a sophomore communications major, agrees. "Something you spend time on is the best gift," she said. "Taking some time shows that you really care." That's what the ladies are saying, and the gentlemen seem to be catching on.

"I could spend \$200 on something or spend a couple of days making something she will probably like a lot more," said sophomore Scott Rogouski, a health sciences major. "Something made is what they usually like more." So, this Valentine's Day, don't drain your savings account or go shopping for hours. Just use a little bit of imagination. A gift from the heart means more than anything, and that's the truth.

Recommended ...

DINING

By **ROXANNA RIVES**
Contributing Reporter

Want to go out for dinner on Valentine's Day but tired of the same old, same old? Here is a list of restaurants featuring different types of cuisine. Which one will make your special someone happy?

ALFOCCINO'S: Open 4-11 p.m., this restaurant serves authentic Italian food, rack of lamb, and surf and turf. Reservations are recommended. \$13-\$25. 2225 Opdyke Road, 1.5 miles south of the Palace of Auburn Hills; (248) 340-1000.

THE MELTING POT: Fondue, a five-course menu featuring lobster, tuna, filet and more. Each couple will receive a gift bag and photo. Reservations are required. Open 5-10 p.m. \$150. 888 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 119, Troy; (248) 362-2221.

PAMPAS BRAZILIAN GRILLE: Check out ten varieties of rotisserie carved table side, as well as authentic Brazilian food. Vegetarian-friendly, prix fixe menu. Reservations required. Open 5-10 p.m. \$36. 260 N. Old Woodward Ave., Downtown Birmingham in the Palladium building; (248) 646-2158.

ROCHESTER CHOP HOUSE: Features fresh fish, chops, steaks and bottled wine. Intimate dining showcases the talent of piano player Ryan DeShell. Reservations and credit card are a must. Open 4-10 p.m. \$15-\$35. 306 N. Main Street, Downtown Rochester; (248) 651-2266.

SWEET LORRAINE'S: This restaurant boasts a contemporary American menu featuring Valentine's Day specials. Reservations are not required. Open 4-10 p.m. \$12-\$25. 29101 Greenfield Road, Southfield; (248) 559-5985.

A Valentine's Day Memory

For Kathryn Hollenbeck and her fiancé, Cliff, being apart on Valentine's Day was extremely difficult. The two met in high school and fell in love, then had to live apart for almost a year. Cliff spent last Feb. 14 in Iraq, where he was stationed for ten months. "You can't even imagine how hard it was to be away from him," Hollenbeck said. The sophomore nursing student and tennis player could not even call her fiancé. The couple only communicated through e-mail and an occasional phone call. "For Valentine's Day, I made him cookies

that said 'I love you,' and he sent me a card," Hollenbeck said. "I don't know if he even called me." The two got engaged just before last Valentine's Day when Cliff proposed to her in front of his family on Christmas Eve. The couple has now been together for 27 months and is tentatively planning an August wedding. This Valentine's Day, things will be different. "I have clinical and practice on Valentine's Day, so we can't go out," Hollenbeck said. "But, my birthday is the day before Valentine's Day, so he's taking me out for that."

— Alicia Sossi, Assistant Features Editor

A Valentine's Day to Forget

It was about four years ago, and it was my first Valentine's Day with my current fiancé, Barbie. The week before, I went on a snowboarding trip with a couple of my close friends, and we were returning the day before Valentine's Day. While on the trip, I hit a kicker the wrong way and banged my knee up pretty bad. It really started to swell on the way back and by the time I got home it was hard to walk. I didn't want to be in the hospital for Valentine's Day, so I let it go and didn't tell Barbie. On Valentine's Day, I went over to Barbie's

house and she saw what I had done. She was furious and wanted me to go to the doctor right away. I was being stubborn and kept telling her there was no need. We ended up fighting over it the whole day. So, not only was I laid up, but Valentine's Day was totally ruined. Then to top it off, we ended up going to dinner with her parents at a place I didn't like. To this day, we still do not celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. There's too much bad karma. We opt for a later date and have our own special day.

— Junior Steven Noell computer science

Your Valentine's Day Messages

To the love of my life, Tony Smith
I love you with all of my heart and are so proud that you are a part of me. What we have is forever, and no man can tear us apart. I think about you all the time and just want you to know that I am glad that you are mine. I know that you feel the same way because if you didn't, you would not have proposed. I love you and I cannot wait until the day that you become my husband!
With all my love,
Your Boo Baby, Tiara White

I love you,
Mark Kaiser!
Have a happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Frances

To the man who's been there for me for more than 4 years!
I love you!
Happy Valentine's Day, Matt!
Love always, your Honey Bear, Jen

My sweet Irish king,
I love you with all my heart. The depth of my love for you cannot be expressed in words. Thank you for bringing so much joy into my life.
Love, Your dark-eyed beauty

— A.G.

Ty,
You brighten up our days and fill our lives with laughter and joy. Thanks for always being there for us.
K.R. & R.A.

Ashley,
Words cannot describe how much you mean to me. I appreciate and enjoy every minute we spend together.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Mike

LOOKING FOR AN EXPENSIVE GIFT?



In this photo, released by Japanese jewelry distributor Uchiyara Group, a woman shows the African Continent-shaped chocolate studded with 2,006 diamonds totaling 504 karats over the gem producer South Africa and its rim during a press unveiling in Tokyo Tuesday. The 500 million yen (US\$4.346 million) chocolate made of 12 kilograms of Belgian chocolate and the gems is the world's most expensive Valentine's Day chocolate and can be delivered to your sweetheart on Feb. 14 if you ever buy it, the jewelry maker said.

AT ISSUE: DRUG COMPANIES

Group seeks change to immunity laws

By TIM MARTIN
The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — A citizens' group that wants to overturn Michigan's laws protecting prescription drug companies from liability lawsuits is becoming more aggressive in its campaign.

Drug Industry Immunity Must End plans to air radio ads in parts of the state beginning this week.

The group supports legislation to repeal the state's 1996 law that shields drug makers from liability if their product was approved by the

Food and Drug Administration.

Several bills related to drug company immunity have been introduced in the Legislature.

The group wants them to come up for a vote.

Michigan is the only state in the nation to strictly limit lawsuits against makers of FDA-approved drugs, according to the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

The lawsuits hold up in Michigan courts only if it can be proven a company withheld or misrepresented information about a drug that would cause the FDA to withdraw or not

give its approval.

"We are the only state in the country to let the drug industry off the hook," said Leslie Richter, a Lansing woman who says her husband died after taking Vioxx, a painkiller pulled from shelves by Merck & Co. in 2004 after studies raised health concerns. "We are determined to make our laws work for the people, not the drug industry."

Richter is featured in the radio ads airing in Lansing, Jackson, Saginaw and the Upper Peninsula that started Tuesday. The ads will run for about one week.

A group supporting the effort, Michigan Citizen Action, is helping DIIME pay for the ads.

Michigan Citizen Action executive director Linda Teeter would not say how much the ad campaign costs, but she said the money was raised by group members.

Changing Michigan's drug lawsuit laws has some bipartisan support, with bills introduced by both Democrats and Republicans.

House Democrats have said Republican leadership is stalling action on the bills.

Some Republicans and business

groups are concerned that changes to the law could spark new lawsuits that would hurt Michigan's economy.

House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nowi, has accused Democrats of politicizing the issue as the 2006 election approaches.

DeRoche last month established a new House committee on tort reform to explore drug lawsuit immunity and other issues.

A bill introduced by Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, could go before the new committee this winter or in the spring, DeRoche spokesman Jason Brewer said.

Health care goes retail as clinics pop up in stores

Associated Press and Staff Reports

You wake up suffering from a cough, aches and a sore throat. But your pediatrician is out of his office. In the near future, you may be able to stop by the nearest CVS and see a professional who can treat you.

More and more stores — from small-scale chains to megamarkets like Wal-Mart and Target — have started trial runs with in-store medical clinics.

The concept is so new that analysts weren't sure how many clinics currently exist. They said retailers appear to be trying clinics as a way to increase foot traffic in their

stores, rather than rely on the clinics as an entirely new revenue stream.

The business model is simple — a medical clinic operated by an outside company, and generally staffed by nurses or physician assistants, offers a limited range of basic tests and treatments at a lower cost than a doctor's office.

Seattle-based health care analyst Kathleen O'Connor said it's difficult to say how many in-store clinics exist because the trend is so new and it is not clear whether anyone is tracking it. These clinics are different from the stand-alone sites sometimes referred to as a "doc in a box."

Patients never need an appointment and can drop by after regular business hours. Many times, a patient might be heading to the store anyway for groceries and find it convenient to ask about that nagging cough or persistent headache.

"The biggest hazard is that people could get the impression that these things could be a usual source of care, which they can't be," said Dr. Larry S. Fields, president of the American Academy of Family Practitioners.

Fields, who practices in Ashland, Ky., said clinics are a positive step because they expand access — as long as



The Associated Press
Walk-in clinics can be found at some branches of CVS. Calls to local stores show that the trend has not yet appeared in Oakland County.

the clinics can tell the difference between a minor ailment and something that needs a doctor's attention.

He said many of his patients have gone to walk-in clinics but still wind up with him because they don't sense a con-

tinuity of care. "They realize there's not that history. They're not familiar," he said.

So far, the clinics are run mainly by local and regional startup companies. Kroger and CVS are testing clinics in select markets, as are large

retailers Wal-Mart and Target.

With the number of Americans without health insurance at 45.8 million in 2004, the clinics hope to reach consumers who have to pay out of pocket for doctor's visits — even for simple problems.

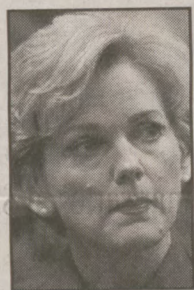
Lawmakers hear Granholm's plan to insure residents

By DAVID EGGERT
The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Some Republican lawmakers were skeptical last week as state officials discussed Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposal to provide health insurance to more than a half-million low-income residents.

The plan would not increase state spending or taxes, state Department of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski said during a joint Senate committee hearing.

It would cover uninsured people with incomes 200 percent below the



Granholm

be charged a lower premium on a sliding scale.

"Everyone will pay something, and people enrolled in the program are expected to increase their contribu-

tion as their incomes rise," Olszewski said. "Further, everyone ... is expected to take personal responsibility for health behaviors."

Republican members of the Senate Health Policy Committee and the Department of Community Health Appropriations Subcommittee, however, raised some concerns.

One worried that by insuring more people, the demand for health care would rise and raise costs on everyone else.

Sen. Tom George, R-Portage, also said people should be nudged to quit smoking and be healthier if they want to get health coverage that's

mainly funded by taxpayers.

State officials said they expect private insurers that would partner with the state to encourage health behaviors, but added that details need to be worked out.

Other lawmakers wondered what level of health coverage could actually be provided to uninsured residents. Those details also will be worked out, health officials said.

To pay for the Michigan First Health Partnership, the state is asking the federal government for a waiver to use \$600 million in federal money that has been saved by chang-

ing the state's Medicaid prescription drug and fee-for-service plans to less costly alternatives.

The Granholm administration also hopes to get matching dollars for money that private, nonprofit entities spend on the uninsured.

The goal is to encourage low-income people, who often wait to seek medical care and visit the emergency room for non-emergency treatment, to regularly visit the doctor.

That would save the health care system in the long run, said Paul Reinhart, the state's Medicaid director.

Bird flu test approved by FDA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A laboratory test that can give a preliminary diagnosis of bird flu in humans received expedited approval Friday, federal regulators said.

The new test can provide results on suspected H5 influenza samples within four hours. That process used to take two to three days.

If the test is positive for the H5 strain, further testing would still be needed to identify the specific subtype of the virus, including the H5N1 strain responsible for the deaths of 86 people since 2003.

The FDA approved the test, developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Preparing for a possible flu pandemic is a top priority for our nation, and FDA acted quickly to evaluate and expedite CDC's request for approval of this test," acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach said in a statement.

Health officials fear the H5N1 strain will evolve into a virus that can be passed from human to human and lead to an influenza pandemic.

The test "may enable earlier detection of influenza cases caused by this specific virus and allow public health

agencies to investigate sources of infection and more quickly respond with control and prevention activities," said CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding.

The new test will be distributed to laboratories in all 50 states beginning next week, the CDC said.

The agency plans to share the technology with health officials around the world, including the World Health Organization.

Bird flu began cropping up in poultry stocks across Asia in 2003. Since then, it has killed or forced the slaughter of an estimated 140 million birds.

Almost all of the human deaths due to the virus have been linked to contact with infected poultry.

On the Net:
Government bird flu information: <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>.

At least 195 become ill after eating at Lansing restaurant

The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Local health officials have identified 195 people who became ill after eating at an Italian restaurant, and the number of reported cases was expected to increase.

Patrons became ill the last weekend in January after eating at Carrabba's Italian Grill on West Saginaw Highway.

"This is a large outbreak, in part because they served a lot of people that weekend," said Dr. Robert Schirmer, medical director of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.

He told the Lansing State Journal for a story published Saturday that the illnesses resulted from a norovirus, which can cause severe vomiting and diarrhea that usually lasts about a day.

The health department cited the restaurant for allowing an ill employee to work that weekend and for poor hygiene practices, Schirmer said.

There are no fines for the violations, but if they are not corrected, the restaurant's license can be revoked, said Eric Pessell, who oversees the health department's food-safety program.

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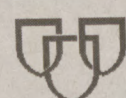
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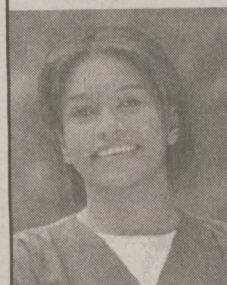
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Internships can help you land your first job

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Kelly Fitzsimmons had known that she wanted to be a journalist since she was in the fourth grade. She wrote for her high school newspaper and later enrolled in Michigan State University's journalism program. Fitzsimmons was so devoted to this enterprise that it came as a complete shock when she discovered it wasn't her life's calling. "I had an internship with Fox 2 News one summer — and I absolutely hated it," she said. "I would come home from work drained every day, and I decided that I needed to do something different with my life." Fitzsimmons then left MSU and enrolled at Oakland University as a studio art major with a specialization in photography. She says she's happier now than ever before, and a second internship at the Oakland County Office of Art, Culture and Film has reaffirmed her

commitment. Today's tough job market requires entry-level applicants to have as much real-world experience as possible, according to Wayne Thibodeau, assistant director of the Career Experience Unit in Career Services. Thibodeau said his office works primarily with employers in the fields of business, engineering, IT and human resources. He said that it's vital for students in those areas of study — as well as others — to pursue internships and/or co-ops. "One of the top criteria employers are looking for these days in a candidate for full-time employment is previous work experience and transferable skills," Thibodeau said. "The winter semester is a good time for students to begin preparing their resumes, getting ready for interviews and knowing how to pursue the internship process." Generally, most universities define an internship as an academic, cur-

riculum-based practical work experience in a particular field of study that enhances student learning, and for which a student is enrolled. The difference between internships and co-ops is that, traditionally, internships are one semester in length compared with co-op positions that are usually for two or more semesters and require a commitment of at least six months. According to research compiled by Penn State University's College of Information Sciences and Technology, the number of internships completed by a student has shown to increase their chances of receiving a full-time job. The research showed that while one completed internship yielded full-time job placement for 60 percent of students, three completed internships resulted in full time jobs for 100 percent of their students. Oakland University has a Grant Internship Program with Oakland County that provides qualifying stu-

dents with paid, career related experiences within a business environment. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of six credits to qualify and are federally mandated to work no more than 20 hours per week at the County offices. The commitment requires these positions last nine months to a year, Thibodeau said. Although Career Services focuses on setting students up with paid internships, many companies only offer unpaid positions. Senior Matthew Albrecht, who is currently interning with Oakland County's Human Resource Department, believes that the experience and networking one can gain from an internship are worth a financial sacrifice. "I would absolutely think that what an internship offers — even if it means you're going to have a to scrounge to save a little bit of money and eat pizza a couple of nights a week — is without a doubt worth the time invested," the political science

major said. The OU student who previously held Albrecht's position is now a full time employee with the county. Albrecht says that's a testament to how valuable internships can be. Students can learn about gaining paid, career related experiences by attending a Career Experience Information Session. The dates and times for these sessions can be found on the Career Services Web site at <http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices> under the Career Experience link. Career Services will also be hosting the Reality of Internships/Co-ops Panel Discussion Feb. 9 from noon – 1:00 p.m. in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center. This event will provide students the opportunity to speak with employer representatives and students working in the fields of engineering, accounting, business, and human services about the importance of gaining related experience prior to graduation.

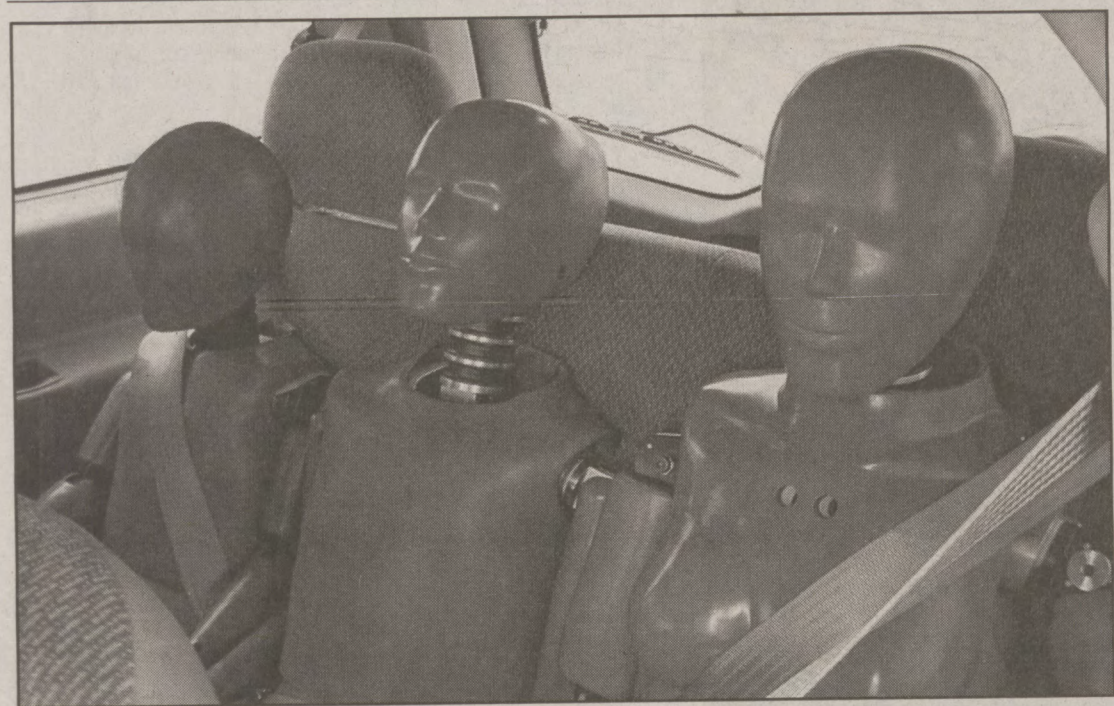


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Robert Denton, Inc. is one of the two companies worldwide than manufacture crash test dummies for the use of automotive company testing.

JOB PROFILE

Crash test dummy technology improving

Rochester-based company one of two worldwide to produce ATDs

By EVAN MCCAUSLAND
Contributing Reporter

Despite the economic recession affecting companies serving the automotive industry, business continues to boom for Rochester-based Robert Denton Inc., one of only two manufacturers of crash test dummies worldwide. "We're quite busy," says Mike Beebe, senior vice president of Engineering and Production at Denton. "The overall use of dummies has gone up considerably within the last five years, due in part to both the increased number of new car introductions and an increase in the number of tests required to launch them." For almost 32 years, Robert Denton Inc. has been involved with the manufacturing and

design of dummies — within the industry as anthropomorphic test devices (ATDs) — to better emulate the properties of a human during a crash. By using solid steel skeletons and adding an array of load cells, accelerometers and other types of sensors, engineers are able to analyze the forces exerted on the dummy to predict how well a vehicle will protect its passengers during a collision. But how accurate are these replicas? Beebe says that every kinetic property of an ATD stems directly from human prototypes. "Their properties are mostly based on human results, including testing with cadavers," he said. "We also observe the results of real-world accidents. If we see a pattern of conditions or injuries from similar-style impacts, we look at our methods to ensure the biofidelity of the dummy." While the physical properties of dummies were originally modeled after a 5-foot-6-inch, 176-pound male, modern ATDs have become increasing-

ly representative of the diversity of human anatomy. The Hybrid III series, the standard of the automotive industry, includes dummies sized to resemble both women and small children. Load cells have even been created that simulate a womb, one of Denton's many innovations. "We're always trying to get better head and neck designs," he said. "We're working with schools, particularly with the University of Michigan and Kettering University, to study impact biomechanics, and we're continuing to watch accident statistics to observe new injury patterns." "There's more interest in this industry than there ever was before. When we began, this type of research was virtually unknown," he said. "But with more people researching and discovering, we're certain to experience many new possibilities." For more information about the company's products and developments, visit <http://www.dentoninc.com>.

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Basketball coaches grill for good cause

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

They wear sneakers with suits, they sport colorful wristbands and now they maneuver around 600-pound grills, cooking anything from Cajun shrimp to shredded beef. They do whatever they can.

Monday night, Oakland University basketball coaches Greg Kampe, Jeff Smith and Eric Stephan did their part, volunteering as guest grillers at Bd's Mongolian Barbeque in a Coaches vs. Cancer event that precedes the National Coaches vs. Cancer Awareness Weekend (Feb. 10-12).

"It was fun," Kampe said. "I got a couple of burns on my arms (from the grill), but it's for a good cause."

The event had two seatings where patrons at Mongolian Barbeque could mix up ingredients and bring them to the grill to be cooked by the coaches. Some of the concoctions prepared by patrons were new to Kampe.

"Some of the stuff brought up, I didn't even know what it was," he said. "It's hard to cook when you don't know what it is."

Kampe said the event raised approximately \$1,500.

The Coaches vs. Cancer initiative started in 1993 when the National Association of Basketball Coaches teamed up with the American Cancer Society to promote cancer awareness, healthy living and education. In 13 years, the groups have combined to raise over \$25 million. The money goes to cancer research.

"It's nice to be part of a profession that uses (its status) to give back to the community," Kampe said. "I think every profession tries to do their part to help the world and this is what we do."

Saturday, coaches across the country will be wearing sneakers with their suits to show support for the initiative. Last year, over 300 coaches took part in the show of support.

OU's women's basketball coach Beckie Francis was unable to take part in the event due to previous recruiting obligations.



Men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe serves up orders at Bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Auburn Hills. The event helped raise money and awareness for the Coaches vs. Cancer foundation. Women's basketball coach Beckie Francis was unable to take part in the festivities due to previous recruiting obligations. National Coaches vs. Cancer Awareness Weekend (Feb. 10-12) will be recognized in gyms across the nation.

SPORTS

Men's basketball falls to Mid-Con leader IUPUI

Despite shooting 60 percent in the second half, Oakland University couldn't overcome a 13-point halftime deficit and lost to the Jaguars, 87-72. OU scored the first four points of the second half, but IUPUI responded with an 8-2 run that pushed the lead to 50-31 with 16:30 left in the game. The run provided the margin the Jaguars needed to hang on for the win. Junior Vova Severovas led OU with 25 points, while junior Rick Billings added 19 and junior Calvin Wooten chipped in 14. The Jaguars were led by the duo of Brandon Cole (25) and Maushae Byles (23).

Women's basketball drops to 5-5 in the Mid-Con

Freshman Jessica Pike scored a career-high 13 points, but OU was unable to unseat league leader IUPUI as the Jaguars beat the Grizzlies, 70-64. With the scored tied 34-34 at half-time, the Jaguars outscored OU 15-7 in the first seven minutes of the second half. Freshman April Kidd put back an offensive rebound to pull OU within five points with a little under two minutes left in the game. Unfortunately, IUPUI made their free throws down the stretch and held on for the win. Junior Nicole Piggott led OU with 21 points and Jayme Wilson had 11 rebounds. Kia Hayes led the Jaguars with 22 points and IUPUI out-rebounded OU 46-36.

Four commit to play for women's soccer in 2006

OU women's soccer head coach Nick O'Shea announced four players have made commitments to join the Golden Grizzlies in 2006. Kate Howe (Livonia, Mich.), Nikki Neubauer (Milford, Mich.), Marie Lieberman (West Bloomfield, Mich.) and Susie Lee (Eagle, Minn.) will all be on OU's soccer fields in the fall of 2006.

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