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DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post
Jon Paul Ferrari and the Golden Grizzlies slide past U of M-Dearborn for a 7-6 overtime victory in their season opener.

OT thriller kicks off hockey season

Golden Grizzlies start out season strong

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Full rink of fans? Check. Rocking pregame soundtrack? Check. High-octane Golden Grizzly hockey? Of course. What did you expect?

In their season opener at the Onyx, OU took the victory away from University of Michigan-Dearborn in

a 7-6 overtime victory, in which five Golden Grizzlies each had a shot sink to the back of the net.

OU got things started at the 13:25 mark in the first period with a goal from senior Jon Paul Ferrari, assisted by senior Scott Elder. Not to be outdone, the Wolves got themselves on the scoreboard at 9:53 when U of M-Dearborn senior Steve Rademacher fired one past OU goalkeeper Stephen Yu's defense on a power play to regain a 2-1 lead, with

Just a few minutes later, at 7:08, OU sophomore Jeff Einheuser broke through Wolf goalkeeper Stephen Yu's defense on a power play to regain a 2-1 lead, with

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STUDENT CONGRESS

Getting to know your OUSC

By MARIA VITALE
Senior Reporter

Among a student body of approximately 17,000 there is a government of less than 35 people who unite to represent the students.

The Oakland University Student Congress offers students services such as free scantrons, blue books, pens, pencils, bracelets and more. They also sponsor the Newspaper Readership Program, which offers free copies of USA Today and the New York Times on a daily basis. The complimentary newspapers can be found in two locations on the main level of the Oakland Center.

According to former Student Body President, Michael McGuiness, OUSC is the student government on Oakland's campus and the voice of the student body.

As posted on their Web site, www.oakland.edu/ousc,

the body consists of an executive branch as well as legislative branch. The executive branch is made up of the officers such as the president, vice president, and the legislative branch consists of 23 elected and two appointed legislators. Legislative and executive members represent the students and their concerns before the university's administration.

They also play a role in encouraging student involvement as well as spreading diversity among the campus, according to their mission statement.

The mission statement, as stated on their Web site, is to "strive to represent the student body and increase pride and unity on campus through dynamic leadership, a commitment to diversity, and an ongoing devotion to

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Grizzlies show their Tiger pride



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post
Tiger fans Adam Kliebert, a junior physical therapy major, Lauren Brodie, a sophomore nursing major, and Adam Brent a junior marketing major show off their Tiger pride after a 19-year playoff drought.

By KYLE MAGIN
Guest Columnist

Nineteen long years of frustration were worked out Sunday night, with a playoff-clinching 11-4 smack down of the Kansas City Royals.

Nineteen years have changed everything but this town's enthusiasm for its baseball. In 1987, there was no 9/11 or Katrina, the Berlin Wall still stood.

Nineteen years ago, most Oakland University students were clad in Huggies and Osh-Kosh, instead of Hollister and

Commentary

Puma.

Finally, Sunday's victory validated 19 years of loyalty.

It validated a fan base that was supportive through thick and thin, Nicole Kidman thin. After almost failing, the Tigers picked themselves up, dusted themselves off, and like everyone in this town, went back to work.

There were no Chinese laborers or

picket lines to keep the Tigers from their job, just a lowly group from Kansas City who barely made it interesting.

Even though the game lacked competition, it marked the return of the pulse to the Tigers. After flat lining for a month or so, the team was resuscitated by its talented second-baseman, Placido Polanco. For the first time in a while, the Tigers actually looked like the Tigers.

Watching the Tigers clinch also awoke feelings of deservedness in me.

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Q: What did you think when the Tigers clinched a playoff spot?



A: "I was really excited when they clinched, but I always knew they were going to do it this year."

Keith Gadson
Junior
Wellness, Health and Injury Prevention



A: "Going into this season, I thought the Tigers would be better off than in the previous couple years, but I wasn't expecting them to be this good. It was awesome when they clinched a playoff berth"

Paul Desimone
Junior
Music Education



A: "I was really happy when they clinched. Hopefully they can pick things up again, so we can be optimistic about what they can do in the playoffs."

Ben Spedoske
Junior
Elementary Ed.

Tony Blair addresses Labour for last time

Blair says it can be hard to be the U.S.' strongest ally

By JENNIFER QUINN
Associated Press Writer

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Tony Blair gave his last address to his Labour Party as prime minister on Tuesday, saying it is important to stay close to Washington in the fight against terrorism even though it can be hard to be the United States' strongest ally.

The 53-year-old leader acknowledged Tuesday it would be hard for him to leave office but said it was the right thing to do.

In a wistful but forward-looking speech, Blair told the party it must remain bold if it is to hold onto power and said the only legacy he cared about was Labour's winning a fourth term.

Delegates, grateful for the

three straight election victories to which Blair led their party, listened raptly as he spoke and frequently interrupted him with cheers. Many waved supportive placards reading "Too young to retire" and "Tony, you made Britain better."

Blair fondly recalled his start in politics as a young Parliamentary candidate in

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TIGERS
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I felt like this team owed me, for the 119 loss season, for enduring Jason Johnson, for giving Bobby Higginson a contract — for everything.

We have been subjected to some horrible baseball over the past two-decades here in Detroit.

We watched as pitchers Matt Anderson and Jeff Weaver failed to reach their potential. We had to watch a hometown hero, Alan Trammell, stumble and fail, something that he never did as a player, which hurt this town all the more.

That's why everything about this run and this season tastes just that much sweeter, like driving 45 minutes to the cider mill for some of the greatest donuts ever. But now? It's time for the party.

Time for Tiger fans to rediscover some playoff traditions, and invent some new ones. Time for Tiger fans to take

"Gum Time" to every household in America.

It's time to high-five and hug strangers in the bar about our baseball team. Let's show everybody that Detroit knows how to cheer on a team other than the Lions in October. Please though, I beg that we don't get sucked into any ridiculous promotions.

Let's avoid Anaheim's rally monkey like the plague, I think that thing looks too much like the primates in the movie Outbreak, also, let's not have a "team song" courtesy of Journey. Nothing effeminated the White Sox last year like having to listen to "Don't stop Believing." Let's skip the fair-weather, celebrity fan-sightings at the games.

Eminem, Kid Rock, I love you, but please, save your playoff showboating for Pistons games.

If your name isn't Jeff Daniels, I haven't seen you at Comerica Park this year and it needs to stay that way. Detroit isn't a celebrity town, so this run should be about

the people of the city instead of tag-along media hounds who just happen to show up in front row seats when the games are at their most-watched. It's also important that we use the playoffs as a bonding event. Twenty years from now, let's remember '06 for the camaraderie forged with other fans, like in '84 and '68. You may not remember what you did way back then, but you will

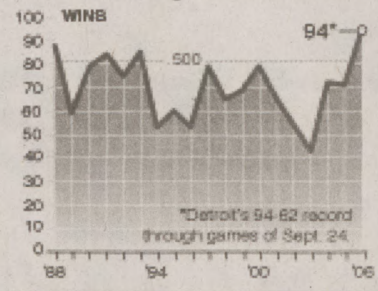
remember where you were while the Tigers played, and who was with you. Let's make every game an event, whether you're at the ballgame or not.

Have friends over, go out to a restaurant or the bar. Start "Here we go Tigers" cheers for no apparent reason other than the fact that everyone else will join in.

So pop open the bubbly or your favorite cold beverage Detroit, this one's for you.

Tigers roar into postseason

The Detroit Tigers clinched its first playoff berth since 1987, ending a 19-year drought. Last season, Detroit lost 29 of its last 39 games for its 12th straight sub-.500 finish.



Is home cooking best?
Although best AL record gets home field advantage throughout the playoffs, Detroit owns the majors best road record at 49-32.

DATES	OPPONENT	VS. OPP
Tues.-Thurs.	Blue Jays (82-73)	2-1
Fri.-Sun.	Royals (58-97)	14-1

BLAIR
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1983, and said Labour had changed the terms of debate in British politics during his time as leader.

"The truth is, you can't go on forever," he said. "That's why it is right that this is my last conference as leader."

"Of course it is hard to let go. But it is also right to let go. For the country, and for you, the party," he said during an hourlong speech.

Although Blair has long had a love-hate relationship with a party he's remade since taking its helm in 1994, he said he would always watch Labour's achievements with pride — whether or not it took his parting advice.

"Wherever I am, whatever I do, I'm with you," he said. "Wishing you well and wanting you to win. You're the future

now, so make the most of it."

Blair said fighting terrorism would remain a tough challenge for Britain in the years after he leaves office. But he said it was crucial to stay close to the United States, despite the severe political damage he suffered for his tight relationship with President Bush and his support for the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

"Yes, it's hard sometimes to

be America's strongest ally," he said, adding that close involvement in the European Union could also be difficult. "At the moment I know people only see the price of these alliances. Give them up and the cost in terms of power, weight and influence for Britain would be infinitely greater."

"Distance this country and you may find it's a long way back," he said.

What does this mean?

When appointed, will Gordon Brown have the same policies toward the United States as Tony Blair, or will we lose one of our most solid allies?

"I wouldn't expect a dramatic change in American ties. But the personal relationship between Bush, or any U.S. leader won't be the same. The personal relationship that Bush has with Blair is really special and he's going to lose that. (Brown's) not going to be chummy with Bush."

— Professor of Political Science Paul Kubicek

OUSC
Cont. from A1

the quality of university life. We aim to meet the needs and address the concerns of our fellow students and encourage students to voice their ideas to help us create the best possible 'Oakland experience.'"

Director of the Center for Student Activities Jean Ann Miller, said that OUSC "truly represents the voice of the students on campus."

One way for students to voice their concerns about the university is to fill out a Statement of Student Concern sheet found at the Student Congress office or on their Web site.

Students can also voice their thoughts during OUSC general meetings where two opportunities are presented for members of the gallery to address their representatives.

These open meetings take place every Monday at 4 p.m.

Student Body President Madalyn Miller said that all student concerns are addressed at the open meetings on Mondays.

Past concerns submitted have dealt with everything from parking to financial

aid, to issues with professors.

As mentioned in their mission statement, OUSC strives to spread diversity throughout Oakland's campus.

Miller said that Student Congress is focusing on global issues and increasing awareness this year.

She told The Post that the Multicultural Roundtable was implemented for cooperation and dialogue amongst diverse student organizations, and also said that she combined the legislative and multicultural affairs director positions.

In addition to diversification, OUSC also promotes student involvement. Miller said that she encourages students to get involved. "Even if you aren't interested in being a legislator, come to our office, and we can help you find something that fits you."

"There are a lot of opportunities that come with it, from developing leadership skills, to finding your ideal future career. There is also an important resume building aspect to campus involvement, too," she added.

Former Student Activities Director Katie Miller highlighted some of the benefits of on-campus involvement, to be "the friends you will make, and being able to

make a difference in someone else's life and in the community."

Although student involvement is promoted through OUSC, some students, such as Senior Elizabeth Glembocki, are unaware of the services that student congress has to offer.

Glembocki said that throughout her college career she did not know much about student congress and like many commuter students at Oakland University she comes to class and goes home.

Senior Rebekah White stated that she first heard about OUSC through the free scantrons and blue books that they provided.

White said that she did not hear Student Congress promoted until last semester when McGuiness gave a speech to one of her communication classes about the OUSC.

Miller plans on addressing this issue through a new public relations agent and by allotting more money to help increase OUSC awareness on campus.

Some of the ways they plan to increase awareness are through door hangers, table tents, posters and balloons.

"We are trying to reach out to students," said Miller.

HOCKEY
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the assist from senior Adam Charnoby and Ferrari. Less than one minute later, Wolf junior Matt Chromy evened the score at 2-2.

Second period action got underway at the 18:20 mark when Golden Grizzly senior Jordan Ingram short-handedly broke away from the defense and tallied another OU goal for a 3-2 lead. As in the first period, U of M-Dearborn refused to stay behind for long and at 17:18, junior Bryan Czajka made the score 3-3.

The Golden Grizzlies, however, secured the second period lead with a goal from senior and three-time ACHA DII National Player of the Year Will McMahon, with a little help from sophomore Nick Ranck, to end the period, 4-3.

The scoreboard remained unchanged until almost halfway through the third period, when OU sophomore Trevor Mallon banked one behind the goalkeeper at 10:02, with an assist from McMahon, to give the Golden Grizzlies a two goal advantage, 5-3. After that, OU found themselves in a downward spiral,

as their lead began to chip away.

The trouble started at 6:59, when Wolf sophomore Adam Stoner put another goal on the board. Then, exactly 30 seconds later, Crowley got another shot past Sardelli, tying the game at 5-5.

OU held off the Wolves until, with 1:46 remaining in the third period, U of M-Dearborn broke the tie with a goal from Kuehn and assists from Rademacher and sophomore Brian Hopper to take the lead, 6-5.

But as any hockey fan should know (or at least anybody who's seen just about any sports movie ever made), it isn't over until the final buzzer. With just 46 seconds remaining, OU junior Brent Cooper buried the puck in the net with an assist from McMahon to send the game into overtime.

Overtime play consists of five minute, four-on-four hockey, and the Golden Grizzlies didn't need that much time to take the victory. Just 30 seconds in, Cooper sealed the deal with assists from Charnoby and sophomore Steve Piccoli.

On Saturday, the Golden Grizzlies completed their sweep of U of M-Dearborn, as they fought back from a 3-0 deficit to win, 4-3.

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This lecture is free. No tickets are required.
Seating is on a first come basis.

Presented with the support of OU Student tuition, Division of Student Affairs, Student Program Board, and the Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost.

This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

Award promotes student activism

Keeper of the Dream recognizes students for bridging racial gaps

By MARIA VITALE
Senior Reporter

"Thank you Jesus," were the words of Senior Nerissa Brown last year when she received the call telling her that she won the Keeper of the Dream Award.

The Keeper of the Dream Award was established in January of 1993 to recognize Oakland University undergraduate students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will.

"Their willingness to give back to this community is a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy," said Assistant Dean of Students Karen Lloyd.

As written on the nomination form, students applying for the Keeper of the Dream Award should demonstrate strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and promoting interracial understanding. Nominees must have a current cumulative GPA of 3.0, demonstrate campus involvement, record of responsible citizenship and be enrolled a minimum of 12 credit hours each term for fall 2007 and winter 2008 semesters.

Nominations are due by Oct. 9. To nominate yourself or someone else for the Keeper of the Dream

award visit the Dean of Students Office at 144 Oakland Center or their Web site, which can be accessed at www.oakland.edu.

Recipients of this award receive a scholarship ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 as well as a celebration in their honor.

This year marks the 15th annual Keeper of the Dream Award. The celebration will be hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Day.

Unlike previous years, there will not be a fund raising banquet this year; instead there will be a speech by the featured presenter, an award ceremony, and a VIP reception for the recipients and their families.

"The event has grown and called for a change," said Omar Brown-El, director of the Center for Multi-cultural Initiatives.

Brown-El said that the event is a great opportunity for students and the community to come together and recognize the accomplishments of the student recipients.

The celebration will begin with a speech from the featured presenter at 11 a.m., the awards presentation will take place at noon and the VIP reception will follow in Banquet Rooms A and B of the OC.

Although this year's key speaker has not yet been decided, such prominent people as Coretta Scott King and Andrew Young have presented in previous years.

Last year's Keeper of the

Dream Awards recipients were Nerissa Brown, Margaret DeGrandis, Kirbionne Fletcher and Michael Lerchenfeldt.

For these four students, receiving the award served as recognition for all the good they have done as well as a motivation to keep up the good work.

"It was an extra push," said Lerchenfeldt.

Brown said that winning the award encouraged her to continue her hard work – the purpose of which she fully understands.

"To know what you stand for, know what you believe and feel comfortable that you can be who you want and to feel comfortable in your own shoes," said Brown.

The students were also honored with a ceremony and banquet where they had the chance to listen to the keynote speaker and former United States Ambassador Andrew Young.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience," said Lerchenfeldt.

"It's such an honor to be able to uphold the principles that Martin Luther King and people like Rosa Parks and Andrew Young worked so hard for and really our society has come a long way. I felt like I was a little part of that movement," said DeGrandis.

Kirbionne Fletcher reminds people "don't forget about the past and think that it's not relevant anymore; even though it did happen years ago, there are still issues."



AP FILE PHOTO

Renowned poet, author and activist Maya Angelou will visit the campus of Oakland University next Monday as part of the 2006-2007 Student Life Lecture Series. Angelou is recognized around the world as having one of the most distinguished literary voices in modern times. The lecture starts at 7 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. It is free and tickets are not required. Seating is on a first come basis.

STUDENT CONGRESS

OUSC membership continues to shrink

By MARIA VITALE
Senior Reporter

The Oakland University Student Congress lost yet another legislative member during Monday's general meeting.

Legislator Adam Panchenko addressed the OUSC body and formally retired after two years of service.

"I really enjoyed being on Student Congress," Panchenko said, "I'm not angry at anyone."

Panchenko also said that the students on OUSC are some of "the hardest working folks on campus," and that they care about OU and it's students.

"I really appreciate the way he handled it" said

OUSC Vice President Mia Evans. "We really respect Adam and he's done a lot for congress."

The OUSC now has a total of 14 legislators and will need eight to reach quorum.

During the meeting representatives from Kresge Library also addressed the board.

Last year they came to the OUSC to see what concerns there were about the library.

Dean Julie Voeleck announced some of the changes made in response to their concerns.

The library extended their hours, adding 6.5 hours to their weekly schedule. They also renovated the study rooms and "Snack Zone" on the first

floor of the library.

They also added technologies such as an additional 31 new laptops to rent out, and 29 desktop computers for the lab. They are also planning to add 120 electrical outlets to meet demands for charging the laptops.

In addition to computers, new electronic journals and a digital version of the New York Times dating from 1851 up to 2003 were added to the database.

Kresge Library also agreed to team up with the OUSC to expand their Readership Program so that students will soon be able to pick up complimentary copies of The New York Times and USA Today at the library.

Call for Proposals

African-American Celebration 2007

Festivities for African-American Celebration 2007 will begin Monday, January 15, 2007 with the annual celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and ending with our Closing Ceremony February 28, 2007.

This year our theme will be "Through the Strength of My Ancestry: Still I Rise".

We are really excited and inspired by the breadth, depth, and strength of the theme. In preparing your programs, please make sure they are in line with this year's theme. The 2007 theme encourages programs that foster the recognition of the accomplishments of our ancestors as well as the success of our current leaders.

Our goal this year is to provide quality, inspirational, and educational programs and activities that support the theme. The participation of the entire university (students, faculty and staff) is important in gaining a better understanding of the struggles, frustrations, and triumphs African Americans have and continue to encounter.

The coordinating committee has met and generated ideas about potential programs and/or activities that include:

- Guest Speakers
- African American Arts and Crafts
- Debate
- Poetry
- African American Museum
- African Drum and Dance
- Panel Discussions
- Celebration of Freedom

These are just a few of many wonderful ideas we have shared and hope will entice you to think about your role and the contribution you, your class, department or unit will make to enhance the understanding of "Through the Strength of My Ancestry: Still I Rise"

In submitting your proposal, please bear in mind the following criteria:

- Complete the Program Proposal Form
- Include a typed, one-page, double-spaced narrative describing the proposed program
- In the narrative, please explain how the proposed program relates to the theme
- Include Program Budget information (from Program Proposal Form) in the narrative
- Program should occur within designated celebration period of January 15, 2007 – February 28, 2007 (collaborations are encouraged)

Proposals must be submitted to the Center for Multicultural Initiatives by Friday, October 27, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

Send or deliver completed proposals to: African-American Celebration 2007
c/o Center for Multicultural Initiatives
Oakland University
134 North Foundation Hall
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

POLICEFILES

■ Oakland University Police responded to a possible theft of a student ID and stuffed toy penguin at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Monday at West Vandenberg Hall. The female student claimed she returned to her room from the Vandenberg desk to find her door slightly open. Upon entering her room, she noticed her OU ID card missing from her purse, and also reported that her stuffed penguin had been missing for several days.

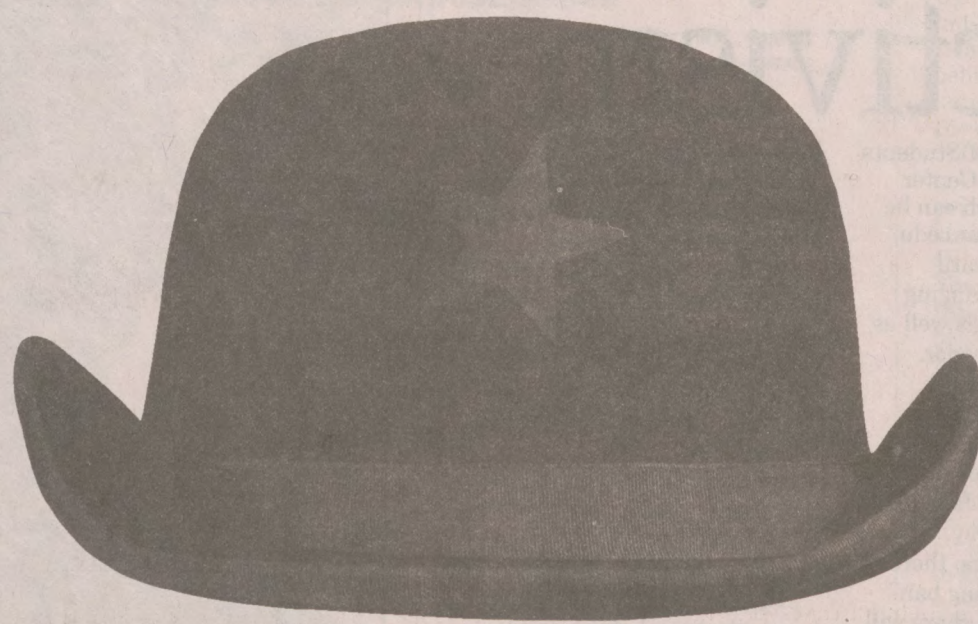
■ After leaving his car parked in the P5 lot overnight, a student noticed a rock in front of his car and dents on the driver-side of the hood. Although the car's windows were not damaged, small amounts of shattered glass were found next to the vehicle.

■ Officers responded to a call from South Hamlin Hall after two female student athletes reported that laptops and an iPod were stolen from their room. The students reportedly returned from softball practice and noticed that their main room door was unlocked. One of the females reported that she lost her room key, possibly in the Hamlin Hall elevator the night before.

■ Oakland University Police and the Auburn Hills Fire Department were called to Dodge Hall after complaints of a smell of natural gas. However, a reading was not registered on the fire department's gas meter. It was later determined by maintenance that the smell was due to the heat being turned on and advised to keep doors and windows open until the smell cleared.

■ The OUPD were called to Vandenberg Hall after a female complained of chest pains and shortness of breath. Although she was responsive to OUPD's questions, the female was transported to the hospital.

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EDITORIAL

Let's review our priorities

With both sides of the political spectrum sounding off while the news media dissects every word said during former president Bill Clinton's interview with Chris Williams on "Fox News Sunday" this past weekend, we at The Post are asking this question: so what?

For those who weren't tuned in: Wallace said after the show aired that Clinton agreed to a 15-minute interview. Half of the questions were to be related to the former president's philanthropy work and the other half to any subject Fox wanted.

The interview heated up when Wallace asked Clinton why he didn't "connect the dots" and put him (Osama Bin Ladin) out of business."

This sent Clinton "on a tear" – to use Wallace's own words – which prompted the media and public-at-large to set out on a tear of their own.

Ever since that interview we've been assaulted with stories about the three-year ratings high the show enjoyed as a result of the confrontation – not to mention an assortment of right and left-winged authored columns about each men's performance.

You've probably overheard people talking about it in the Pioneer Food Court during lunch.

We repeat: so what?

Consider the other benchmark that took

place this week in the War on Terror. The official death toll for US soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan exceeded 2,973 – the same number of people killed in the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

Which do you think drew more headlines?

We feel nothing but utter contempt towards politicians and the news media when they spend too much time and energy focusing on anything BUT the situation as it currently exists – which happens to be a frightful mess with no clear sign of hope.

How dare these people waste our time pointing fingers and laying blame at a time when every ounce of energy should be directed towards finding a viable solution. This is especially disturbing when taken into account that such behaviors are used as political maneuvering tools before an upcoming election.

Untangling the mess caused by the current conflicts and paving a clear road to victory is going to be a mammoth task. The individuals that receive credit for that – if and when it happens – will create a legacy that ranks with those of Lincoln and Roosevelt.

Considering the current list of priorities, The Post is betting that we're still a long way away.

— THE OAKLAND POST

QUOTE OF THE DAY ...

"This group of anti-MCRI legislators, this childish rabble, has committed irreparable harm to the student congress. At the very least they should be severely reprimanded."

— Mike Sheldon, Staff Columnist



"Bombing Pakistan"

By Pat Bagley
Salt Lake Tribune

GUEST COLUMNS

OUSC legislators' intolerance creates 'irreparable harm'

By MIKE SHELDON
Staff Columnist

A while back our August student congress debated over state proposal two, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. The question was raised on what opinion the student congress should officially express. The decision was eventually made, in a legally taken democratic vote, to be neutral.

That is where problems began.

Instead of accepting the outcome of the vote and moving on to the next issue, certain legislators decided to make a spectacle. These legislators took it upon themselves to unilaterally declare that any vote for neutral was a vote for the MCRI. And in these enlightened legislator's minds, anyone who supports the MCRI is a racist.

That is not a columnist's hyperbole. These legislators, shouting, called other members of the student congress racists as well as other bigoted

insults.

This flies in the face of not only simple human behavior, but behavior expected of student congress members.

First off this assertion of racism is factually incorrect. None of the accused racists hold those ideas. Not that the immature rabble wanted to let anything as simple as the truth get in the way of their slandering attacks. These childish legislators were so focused upon painting anyone not against the MCRI, even those with no opinion, as racist that they became just as close-minded and hateful as racists themselves.

Quite the show of hypocrisy here. By claiming to attack ignorance with the method they chose (narrow-minded name calling), they showed their own ignorance. Legislators are supposed to be intelligent and professional, not thick skulled and sophomoric.

And they are supposed to be legislators. They were elected to represent students in the OUSC. As such, they must show professional behavior

at all times during OUSC functions. They did not.

Meetings for the OUSC happen here in Rochester, Michigan. This is not the British parliament or the Taiwanese government, where rampant shouting and even fighting break out frequently. Debate is supposed to take place with an aura of decorum, not of childishness. This, of course, is what these epithet-spewing legislators looked like: a bunch of whining children.

What was the problem with neutrality in the first place? The OUSC is there to officially represent the students. If the OUSC took an actual stance on the MCRI, they would alienate the fifty percent of students who disagree with that stance. The OUSC would cease to be the voice of all the students, and turn into just another political lobbying group speaking for only a portion of the population.

Neutrality was the only choice for the OUSC. Yet the immature legislators were not satisfied,

and chose to take the low road. To them I say, I am not satisfied. Their little performance was a disgrace to the OUSC, to themselves, to us students, and to the university.

A lot of legislators have resigned in the period since this incident, a large majority of them the recipients of the verbal onslaught. So now not only have the insult-flinging legislators made a mockery of themselves, but they have irrevocably damaged the student congress. The recent trend of attendance issues can be attributed to these bad legislators, for they drove out the ones that cared. The only legislators left behind are either the immature ones themselves, or ones who simply do not care.

This group of anti-MCRI legislators, this childish rabble, has committed irreparable harm to the student congress. At the very least they should be severely reprimanded. I personally would like to see them kicked out permanently. But they can not be allowed to dodge the consequences of their behavior.

Don't be a classroom stereotype

By CINDI POZZI
Guest Columnist

You're fidgeting in your chair because once again you made it to that pivotal moment in your day, five minutes until class is over.

You can barely contain your anticipation to leave, when out of the corner of your eye you see someone raise their hand.

Your eyes immediately roll back into your head, and you release a disheartening sigh.

You realize the hand belongs to the "long winded" person and you are not getting out of the building any time soon. You are doomed to remain in your chair for what feels like the rest of your life.

Communication is an art form that some have yet to master.

I try to remind myself of this, but frankly I cannot endure one more semester surrounded by people that are conversationally dense.

I fully support classroom participation when it is done in an intelligent, thoughtful way. I'm going to take it upon myself to categorize the stereotypical conversation "characters" I have witnessed in the classroom:

The Expert: This person knows everything and feels the need to argue about it with the class. Armed with detailed information, they believe their opinion is superior to that of everyone in the room and won't rest until they have their say.

The Class Whisperers: Generally come in pairs of two and sit near the back.

They tend to whisper for the duration of lecture so that no one around

them could possibly hear when the date of the exam was moved to.

However, thanks to them you now know Chad is a sleaze.

The Egomaniac: This person thinks every question the professor asks is directed towards them, even the rhetorical ones. Sometimes they volunteer their opinion, but mostly they talk to themselves, just loud enough so only you can hear it.

The Sharer: This person feels the need to relate everything discussed during lecture back to their life, even though it is irrelevant. They say things like, "I always relate the civil war with this one customer I helped at Best Buy." By the end of the semester you feel like you know too much about this person.

The Repeat Offender: This person thinks aloud. Everyone knows

what they are trying to get at, but they continually dance around their point as they repeat what they previously said over and over again.

Obviously I'm being facetious, but this is a problem.

If you are, or know anyone that falls into one of these categories please be more considerate. Formulate your ideas before you start talking and make certain your comments are relevant to what the class is discussing.

If you want to have a lengthy discussion about a topic, or you have a long, detailed question contact the professor outside of class.

Lastly, if you are unsure if you are an inconsiderate conversationalist, look around you.

I'm willing to bet you will notice angry nonverbal signals sent your way every time you talk.

Want to share your views? Have an issue you want write about? E-mail a letter to the editor at editor@oakpostonline.com. Submissions should be e-mailed in no later than Friday at 5 p.m.



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QUOTE OF THE MOMENT ...
 "Believe me, you don't want me in politics."
 — Actor George Clooney when asked
 if he might run for political office.

Osama's death unconfirmed

By **PAUL HAVEN**
 The Associated Press

(AP) — He was blown up in the caves of Tora Bora. He was on dialysis and dying of kidney disease. He was in the hands of Pakistani intelligence and about to be turned over to the United States.

Rumors of Osama bin Laden's death or capture go back years, and they have always proved greatly exaggerated. The latest came Saturday, when a leaked French intelligence document citing a "usually reliable" source said the Saudi secret service was convinced the 52-year-old al-Qaida terror chief had died of typhoid last month in Pakistan.

Officials from Riyadh to Paris to Washington rushed to insist they had nothing to substantiate the report, but not before news of it reached every corner of the globe and renewed the debate about why the world's largest dragnet has failed to get its man.

"There has been a grave fail-

ure five years after 9/11 that the true leaders of the attacks are still free, and that they are still alive," said Rohan Gunaratna, head of terrorism research at Singapore's Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies.

Gunaratna cited comments by bin Laden's no. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, released on the fifth anniversary of the attacks, as evidence the French report was erroneous.

The denial was echoed by a purported spokesman for the Taliban, the former Afghan regime that sheltered bin Laden after the 9/11 attacks. He also asked not to be named.

The French report is not the first to allude to bin Laden suffering from a life-threatening illness.

For years, intelligence services took seriously assessments that bin Laden might be suffering from kidney disease, and there were even reports he was forced to lug a dialysis machine from one mountain hideout to another.

But in 2003, Amer Aziz,

bin Laden's former doctor in Afghanistan, shot down the reports. He told The Associated Press he gave bin Laden a complete physical in 1999, and saw him again in November 2001 while he was on the run from U.S. forces, and found no sign of illness on either occasion.

Paul Wilkinson of the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland said the latest report of bin Laden's death could prompt his inner circle to advise him to deliver proof he is alive and healthy.

He speculated that the French report may have been leaked to shake the branches and illicit just such a response from the terror leader, giving the intelligence community a chance to home in on "chatter" among terrorists.

The years of false hope and genuine close calls have contributed to the aura that bin Laden enjoys among his followers. They have also added to the frustration of those

charged with bringing him to justice.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks and the fall of the Taliban, Afghan militiamen fighting on behalf of the United States felt certain they had surrounded bin Laden at Tora Bora.

Villagers reported seeing him hike into the mountains, and accounts of devastating airstrikes on the caves prompted rumors that bin Laden was dead.

He wasn't. In 2003, Pakistani forces raided the village of Lattaka, near the border with Afghanistan, on intelligence that bin Laden might be hiding there. In 2004, U.S. Lt. Gen. David Barno said from Afghanistan that he expected to bring bin Laden to justice that hike, and Pakistani intelligence officials described him as being boxed in, but he was never captured.

Since then, the trail of the world's most wanted man has gone cold, but that hasn't stopped the rumors.



KYODO NEWS/The Associated Press
 A developer watches "MURATA BOY" make an S-curve as electronics equipment maker Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., unveils its upgraded bicycle-riding robots in Nagaokakyō, western Japan, Tuesday. Controlling its posture with a sensor, it is able to make an S-curve without running off. The new robots will be shown at CEATEC Japan 2006 that opens on Oct. 3.

IT'S ALL IN THE NUMBERS

2,974

the American death toll in Iraq as of Sept. 22. One more than the terrorist attacks killed in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

\$2.20

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9.5 MILLION

number of Facebook users prior to opening their networking doors to the public.

20,100

number of Nissan production workers who have decided to leave this year either through buyout offers or early retirement packages.

\$8 BILLION

the cost of one month of the Iraq war. Congress is poised to provide \$70 billion more for military operations in Iraq.

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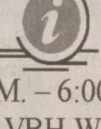

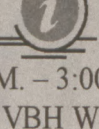



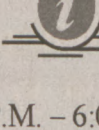

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Thursday, November 9: Seniors: Set Your Sails!

An Alumni Panel Discussing School to Work Transition Issues

Capturing Reality

Photojournalists collaborate to publish experiences

By KRISTIN SIMOVSKI
Contributing Reporter

Cameras were created to capture moments in time, resulting in a photograph that remains a remnant of a favorite memory. Some cameras capture what their owners want to see, ignoring context. Others capture everything: the good, the bad and the ugly.

For the past three years in Iraq, there has been more than enough ugly that a pair of eyes would ever want to see. Yet four independent photojournalist captured it all, and worked hard to put together Unembedded, a pictorial recollection of their time on the streets of Iraq, getting familiar with the down and dirty aspects of war that American news outlets don't show on their broadcasts.

Ghaith Abdul-Ahad, born in Baghdad, joined forces with Kael Alford, Thorne Anderson and Rita Leistner documenting life in Iraq through the people who live it everyday.

These photojournalists are independent; where their only loyalties are to the truth – not with American troops like many other embedded photojournalists who produce the images

Americans see on the news.

On one end of the spectrum, Unembedded explores the raging anger of life in a war-torn Iraq.

Many depict the grief-stricken relatives of those who have been killed by the endless violence.

Kael Alford witnessed the fear of a young boy as his father tried to carry him across the front line of fighting between the Mahdi Army and American troops.

The father raised his hand to signal that he is a civilian while the child shrieks in his arms.

Surrounding them are the abandoned buildings, and streets layered with rubble.

While there is enough heartache to last the Iraqis an eternity, some photographs capture the other end of the spectrum: citizens carrying on with their lives amidst the fighting and politics.

For the integrity of their work and for the sake of truth - which can't be denied when the truth is laid out through a series of photos in

a book like Unembedded - these photojournalists risked their safety.

Being an embedded journalist with American troops is more of a safe haven, but the photos and reporting is incomplete.

"I have spent nearly ten months in Iraq - almost all of that time 'embedded' with the Iraqi people themselves. I traveled with American soldiers for a few days, and it was like being in

a plastic bubble," photographer Thorne Anderson wrote of his experience.

"The Americans ... may have an occasional chat with some random Iraqis who pass by, but the American soldiers don't make Iraqi friends over time, they don't eat in their homes, visit their mosques, play with their children, go to weddings, play dominoes, or take afternoon naps with them."

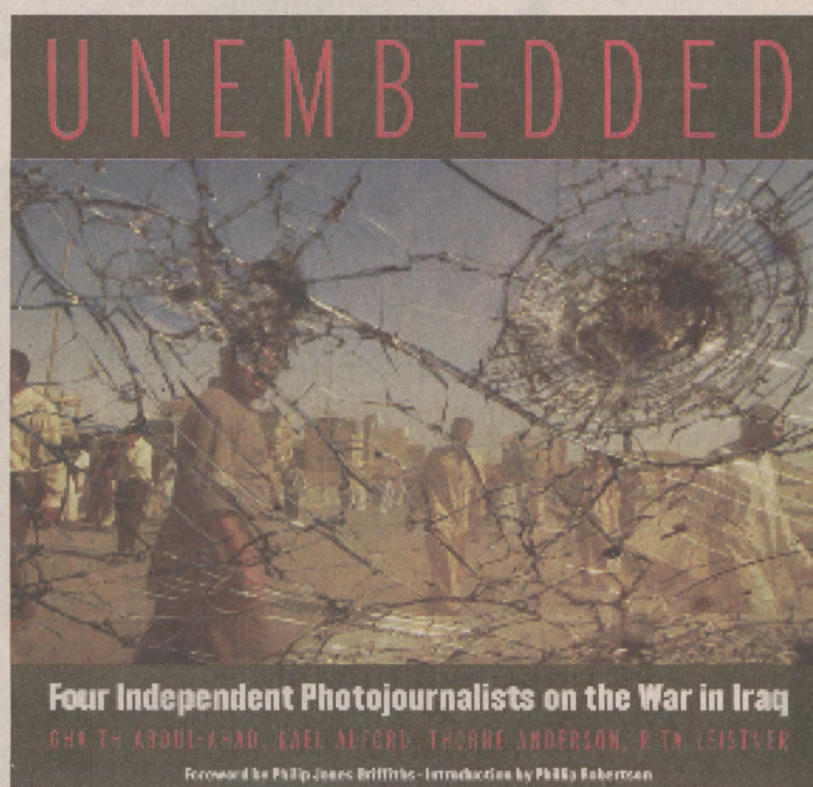


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PARIS PULLED OVER

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Singer/actress/hand-bag designer/heirss Paris Hilton can now add another title to her resume: Defendant. Hilton was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence and scheduled to be arraigned Sept. 28 in Superior Court on charges of driving under the influence and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent, said Nick Velasquez, a spokesman for city prosecutors.

The 25-year-old Hilton was arrested Sept. 7 after being stopped in her Mercedes-Benz SLR. Police said her blood-alcohol level was 0.08 percent, the minimum to warrant an arrest.

"The charges are consistent with California law and the circumstances of this case," Velasquez said.

Hilton's spokesman, Elliot Mintz, said the charges were not unexpected.

GIBSON DRAWS PARALLELS

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Mel Gibson criticized the war in Iraq while recently promoting his new film, "Apocalypto," at a Texas film festival.

Gibson, 50, drew parallels between the collapsing Mayan civilization depicted in the movie and the United States at a screening Friday at the Fantastic Fest in Austin, the Hollywood Reporter said Monday.

"The precursors to a civilization that's going under are the same, time and time again," the actor-director said after a screening of an unfinished cut of "Apocalypto," his first directorial effort since "The Passion of the Christ."

"What's human sacrifice if not sending guys off to Iraq for no reason?" he said at the festival, which is devoted to new science fiction, horror and fantasy films.

The surprise appearance was one of the first times Gibson has spoken in public since he was arrested for drunk driving in June.

"Apocalypto" is scheduled to be released Dec. 8.

NEW RELEASES

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MUSIC

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Alan Jackson (country) - Like Red On A Rose

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The Guardian (drama) - starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher

Student Body President MADALYN MILLER'S playlist of the moment

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Participants in the 2006 Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly dress in elaborate costumes and parade through the village of Hollygrove. The festival, which is in its 26th year, features arts and crafts, performances by actors, singers, and musicians and 17th-century-style dining.

This weekend, live like a king

By VICKY LEFEBVRE
Contributing Reporter

In the Village of Hollygrove, located about 35 miles from Oakland University, the year is always 1600, the bathroom is known as "the privy" and corsets and jousting are all the rage. This is the site of the 2006 Michigan Renaissance Festival.

The last days of the festival are Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Every weekend has a different theme such as "High Seas Adventure," dealing with all things pirate, and "Shamrocks and Shenanigans" the festival's Irish heritage celebration.

Patrons are also encouraged to dress the part while in

Hollygrove; full metal armor and renaissance gowns are more than welcome.

Hollygrove has activities for children of all ages, including a petting zoo and a number of rides (medieval rides of course, no roller coasters here).

There are also booths where patrons can have their faces painted, their hair braided or can get a henna tattoo of their choice. Henna is an ancient tradition in India and Egypt, said the artists at Maha Laskshmi Henna.

There are hundreds of shops throughout the festival selling everything from wooden crafts to clothing to artwork. Large turkey drumsticks and soup in bread bowls are among the many dining choices available at the festival.

There are also many performances at the festival, including musicians, dancers, and jugglers.

Contact juggler Doug Schell is a performer at the festival. He says that contact juggling is different from normal juggling because the ball he uses never leaves his body. He rolls a crystal-looking ball down his arms and between his hands. He never throws it into the air, though he can hold it in such a way that it appears it's floating.

Along with jugglers and sword swallows, there are a number of shows throughout the day that patrons can participate in. A popular act is the full contact jousting tournaments that occur daily.

For more information about the Renaissance Festival, visit www.michrenfest.com.

Photo contributed

IV hosts AIDS awareness events

Students pledge to help those in need

By ERIC ALLEN
Contributing Reporter

By the time you finish reading the rest of this paragraph another person will have died from AIDS.

It's a startling fact about a startling disease, but there is something that can be done to help those in need. Oakland University's chapter of the Christian group InterVarsity did just that this past week as the group spent time educating students about the effects of this deadly virus on Sub-Saharan Africa.

Throughout the week of Sept. 8th, members of InterVarsity put on AIDS awareness events and proudly wore black shirts emblazoned with the phrase "I represent one of the 6000 children who will be orphaned by AIDS today."

R. York More, the director for regional evangelism in InterVarsity Christian Fellowships Great Lakes East region, was one of the key speakers at the group's version of NBC's hottest new show "Deal or No Deal."

Although there was much hype over the donated prizes being

given away, it was clear that the message of spreading knowledge about the AIDS epidemic was the night's top priority.

"In America, AIDS is something we live with and see as a common disease," stated More. "Public figures like Magic Johnson survive because they are able to take cocktails of all types of pills. Unfortunately, the 65 percent of all the world's AIDS patients that are living in Africa are unable to because of political and financial reasons."

At another event entitled "Who's Your Partner," speaker Kristie Dokes, the director of Acting on AIDS student outreach program, talked about the time she spent in Cameroon, where she witnessed firsthand the ravaging effects of AIDS and observed what she can only sum up as a general state of "hopelessness."

Currently, more than 25.5 million people live with AIDS in Africa.

Dokes said she was changed by her experiences on the continent and inspired to talk at events like those put on by InterVarsity.

Dokes left the audience with the words of Irish philosopher Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

The events put on by InterVarsity proved to be a success. Leader York More stated the group probably raised over \$2,000 — the official total hasn't been confirmed yet — for the World Vision Aids charity. However, More affirmed that donations are only one part in fighting the AIDS virus.

Getting the message out about the disease is just as important.

"There is an overwhelming need for help in Africa as the AIDS virus is something that is completely preventable and treatable," continued More. "We can make change today. We can make change now."

After a week of hard work, InterVarsity members and other OU students stood together for one final moment of prayer.

With glow sticks pointing towards the sky, the group prayed for those in need and pledged their help.

AIDS, an acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is a disease that affects the body's immune system.

After developing this disease, the infected person is left vulnerable against other types of illnesses as the virus easily shuts down the body's defense system.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Injury adds to OU loss

By ROB TATE
Contributing Reporter

Things did not start out well, nor end well for the Oakland University men's soccer team on Saturday. OU dropped its home contest to Mid-Continental Conference rival the Western Illinois University Leathernecks 4-0.

Recently there has been a lot of history between the two teams, which set up what should have been a closer game. OU was looking for revenge after a 4-3 defeat to the Leathernecks in last year's Mid-Con Championship. Going into this season, Oakland and WIU were seeded one and two respectively in this year's Mid-Con pre-season poll.

The third minute of the game was a real indication of how things were going to go for the Golden Grizzlies. With the first Western Illinois shot, Oakland sophomore goalkeeper Steve Clark dove at the wide shot to his right and suffered a right shoulder injury on the play, knocking him out for the rest of game.

"He has a separated shoulder," said head coach Gary Parsons. "We are not sure of the severity yet."

Replacing Clark in goal the rest of the game was senior Josh Slaughter.

The only goal scored in the first half came off the foot of WIU's Martin Browne on a pass from Matt Wieclaw that beat both the defense and Slaughter as the Leathernecks took a 1-0 lead into halftime.

In the second half, the Golden Grizzlies came out inspired and kept the ball in the offensive zone for about for about the 15 minutes of the half. After having no shots on goal in the

first half, freshmen forward Stefan St. Louis broke free from the defense and was blocked by Western Illinois Goalkeeper Stephen Paterson on a point blank range shot. A majority of Oakland's ball control in the offensive zone was by sophomore Wade Allen, who set up some additional scoring chances. Allen contributed three of Oakland's five shots on goal on the afternoon.

A glaring problem for OU this season has been their lack of offensive production in the second half. The Golden Grizzlies have allowed seven goals in the second half while scoring none of their own.

By the 63rd minute, the wind got knocked out of OU and momentum shifted. The Golden Grizzlies never regained control of the ball after a goal scored by Leatherneck Nick Snethkamp. Goals were also tallied by Elton Fernandez and with 1.2 seconds on the clock, the nail-in-the-coffin goal was scored by Nathan Sanchez. The Sanchez goal may serve as a reminder and add some fuel to the Golden Grizzly fire when the Mid-Con tournament rolls around in November where Oakland could very well meet Western Illinois again.

"We need to work hard to create more goal scoring chances and to finish those chances better," Parsons said. "We need to defend better as a team, especially defending set plays."

The loss drops Oakland to 2-7 overall on the year and 1-1 in the Mid-Con. Upcoming games include a trip out to Kalamazoo to play Western Michigan tonight and a huge Mid-Con game at Valparaiso on Saturday. As of Sunday, Valparaiso was tied with Oakland for 2nd place in the Mid-Con, with both trailing behind Western Illinois.

Grizzlies fall to Dayton



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Freshman Susie Lee tries to get past Dayton's defense on Sunday. The Golden Grizzlies fell to the visiting Flyers 4-1. Check out the Weekly Roundup to find out more about the game.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Tennis opens season vs UDM

Women's tennis kicked off the 2006-2007 season and took on University of Detroit Mercy in their season opener at the first Oakland-Detroit Fall Challenge at Schoolcraft College. In a format which saw two sets of doubles matches and two sets of singles matches, OU fell in all but one doubles match. The freshman duo of Lisa Luljguraj and Gabrielle Gogas scored the victory for the Golden Grizzlies. The Golden Grizzly team of Amanda Scheer and Michelle Maxfield also played a close one, dropping a 7-8 (4) decision at the No. 2 position. Their next matchup is on Oct. 7, when they will take on Niagara and St. Francis (Pa.) at Niagara.

Women's soccer has week of hits and misses

The OU women's soccer team took out the University of Michigan Wolverines last Thursday in a 2-1 decision. Senior Marianne Samdal's header goal came off a corner kick from teammate junior Kristi Mitchell in the 66th minute sealed the victory for the Golden Grizzlies. On the flip side, what started out as a close contest turned into a three goal deficit as OU fell to the Dayton Flyers 4-1 on Sunday. Senior Susann Kamrud scored the lone Golden Grizzly goal. OU will look to rebound from the Dayton loss when they travel to Xavier tomorrow. As of press time, the Golden Grizzlies stand at a 3-7 record overall.

Golf off to a great start in tournaments

The men's and women's golf teams started tournament play Monday at the Butler Fall Invitational in Carmel, Ind. The men's team is riding on a first place finish after the first round. Freshman Frank McAuliffe fired a 68 to stand on top the leader board after the first round of play, with his score leading the Golden Grizzlies to a first-place standing in the team race. The women's team are also currently in first place after 18 holes today, firing a 313 to lead the nine-team field and are currently up by three strokes over Western Kentucky.

— By Samantha Franz, Sports Editor

Another loss

Volleyball continues to struggle as the season enters Mid-Con play

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
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The woes just kept coming for the Golden Grizzlies, dropping their first Mid-Continent Conference match to host Valparaiso on Friday.

The bar was set high for the struggling Golden Grizzlies, as the team opened conference play with the Crusaders, the Mid-Con defending champions.

"We did not play well on the offensive end," head coach Dave Schmidlin said. "Our young hitters and setter are still going through the growing pains associated with learning how to play at the collegiate level."

Early in the first game, freshman Amanda Morely made a kill and Oakland trailed Valparaiso by only one point, 7-6. Then, the Crusaders' offense pulled ahead of OU after making only two errors and went on to score nine out of the next 12 points to secure a 30-14 win to take the first game.

The Golden Grizzlies managed to stay close with the Crusaders early in the second game as well. With the game tied at 7-7 after a kill from sophomore Leah Dupuie, Oakland remained within two points of Valparaiso. Later, another kill from Morely found the Golden Grizzlies within one, trailing 17-16. Oakland then suffered a breakdown on an attack error and Valparaiso went on to score six of the next seven points. Trailing 23-17, Oakland was unable to regain its momentum, dropping the second game, 30-20.

The Crusaders took to charge in the final game, leading the Golden Grizzlies 6-1. Junior Monica Frechen and Morely kept Oakland alive in the game, with Frechen's kill and a block by the pair, giving Oakland momentum to catch up to the Crusaders. With Oakland trailing 14-13, Valparaiso regained its lead with a 6-0 run. Oakland was unable to respond, and Valparaiso ran away with the win, 30-19.

Morely led Oakland with 7.5 points on six kills and three blocks, while Dupuie and Frechen each had five kills. Leading Oakland's defense was sophomore Stephanie Parkin and freshman Hallie Beattie, each with seven digs.

Despite a few hard games this season, Schmidlin's remarks were optimistic.

"We will get back in the gym and keep at it," he said. "I really believe it is just a matter of time before things begin to click. We are just entering the conference portion of our schedule, so we still have an opportunity to compete for a berth in the conference tournament."

The Golden Grizzlies return home this weekend with a pair of Mid-Con match-ups. Oakland will take on Centenary on Friday and the Golden Eagles of Oral Roberts on Saturday. Both games are set to start at 7:00 pm.

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