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Financial aid woes kick off semester

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Since the semester started last week, freshman Katie Krajewski has visited the Financial Aid Office as many times as she has attended her classes.

"I was here last week twice," Krajewski said Monday, while waiting to be seen for a third time. "They haven't really told me anything, and it's taking forever," she said.

Like many other students, Krajewski is waiting for her financial aid to be disbursed.

Many financial aid recipients who were hoping to have their needs and concerns dealt with more efficiently this semester were once again disappointed last week by what students said was the same poor service they've always received from the office.

Please see **AID** on A6



Photo courtesy of www.ica.gov

Types of financial aid available to students

Grants — forms of gift assistance, typically based on financial need, that do not need to be repaid

Loans — money borrowed to pay for school that must be repaid with interest

Scholarships — awards based mostly on merit that require students to be enrolled full time

Work Study — federal- or state-funded program that provides part-time jobs for students with financial need, the money earned pays for the student's education

— Information compiled from the OU Web site



Rawle Marshall goes up for two of his 23 points as his Fort Worth Flyers defeated Albuquerque 91-83 Sunday. The Dallas Mavericks guaranteed his contract through the rest of the season Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Star-Telegram

Cowtown gets new Marshall

Former OU star looks to use D-League as NBA platform

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

Rawle Marshall would like to be playing with the Dallas Mavericks, but experience is the key to his NBA future right now.

The former Oakland University basketball standout was assigned to the Mavericks' Developmental League affiliate, the Fort Worth Flyers, Dec. 31.

Since the assignment, Marshall has led the Flyers in scoring three out of four games and has helped the team to a share of first place at 10-6.

"His ability to play multiple positions and score at each one make him a tremendous player," Flyers head coach Sam Vincent said.

"If he focuses defensively, he'll stick around for a long time," he said.

The news got even better for Marshall when he learned the Mavericks had guaranteed his contract through the rest of the season this past Saturday.

The team had until Tuesday to release any players that didn't figure into future plans.

Marshall hasn't been available for comment while in Fort Worth.

Avery Johnson, head coach of the Mavericks, told The Dallas Morning News that he wanted to see Marshall get some playing time and gain experience — something the lengthy swingman wasn't getting on the Mavericks' bench.

Please see **MARSHALL** on A6

Don't you 'holla' no more

State university banishes words for overuse

DETROIT (AP) — Holla. Hella. Sweeeeeeet.

Oakland University members say these words are at the top of their list when they think of overused words. But they aren't on the official banned list.

Lake Superior State University recently released its 2006 "List of Words and Phrases Banished from the

Queen's English for Mis-Use, Over-Use and General Uselessness."

Everyone from persons of interest to first-time callers will agree that 2005 offered more than its share of irritating words and phrases.

The words were selected by a university committee among almost 2,000 nominations.

Among the nearly 800 words banned so far are "metrosexual" (2004), "chad" (2001), "baby boomers" (1989) and "détente" (1976).

Heading into 2006, the committee targeted such linguistic gems as "hunker down," which

it noted is used by media "in reports about everything from politics to hurricanes."

Also frequently heard on the news is "person of interest," a favorite of law enforcement agencies.

Such a person is "seldom encountered at cocktail parties," the list's authors noted.

Not all the words came from the evening news, however.

"Community of learners" is a phrase from the field of education. "Not to be confused with 'school,'" wrote one critic, Jim Howard, of Mishawaka, Ind.

Please see **BAN** on A6

Words banned for overuse

- Surreal
- Hunker down
- Person of interest
- Community of learners
- Up-or-down vote
- Breaking news
- Designer breed
- FEMA
- First-time caller
- Pass the savings on to you!
- 97 percent fat-free
- An accident that didn't have to happen
- Junk science
- Git-R-Done
- Dawg
- Talking points
- Holiday tree

— The Associated Press

PAGE YOURSELF

MPH displays intended to discourage lead feet

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Commuters traveling through Auburn Hills recently may have noticed several trailers positioned around the city that track the speed of passing vehicles.

But not all Oakland University students are certain of what they do.

"I'm not quite sure. To what I understand, they record your speed and make you feel bad if you are going over the speed limit," said freshman Nikola Stewart.

According to the Auburn Hills Police Department Web site, the use of unmanned speed monitoring trailers is the second part of a three-pronged program to increase road safety.

The program involves collecting data and information regarding safety concerns in order to educate the community and allow police officers to effi-

ciently enforce traffic laws.

"They put them up in response to places where there have been reports of speeding," said OU math and statistics instructor Bill Hamilton. "It's a good reminder to go the speed limit."

The city will also install speed control devices in the roadway — such as speed bumps, traffic circles, slow points, entrance/exit barriers, pavement markings and traffic

Please see **SPEED** on A6

State traffic crash history

2004	— 373,028
2003	— 391,486
2002	— 395,515
2001	— 400,813
2000	— 424,867
1999	— 415,675
1998	— 403,766
1997	— 425,793
1996	— 435,477
1995	— 421,073
1994	— 398,050

— Information compiled from the Criminal Justice Information Center



"Not that I dislike the word, I use it often, but it just seems like 'random' is used too randomly. It's used in the wrong context."

— Junior Adam Panchenko



"'Jesus Christ' or 'Oh my God.' I just find that everyone seems to say that regardless of their religion."

— Senior Alicia Feys



"'Sweet.' I hear it from students all the time, and it's driving me crazy."

— Gary Moore, Associate Professor of Nursing

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Check out OU's tuition refund policy

Winter 2006

The last day to drop a course or withdraw from the semester and receive a 100% tuition refund is Tuesday, January 17. Beginning January 18, no refunds will be given.

If you decide to drop a course or withdraw from the semester, it is recommended that you use the SAIL Web system at www.oakland.edu. If you choose to drop or withdraw in person, by fax or by mail, requests must be received and processed by the Registrar's Office, 100 O'Dowd Hall, by 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 17 to be eligible for a 100% refund. You can confirm your current class schedule on SAIL.

Financial aid recipients should note that financial aid is based on the number of registered credits as of 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17. Credits added after this time will not be considered for financial aid, scholarships and grants.

If you have questions about dropping a course, withdrawing from the semester or deadline dates, contact the Registrar's Office at (248) 370-3450 or the Office of Student Financial Services at (248) 370-2550.

Important dates to keep in mind	
January 4 - 18	Late registration; instructor's signature required to register or add class(es)
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (classes not in session)
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Filmmaker to visit campus

'Given the type of movies that Mr. Lee produces and directs ... he's a definite and distinctive voice for the total population'

Omar Brown-El, assistant director of CMI

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Renowned filmmaker Spike Lee has been slated to kick off Oakland University's African-American History Celebration Month by visiting campus on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16, in the Oakland Center Banquet rooms at noon.

Lee is best known for producing, directing and starring in provocative films that provide insight into complicated themes dealing with racial, political, social and cultural issues.

His expertise should prove beneficial for student filmmakers Ryan Wherer and Andrew Tomayko. Wherer and Tomayko won OU's first Grizz Dance Film Festival in November for films that their teams produced and entered into the contest. Part of their award was a chance to meet and have lunch with Academy Award-nominated Lee.

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives is sponsoring Lee's visit. Lee's address will recognize the contributions of Dr. King and how his legacy has impacted the generations that have followed him, said Omar Brown-El, assistant director of CMI.

"Given the type of movies that Mr. Lee produces and directs, we feel that he's a definite and distinctive voice for the total population ... that

every voice is valuable," he said.

Spike Lee was born Shelton Jackson Lee on March 20, 1957 in Atlanta, Ga.

At a young age his family moved from Georgia to Brooklyn, NY, a place that would provide the setting for his landmark 1989 film, "Do the Right Thing."

Lee returned to Georgia to attend Morehouse College where he earned a degree in mass communications.

As he became more driven toward a career in filmmaking, Lee decided to parlay his knowledge of communications into a Master of Fine Arts in Film Production from New York University's Tisch School of Arts. Lee now teaches film production at NYU.

In 1986 Lee made the film "She's Gotta Have It," a comedy about the sexual relationships of a single woman in Brooklyn.

Lee appeared in the movie as the character Mars Blackmon, a role he recreated for a long-running Nike ad campaign with Michael Jordan.

Lee went on to make the films "School Daze," featuring Laurence Fishburne, and "Do the Right Thing," of which he was nominated for the Academy Award for Original Screenplay.

Other notable films that Lee has made include "Mo Better Blues," "Jungle Fever," "He's Got Game," "Bamboozled," "25th Hour" and "Malcolm X."

KARAOKE QUEEN



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

Oakland University students got the chance to show off their vocal cords while being backed up by a live band. For two hours on Tuesday, lunchtime spectators enjoyed songs such as sophomore Jeni Shroer's rendition of Duran Duran's "Hungry Like the Wolf." Others songs performed included the Beastie Boys' "Fight for the Right to Party," The Temptations' "My Girl" and Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

he said, she said ...

"Welcome Week makes you feel like you're truly having a college experience ... It compliments what's going on inside the classroom ... plus you want some excitement to be generated the first week that you are here."

—Jean Anne Miller, Director for the Center for Student Activities

STUDENT CONGRESS

Constitution process hinders speedy approval

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Many Oakland University Student Congress members voiced frustration Monday over the delay in their constitution making its way to the board of trustees.

Passed by Congress and voted on by students roughly eight months ago, several people in various departments still need to approve the constitution before it can be finalized. The final step is approval from the BOT.

Student Liaison to the BOT Jim Gammicchia said the necessary people had not approved the constitution yet, so it could not be on this month's agenda.

Student Body President Michael McGuinness handed out a timeline at the start of the meeting detailing the process the constitution had been through, as well as what still needed to happen.

McGuinness said he was told in the past few days the item would be on the February agenda.

Gammicchia said the constitution had missed deadlines to be on the February agenda, so it would not be there, either.

Since the BOT only has a work session in March, not a meeting, the constitution would not be approved until April at the earliest, Gammicchia said.

Members were aggravated at the prospect of waiting three more months for the constitution to get the BOT's seal of approval.

"It's nothing controversial, nothing that requires funding," Legislator Peter Vitale said.

McGuinness proposed three plans of action to Congress he could take. He volunteered to print copies of the constitution for every board member and deliver them at Wednesday's meeting. An old and rarely used rule would allow him to force it on the agenda if he was present during the meeting.

He could also write a diplomatic letter to the members and deliver it personally asking if the process could be sped up. His final idea was to stay with the process and wait until April.

Although an informal vote showed most favored the first idea, Gammicchia advised against it.

Forcing it on the BOT would likely anger the members and it would be "a bridge Congress doesn't want to burn," Gammicchia said.

Vitale echoed Gammicchia's concern. The problem, he said, is not with the BOT, it's with the procedure of having so many people approve a constitution that the student body already agreed to.

The topic was left after a motion was made to stop discussion.

In other events, Congress started the year off by approving two new students to the legislative board.

Freshman Dan Kubicek and junior Mark Ewing were both appointed to the legislative body after petitioning last semester and fielding questions from Congress at the meeting.

"I've been in some kind of student leadership all through my high school career," Kubicek said, "and I want to continue that."

A legislator from 2004, Ewing rejoined Congress full of plans for the remainder of the school year.

"My ideas focus around student life," he said before he was voted in. "I'm of the persuasion that this university can do better and must do better for the students."

One of Ewing's goals for improvement, as well as Congress as a whole, is the Financial Aid Office.

Since the semester began last Wednesday, 15 students have submitted complaints to OUSC, regarding wait times for the office. Some waited more than three hours in line to speak with an advisor.

During the semester break, the office underwent renovations and doubled the staff to better meet students' needs.

Kubicek, along with Mia Evans and Stelanie Marshall, were all named to the Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Committee.

The next meeting will be Jan. 23 since next Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The topic of discussion that day will be dance and large event questions for Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller, who will be talking to Congress.

Dates to remember...

Monday, Jan. 16

No classes in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Last day to drop a class and receive a 100 percent refund

Wednesday, January 18

Last day to return textbooks at the OU Bookstore, for late registration and to drop a class with no grade

POLICEFILES

■ One of the two cars stolen from campus last November was recovered early last month, said Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of the Oakland University Police Department. Detroit Police found three juveniles in the Saturn just before the holiday break began in December. Two males and a female, all under the age of 17, were in the car when Detroit Police pulled it over near Woodward Avenue and McNichols Road. The three individuals are not OU students. It is unclear at this time if they are responsible for the theft of the car. Due to their ages, possible charges issued by Detroit are unavailable. If the investigation links the three to the theft, warrants would be issued by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and arrests made through OUPD. Two cars were stolen from parking lot P-5, located across from Vandenberg Hall, between Nov. 28-30. The other car, a Jeep, is still missing. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is processing fingerprints recovered from the car.

■ Upon returning from winter break, a male student found the door frame to his apartment broken and the hinge off the door. He entered the apartment through the dented door, only to find a broken plate and magazines scattered in the room. The male suspects that a party held by his roommates is responsible for the damage to his room.

■ A car carrying five passengers in a back seat made for three skidded into a cement pipe near the corner of Library and Pioneer drives. The driver admitted she was driving too fast in snowy conditions. No one was injured, and the vehicle was only slightly damaged.

■ A Recreation Center employee left her bag in the unlocked faculty locker room. She returned to find her iPod missing from her gym bag. Anyone has access to the locker room.

■ A woman placed her purse in her sister's Hamlin Hall dorm room and then said that her credit card was stolen from it. However, the female did not know the card was missing until the following day and is not exactly sure when or how it was taken.

■ A female student suffered an asthma attack. Police reported to Fitzgerald House, and the woman was taken to the hospital.

—Compiled by Assistant Features Editor Alicia Sossi and Senior Reporter Kristin Sommer

Oakland University ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Scholarship Opportunities

The OUAA is currently accepting applications for several \$2,000 scholarships for the Fall 2006/Winter 2007 academic year.

- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Business Administration
- School of Education and Human Services
- School of Nursing
- School of Engineering and Computer Science
- School of Health Science
- Honors College
- Black Alumni Affiliate

These scholarships are open to any undergraduate student with junior or senior status by Fall 2006. Scholarship recipients must have two or more full-time semesters remaining in their academic program and must have a 3.0 GPA in their major field of study and a cumulative 3.0 GPA at OU.

Applications are also being accepted for the following scholarships:

- Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration (open to juniors and seniors with at least 3.4 cumulative GPA)
- Thomas A. Yatooma School of Engineering Alumni Memorial (open to juniors and seniors with a 3.25 cumulative GPA)
- Legacy Scholarship (open to freshmen and sophomore students whose parent or grandparent is a graduate of Oakland and an OUAA member)
- Returning Alumni Scholarship (open to OUAA alumni who are pursuing a second degree from Oakland University) ***certifications excluded***
- Working Student Scholarship (open to all OU students who are working at least 20 hours in addition to classes and have academic good standing)

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006 WILL BE CONSIDERED.



Alumni Association

Scholarship applications are available online at www.oualumni.com or in the OC food court Jan. 4 & 5. Contact Carol Carpenter at the John Dodge House at (248) 364-6134 or cmcarpen@oakland.edu for more information.

January 2006

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158 W. Vandenberg Hall

Thursday, March 23 **Etiquette Dinner** 5:00pm-7:30pm Banquet Rooms, OC

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5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Rms. 128, 129 & 130, OC

COMPLIMENTS OF KOWALSKI

AUTOMANIA

World event showcases elaborate features, higher quality car lineup

By CRAIG A. COLE
Contributing Reporter

Automakers all across the world shift into high gear as the North American International Auto Show prepares to open its doors to the public.

Concept vehicles and production models at this year's show reflect changing consumer tastes and a renewed interest in muscle cars.

The Challenger. Dodge's banner-waving performance car of the new millennium, debuts at this year's show.

The Challenger is a modern interpretation of Dodge's classic 70's performance car. Sharing square front and back ends, quad headlamps and signature cross-hair grill, the Challenger offers a bold design statement.

Unlike the classic Challenger, the new version rides on a fully modern platform. Using similar underpinnings with DaimlerChrysler's award winning LX cars (300, Magnum and Charger) the Challenger has four-wheel independent suspension and rear-wheel drive.

Ford pays homage to racing legend Carroll Shelby with its new-for-2006 **Shelby GT500**. With a thundering 475 horsepower and an estimated 475 pounds-feet of tire-melting torque, Ford's reincarnated Shelby Mustang has the grunt to propel Ford to the top of the muscle car segment.

Power comes courtesy of a supercharged 5.4-liter dual overhead cam 32 valve V-8 and is routed to the rear wheels via a Tremec six-speed manual transmission.

Differentiating the GT500 from lesser Mustangs are snake badges in the grill on the trunk lid and adorning the front-bucket seats.

The GT500 features a more firm suspension, hood scoops and subtle body alterations.

Muscle cars aren't the only vehicles that can draw on retro styling cues. Toyota's **FJ Cruiser** is modern interpretation of a classic 1951 Land Cruiser.

The FJ Cruiser is designed to be an off-road champion.

Beyond it's classic styling the FJ Cruiser features a rock-climbing suspension, a short 105.9 inch wheelbase and a 239 horsepower 4.0-liter V-6.

The FJ Cruiser puts out 278 pounds-feet of low-end

torque. Power is channeled to all four wheels through either a five-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmission.

Headlining the hybrid segment at this year's show is Saturn's **2007 Vue Green line**.

The Green Line boasts an efficiency increase of around 20 percent over the non-hybrid Vue, and is estimated to deliver 32 miles per gallon on the highway.

Another environmentally friendly vehicle debuting at the NAIAS for 2006 is Toyota's **Yaris**, their replacement for the Echo.

The Yaris, available as a sedan and a three-door hatchback has been on sale in Europe since 1999 where it earned 2000 European Car of the Year. The newly redesigned Yaris is coming stateside spring of 2006.

The Yaris features a 1.5-liter 106 horsepower four-cylinder engine and is expected to return 40 mpg on the highway.

Ford's **Reflex** concept hints here the auto industry may go in the future. With its bold three-bar horizontal grill, Lamborghini inspired 'scissor' doors, six-speed electronic shift transmission and diesel hybrid power train, the two-door Reflex is a sporty small car that could return up to 65 mpg.

Cadillac's redesigned 2007 **Escalade** is an evolution of the previous generation's intrepid styling. Riding on GM's new GMT-900 platform, the Escalade offers sleeker styling, more luxury features, a new six-speed automatic transmission and more power.

The Escalade's new 6.2-liter OHV V-8 produces 403 horsepower and 417 pounds-feet of torque.

Expanding the crossover vehicle segment is Ford's new **Edge**.

The Edge, with Ford's signature three-bar grill, will go on sale the fourth quarter of 2006. The edge features an all new, completely aluminum 3.5-liter V-6 engine with variable valve timing and 250 horsepower.

Power will be routed to either the front wheels or all four wheels via an available all-wheel-drive system.

2006 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

The 2006 North American International Auto Show will be the 18th international event since the show went global in 1989.

Where: Cobo Center, located at One Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226

Cost: Admission is \$12 for adults, children 7-12 \$5, children 6-under free admission with an adult.

Days: Sat., Jan 14 - Sun., Jan. 22

Time: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. except Jan. 22, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Purchasing locations: Tickets are available at the Cobo Center doors online at <http://www.naias.com> and Ticketmaster.

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Dodge Challenger

■ A trip back to the 1970's, this thing has a HEMI. 6.1 Liter V-8 under the hood packs 425 horses.



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The Associated Press

Ford Reflex concept vehicle

■ The 1.4 Liter advanced diesel-electric hybrid engine works in conjunction with lithium-ion batteries giving the potential to deliver up to 65 mpg.



Photo courtesy of General Motors

2007 Cadillac Escalade EXT

■ A 6.2 Liter V-8 provides 403 horsepower with seating for 8. Safety reigns in this design. GM says that this model sleeker with improved aerodynamics. The '07 EXT is more spacious while appearing smaller.



Craig A. Cole/The Oakland Post

Toyota FJ Cruiser

■ This rugged vehicle has a rock-climbing suspension with a shorter wheelbase. Designed to be an off-road legend.



Photo courtesy of General Motors

2007 Saturn Vue Green Line Hybrid

■ Expected fuel economy 20 percent better than for before comes from 2.4 Liter 4-cylinder engine.

AUTOMOTIVE

Show packs financial punch

By PAUL KAMPE & CRAIG A. COLE
Local News Editor
Contributing Reporter

The month of January brings two guarantees to Detroit every year: frigid weather and the North American International Auto Show, with an addition for 2006 due to Super Bowl XL.

From October until the doors of the Cobo Center open in mid-January, the city is busy setting up for the world-renowned event.

Between the big game and the auto show, it is estimated that southeast Michigan will earn nearly \$1 billion.

Projections by David Sowerby, chief market analyst for Loomis Sayles and Company indicated in a press release that the financial slice of the pie will increase 3 percent from the 2005 NAIAS, a figure between \$580 and \$600 million. Some may wonder if this premiere automotive showcase will give metro Detroit an economic boost.

Figures from the NAIAS Web site estimate that nearly \$100 million of the auto show's revenue goes to the city, making it the city's single largest event in regards to economic impact.

Oakland University Assistant Economics Professor Fuad Hasanov said that the show has both immediate and long-term benefits.

He said that in the short run the influx of media, business people and tourists from around the country and the world should give the local economy a short term boost, while the show itself lends to networking between auto firms and may attract additional auto-related companies to set up shop in the metro area.

GM spokesman Brian Akre said that the show, while expensive to put on, is a trade off.

Companies spend large sums of money on displays, labor, press kits, hall rental and things of the like in exchange for "millions of dollars of free publicity."

The auto show also creates jobs for more than 1,500 people that are employed to construct and dismantle the show, as well as the more than 1,700 people employed to handle the day-to-day operations of the event, according to NAIAS statistics.

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- 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)

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*Call CSA at (248) 370-2400

*Sign up at a table in the OC & Residence Halls

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February 11, 2006

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Winter Schedule

Showtime: 7:30 pm, Meadow Brook Theatre

Cost: \$4/person

Tuesday, Jan 17: Chinatown

Monday, Jan 23: Run Lola Run

Tuesday, Feb 14: Black Girl

Tuesday, Feb 21: American History X

Tuesday, March 28: Glengarry Glen Ross

Tuesday, April 4: Rashomon

Welcome Week @ OU!

January 4-13, 2006

Wednesday, January 11

Career Services Open House

11am-1 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC

OU Counseling Center: Anxiety Screening Day

11 am-1 pm, Main Hallway, OC

Orientation Group Leader (OGL) Info Session

Noon-1 pm, Oakland Room, OC

Thursday, January 12

SPB/OUSC Open House

11 am-1 pm, Rooms 64 & 62, OC

CSA: Welcome Back Reception for

Student & Greek Organization Presidents

Noon-1 pm, Fireside Lounge, OC)

Orientation Group Leader (OGL) Info Session

Noon-1 pm, Rooms 128-130, OC)

Friday, January 13

Good Morning Commuters!

9-11 am, Fishbowl, SFH

ABS: "Rock da Rec"

6 pm, Campus Recreation Center

Friday Night Live: Comedian Eric O'Shea

7 pm, Vandenberg Dining Center,

Vandenberg Hall

AID Cont. from A1

Freshman Skyra James arrived at the Financial Aid Office at 11 a.m. on Jan. 3 with an armful of books.

"I'm trying to get to the bookstore to sell these books, but I don't think I'm going to be able to do it today," she said.

James waited until 2:45 p.m. to be seen.

"They doubled their staff and it's still like this? What's the problem then?," James said.

As the semester began, some students said they found themselves getting little or no help when they tried seeking telephone assistance, and many had to wait in three-hour lines before being seen by staff members in person.

"Someone did tell me on the phone that I should come after the New Year because it would be speedier — which I'm not seeing," said nursing student Emily Cather while waiting with dozens of other students in the hall outside of the North Foundation Hall office.

"They said they were supposed to take care of everything all at once, instead of having to come back. I guess I'll see that when I get in there," she said.

Office of Financial Aid

Director Cindy Hermesen promised at an Oakland University Student Congress meeting last semester that restructuring during the holiday break would yield improvements that would better serve students seeking aid.

The changes included doubling staff, renovating the office to include private meeting areas and installing a telephone system that features cue calling.

Plans for the modification were initiated by the countless complaints that the office had been receiving recently, Hermesen addressed at the meeting.

Most of the complaints were related to processing days, which in turn can cause late fees for students. In some cases, students had registration holds placed on their accounts because of these problems.

Hermesen said her office waives any late fees caused by delayed processing as long as an application is turned in on time.

"I've seen a lot of frustrated people walking in and out of here and heard a lot of people complaining," said freshman Anthony DiPilla.

"It seems like every time someone comes out here to call a name, the person's already left," said DiPilla, whose plans

to go to the bookstore were also disrupted.

Now, according to Student Legislator Peter Vitale, the Office of Financial Aid and OUSC will have to work together to address the problems and find solutions.

"She's (Hermesen) really trying here, and we'll see what she has to say about this," he said.

Vitale, along with returning OUSC legislator Mark Ewing and others, visited the office during the melee last week and collected statements of student concern.

"Maybe something just went wrong today, and they're going to get it all worked out. Knowing that they're trying their best to really get this working is all we're looking for," he said.

Hermesen couldn't be reached for comment, but Vitale said she had been requested to appear at a Student Congress meeting later in the semester.

Have you had problems with financial aid?
E-mail editor@oakpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268.

SPEED Cont. from A1

control signage — if education and enforcement prove ineffective, the Web site said.

The speed monitoring trailers are one of two educational programs used by the department.

The trailers are equipped with radar that tracks and visibly displays the speeds of passing motorists.

The intent is to make motorists aware of their actual speeds and, consequently, enforce the speed limit.

"People will drive, naturally, certain speeds — it's called the 85th percentile," said James Mynsberg, Auburn Hills Police Deputy Chief.

"If you can educate them,

and the road is posted accurately, you'll get them within the speed limit."

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, the 85th percentile speed indicates the speed at or below which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling.

MDOT also says that long standing research suggests that motorists far outside the normal traffic flow have higher accident rates.

The initiative to increase road safety in Auburn Hills started after many residents voiced growing concern over what they perceived to be hazardous conditions caused by reckless drivers.

Mynsberg said the department had tried using several other types of speed monitoring equipment for a long time

before deciding in favor of the trailers.

Mynsberg said ultimately leasing the trailers proves to be more cost-effective since the trailers can't be employed during the winter months.

OU Junior Kyle Kampf disagrees with the practicality of using this type of equipment.

"They waste taxpayers' dollars because they don't even record speeds — they just display them," he said. "People aren't going to slow down."

Mynsberg said the trailers have not only proven to be very effective at reducing the number of drivers whose speed exceeds the 85th percentile, but also in saving the department money.

"When you compare it with the cost of enforcement, it's much less," he said.

BAN Cont. from A1

Politics offered plenty of fodder for the list.

The committee cited "up-or-down vote," a phrase uttered often in 2005 by Republicans eager to see President Bush's judicial nominees move quickly through the Senate, without the threat of a Democratic filibuster.

The committee also banished "FEMA," the acronym for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whose operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina were widely criticized as ineffective.

"If they don't do anything, we don't need their acronym," wrote Josh Hamilton, of Tucson, Ariz.

Many of the phrases banned this year are not new, but sim-

ply got under enough people's skin to finally deserve the dubious honor.

Miguel McCormick, of Orlando, Fla., for example, was fed up with "first-time caller," a designation heard on talk radio.

"I am serious in asking: Who in any universe gives a care?" he asked.

—The Oakland Post contributed to this report.

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MARSHALL Cont. from A1

Marshall now joins former Kentucky standout, Keenna Azubuike, and Kansas star, Keith Langford, on the Flyers.

Marshall's first game with the Flyers, a 91-82 victory over Albuquerque, saw him pick up where his college career left off.

He was 9-of-13 shooting, with a game-high 23 points and eight rebounds, in just 25 minutes of play.

The NBA's Developmental League was created to help young players find their confidence and develop their skills while still being part of an NBA team.

Players are still paid by, and

enjoy the benefits of, their NBA teams while on assignment.

Each NBADL team is the affiliate to a group of NBA teams.

Marshall's Flyers, along with teammates from the Mavericks, have players from the Golden State Warriors, Portland Trailblazers and Los Angeles Lakers.

Players on NBADL teams are available to be called up at anytime.

There have been numerous examples of players being called up and having successful careers in the NBA.

The most recent example is Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Simmons.

Simmons was named the

NBA's Most Improved Player following the 2004-05 season.

Improving is exactly what confronts Marshall in the coming year.

With the contract guarantee, Marshall can concentrate on playing basketball and work his way into the Mavericks rotation.

The fact he's still on the roster ensures the Mavericks view him as part of their future.

Marshall's college coach agrees.

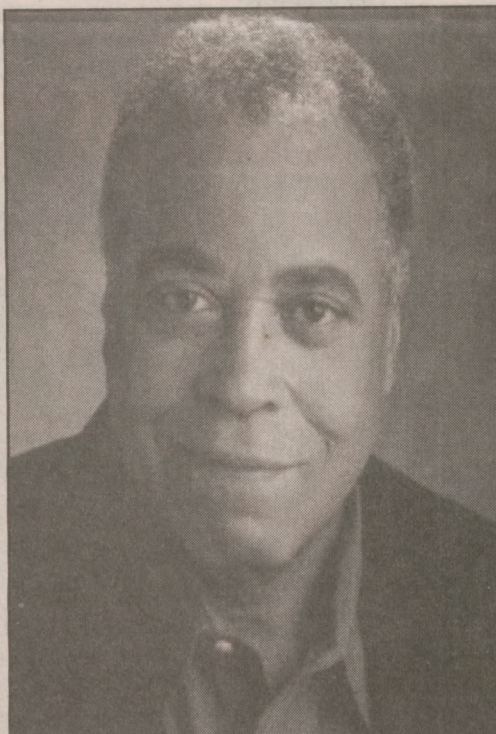
"He's going to get better the more he plays," OU head coach Greg Kampe said.

"He's a professional and that team (Mavericks) is so deep, this is only going to help him," he said.

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The program is a multi-pronged approach to stop smoking based on the assumption that smoking is a learned habit; therefore, people can unlearn the smoking habit. The clinic offers a step-by-step individualized plan to stop smoking. Although the program is behaviorally based, the addictive component of smoking is also recognized. Through educational, group, and pharmacological support participants are assisted to move through tobacco dependency to independence.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE

Don't miss this year's **Chinese New Year** celebration. Come be a part of this exciting celebration filled with food sampling, authentic calligraphy and crafts, and a live martial arts performance from the School of Chinese Martial Arts led by Kung Fu expert **Sifu Brown**. Brown is a prominent martial arts master most notably recognized for establishing and creating the international program "Lessons in Mindfulness." Enjoy the extravagant and exhilarating celebration of Chinese culture and tradition Thursday, January 19, 2006 in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge from 3-5 PM sponsored and organized by the International Students and Scholars Office.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

- Focus Seminar: How to Pass Math 121, Wednesday, January 18 at noon, Oakland Room, Oakland Center
 - Focus Seminar: How to Pass Math 011 & 012, Wednesday, January 18 at noon, Rooms 126-127, Oakland Center
 - Focus Seminar: How to Pass BIO 111, Thursday, January 19 at noon, Lake Superior B, Oakland Center
- More to come throughout winter term. Watch this column each week for info!

CAMPUS RECREATION Fitness/Wellness

Classes begin—Group Exercise

Classes begin on January 9, so check out the schedule on the Campus Recreation web page:
www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec. Over 80% of our classes are FREE with your membership!

Preview **Specialty Classes** such as Yoga, Tai Chi and Water Aerobics for FREE the week of January 9-January 15. To register for a specialty class, sign up at the main desk in the fitness center. Registration can only be done in person. No phone registration will be accepted. Students are \$15 and non-student members are \$25.

Intramural Sports

Fall IM Sport Registration is around the corner!

Basketball registration deadline is 1/13. Captain's meeting is 1/17 at 7pm.

Aquatic Center

Learn to Swim registration is now open. Classes begin February 6 and are held on Wednesday or Saturday (depending on class level). For additional information contact Liz Groth at 248-370-4532.

Membership Opportunities

The Rec Center will now offer half-semester memberships at the beginning of the semester. Follow through with your New Year's resolution and see what we have to offer for an unbeatable price! Call 248-370-473 for additional information.

EDITORIAL

Set all your academic goals and fulfill them

The Winter 2006 semester is in full swing. After three weeks of vacation, classes, work and social engagements, jam-packed schedules are making their debut in agendas everywhere.

Like many, maybe you have made the New Year's resolution to put more effort into school this year.

Or maybe your goal is to make the Dean's List or get a 4.0.

We all know how it is — we have a great plan, motivation and the determination to pull it off — for the first few weeks of the semester. Then we lose steam. Schoolwork builds up, we're working way too much

and it's just easier to put in half the effort.

If you are one of these people, don't let the daily grind get you down this semester. Make a list of goals you want to achieve and stick with it.

There are many resources on campus that can be motivating and help you reach your goals.

Look into the career center or departmental advising, and try to make relationships with your professors — they are valuable tools that you can use for schoolwork and career advice.

The Oakland Post would like to welcome back returning OU students and welcome new students to a new semester.

Go beyond the simple minimum

Some determination isn't so bad. What did you do over your winter vacation? Farris Hassan, a 16-year-old from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, spent his vacation in Iraq. He went to Iraq without telling anyone, including his parents.

Hassan wanted to investigate the struggle between good and evil, to be a humanitarian and to get good information for a school assignment. At Pine Crest Academy, a prep academy, Hassan is in an "immersion journalism" class.

For a school assignment, Hassan first went to a local mosque to talk with Muslim men about politics.

He soon after bought a plane ticket to the Middle East.

When was the last time we went to extraordinary lengths to complete an assignment?

Entering a war zone was dangerous, and Hassan could have been killed. But he took the chance to learn and to try to

help people understand the trials and tribulations of what people are going through in Iraq.

When was the last time we were even half-conscious in class?

Most of us go to class, take some notes, read the book, do the assignment, turn it in and then we're done.

Next time you find yourself simply doing the assignment, ask yourself what you could do to go the extra mile.

How about striving to understand the class material by applying lessons to your life? We do not have to travel to Iraq to fully understand the lessons, but we can learn from the environment around us.

We're not condoning going into a war zone or submitting yourself to danger; we simply encourage looking outside of the box to try a little harder, to get the scoop, to be the best or to find the extra information you need for what you would ordinarily see as a typical assignment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Denying professor tenure is a loss for the university

Dear Dr. Gary D. Russi,

My name is Britton Ranson, and I am a Ph.D. candidate in Oakland University's department of Chemistry. I am writing to you concerning the denial of tenure to Dr. Gabrielle Stryker.

I have worked one-on-one with numerous tenured faculty towards the completion of my senior thesis for a BS from Lake Superior State University and an MS at Michigan Technological University.

Here at OU, I have worked with members of the chemistry and biology department, where I got the opportunity to perform research in Dr. Gabrielle Stryker's lab and participate in her classroom.

Dr. Stryker shares the same characteristics and devotion to her work that the other highly qualified and experienced faculty that I worked with have.

What makes her an exceptional teacher is her enthusiasm for learning and sharing knowledge. In the lab, Dr. Stryker personally taught me experimental techniques, discussed and explained scientific methodology and

provided me with a full understanding of the importance of my project and how it contributed to the field.

Her involvement with the research students is incomparable to anything I have previously experienced. In the classroom, her enthusiasm is infectious.

From the student perspective, she makes it a joy to go to class, yet her classes are very challenging. This is a rare and wonderful quality for a teacher to have.

It is truly unfortunate for OU to lose this fine professor. And, on a larger scale, it is unfortunate that her tenure, unanimously agreed upon by the department, college and university tenure review committees, can be overturned by the office of the Provost.

Something is wrong with this system and, ultimately, it is the university that will suffer for it. In setting this precedent, it appears that maintaining a superior faculty is not a top priority of the university, and I doubt this is this case.

Britton Ranson
Ph.D. Student

This letter was sent to The Oakland Post as a Letter to the Editor.



GUEST COLUMN

This semester, maximize student services

By MICHAEL MCGUINNESS & KORI LYNN CAVER

Another academic term is upon us — how exciting! On behalf of the entire Oakland University Student Congress organization, your student government, we wish you the best of luck in your curricular and extracurricular activities for Winter 2006.

Not only are we wishing you well, however, we are also actively working to help make your academic career here at OU easier for you and, if nothing else, a little bit more enjoyable through our Student Program Board and our Student Activities Funding Board.

As always, your Student Congress office (located in the lower level of the Oakland Center at 62 OC) is a vital location to visit in your time at OU.

Free Scantrons and blue books, not to mention free pens and other handouts, are available.

Thanks to the approval of Bill 06-10 by your Legislators at the last meeting of fall semester, we have stocked up on additional standard green Scantrons,

which have been utilized by students at a more rapid rate than ever before. Such are the growing pains of a more active student government and a more well-known student service.

Also worth noting as new classes are underway and old ones are now behind us, Student Congress facilitates an online Book Swap.

Through this student service, you can buy, sell and trade your textbooks for a better return than you would get at bookstores. Visit <http://www2.oakland.edu/bookswap>, where you can find that resource.

There have already been a number of student concerns related to service from the Financial Aid Office. We currently have "Statement of Student Concern" forms that students can fill out if they have a bone to pick with that or any other campus service.

All things considered, though, OU is a wonderful institution. It is filled with great opportunities for creativity, involvement and fulfillment in academics. The student body at this university is packed full of intelligence, future leaders

and individuals that can impact others.

We encourage you during your tenure to become more involved in your campus activities. You could make a positive difference. It will benefit you greatly to be involved.

There are several avenues on our campus, and we are just asking you to try at least one during your time here.

Student Congress provides several opportunities for one to become involved. We would like to hear your voice.

Your voice is really what matters on this campus. You can have your voice heard at any Student Congress meeting. The meetings take place Mondays at 4 p.m. in the OC.

Again, welcome back! Let us work together to make powerful changes that will benefit us now and in the years to come.

Get involved — together, we can do better. We look forward to seeing you soon, and have a wonderful, productive semester.

Michael McGuinness is OU student body president, and Kori Lynn Caver is vice president.

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■ The Dec. 7 issue in the "BOT denies prof tenure" story, The Oakland Post incorrectly quoted Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Fay Hansen as saying OU's board of trustees showed "appalling ignorance," when they denied tenure to Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences Gabrielle Stryker. The quote should have stated that the board showed "appalling arrogance."

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DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post
A firetruck is parked in front of a warehouse that was completely destroyed after a fire raged for nearly nine hours drawing out fire and rescue crews from three local precincts.

Fire destroys warehouse

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

Just as rush hour began and thousands of fans descended upon Auburn Hills for another sell-out Pistons' crowd Friday, many commuters stopped along M-24 just north of the Palace of Auburn Hills to watch as a fire consumed and destroyed a warehouse in Orion Twp.

The fire, which started at approximately 4:30 p.m., called out fire departments from

Orion Twp., Lake Orion and Oakland Twp.

"It's a good thing it isn't daylight, or we'd have 3 million people stopped to watch. The smoke can probably be seen from miles away," said Lt. Bruce Naile of the Orion Township Substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department regarding the growing number of spectators parked along M-24.

The southbound lanes of M-24 were closed at approximate-

ly 8 p.m. when the smoke produced by the fire reached its peak.

Orion Twp. Fire Department Chief Jeff Key said Monday that no one was in the building when the fire started and no one was injured due to the blaze.

The fire departments wrestled with the blaze until 2 a.m. Saturday when some of the department personnel were called back to their stations.

The cause of the fire remains unknown.

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a. aviophobia
b. denophobia
c. geliophobia
d. lachanophobia

2. Pick the phrase or word that was not listed in the Lake Superior State University's 2006 list of words banished.

a. git-t-done
b. dawg
c. original copy
d. holiday tree

3. The Deputy Chief of the Auburn Hills Police Department is James Mynsberg.

True
False

4. How many North American International Auto Shows have there been?

a. 77
b. 63
c. 18
d. 28

5. What is the new Grizzly statue estimated to cost?

a. \$12,202
b. \$50,000
c. \$1,000,000
d. \$600

6. Renowned filmmaker Spike Lee was born in

a. Los Angeles, Calif.
b. Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
c. St. Petersburg, Fla.
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Expert tips help in facing fly fears

Approximately 60 million Americans suffer from aviophobia

By ERYNE TROMBLEY
Contributing Reporter

Strapped down in your seat, your heart is threatening to jump out of your chest. The palms of your hands are moist, and you're gripping the armrests so tightly your knuckles look as if they will pop right out from under your skin.

Your mind is racing. Prayers begging a higher power to spare you from your worst nightmare are swirling amongst irrational thoughts of death and disaster.

You are a fearful flier, and you are about to fly.

Not alone

Even as your body tingles with terror and your breath puffs out in short, jagged spurts, know this: you are not alone. The Boeing Airline Company conducted a survey in 1977 that revealed 25 million Americans suffered from aviophobia.

Captain Ron Nielsen, a pilot with U.S. Airways, says he believes these figures are around 60 million Americans today.

As well as logging thousands of flying hours every year, Nielsen runs Cleared for Takeoff, a comprehensive seminar aimed at helping people overcome their problems with

being airborne.

Through his course's

Web site, <http://www.fearless-flight.com>, Nielsen conducted a survey to discover fearful fliers' biggest issues.

The survey found turbulence and take off were likely to be the scariest parts for fearful fliers — 95 percent of participants rated turbulence as the element causing the strongest symptoms of fear. Take off was second with 90 percent.

Airplane noises, landing, boarding, cabin announcements ("Ladies and gentlemen, we ask

that you please take your seats and refasten your seatbelts ...") and learning of a flight delay were also among top fear factors.

True or false?

Nielsen acknowledges many of his students ask the same questions about the safety of air travel and what could cause trouble for the flight.

"The number one question I get asked is, 'What causes turbulence?' and then, 'Is it dangerous?'" Nielsen said. "The answers are: two molecules of air bumping into each other because they are going different ways, and no."

"Turbulence can be caused by jet stream winds, thunderstorms, winds off a lake or by the result of mechanical interference" such as another plane in the air," Nielsen said. "At high altitudes, the environment is hostile. But aircrafts are built for that. The wings will flex. They will not be rigid and break off."

Birds

"Birds flying into an engine will not

make the plane crash," he said. "Engines are tested by firing birds into them when they're operating. They have to be able to recover within 30 seconds. There is a hub on engines with a symbol like a spiral on it, as well, believed to make birds avoid the symbol."

Lightening

"In flight, because you're not grounded, lightening does not have the same impact," Nielsen said. "The biggest risk would be the surge in voltage that might damage equipment, but engineers have created shielding to protect a plane's equipment."

Thunderstorms

Nielsen also commented on storms, saying

that "pilots can see a thunderstorm on the radar and can avoid the storm."

Failed Engine

"If there was a routine engine failure of one engine, you would not notice," Nielsen said. "In the event of something like engine failure upon takeoff, the plane can take off on one engine."

Gasoline

"Airplanes carry enough fuel to fly from departure to destination, from destination to an alternate, to fly another 45 minutes and enough for circling," Nielsen said.

Fire

"There is automatic fire detection in engines, cargo holds, avionics bays and lavatories. There are fire extinguishers built inside engines, cargo holds and lavatories. There are portable fire extinguishers in the cabin," Nielsen said. "And engine tailpipe fires look bad but are not generally dangerous."

Welcoming your nightmare

Nielsen gives his students three simple steps to becoming a "fearless flier."

First, educate yourself. In his classes, which are available both in-person and through teleseminars, Nielsen teaches his students about aviation.

"I notice on flights, people become hyper-vigilant," Nielsen said. "They notice sights, sounds and sensations on an intense level."

This, he said, intensifies the fear. "One of the main strategies I use to combat this is to pound a wealth of knowledge in to them to lessen a need for control," Nielsen said.

At the end of one recent tele-seminar, all of the participants remarked they felt much better knowing exactly what is happening and why it is happening throughout the flight.

Nielsen also said in addition to flying-specific fears, people who were afraid to venture into the skies also have a hard time dealing with "unknown sights and sounds, the loss of control,

the fear of death, injury or pain, and confinement."

When the human mind knows it's scared, said Louise Kerlin, a clinical social worker with Eastwood Clinics in Eastpointe, it goes into "flight-or-fight" response.

"Fear comes from the 'flight' part," she said. "When a person is exposed to this fear, it almost always provokes an immediate anxiety response, like a panic attack."

Which is why, as the second step of the process details, a fearful flier needs to learn to "distract themselves and to get out of their obsessive thought loop," Nielsen said.

"You're mind is asking itself, 'How am I doing?'" and your body is responding, 'Not very good,'" Nielsen said.

To get your mind and body in a more peaceful state, "change the behavior you're in or change the thought," Kerlin suggested.

"Read or listen to relaxing music or hypnotherapy tapes," he said.

For the last step in overcoming this phobia, the experts have two different proposals:

"Don't keep your fear a secret," Nielsen said. "Talk about it to others and find people with similar fears."

Kerlin said those with a fear of flying need to fly.

"Deliberately desensitize yourself," she said. "If you do it enough, you'll probably not be afraid anymore — you'll get used to it."

Where to get help

■ Check out Captain Nielsen's Web site at <http://www.fearless-flight.com> for information on classes and how to get his Fearless FlightKit.

■ Call (800) 800-8661 or go online at www.healthjourneys.com to order Emmett Miller's three CD set, "Freeing Yourself From Fear," recommended by clinical social worker Louise Kerlin. These CDs can be listened to during a flight to help relax and distract.

■ Read Dr. Duane Brown's book *Flying Without Fear* for more info on the causes and impacts of aviophobia.

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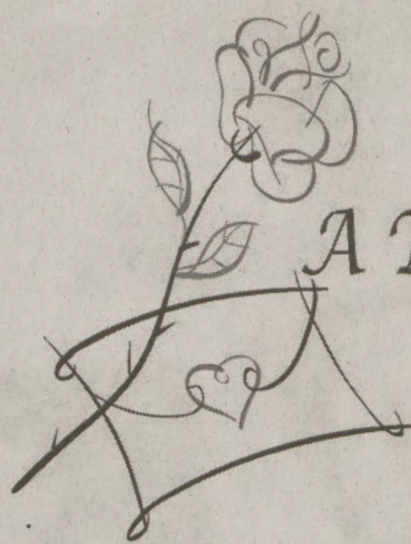
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern Utah lifted by three career highs

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

Even with four starters in double figures, the Golden Grizzlies (6-10, 1-3 Mid-Con) closed out their three-game home-stretch with a down-to-the-wire loss to visiting Southern Utah University Thunderbirds, 76-73.

The game tipped off with intensity on both ends, as Oakland University junior Calvin Wooten and SUU junior Henry Uhegwu exchanged three-pointers, to bring the game to its first tie, 8-8 at the 16:28 mark.

The half continued with back-to-back scoring, as both teams shot over 50 percent from the field. Wooten and junior Rick Billings scored 11 points apiece and junior Vova Severovas had nine points to keep the game close. But after eight ties, the Thunderbirds began to pull away and lead 43-37 with 3:08 remaining in the half.

But thanks to freshman Derick Nelson's four free throws and junior Shawn Hopes' layup at the buzzer, OU brought the game within two points at 45-43.

The second half didn't start out as strongly for the Golden Grizzlies, as they saw their two-point deficit give way to an 11-point gap at the 16:08 mark, 45-54.

OU just couldn't seem to

get their shots to fall, as they shot only 36.7 percent from the field in the second half and trailed by as many as 17 points.

The Thunderbirds took full advantage of OU's slump by pulling down 23 defensive rebounds for the game.

A quick steal and layup by Billings breathed some life back in the Golden Grizzlies with 3:04 left in the game, drawing the gap to seven points, 66-73. This seemed to be the motivation OU needed, as a game that once looked like a blowout turned into a nail biter.

A three-pointer from Wooten and another Billings layup brought the crowd to their feet and the score to 71-73. A jump shot from SUU senior Lubor Olsovsky put the Thunderbirds up by four points again. But with 59 seconds remaining in the game, Derick Nelson sank two free throws to make the score 73-75.

A foul by sophomore Patrick McCloskey put Olsovsky to the charity stripe, where he made one free throw, pushing the Thunderbird advantage to 76-73 with 33 seconds left.

However, OU couldn't capitalize on two three-point attempts by McCloskey and Wooten and fell to the visiting Thunderbirds.

Billings finished the game with a season-high 19 points,

Wooten and Severovas each had 14, and Nelson finished with 12 points.

For SUU, three players scored career-high points: Uhegwu with 22, Olsovsky with 20, and junior Fernando Bonfim with 13.

"We played in the last seven minutes," said head coach Greg Kampe. "You don't like to give them excuses, but it was our sixth game in 12 days, and we played like it."

Billings also shared Kampe's sentiments about their late comeback.

"We knew they were a good shooting team, and we had to make adjustments to cover the paint and the three. I think we did that in the last seven minutes."

Kampe was also disappointed in the three Mid-Con games played at the Athletics Center.

"We're 1-3 (in the Mid-Con) and that's not good. We just have to go out and change it," he said.

The one win came when the Golden Grizzlies defeated Mid-Con opponent Chicago State University on Saturday, 89-76.

It marked the first time this season in which all five OU starters scored in double figures.

The Golden Grizzlies begin a three-game road trip, starting with Missouri-Kansas City on Jan. 14.



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Freshman Derick Nelson drives by a Southern Utah defender in second-half action on Monday night at the O'Rena. OU fell to Southern Utah, 76-73, despite ending the game on a 17-3 run.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Piggott's first-half outburst buries Southern Utah

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

Thanks in part to a 16-point first-half outburst from junior Nicole Piggott, the Golden Grizzlies (6-10, 2-2 Mid-Con) never lost their lead as they cruised past the visiting Southern Utah University Thunderbirds (7-9, 0-5), 82-63 on Monday.

OU quickly reminded the Thunderbirds that the Golden Grizzlies are a force to be reckoned with, as they came out of the gates with a demanding 32-7 lead by the 9:27 mark.

In addition to shooting 51.4 percent from the field, OU also took advantage of the open lane, scoring 26 first half points in the paint.

Senior Jayme Wilson also had a strong first half, with eight points and three steals.

SUU just couldn't seem to find their shot and found themselves in a deep hole at halftime, with a score of 47-29.

The Golden Grizzlies only continued their stronghold on the Thunderbirds in the second half. OU led by as many as 25 points and their lead never dropped below 17 points.

OU's overall team speed was evident as run-outs and fast break points started to mount in their favor.

OU took advantage of SUU's offensive frustration and racked up 13 steals for the game and shot 70 percent from the free-throw line.

Constant ball pressure from OU's perimeter defense created turnovers that prevented any chance for a Southern Utah comeback.

Piggott and Wilson led both teams in scoring with 19 points apiece and junior Bonnie Baker added 10 for the Golden Grizzlies. Piggott also pulled down eight



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Junior Nicole Piggott goes up for two of her 16 first-half points. Piggott's huge first half sparked an early OU run that put Southern Utah away before halftime. OU won the game 82-63.

rebounds and had one block.

For SUU, junior Charmaine Piula scored 14 points and freshman Anne Westwood had 11 points.

Head coach Beckie Francis was very pleased with OU's second consecutive Mid-Con win.

"We've had a tough schedule, opening to (Wisconsin) Green Bay, who had been to the tournament last year," she said. "It's nice to get some conference wins."

Francis also praised her players coming off the bench. "Jessica Pike and Joya (Puryear) sparked us and gave our starters a good rest," she said.

Pike scored a career-high nine points off the bench, and Puryear contributed two assists and two steals.

Piggott feels that the victory means only good things for the Golden Grizzlies, as they prepare to go out on the road for the first time in

seven games.

Now that OU has put a rough start behind them with two consecutive Mid-Con wins, they can move forward with goals of winning the league title.

"We're starting to build our confidence," she said. "We're starting to get over the bump in our road."

Wilson agreed, "We're playing more confidently, like we wanted to play."

In another Mid-Con match up on Saturday, the Golden Grizzlies walked over Chicago State University, 72-43 as they outrebounded the Cougars 48-36.

Senior Anne Hafeli finished the game with 23 points, going 4-of-5 from the three-point arc. Wilson chipped in with 13 points and five assists.

Oakland begins their two-game road trip with a visit to Western Illinois on Jan. 14.

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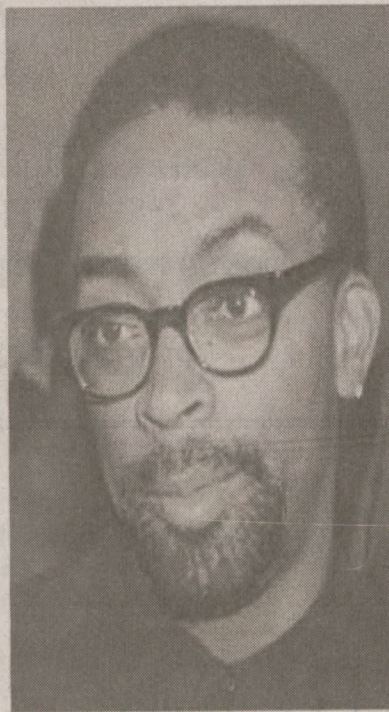
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Lee completed his fifteenth and sixteenth film, *Jim Brown- All American*, and *The 25th Hour*, which opened in December 2002, and starred Ed Norton, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper and Rosario Dawson. Other recent films include *Bamboozled*, starring Damon Wayans, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Tommy Davidson, and Savion Glover; *Summer of Sam*, Starring John Leguizamo and Mira Sorvino; *Girl*, and *Get on the Bus*.

In additions to his achievements in feature films, Lee has produced and directed numerous music videos for such diverse artists as Miles Davis, Chaka Khan, Tracy Chapman, Anita Baker, Public Enemy, Bruce Hornsby, and Michael Jackson. His other music videos include work for the late Phyllis Hyman, Naught by Nature, and Arrested Development.



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