Crash kills OU student

OAKLAND POST

By Rebecca Wyatt

A student known for his dedication to students was killed in a car crash early Monday that caused the closing of Squired Road until late in the evening.

Dirham Sussissatin, a sophomore student in biomedical sciences, was killed when his car crashed into the Raley Building Monday that caused the closing of Squired Road.

He was a very nice man," Recher said. A very kind person and you would never think something bad was going to happen to him.

He said Recher was a very polite man, who was always civil in his way, with the other students.

Professor of Chemistry, Recher said Sussisssinated was a very neat and quiet student.

"He was the kind of person that had a smile on his face," Recher said. Recher also noted his positive attitude.

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Gender Three-peat stats

Profes concerned about inequality, vow to help other female faculty

By Rebecca Wyatt & Trudy Estes

The Oakland Post

Nearly 60 percent of OU undergraduate students and 64 percent of OU undergraduate students, according to OU data from 2002, yet only 45 percent of the faculty is female.

This struggle to increase the diversity at OU’s campus is further complicated by having a low female population in the college.

The trend around the state is quite the same, as women make up 55 percent of the student population while half or less of the female in the faculty is female.

Kristina Setzekorn, assistant professor of management information systems, said she has been mistreated at OU; her entire career by some senior male counterparts and undergraduates within her work. As she looks about the university, she said she was not employed by her professor, even though she said she was qualified as his assistant.

"Here it is 30 years after my graduation, a female in high school and woman was not treated," Setzekorn said.

She said she has been concentrating on women on campus complaining of gender discrimination.

Pay Hansen, chairperson of Committee W, a group devoted to help the women on campus, is trying to get the university to help women on campus.

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United States Senator Debbie Stabenow was the keynote speaker, and she gave a speech on the importance of arts funding in the face of federal and state budget cutbacks, according to Manfredi.

The theme for the gala was a spokesperson for the "Thriller" and a group was assigned a character and encouraged to dress in costumes. Many of the gala guests did dress up, and were treated to a cabaret performance shortly after arriving.

Peggy Cooke, director of Auxiliary Services attended the gala and said the cabaret was a "hit because the performance allowed guests to see the stars who would come.

Finally, said Mehl, all of the university's needs must be met before the event would give money to the team with the students and the funding it had would be for transportation to the national championship.

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**Graduation tough to reach**

Students taking longer and longer to earn diplomas

By LUISA BOLLEBER

Joff Owens will take more than four years to finish his under-
grad degree in marketing.

But he must take classes every
spring and summer semester to
meet his Fall 2005 graduation goal.

"That's what I'm doing it for," he
said.

The reason he's taking longer
dates back to when he was in
high school.

He changed his major from
mechanical engineering to market-
ing, and he participated in the Walt
Disney World College Program.

"You work for Disney for either
during a four or seven months, and they
provide housing and give you a job," he
said. "It's a pretty good deal.

While working for Disney, stu-
dents have the opportunity to take
classes for credit. He took advantage of
the four-month program

He worked at Skylight Manor, and
both hospitality and marketing.

For the past two decades, stu-
dents have been working longer
than the traditional four years to complete
their undergraduate

According to Greg Kawalski, editor of the
Oakland Review and presen-
ter of the award, Nixon was chosen
"That's what I'm shooting for," he
said. "It's hard but rewarding."

OU grad Zvonko Blazevski need-
ed a student to assume the role of
a mentor, and took five years to com-
plete his education.

"I double majored in journalism
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**First Citizen**

By ALICIA SONG

The Oakland Post

Jude Nixon, director of the Honors
College at OU, was named "First
Citizen of Birmingham"

Since moving to Birmingham in
1997, Nixon has served as part of
the Board of Directors at the
Birmingham Community House and
was chairman of the board at the
First Baptist Church for three
years.

He currently is chair of the
Race Relations and Diversity Task
For the task force is a sponsored
organization that works out of the
Birmingham Community House.

It began as a way to address issues
of race and racism in the Birmingham
and Bloomfield area.

Nixon believes that the task force has allowed Birmingham to realize that diversity is
necessary for achieving a better city.

Although he was initially shocked by
the First City Baptist, Nixon was
encouraged by the acknowledgment
he received. He said he saw the award
"as a way to show that Birmingham really wanted to move

Nixon continues to work to improve
diversity and community
service with students at the OU Honors College.

He said he encourages them
to "improve, change and influence
community" in whatever ways they can,
and he credits OU for making his
community involvement possible.

Community service is an important
mission of OU," said Nixon.

For more information on the Race
Relations and Diversity Task Force,
visit www.ou.edu/centers/diversity.

**On campus**

Brian Young, sopho-
more, surveys his
university options
during Theta Tau's Egg
Drop yesterday.
The National Engineer-
Ing Week's event was
designed to give under-
graduates the chance to
learn more about the field.

Several engineering clubs
participated, and the faculty
were on hand to answer any
questions.

The event was held at the
Science and Engineering
Building.

Brian Young, sophomore,

*Scrambled eggs*

*Former CAS dean, prof remembered*
Monday: NTN Trivia - Win Prizes

Tuesday: Live Disc Jockey Ray Travin

Wednesday: College Nights with $2 drafts & live music

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**Tax ignites conflict**

2005 Michigan budget proposes raising the price of cigarettes by $0.75 a pack

**By Rebecca Wyatt**

The Oakland Post

Gov. Jennifer Granholm gets her way; smokers could choke more than just nicotine the next time they pick up a pack of cigarettes.

On Feb. 12, Granholm released her proposed state budget, including a plan of raising the state tax on cigarettes from $1.25 to $2 a pack, making it the second highest in the nation, behind New Jersey at $2.05.

Smokers aren't the only group being targeted for tax increases—wholesale liquor sales are being eyed for a hike as well.

Granholm's budget plan comes on the heels of a decision by area businesses to discontinue offering discounts to save their money, something the governor believed during a recent visit to the region.

"Today we have a plan to help with the budget crisis," Granholm said.

Granholm's decision to propose the tax increases came in response to the attacks on the state budget during the last session.

The attacks included threats to leave the state, to spend less, and to become a tax-exempt state.

"The attacks are believed to be the work of at least 10 separate suicide bombers. Iraqi authorities blame Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a suspected Iraqi insurgent, for the attacks.

"We're concerned about the situation. We're concerned about the economic conditions in the state," Granholm said.

There is no assurance that the tax increases will go into effect.

"We're not sure if the tax will go into effect or not. We expect the new taxes to go into effect Oct. 1, 2004, which is the start of the new fiscal year.

"We've submitted the application to the state budget office, and we're waiting for the review. We anticipate the bill being introduced soon at which point it will go through the committees and chamber for debate," Bird said.

Although he has not heard of any statutory solutions to reduce the tax, Ferris said it's "erratic, a pity that the Legislature would propose another patch.

"We shared experiences and agreed that sales reps need to protect them- selves against what was obviously an unscrupulous company," said Dave Ferris, co-founder of SAVE. The group started in 2003.

"We've had problems with these ever since," Ferris said.

The SAVE Web site currently has 113 members, and people post possible answers to their experi- ences with Vector just about every day.

In need of a summer job, Ferris went to interview with Vector and was told he knew very little about the company. He said he was surprised about what he found out the next day. "Between the interview and the unpaid training, I stumbled upon a wealth of online information about the unethical, scammy, apparently exploitative nature of Vector, as identified by countless students," Ferris said.

Ferris said he decided to go next door, so he took a flier to one of the training sessions to see if these answers from a manager. He said the manager refused to answer the question in public, but the manager persistence Ferris said the manager "blew up and then kicked me out.

According to the Better Business Bureau (BBB), Vector Marketing is based in Ozone, N.Y. The BBB report states that "calls to the Vector Marketing Corporation relate to concerns including recruiting students into independent sales- men who sell Cutco Cutlery on a direct sales basis through personal- al appointments. The company recruits independent contractors by placing advertisements in local and online newspapers."

Sarah Beth Andrews, director of academic and professional programs for Vector, called Cutco a "phenomenal work opportunity" but she also said, "rules are not for everyone.

"It's in our best interest to dis- close as much information as possi- ble," she said.

She said the complaints of the students on the SAVE Web site are unfair. She said because the direct sales basis through personal- al appointments. The company recruits independent contractors by placing advertisements in local and online newspapers."

**Please see SAVE on A8.**

**Global Glance**

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"I have no problem with the tax because I don't smoke and only occasionally drink," he said.

"Maybe if the tax is higher, people will not cut back on cigarettes which causes them harm," Pelico said.

"If the tax is increased, it will be more difficult for the people to buy cigarettes, which will be good for the state."
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"That's the principle that this fell on," Hansen said. "That's unacceptable for someone sitting there in the window," he said. "We have people who are in positions of authority and we have to stand up and deal with them when it's wrong."

Hansen said the woman's movement was just a reminder of the right direction, but didn't complete the job.

"We have people who are in positions of authority who should be made immediately to face the problem," Hansen said.

Vivian Moorel, provost and vice pres- ident of Administration, said OU has a non-discrimination policy that prohibits discrimina- tion.

"Oakland University is committed to ensuring an inclusive campus where students, faculty and the public experience an educational and work envi- ronment free from discrimination," said Moorel.

The policy states that "any person on the campus of the university whose conduct constitutes a violation of this policy will be disciplined and the university reserves the right to take whatever steps are necessary to correct the violation."

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**Talk Back**

OU responds to The Post and events around campus

SPORTS TEAMS ON THE ROAD

I thought for The Post I'd run down the four road trips for the basketball team from someone who's been there, and been through it.

Seniors Take time off! It's worth it. If you are thinking about attending a good college and attending a grad school, you might still want to consider the things that depend on your school and your area of study. If you are thinking about a grad school, it might not be a bad idea to get all 18 years of your life into a graduate. 

I encourage EVERYONE coming out and support the basketball team when they make their trip to Massachusetts in March and April.

Let's think about it: Last year Michigan in Ann Arbor, and without beating you or cursing you to death with the details, it's basically like grad school on powerful methamphetamine. Kind of like Nasty WHAL trainning for your brain.

The two years I took off are invaluable, and I saw it when I talk to people who came straight from high school into undergrad. Generally speaking, they're exhaustig. They're in their 11th straight year of school. They've never measured time outside of a book to know whether they are going to be able to live from work and not feel like they are going to have too much work... having homework hanging over your head. They're in their 11th straight year of school. 

For the rest of the grad school, good luck in the job. I won't go as far to say you won't get a job, but I say I haven't yet received a full-time job without at least a tip (not just a training for) from someone who worked at the company. It can even be a friend who lets you know your classmates, and don't have an ounce of time to talk to you because of their color of their skin. When I sent you a written (by the way not written) letter to my editor calling on one of the two women, we shouldn't be in this country together. Even if it's wrong, it's just a matter of how the world is in its own, something the world is in its own, something, the CONSOLIDATION should protect them from. There's been no consistency in the laws changed over time. Blacks have been given the same rights in the same country first, they were denied the same things because of their color of their skin. When I send you a written letter to my editor calling on one of the two women, we shouldn't be in this country together. Even if it's wrong, it's just a matter of how the world is in its own, something the world is in its own, something, the CONSOLIDATION should protect them from.

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**Mike**

**OU Alumnae**

I, however, would like to see something about this. I prefer to mention it to the editor, before running the comments. I don't like the idea of a doctor's office where I'm not going to get hurt anymore. I wonder if maybe my child is wrong. In the future when I am handed a card with a color of political rhetoric, maybe I should run to the Dean and fill it with a complaint.

**Trenton**

BY SARA WEDDLE

THE OAKLAND POST

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The Oakland Post and the University of Florida have formed the International Coffee Hour from past years, the Learn About Me Program. Team Up for a Day and International Day All four of the programs are entering into international students to a new way of life.

"We want to increase cross-cultural understanding and encourage dialogue to grow among our international students," said Karen Eterovich.

Continued from A5... most of them have to do with the university and the state higher education system.

OU has been working to improve the Student Program office and the number goes down from last year.

"Is there concern over this trend at many universities? Yes," said Michael Moudgil.

"It is defamatory, much of it is false," said University of California, Los Angeles Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Miguel Figueredo.

"We want to increase cross-cultural understanding and encourage dialogue to grow among our international students," said Karen Eterovich.

"I think the events are fine. OU definitely does enough," she said. "But aside from programs, people have to have the drive to want to learn about diversity."

A number of departments have taken the initiative to develop programs to help students make sure their goal of creating a diverse campus is achieved. This includes everything from diversity training for student leaders to student interaction and expansion of the student advising system. The University of Michigan, for example, has a diversity program called Equity (SAFE) on Campus program. For more information on programs and events, contact Chris Sears at (248) 370-4045 or e-mail her at gsears@oakland.edu.

Change the channel, or change your perspective.

"You decide."
Women at it again

Lady Griffins win third straight NIC title, men improve finish

Continued from A1

BY DANA UTZ

Senior South Writer

T he women were able to defend their title as the Independent Conference (NIC) champions, while the men added third, an improvement over their fourth place finish last season. The NIC Championships were held at the OU Aquatic Center Wednesday to Saturday.

The men's 200-yard medley relay team followed with a NCAA B standard time of 1:43.03, finishing third. By Dana Utz

Seniors put in the 200-yard individual medley by tying for first when they both hit the wall at 50.34. Korniyenko finished first with a season-best time of 47.90. Terra Wilson fought to the finish, finishing second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:03.56. Herrington, Keskey and sophomore Andrea Burdett (25.77) finished first in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.05, a season-best time. That is her fastest time in the 50-yard freestyle.

On the men's side, junior Chris Hull, senior Mike Helms and freshman Melissa Jaeger (55.69) finished second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 53.66.

Both the men's and women's teams came up big, with second place finishes in the 200-yard medley relay.

At the end of the day, the men's team knocked off fourth and the women's team captured a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Senior guard Mike Helms waves to the crowd before his final home game. KORI MAHER / The Oakland Post

Senior guard Mike Helms waves to the crowd before his final home game.

The men's basketball team made a statement in its last regular season game by defeating Western Illinois University 88-59 by defeating Western Illinois University 88-59.

"We played with authority as seniors last chance to make it to the NCAA's," said seniors Helms, Kelly Williams and Rawle Marshall, who finished with 13 points, and three steals.

"Yeah, I'm the man," Marshall said before walking off the floor with only 4:37 left after making a three-pointer.

"You alright now man?" Marshall asked as he made his way to the locker room. "You alright now man?"

"I wonder if any of the coaches got out of their seats," Marshall continued. "Anyhow, this was the seniors' last time playing on that court."

Emotions were flowing; tears came to the eyes of the opposing team.

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**Football**

OU women's basketball coach Eileen Shea-Hillard. The team offensively this season, averaging 15.4 and 11.1 points, respectively. No other Grizzlies averages in double figures. This consistency has given Shea-Hillard an idea of who to go to when the time runs out. "We're doing it for us all year," she said. "How does it go? You have to dance with who you brought to the ball."
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Karen Eterovich is "Love Arm'd Aphra"

See Eterovich portray the life of a legendary writer in her one-person show

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Karen Eterovich breathe life into the story of Aphra Behn. Through her living as a writer, through a one-person show called "Love Arm'd Aphra" and "Behn's life," she will be present for just a moment. "I thought the time was right this year," Connery said. "There were a lot of students reading her plays."

Eterovich will also offer a free workshop on Women's Theater during her stop at OU. The workshop will take place at 10:30 a.m., March 10th in Rooms 128-130 of the OC. She will also visit the Honor's College 'Friday Forum' to be on hand Tuesday, March 3rd, 5, 6 and 7.

"The Vagina Monologues" is about embracing and becoming comfortable with what we are for ourselves. It's an original creation," Johnson said. "It's for fun and educational purposes." Approximately 20 actors and five performers will be present on stage. Although only women are allowed to perform, men are welcome to volunteer for other tasks.

Many more OU students are becoming involved in other ways. "I'm expecting a large turn out this year." The class is split into groups and they are helping with the publicity and sponsorship. At least 10 percent of the proceeds from "The Vagina Monologues" are to be donated to Jaurez, Mexico, where the number of women who are brutally murdered has jumped from approximately three a year a decade ago, to three a month today. The remainder of the profits will be distributed amongst community charities that strive to stop violence against women.

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Mel Gibson's film is guaranteed to strike emotions and controversy

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

"The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson's controversial portrayal of the death of Jesus of Nazareth (Jim Caviezel), opened to international audiences on February 25th, Ash Wednesday in many western Christian churches.

The movie cost Mel Gibson $25 million of his own money to produce. In its opening weekend, the film has already grossed more than $100 million in the U.S. alone.

Unlike other films about Jesus' death, "The Passion of The Christ" graphically depicts the brutal torture that Jesus suffered before his crucifixion.

The power of Gibson's film lies in its refusal to tone down its violent content. People may find it hard to watch as Roman soldiers take turns flogging Jesus' back with a cat of nine tails. Gibson cowrote the screenplay for "Passion" by combining pieces from the four Gospels of the New Testament and in an effort to be more historically accurate, the entire film is done in Aramaic and Latin without subtitles.

The result is an amazing portrait of 12 hours that have affected the world for near-ly 2000 years. One drawback to the film is its lack of exposition for those unfamiliar with the plot. Anyone unfamiliar with the story will have to learn about it beforehand.

In addition to the violence, there are a few very brief flashbacks scattered throughout the film, but they only provide you with a glimpse to the stories of Magdalene (Monica Bellucci), Mary (Maia Morgenstern) and Satan (Rosalinda Celentano) visibly present behind the Roman soldiers as they beat him with sticks.

The dramatic presence of evil greatly contrasts what is otherwise a very literal portrayal of the Passion, but serves as a reminder to Christians of the great spiritual battle behind the events of that day. "Passion" opened amid many controversy and reviews. Critics of the film said it places Jews and that a worldwide release could instigate new anti-semitic feelings. Any anti-Semitism being produced by "Passion" would be comparable to anti-German sentiment produced by "Schindler's List." Regardless of what one believes, it is hard to be unmoved by the suffering one man endures, the betrayal by his dear friend, and the horror of his mother watching him die.

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Dr. Paul Kubicek is running for state representative.

According to his campaign Web site, Kubicek is putting a "shirt-jacket-on local-berater" by relying too heavily on test results. If elected, Kubicek would fight to have Michigan waived from the test.

"I want to devise long term solutions. I think we have a responsibility to do that," Kubicek said. With the August primaries fast approaching and two young sons, 9 and 3, in tow, Kubicek is running for public office. Part of that preparation is getting OU students involved in his campaign.

"I want to get a few students already lined up to help, and there's a political campaign class that will be a great help come May and June when things get busy," Kubicek says. His wife, Alvia, and her parents have also been very supportive.

"Kubicek said colleagues, though supportive, do think the campaign is somewhat peculiar, which he understands.

"Kubicek is usually run for office. We don't think like politicians," he said.

Being in the running, Kubicek asks if he can have the support of any student who may consider pursuing public office in the future.

"Be established in your community. And it always is very time intensive," Kubicek said.

Though he admits money is something that helps, he feels that working is equally advantageous to students who may consider running for state representative.

"It looks profitable, even if it isn't," Kubicek said. "It's a fun challenge and dig deep."

Wayne State.

"Not only are networking and contacts helpful for job searching, they also resource you. The more people you know, the better off you'll be," said Jon, recent OU graduate.

Senior Jamie Cauley said her degree has been an important factor in marketing herself for a job, but she agrees good networking can give students the edge.

"Excellent people skills can really set you apart from other people with similar academic credentials, especially in this competitive workworld," Cauley said.

Having already contacted students he's familiar with, Kubicek is still looking for more helping hands.

"It would be great to get other students involved. I would definitely encourage them to contact me," Kubicek says.

Cauley thinks that Kubicek's campaign may already be benefiting OU students.

"We are the future and it's good for us to get involved," Cauley says. "The more you look at the age ratio of who's actually getting out there and voting, it's usually older people taking the initiative. Hopefully students will feel like they have a voice and become more proactive in Michigan politics.

"Although Jack said it's good to have " textbox", professors, she also thinks instructors who may beyond the classroom have more to offer students.

"A lot of the assignments and reading can really be put into perspective by professors who truly deal with the issues in the real world," Jack said.

For more information about Kubicek's campaign and contacts, check out his campaign site at www.kubicek2004.org.

Horoscope

BY LINDA C. BLACK

Today's Birthday (March 21): Your friends make you so proud. If a person gives you a gift or complements you, go around in circles and be flattered and happy. This is a great day to focus on your happiness. You have work to do, but you can always find time for a shows at the theater or a movie.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have to face an important decision, possibly concerning your job. The coming week will bring fruitful results. This is a great time to make plans.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is a time that may bring you a sense of accomplishment. It is time to be proud of your achievements, and share your good fortune with others.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is a time of new beginnings. You may be thinking about future goals and wishes. The coming week could bring good fortune to your plans.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today is a good day to take stock of the past, and consider new directions for the future.

BY BILLY O'MELLY

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