



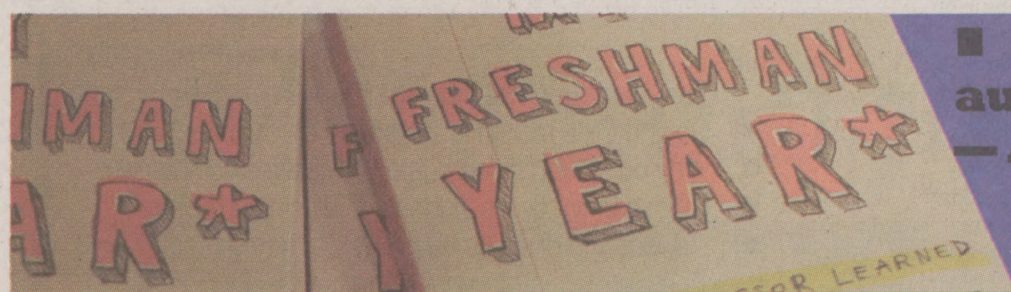
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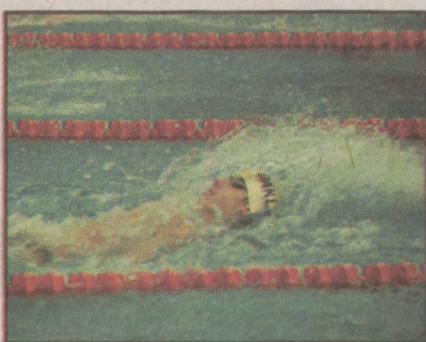
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Brandon Cassise took the jump shot against UMKC Saturday. The men's basketball team has been wearing mis-matched uniforms since playing rival Valparaiso and have been undefeated in the conference ever since.

See our complete coverage of the games — B4

OUSC to improve impact

By OWEN SEXTON
Senior Reporter

Several members of the Oakland University Student Congress recently told The Post that, they have struggled in the past school year at efficiently serving the student body.

"There are a lot of things to do and a few people to do them," said Student Body President Miller said. "We are short on student leaders."

President Miller's administration has struggled to retain its legislature and make

an impact on campus this semester. Raising awareness of their organization is proving to be a difficult task at Oakland University.

Miller told The Oakland Post that they are having a hard time finding students who are willing to commit to Congress. She explained that many people who get involved with Congress don't understand the time commitment necessary.

When this year's Student Congress took office last April, they had a hard time

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Cloudy cultural climate

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI
Campus News Editor

I sat at the wrong lunch table.

There were plenty to choose from. Empty tables. White tables. Even booths.

I walked past those, though. Past the comfortable options, straight into a party of five ... black students, that is.

Perhaps you're reading this thinking, "What's the big deal? You're white, they're black. Get over it."

I agree. It shouldn't be a big deal. But at Oakland University, it is a big deal. We are 50 years past the height of the civil rights era, and it's still a very big deal.

Is OU diverse? Does its student body embrace cultural differences? Does its staff?

Survey says, "Maybe."

Results from a self-study report done in 1998 show that "Diversity in the student body and in the faculty and staff is a concern to alumni, faculty and staff groups ... but there are real differences in their perceptions of the climate for diversity at OU."

The surveys used for the study included a series of multiple-choice and open-ended questions related to the topic of diversity on

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An inside look at sports recruiting

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

For some, deciding where to go to college is tantamount to deciding whom to marry, what to name a first-born child and what Tigers jersey to buy. For others, however, the decision-making process is eased when colleges seek them out. They are the athletes, and Paul Rice, Oakland's cross country coach, lends his insight in the recruiting process.

Rice looks at potential scholar-athletes as early as their junior year in high school.

"We are starting to gear more towards the spring of their junior year now. It is a challenge to stay ahead of the game and keep up with other schools, so it is impor-

tant that we start getting to kids before the summer after their junior year," said Rice.

The recruiting road isn't a lonely one for Rice, though. "EMU, CMU, Grand Valley, and MSU are our biggest competitors for recruits," says Rice. He gets a hand facing all that competition from assistant coach Matt Kaczor, who, like Rice, is NCAA certified to recruit.

Once Rice finds an athlete that fits the bill time-wise for a scholarship; men who run under 16:20 and women under 19:35 in a 5k, he takes into careful consideration a variety of factors.

"We consider mostly (an

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Tigers @ OU



DOUG BAUMAN/AP Photo/The Oakland Press

Check out our complete Tigers @ OU coverage on A6.

Tigers claw onto Grizzly turf

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Editor in Chief

When the Detroit Tigers came to campus as part of their Winter Caravan, it was clear that no matter if you were in the stands or on the court, everyone in the O'Rena on that day felt one thing: Pride.

At this time last year when the Tiger's Winter Caravan made its first tour, many fans and members of the media

scratched their heads and had to dig down deep to remember the names of many of those appearing. The message sent by the players and coaches during that caravan was one of hope and optimism — feelings that were missing for many Tigers fans after the previous seasons.

This year, the caravan, which made its stop at OU last Wednesday in the O'Rena, was completely different. This time, when the players and coaches came out of the tunnel,

everyone knew who they were. This time, the message was not one made out of desperation, but a message of pride and the notion that these Tigers — the American League Champions — are here to stay.

"This team has no plans on this being a one-year wonder," said emcee and FSN Tiger commentator Mario Impemba.

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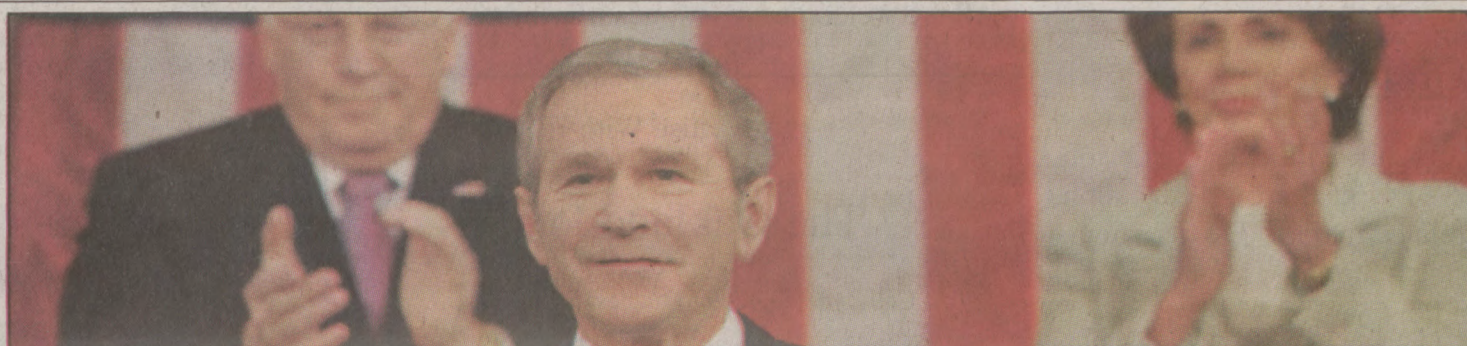


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■ What do people on campus think of President Bush's plan to increase the amount of troops going to Iraq?

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OU's campus. While most agreed that diversity should be a top priority, many did not "perceive that the university as a whole is committed to diversity."

Faculty and staff had the opportunity to rank words or phrases that best describe OU in order of accuracy. Out of 11 choices, "diverse" came in last place behind "intellectual" and "small." The no. 1 choice, with 52 percent of the vote, was "commuter school."

According to the study, student surveys show a similar opinion. "Very few OU students interact or make acquaintances with persons from backgrounds that differ from their own, even in areas as commonplace

as major and age."

Although the study results were published in 1999, the OU of 2007 appears strikingly similar. "We're not educated on each other," said sophomore Barry Childress. "I don't think everybody is comfortable with the other side yet."

Sophomore engineering student Maurice Carlisle said one of the reasons races do not always mix is "mutual intimidation." Each side thinks the other has little in common with it, and, therefore, little interest in spending time together.

Fear may not be a factor for everyone at OU, but something as simple as the daily scene at the food court would suggest that most students are perpetuating segregation.

According to Carlisle, the OU student body has such clearly-drawn lines that you can predict when or where you'll find

a majority of black students in the food court and when the majority will be white.

While Childress and Carlisle, both African-American, do not seem to be bothered by the racial climate at OU, many staff and faculty members think the issue is paramount.

"Lots of people don't want to talk about it," said professor and chair of political science, John Klemanski, "but it's a fact of life that our society is becoming more diverse, not less."

Vincent Khapoya, professor of political science, has been employed at OU since 1974 and says his impression of students' cultural awareness today is that "they have strong opinions, not always sensitive to students of color and, sadly, not always based on personal experiences or personal relationships."

"Students should know that whether they like it or not, the world

outside the campus is a diverse one," Khapoya said. "The sooner they can figure out how to get along with people who are 'different' from themselves, the better it will be for everyone."

In 1998, studies found that the OU administration believed diversity was

"less of a university priority than increasing institutional prestige."

Perhaps it is not solely the responsibility of the university to promote an appreciation for diversity. Maybe it starts on a personal level. One day at a time. One person. One lunch table.

What do you think?

- Do you think racism is a problem on campus?
- Why do students segregate themselves voluntarily?
- What can we do as students to eliminate racism?
- Racism and diversity have been showing up in headlines for decades. What will future Oakland Post headlines have to say about the racial climate at OU?

— E-mail us with your thoughts at editor@oakpostonline.com

RICE

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athlete's) proven performances in big meets, but do take into account their potential based on the program they come from. A kid from a smaller program may have been under trained and may have a bigger upside than a kid from a bigger program who may be teetering on burnout.

Most of this is determined by talking individually with the recruit, as well as their coach."

Academic performance is another consideration for Rice as he narrows a list of potential Golden Grizzlies.

"Academics are a high consideration due to the NCAA clearinghouse requirements, but if they can get cleared, they are a candidate for us," says Rice. The Clearinghouse governs the standards by which incoming freshman are "cleared" to play. It takes into

account an athlete's GPA and their scores on tests such as the SAT and ACT.

"We have had many athletes with questionable academic backgrounds come in and do very well academically here at OU," says Rice.

Once an athlete clears time and academic standards, Rice has to sell them on the merits of OU to get them into a uniform. Athletically speaking, Rice feels his program offers a lot.

"We are a distance runner based pro-

gram, focusing not so much on quantity of training, but quality of what we do. Also, we try to cover all of the little things like nutrition, injury prevention and stress management," Rice said.

He also thinks that OU has quite a bit to offer. "The university kind of sells itself with a great academic reputation and a beautiful campus. It lends itself well to our sport with the land, trails and golf courses for training."

Rice says that student-athletes concerns include everything from the

program's success to availability of an academic field of study in which they are interested.

"Academics are important to make sure we offer their major or a variety of majors they are interested in. They like to see that we have had some team success, but more importantly that we are making strides to improve each year, which we are. Also, a lot of kids want to know they can contribute at some point to the success of the program," Rice said.

OUSC

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finding students that were enthusiastic about Congress. There were numerous problems with absenteeism and productivity was affected according to Former Legislator Chris Goeth who resigned in the summer of 2006.

Goeth joined Congress in hopes of making a difference on campus. He served as a legislator during the past two summers and became frustrated with the attendance problem.

According to Goeth, often times meetings would not take place because Congress did not meet the required amount of members present to hold a meeting.

"[Congress] needs to refocus on what their purpose is," Goeth said. "They need to refocus on OU issues."

Goeth's opinion seems to echo those wanting to make a change in Student Congress.

Miller said, "I'm sure we could do more and that's something we're always striving to do."

Miller acknowledges that there are more things that can be done to raise awareness and bring Congress together. She explained that their meetings every Monday seem less productive than they are.

According to Miller, it's hard to motivate

legislators unless the legislators are passionate about changing OU. Legislators volunteer their time to Student Congress and most have a full load of classes along with, their off-campus obligations.

All of this combined, makes it difficult for an organization to function and remain a priority among its members, which affects the student body.

Former Student Body President Michael McGuiness explained what is possible when Student Congress is fully engaged.

McGuiness told The Oakland Post of the success his administration had on campus. McGuiness made sure to point out that a lot more can be accomplished with a full legislature and executive board.

During his term in office, McGuiness and his administration hosted the Association of Michigan Universities, an organization that brings together student governments from the 15 state universities.

In addition, the Student Program Board, which is part of OUSC, helped put together a concert at Meadowbrook Music Festival, which included recording artists 112.

"We had a full and vibrant membership," said McGuiness. "You always get a better product with more heads put together."

Former Legislator Peter Vitale said the greatest accomplishment that the previous admin-

istration achieved was assisting in the reorganization of the Financial Aid Office in North Foundation Hall.

Before the reorganization of the Financial Aid Office, students spent hours in a crowded waiting room, sometimes without a seat. Phone systems were inadequate, lacking a proper hold system.

McGuiness' administration worked closely with the office to remodel and reconfigure their system to run more efficiently.

Vitale mentioned that Congress also worked hard to clean up their budget and cut frivolous spending, enforce roll call voting during their meetings and fine-tune their government documents.

Many former Congress members agree that accomplishments like these are what the current administration needs to strive for.

This month, things are starting to change for OUSC. They are starting to find more students willing to be involved and their public relations has upgraded, bringing a more professional attitude, according to President Miller.

"We have found a group that is dedicated to being on Congress and makes sure that it is present each and every week for us to get business done," said Legislator Miller.

President Miller and Legislator Miller both believe that one of the biggest problems facing OUSC is connecting with the student body.

There are approximately 18,000 students attending Oakland and only about 1,200 students voted during last year's election.

Legislator Miller is worried that many students do not know about OUSC and what it does. Even worse, students may not even care. He feels that this year's publicity has been better than the past but students still don't understand what Congress does.

Legislator Miller and President Miller would like to see greater concentration by the Congress on issues pertaining to campus.

"While I appreciate efforts to be involved in issues that affect the wider world," Legislator Miller said. "I sometimes wonder if we aren't neglecting issues on the minds of most students."

Prominent issues on campus have been and still are parking, student awareness, library hours, printing on campus and book buy-back.

Student Services Director Jason Twardy is hoping to tackle more issues on campus. Starting at the end of January, Twardy and OUSC will be hosting Legislative Open Forums, which will invite students and faculty to openly discuss issues that are still problematic on campus.

Whether or not President Miller's administration can raise student awareness remains to be proven but, Congress is optimistic.

Legislator Aaron Kochenderfer said, "There is always room for improvement and we're still thinking of ways to increase student awareness."

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FROM A1

Q: In Bush's State of the Union, he justified sending more troops to Iraq. What do you think about his decision?



A: I think we can't leave our allies that are over there right now to get slaughtered when we leave.

Joseph Tolan
Junior
Sociology



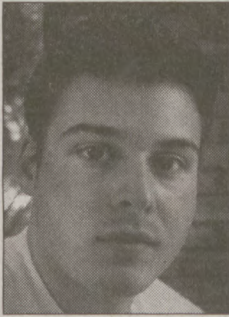
A: I completely disagree. I don't think we should be over there in the first place.

Anissa Knowles
Senior
Biology



A: I believe that's it's unnecessary. I feel there are other ways to negotiate with Iraq.

Jessica Shaba
Sophomore
Accounting



A: If they need to get the job done, they have to do what they have to do, but it sucks that they have to send more people over there.

Blake Burman
Sophomore
Business

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a. 16
b. 65
c. 81 | 3. What night does "Top Design" premier?
A) Monday
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C) Wednesday | 5. What Rec Center trainer is seen on The Mix?
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C) Johnny Hunt |
| 2. What movie is not nominated for Best Picture?
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B) Borat
C) The Departed | 4. Who won the College Bowl?
a. The Oakland Post Team
b. Team Adams
c. The New England Patriots | 6. What is the name of the Tigers' publicity campaign?
a. Winter Caravan
b. Winter Pitch
c. Tigers' Fever Pitch |

57-year-old freshman



Cathy Small's book on display at the university bookstore.

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI
Campus News Editor

"The only way that I know to understand someone who seems alien to me is to live with them," said Cathy Small, a 57-year-old professor of anthropology at Northern Arizona University and author of "My Freshman Year." Feeling particularly removed from her students' ways of life, Small chose to become one of them in an effort to better understand the college demographic. At the age of 52, Small enrolled at a public university under the pseudonym, Rebekah Nathan. She kept her identity as a professor secret and paid for all expenses out of pocket. "I couldn't just observe students

— I had to become a student myself," she said. While the experience did prove to be educational, Small insisted that it was more of a personal journey than a research project. She lived on campus, in a dorm, for two semesters, observing, studying and trying to keep up with the college lifestyle. "I was surprised at how hard it was," said Small. She attempted five classes per semester but said that she had to drop some during the second semester in order to maintain her B average. Small said she was impressed by the juggling skills of other students. They went to classes, worked and got involved in volunteer work. What surprised her

as a more negative observation was "how little of life revolves around the content of classes." Small also said she noticed a lot of conformity, to the point of hindering personal expression. This is a major concern for Small, who said that students need to "take time away from the real world to reflect." "The university sometimes can be too similar to the real world," said Small. "There is too much pressure at the university level to choose a career track, and from that point, you're stuck immersed in one field." As a word of advice, Small suggests that students take the time to explore and avoid getting tunnel vision. Having lived the life of a student in today's

college environment, Small offers an educated perspective from an unlikely source. To get the full story of her year as a freshman, check out "My Freshman Year," available at the university bookstore. Small will visit the Oakland Center banquet rooms Tuesday, Jan. 30. The lecture will be followed by a book-signing and reception.

The first 25 first-year students in attendance who live in Hamlin Hall will receive a free copy of "My Freshman Year."

Education is political, says Apple

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI
Campus News Editor

Michael Apple, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, told students and faculty at a lecture in Pawley

Hall Thursday that education is political. The first in a series of lectures put on by SEHS, Apple's oration, entitled "Educational Inequality and Educational Reform Around the Globe," highlighted corruption in education and called for teachers and professors to

demand change. "It's about serious matters," said Apple. "It's about our future. It's about our children." According to Apple, the school environment, at every level, "roughly reproduces racial, class and gender divisions in society." Apple said part of the problem

was the tendency for educators to create identities for their students subconsciously. Apple also offered encouragement for educators but made it clear that things need to change and teachers need to be a part of that change.

Jazz Man

Hank Jones honored by Board

Oakland University Board of Trustees honored jazz musician Hank Jones at the last general meeting. Jones was given an honorary degree in Humanities for his contribution to the development of jazz music. He will be present at commencement this spring to receive his award. "He is delighted," university President Dr. Gary Russi said. "The award is quite a testament to his work." Jones, 88, is an internationally recognized musician. His music is credited with helping to develop jazz in the 20th century.

Although born in Mississippi, Jones grew up in Pontiac, Michigan. He began performing at the age of 13, touring Michigan and Ohio. OU's Honorary Degree Committee reviewed Jones' nomination and recommended to the president that he receive an award. Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Virinder Moudgil said, "Mr. Jones' nomination was enthusiastically received by the committee." Jones spent most of his later career working in New York. He spent 17 years as a CBS studio

musician, working on productions like the Ed Sullivan Show. He worked in Broadway stage bands, where he served as a pianist and conductor for the show "Ain't Misbehavin'." The jazz pianist worked with legendary artists like Charlie Parker, Ella Fitzgerald, Norman Granz and Billy Eckstine. Through the years, Jones has continued to record and perform and in 1989, Jones was named Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts.

—Owen Sexton
Senior Reporter

Students caught with marijuana

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

Five hundred dollars worth of marijuana could mean up to 1,460 days in jail for two Oakland students arrested last week. The bust, confirmed by OU Chief of Police Samuel Lucido, happened in the early evening of Jan. 11 at a dormitory room on campus. The students, whom Lucido would not identify, were arrested on an initial charge of possession with intent to deliver or sell marijuana, which is a felony in Michigan,

punishable with up to four years in jail. "There was a significant amount of marijuana, clearly intended for sale," said Lucido. According to Lucido, the officers were "conducting an independent investigation, got a tip, and compiled enough probable cause to obtain a warrant." Lucido confirmed that the arrest went without incident, and that the marijuana was "clearly intended for distribution." In addition to the marijuana, paraphernalia related to the preparation, sale and distribution of the drug was seized. "We will not tolerate any individuals

involved in illegal substances at all because it harms the learning environment," said Lucido. "We will be very aggressive in this type of case because it's a negative situation. The university has a zero-tolerance policy towards any illegal substances and this enforcement activity reflects that philosophy." The two students, both campus residents, were released pending formal charges. The OUPD's investigation is still pending and, once finished, will be released to the Oakland County prosecutor's office so they can determine if formal charges will be filed.

By OWEN SEXTON
Senior Reporter

Confirmation of a new Student Activities Funding Board Chairperson was a success at this week's Student Congress meeting. Kirbionne Fletcher was unanimously approved for the position. Fletcher, a 21-year-old finance major, has remained dedicated to SAFB for

over two years. Her contribution to the organization has helped Congress and the SAFB through a rocky transition. "Kirbionne has helped us through an interesting transition," said Student Body President Madalyn Miller. "She stepped right up and took the position." Previously, Fletcher had been appointed SAFB Associate

Chair. In that position, she assisted the previous SAFB Chair Michael Mersol-Barg, a former legislator. Mersol-Barg had held the position for barely two months when he unexpectedly resigned at the beginning of this semester. This left the SAFB Chair empty, which is how it spent most of last semester. During the fall, Student Congress struggled to find a replacement for former SAFB Chair Lindsay

McCullough. She never appointed an Associate Chair, something that the OUSC bylaws require. Fletcher spoke enthusiastically about her confirmation. She has planned her schedule around SAFB and claims she is very capable of running the organization. "Students deserve someone who knows what they're doing," said Fletcher. "I'm taking care of everything."

OUSC

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Q: Do you think marijuana should be legalized?



A: I think marijuana should be legalized. It's the same as alcohol in my mind.

Tom Dawda
Freshman
Nursing



A: No. I don't think it's safe for the younger generations to be experimenting with drugs such as marijuana. It seems like something that would be abused massively by young people.

Tahsin Tamim
Junior
Biology



A: I suppose I'm for it. I don't see the immediate, direct danger. I'm not convinced that the dangers are that serious.

Kelly Kapler
Sophomore
General Studies

POLICEFILES

■ Two officers were dispatched to Kresge Library Jan. 18 at 8:30 p.m., responding to a suspicious persons report. A female had been studying on the third floor when she observed a black male, approximately 20 years-old, expose himself and masturbate while staring at her through a bookcase. The officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

■ A report was made when student reported damages to his automobile Jan. 16 at 8:30 p.m. The back door driver's side window had been broken out by rocks, which were found on both the front and back seats. The student reported that he had parked his mother's car in the P-5 lot around 11 p.m. on Jan. 15 and everything was secure. He reported that an unknown person had removed his Jensen AM/FM/CD/DVD player with a 7-inch LCD screen TV from the dash.

■ A student visited the OUPD for a threats complaint. The student reported that an acquaintance of his had left threatening voicemail messages that said, "I'm going to kill you f-cking white boy, better watch your back." The second message included sung lyrics indicating that harm would come to the recipient. The student receiving the messages did not want to press charges at the time, only make the department aware of the threats.

■ An officer met with an Oakland student who had been dining in the Vandenberg when her purse was allegedly stolen. She had set her purse down while dining and did not remember what had happened to it after that.

News In Brief

Last day to file for degree
Jan. 26 is the last day to file for a degree or certificate for the winter 2007 and spring 2007 commencement.

CSA leadership retreat
The Center for Student Activities will host "Golden Ticket to Leadership," a leadership retreat, Jan. 27-28 at the Courtyard Marriott. Registration is free for all OU students. For more information, call (248) 370-2024.

Don't flunk math
"How to Succeed in Math" is a seminar designed to help students learn successful study habits and test-taking tips. Hosted by a math faculty member, the seminar will take place Tuesday, Jan. 30 from noon to 1 p.m.

Asian Celebration Week
Jan. 29 marks the beginning of Asian Celebration Week, seven days devoted to teaching the OU community about Asian culture. The week kicks off with a film festival in Fireside Lounge, Monday from noon to 7 p.m. Additional festivities include a Chinese New Year celebration and a tea party. Check out www.oakland.edu for details.

OU at ice festival
Visit downtown Rochester this weekend to join the ice carving craziness. Beginning Friday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m., the festival will feature 34 sculptures, including a Meadowbrook Hall replica, as well as horse-drawn carriage rides, marshmallow roasting and hot cocoa.



CARRA PAYNE/The Oakland Post
Team Adams displays the casual determination which led them to a decisive victory.

College Bowl Battle



CARRA PAYNE/The Oakland Post
Team Oakland Post looks eager to buzz in with answers, but often came up empty.

Team Oakland Post takes on Team Adams in intellectual combat at OU

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

Seven students showed up to school early Saturday morning, plowing through the snow and sleepiness for College Bowl. The bowl, which uses as its official motto "The varsity sport of the mind," tested the two teams mentally.

Team Adams, a member short with only three players, dominated the competition, beating The Oakland Post team in three straight games, winning the final 280-55.

The competition, run by Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus activities, took place inside the Oakland Center Oakland Room early Saturday morning. The contestants came with a breakfast spread including Starbucks' coffee, Tim Horton's doughnuts and Gatorade, a veritable "Breakfast of Champions."

The two teams were squaring off for the right to go to the College Bowl regional finals at the end of the month hosted by the University of Ohio. In a best-of-five match, each game has two eight-minute halves. The first team to reach three wins advances, and the loser gets a pat on

the back and heads home.

The practice round, won by Team Adams, set the tone for the rest of the day. The Post raced out to an early lead in the first round, going up 20 to negative five. However, Team Adams made a comeback and put the Post in a halftime hole of 80-50. After that, the Post players were clearly demoralized, and Team Adams cruised to a win.

The second game started in an eerily similar way with the Post taking an early lead and Team Adams coming back to create a huge deficit between the two. Team Adams ran away

with the second round and the game.

The third round saw a 200-20 halftime score in favor of Team Adams. The Post's team was despondent in the second half, scoring only 35 more points in the losing effort.

After the game, both teams displayed good sportsmanship by shaking hands, and the winner received \$75 along with an all-expense-paid trip to the regional tournament.

For more information about College Bowl, visit www.collegebowl.com and try your hand at some sample questions to see how you measure up in this "sport of the mind."

Panel pushes Proposal 2

By SAMANTHA BUNTING &
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Contributing Reporters

The fire crackled, the microphones clicked on and students sat poised in the middle of the Fireside Lounge. The reason for the crowd: a conversation. The topic: affirmative action.

Affirmative action gives everyone an equal playing field. That was the idea that President Lyndon Johnson had in the 1960s when he issued the enforcement of affirmative action with the goal of setting an even playing field for minorities and females.

More than 40 years later, the state of Michigan voted yes on Proposal 2, legally banning affirmative action. Ever since, many students and employees have wondered what

consequence, if any, the ban will have on them and their environment.

A panel consisting of Luke Massie, co-chairperson of BAMN (By Any Means Necessary), Sam Scott, a member of the City of the City Planning Commission in Pontiac; and Oakland University's professor of political science, Emmett Lombard, gathered together on Tuesday at OU in the Fireside Lounge to discuss the issue of affirmative action and why it is important.

The panel pointed out how affirmative action, also known as Proposal 2, affects everything from high school dropout rates, to standardized testing, to pay rate differences between races and the sexes. Scott said that Pontiac has a 60 percent high school dropout rate, and he holds the lack of affirmative action responsible. With little hope of getting into a good university, the determination to graduate diminishes.

The fight for affirmative action is especially important in Michigan because "Michigan is one of the most segregated states in terms of race," Massie said.

Scott added that women have also felt the effects of inequality.

"A woman in Michigan earns 67 cents for every dollar a man earns," he said.

Even in a situation where a man and a woman have the same qualifications, the woman will still most likely make less. What affirmative action attempted to do was even things out so that the minority and majority would be on an equal level in regards to education and employment.

While all members of the panel agreed that affirmative action is necessary to achieve equality of races and the sexes in classrooms as well as boardrooms, Massie presented an interesting

opportunity for students to help with the cause. Massie's group, BAMN, is a "coalition to defend affirmative action, integration, and immigrant issues and fight for equality by any means necessary." Massie pointed out that social change and reform have never come without people organizing and fighting. He said in order to achieve change, people must "struggle, organize and fight" to get recognition of the issues and the momentum to affect them.

"You can't just take the chains off of somebody and say, 'here, you're equal, go out there and go to school and get a job like everyone else,'" said Scott. Although affirmative action is legally banned in Michigan, work places and universities are still doing what they can to even things out without using race as a factor.

"There's a new civil rights movement," Massie said before the discussion was over.

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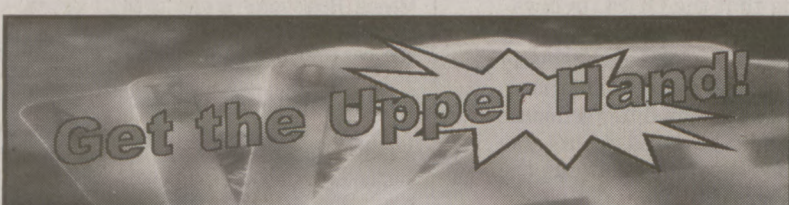
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EDITORIAL

Brangelina Middle School? No thanks

Many notable people have been making headlines these past few days.

Awards season is here, and by the time this issue goes to press, President Bush will have given his much anticipated State of the Union Address.

"Babel" and Brad Pitt, "Grey's Anatomy" and the alleged not-so-nice homosexual reference — it goes on and on.

As expected, Martin Scorsese got a best director nod for "The Departed."

Jennifer Hudson, the fastest-rising star Hollywood has seen in some time, was nominated for her role in "Dreamgirls."

Eddie Murphy also got a nomination for "Dreamgirls," joining Helen Mirren, Meryl Streep, Jeremy Glick, Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Burnett and a slew of other notable personalities have also been recently named in the media.

Notice anything strange? Each one of the people mentioned are all deserving of praise for their contributions.

Jennifer Hudson was

an American Idol reject who came out of nowhere to embody the hopes and dreams that make Hollywood so alluring.

Scorsese is long overdue, and all of the other actresses and actors mentioned performed brilliantly in their respective movies.

President Bush has the power to set in motion policies that will affect all of us in ways we won't even be aware of until years from now.

But what about Jeremy Glick and Tom Burnett? Don't seem to recall who they are or what movie they were in?

The only movie that would qualify is "United 93," although Glick and Burnett weren't necessarily in it — they were actually portrayed.

They were two of the heroes on 9/11 who were aboard Flight 93 who, in what effectively became the first pre-emptive strike in the War on Terror, fought back against the hi-jackers on their plane and saved a long list of likely targets that include the White House and

the U.S. Capitol.

Maybe their names are starting to sound familiar, or maybe you recognized them instantly.

Many people probably had no idea who they were.

The names Glick and Burnett, along with Todd Beamer, Honor Elizabeth Wainio, Linda Gronlonk, Joseph DeLuca, Edward Felt and the other passengers on Flight 93 should be just as familiar as our favorite people in show-business and politics.

They set the precedent for the "pro-active instead of reactive" method by which the War on Terror has been executed.

Schools should be named after these individuals — our youth should be as fascinated with their legacies as much as previous generations were fascinated with Davey Crockett.

It seems as if the process by which we choose who to celebrate in our society is in desperate need of a serious adjustment.

— The Oakland Post



State of the Union

Guest Column

Monica Macher
President of
Students for Life



Monday marked the 34th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, making abortion legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy in the U.S. Unlike other anniversaries, this is not one to be celebrated, but greatly lamented. Jan. 22, 1973 announced the death sentence of many Americans. Over 48 million American babies have been killed (a number that's four times greater than the number of people killed during the Nazi Holocaust) and allowed to be dismembered inside of their mother's womb — normally a place of protection. Parents of these children have also been killed — some physically, but mostly killed spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically.

The past 34 years have proven that abortion on demand is not just a medical procedure or a "choice," but the murder of an unborn child, the destruction of the future of this country, and the worst attack on the dignity of human life. The facts show the effects of the sexual revolution, invention of artificial contraception, and legality of abortion: 68 percent of African-American babies and 22 percent of white babies are born out of wedlock (increased from 22 percent and 3 percent, respectively, in 1960); 50 percent of marriages

and 7-12 million more chemical abortions are performed annually. One in every four children are murdered in the womb. Not one positive or beneficial result comes to mind for women, men, children, workplaces, schools, families, or society in general.

Years of legal abortion and prevalent contraception have proven that the problem is not one of an insufficient access to birth control, as many claim to be the reason for many unwanted pregnancies. The availability and failure of birth control have actually led to the supposed "need" for abortion.

There is a separation between sexual intercourse and true, responsible, committed, fruitful love. Sexual intercourse is meant to be the greatest and most sacred expression of complete, unselfish, and committed love — the total gift of one's self.

"[S]exual activity means so much that it is wrong to diminish its message or deny its full reality: it belongs in the context of committed love [sealed by marriage] and openness to life precisely because this is the only context great enough to hold its message and reflect the greater reality to which the gift of sexuality points us and to which it com-

mits us," Father Frank Pavone once said.

Our lives and love are truly gifts from God, and should be respected and celebrated as such.

I have faith and hope that the legality of abortion in this country will one day be overturned. As with any crime, be it murder, rape, robbery, etc., making abortion illegal will probably not eliminate it completely. Laws alone don't change all hearts, but they do prevent tragedies. Many look to the law as a moral guide, and we must uphold laws which protect the victim, not the attacker. We all must reach out in whatever way possible to prevent women from

seeing abortion as their only option, and to assist those women who have experienced the trauma of abortion in healing. Just like making slavery illegal practically ended this exploitation of humans, making abortion illegal would save millions. If one was saved, it would be worth it. The right to life is the basis of all other rights and laws — without it, no others have any meaning.

If you are under the age of 34, you are a survivor of the abortion holocaust! How are you showing your gratitude — by upholding life or by advocating its destruction?

— Monica Macher is President of Students for Life at OU.

Staff Column

Kyle Magin
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Baby-Killer.
The above epitaph was hurled at countless Vietnam veterans as they marched home from a war many of them didn't want to fight, after making a choice they really didn't want to make.

Baby-Killer.
In 2007, it still carries the same weight, only it is directed

at pro-choice activists as they fight a battle that isn't easy to fight, making choices

that are some of the hardest to make in life.

The pro-life, pro-choice debate isn't one that should be fought with barbs or bombs. It should be handled with great care and respect for another's personal experience.

Life is valuable, virtually no argument can be found to the contrary. But who are pro-life extremists to dictate the way that life is brought into this world? Where do they derive their moral authority from? Certainly not experience.

And, even if there were firm rules, laid down through faith or societal consensus, why

should someone be allowed to tell someone else how to make the most important decision in their life?

No woman wants to make a decision on abortion — a

decision that will haunt them with guilt, saddle them with stress and weigh on their conscience for years. It is one that is fragile and deeply personal.

In other words, lay off, let women who are going through a hell that others know very little of deal with it without attacks and demonization. Pro-lifers should extend respect to women who have to make these decisions instead of pushing them deeper into exile. Anti-abortionists should take their fight to congress instead of to planned-parent-hood centers, to a place where people aren't dealing with the early consequences of a life-altering choice.

Whether their situation is self-imposed, borne from a poorly thought out choice, or the result of rape or incest, abortion shouldn't be up to the majority. Pro-lifers talk about accountability — accepting the consequences of having sex as producing a child.

The argument can be made that these women are also competent enough to accept accountability for the result of an abortion and the regret that often comes with it. Aborting a life, as grave a decision as it is, may also be best for some people. Just as bringing a life into the world carries

consequences, so does the act of aborting it, and it's a choice women should be allowed to make.

One day after the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, let's look at the words of famed feminist icon, journalist and women's right advocate Gloria Steinem, as spoken in a documentary film in which she discussed the abortion she received as a young woman:

"It was 1957 and I was living in London, working as a waitress. I had no money and no friends and was trying to figure out what to do," she recalls. "There was no way I could give birth to someone and also give birth to myself. At the time, to get an abortion in England you needed two doctors to write a letter stating that it was necessary. I could not make myself feel guilty for a moment. It was the first time I took responsibility for my life. You know, when you are desperate, it's easy to make the decision to abort. Ambivalence seems to be a function of legality."

How can a human being, a finite creature with only a limited comprehension of existence, interpret God's will for all people?

Who is able to weigh the consequences of aborting one life against the consequences of guaranteed diminished quality of life for two people?

Who are all these modern day prophets? What God chose them to carry the message?

It is only absurd egotism that allows one to believe they have the answer that is best for everyone.

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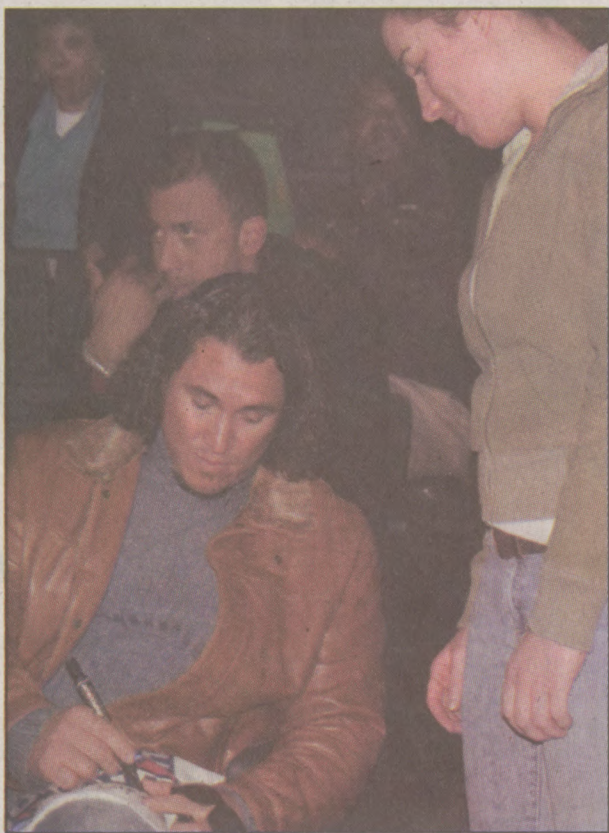
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RIGHT: Shortstop
Carlos Guillen, top, and
Rightfielder Magglio
Ordonez sit in the stands
before being announced
in the O'Rena. Ordonez
signs an autograph for OU
freshman Beth Sheroan,
who said she has been a
huge fan since Ordonez
was a member of the
Chicago White Sox.

FAR RIGHT:
Centerfielder Curtis
Granderson poses for
a quick photo with
Rochester Hills Mayor
Bryan Barnett.



Tiger's Winter Caravan Stops @ OU

TIGS

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DOUG BAUMAN/AP Photo/The Oakland Press
Newly-acquired Tiger and former New York Yankee Gary Sheffield talks to local media, including OU's Radio Station WXOU, during the press portion of the Tigers stop at OU. Many local sportswriters later applauded Sheffield for not dodging the difficult questions he was asked about his soon to be released book. Sheffield says the book will provide even more insight into Major League Baseball's steroid scandal.

JEFF KRANITZ/
The Oakland Post
RIGHT: Emcee Mario
Impemba asks Tigers
players and coaches
questions about the
up-coming season and
their personal lives for
the hundreds of fans and
students in the O'Rena
last Wednesday.

BELOW: Shortstop
Carlos Guillen makes his
entrance into the O'Rena
by running through a
tunnel of welcoming
Grizzly cheerleaders.



The event kicked off with a message from OU Men's Basketball Head Coach Greg Kampe and a highlight reel of last season's success.

Every head in the O'Rena turned to watch. Not only did the fans want to relive the glory, but the Tigers, who were waiting in the tunnel to come in, stopped talking, Magglio Ordonez and Carlos Guillen came to sit in the stands, and everyone stopped what they were doing to watch the highlights of the amazing season.

After the short reel, Impemba announced each Tiger, and, with their heads held high, they each took their seat on the court.

Among those in attendance were Tigers shortstop Carlos Guillen, rightfielder Magglio Ordonez, pitcher Jeremy Bonderman, centerfielder Curtis Granderson, newly-acquired designated hitter and utility player Gary Sheffield, new bullpen coach Jeff Jones and infield coach Rafael Belliard.

Also in attendance was Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, the OU Dance team and the OU Pep Band.

One thing on the mind of many spectators and fans has been: How are the players handling the added pressure after making it to the World Series?

"I'm having fun, it doesn't really bother me," said Bonderman. "I don't think there is any extra pressure, it's still a baseball game so we just got to go out there and have fun."

Pitcher Mike Maroth, who was in the building but didn't take part in the event, said "The atmosphere is going to change because of the expectation. People are going to expect a lot out of us, and other teams are going to expect a lot out of us and not overlook us, but we don't want to add pressure on ourselves."

Impemba said the addition of Sheffield should help to take some of the pressure off the players at bat.

"The one thing that this team probably needed last year was a big bat in the middle of the lineup," he said. "They put a lot of pressure on Magglio and Guillen in the middle of that lineup, and now when you have a guy like Sheffield in the middle, Magglio sees better pitches, Pudge sees better pitches, because they won't want to pitch to Sheffield necessarily. It has a tremendous impact in the lineup and I think maybe beyond that, signing a core of young players, signing Inge and Bonderman, they show that they want to keep this core together."

Coming into the mix this year, seeing his last at bat as a New York Yankee against the Tigers in the American League Division Series, Gary Sheffield hopes to bring that big bat and a new style of leadership to the team.

"I think I can bring another style of leadership," he said. "I can go one-on-one with guys. Certain guys might need help in certain areas, and I've seen a lot in 19 years, so I'm sure I can help a lot of guys because this is a young ball club. I just need to stay focused to the job ahead of me, so I can come here and help this team win a championship."

Pitcher Nate Robertson, who was also in the building but not in attendance at the event, on the previous day signed a one-year deal with the club.

"It is great to see my hard work recognized and it always feels good to get a deal done between a team and a player, especially now that it's done and now we can just go out and focus on the season," he said. "I'm very happy with the contract and very happy with where I'm at, and I absolutely want to stay in Detroit. Hopefully this is just one of many contracts that I can sign in the city. The biggest thing now is for me going out and taking care of my part of the business and going out there and giving this team a chance to win every time I take the ball."

Granderson, who informed the crowd after a series of questions from Impemba that he is, in fact, single and that Snoop Dogg was playing most days on his iPod, said that he is looking forward to the season and looking to make many changes both personally and as a club during the off-season.

"I think we'll be the favorites out of the gates because we won the championship, but hands-down we have a really tough division from Kansas City up to ourselves and it'll be really interesting to see how we beat up on each other," he said. "During the off-season, I want to work on becoming a better bunter. I want to be a better base-stealer and I want to be overall a more consistent hitter. As a team - growing one year older together as a team and the chemistry that will add to us will be a great advantage."

These advantages along with a few new additions and some renewed contracts, coupled with the pride everyone in Detroit is feeling for this team, it will no doubt be the stellar season the players on the Winter Caravan promised.

QUOTE OF THE DAY ...
 "He was a man of honor. Terron was like a father to me."
 — Dwight Bush, cousin of Terron Bush, an Iraq war veteran who was robbed and killed last Thursday.

Car smashes into side of local Starbucks



An 81-year-old Oakland Township man lost control of his vehicle and ran into the Downtown Rochester Starbucks shop located at the corner of University and South Main Street last Thursday.

Elderly man loses control of vehicle and hits downtown coffee shop

By OWEN SEXTON
 Senior Reporter

Early Saturday evening, an 81-year-old Oakland Township man lost control of his vehicle and smashed into the Starbucks building in Downtown Rochester, located at the corner of University and South Main Street. Rochester Police Chief Ted Glynn told The Oakland Post

that the driver lost control of his vehicle while backing out of the BP Gas Station located on the opposite corner of University and South Main Street.

While in reverse, he mistakenly accelerated across University and through Starbucks, striking the corner of the building and shattering a window.

The elderly man and as

well as his passenger, his 81-year-old wife, were taken to Crittenton Hospital.

Both the man and his wife were treated at Crittenton for minor injuries. However, no other injuries were reported.

According to the Rochester Building Department, it is possible that the downtown Starbucks could be open for business again later on this week.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Vandals deflate tires for 6th time at southeast Michigan school district

FLAT ROCK, Mich. (AP) — For the sixth time in recent months, vandals have deflated tires at a southeast Michigan school district. Classes were canceled Tuesday after air was let out of tires on 13 of the 14 buses used by the Flat Rock Community Schools, The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press reported. Police said it appeared to be a copycat crime. In Riverview on Jan. 16, vandals let the air out of tires on seven buses. In Clarkston, vandals let the air out of nine buses on Jan. 8. Classes were not canceled following those incidents. But the three other districts had to cancel classes. Farmington Public Schools officials discovered flat tires on more than half their district's school buses Jan. 5. Officials in the West Bloomfield School District canceled classes Dec. 18 after vandals let air out of the tires on about 50 buses. The Waterford School District had to do the same two days later.

"Spirit of Detroit" sculpture to undergo a makeover

DETROIT (AP) — Happy Birthday, "Spirit of Detroit." You're getting a makeover. The iconic downtown sculpture is going to have tens of thousands of dollars worth of improvements made in time for it to hit the half-century mark. "The old guy's going to be 50. It's time for some work," said Gregg McDuffee, general manager of the Detroit-Wayne County Joint Building Authority, which manages the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center and its assets. The "Spirit of Detroit" sits outside the city-county building. The statue was installed in 1958 and is considered one of the most prominent works of the late Marshall Fredericks. Time and the elements have worn away some of the statue's green patina, and, about a decade ago, the statue's thigh was damaged by a vandal's ax. A study last year found the statue, which sits on a 60-ton marble base, was structurally sound, although some of the bronze has deteriorated. By the end of next month, the building authority plans to solicit bids to restore the "Spirit of Detroit." The Detroit News reported Tuesday. Work could start in June and be completed in the fall. The "Spirit of Detroit" cost \$58,000 when it was commissioned, and McDuffee said it could cost about twice that much to fix it. No tax money will be used for the restoration process.

Michigan among 30 states in \$8 million settlement with Bayer Corp.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Michigan and 29 other states have reached an \$8 million settlement with Bayer Corp. over allegations the drugmaker failed to adequately warn consumers about risks associated with a cholesterol-reducing drug. The company allegedly learned after introducing Baycol in the U.S. in May 1998 that the drug posed significantly greater health risks than other similar drugs, particularly when taken in higher doses or in combination with another cholesterol-lowering drug, Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett said in a statement Tuesday. Bayer informed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration about Baycol's higher risks, but did not sufficiently warn consumers and doctors about potential problems such as a severe and potentially fatal muscle reaction that could cause kidney failure, Corbett said, citing a multistate investigation. Bayer has not admitted any wrongdoing, but has agreed to register relevant clinical drug trials and drug studies and to post the results of those studies online. Bayer is also prohibited from making false or misleading claims in the future marketing, promotion and sale of its products. It must pay \$8 million to the 30 states for future consumer protection and enforcement programs.

Craftworkers carve growing niche in Michigan's economy

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan residents who carve fish decoys, make quilts and baskets, and shape pottery represent a part of the state economy that officials hope to expand in the years ahead. Because most craftworkers fly under the radar of traditional economic indicators, it's difficult to gauge how much they contribute to the economy. But professionals earn an average income, after expenses, of \$50,000 in Michigan, according to a study released Tuesday by the Michigan State University Museum and the state Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Study authors think there could be tens of thousands of crafters in Michigan. But craft production could be even bigger, said Betty Boone, who oversees HAL's cultural economic-development strategy. The state hopes to promote more of the talents of Michiganders. The move is especially critical as the state deals with a 7.1 percent unemployment rate and the loss of jobs at corporate giants. Nationally, the craft industry has a \$13.8 billion economic impact, according to a 2001 study commissioned by the Craft Organization Development Association.

3 charged in killing of Iraq war veteran

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT (AP) — A 15-year-old boy and two teenage relatives have been charged in the shooting death of an Iraq War veteran who authorities say was killed shortly after cashing his tax refund check. Police and prosecutors say Terron Bush, 24, begged for his life and offered his money — more than \$5,000 — but the 15-year-old gunman ignored the Navy veteran's pleas for his life.

Steven Johnson, of Detroit, is charged as an adult with 1st degree murder in connection with Bush's death Thursday on the city's east side. Johnson's brother, William, 17, and cousin, Duane Johnson, 17, also are charged with conspiring to rob and kill Bush. Authorities say the men were

there when Bush was shot.

The three were arraigned Monday in 36th District Court in Detroit. Authorities say Duane Johnson's mother prepared Bush's taxes before he was killed.

Bush had his income taxes prepared and went with two his cousins, Dwight and Gerald Bush, to a check-cashing store around 6 p.m. on Thursday. When the three men left the store, a gunman approached them, said Dwight Bush, 21.

"Terron saved my life," he told the Detroit Free Press. "He pushed me to the ground and said, 'Look out, cuz.'"

Gerald Bush, 23, turned to run and was shot once in the back.

"I fell to the ground and lost all feeling in my body," he said. Struck once in the abdomen,

Terron Bush handed over the money. But the gunman shot him three more times, Dwight Bush said.

Gerald Bush was treated at a hospital and still has a bullet lodged near his vertebrae. He was released from the hospital Saturday and was up and walking on Monday.

Terron Bush had a fiancée and a 4-month-old daughter.

After graduating from Pershing High School in 2001, he joined the Navy and directed planes on the deck of an aircraft carrier for the war in Iraq. When he came home in late 2005, Bush went to work as a security guard, Dwight Bush said.

"He was a man of honor," Bush told The Detroit News. "Terron was like a father to me."

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Bush defends Iraq plan to skeptical Congress, nation

By **TERENCE HUNT**
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. "Give it a chance to work," he said.

Facing a political showdown with Democrats and Republicans alike,

Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address. He also sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand health insurance coverage and to slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in a decade.

Democrats — and even some Republicans — scoffed at his Iraq policy.

"We need a new direction," said freshman Sen. Jim Webb, picked by the Democrats to deliver their response to Bush. "The majority of the nation no

longer supports the way this war is being fought; nor does the majority of our military," said Webb, a Vietnam veteran opposed to Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, also took issue with Bush. "I can't tell you what the path to success is, but it's not what the president has put on the table," he said.

It was a night of political theater as Bush went before the first Democratic-controlled Congress in a dozen years with his lowest approval

ratings in polls.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to lead the House, sat over Bush's shoulder, next to Vice President Dick Cheney. Reaching out to the Democrats, Bush opened with a tribute to Pelosi and paused to shake her hand. He also asked for prayers for Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, hospitalized for more than a month after suffering a brain hemorrhage, and Republican Georgia Rep. Charlie Norwood, suffering from cancer.

The speech audience included up to a dozen House and Senate members who have announced they are running for president or are considered possible contenders.

Bush divided his speech between domestic and foreign issues but the war was topic No. 1.

Pelosi set the tone for Democrats. She sat silently and did not applaud as Bush warned of high stakes in Iraq and said American forces must not step back before Baghdad is secure.



MARK AVERY/AP Photo
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers arrest a suspect during a pre-dawn raid in Santa Ana, Calif., Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007. The week-long series of raids targeting five counties in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area resulted in the arrest of 338 illegal immigrants at their homes, while another 423 were taken into ICE custody at county jails.



AP Photo/Andina Agency
Aerial view of San Ramon, 300 km. (195 miles) northeast of Lima, Tuesday. Heavy rains that caused floods and mudslides on Monday left 16 people dead and thousands homeless in central Peru.



MARK LAMBIE/AP Photo/The El Paso Times
Coronado High School's Matt Delval pushes Blair Schlusberg down a hill at the Coronado Country Club golf course Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, in El Paso, Texas. El Paso received about 3 inches of snow overnight with more in the forecast.

Nation in Brief

State Farm agrees to multimillion settlement of Katrina lawsuits

(AP) - State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. agreed Tuesday to settle hundreds of lawsuits by policyholders whose homes were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Terms of the deal were not immediately announced Tuesday. The

insurer's agreement with Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood and lawyers for several hundred policyholders was expected to resolve a civil lawsuit that Hood filed against the company for refusing to cover damage from Katrina's storm surge nearly 17 months ago. The deal was expected to be presented to a judge Tuesday afternoon.

House votes to forfeit pensions of members convicted of felonies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lawmakers convicted of crimes such as bribery, fraud and perjury will be stripped of their congressional pensions under legislation the House passed Tuesday in the latest effort by Congress to refurbish its scandal-scarred image.

The 431-0 House vote comes just four days after former Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, received a 30-month prison term for taking political favors from Jack Abramoff, the disgraced lobbyist whose influence-peddling tactics helped make political corruption a major issue in the November elections. Ney, as past chairman of the House Administration, last year backed

similar legislation, saying members of Congress should be held to the highest standards. "But that bill never passed, for which Congressman Ney is probably grateful," said freshman Rep. Nancy Boyda, D-Kan., sponsor of the measure. "Corrupt politicians deserve prison sentences, not taxpayer-funded pensions."

Nominations Now Being Accepted For The Following Student Awards:

Wilson Awards.

Nominees for the 2007 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2007 or have graduated in June, August, or December 2006. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong record of a 3.5 or higher G.P.A.

Human Relations Award.

Nominees must be graduating in April 2007 or have graduated in June, August, or December 2006. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to inter-group understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community. A minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 is required.

Nomination forms are available online at www.oakland.edu/deanofstudents under "Awards and Scholarships" or at 144 Oakland Center.

Call 370.3352 for more information.

Deadline for both awards is Friday, February 2, 2007.

World in Brief

Israeli attorney general recommends indicting president in sex scandal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli President Moshe Katsav faced indictment Tuesday on charges of rape and abuse of power in the most serious accusation against a top Israeli official in the country's history. The allegation that Katsav used his position as Israel's ceremonial head of state — a job supposed to serve as the nation's moral compass — to force himself on his female employees has left the nation reeling. "It is a sad day for the state of Israel," said lawmaker Benny Elon, who called on Katsav to resign to spare Israel further trauma. But Katsav gave no indication he was preparing to step down, despite a wave of demands that he quit. Attorney General Meni Mazuz's announcement that he intended to indict Katsav on a raft of charges was only the latest corruption scandal roiling the government, with accusations reaching as high as Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Katsav has insisted he is innocent and his lawyers said Tuesday they hoped to persuade Mazuz to change his mind before a formal indictment, a step that would make Katsav Israel's first sitting president to be charged with a crime. But many Israelis say the enormity of the scandal has already badly tainted the office of the presidency. "The president believes that everyone will see that he is the victim of false charges," said his lawyer David Libai.

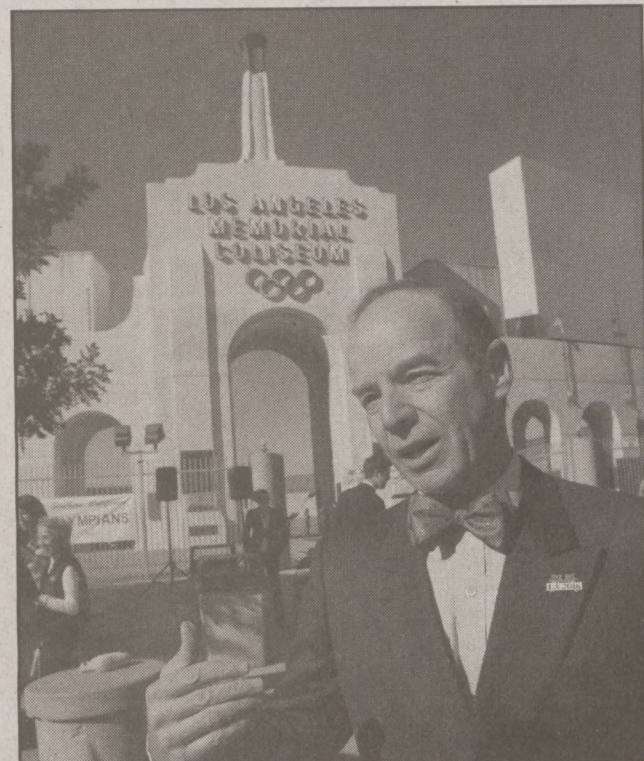
Helicopter of U.S. security company crashes in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A helicopter owned by the private security firm Blackwater USA crashed Tuesday in central Baghdad, killing five civilians on board, U.S. military officials said. A senior Iraqi defense official said the aircraft was shot down over a predominantly Sunni neighborhood, but an American military official said there was no indication the helicopter was shot down. The Iraqi official, who would not allow use of his name because the information had not been made public, said a gunman with a PKC machine gun downed the small helicopter of a private security firm Tuesday afternoon over the heavily Sunni Fadhil neighborhood in north-central Baghdad, where witnesses reported clashes between insurgents and U.S. and Iraqi forces. There were casualties, the official said, but would give no details. In Washington, a U.S. military official said Blackwater representatives responded to the crash in central Baghdad, along with American military. The official, said the cause of the crash was not known and that it was too early to tell if the crash was linked to the downing Saturday of a U.S. Army helicopter that killed a dozen U.S. troops. "That just breaks my heart," said Katy Helvenston, mother of Scott Helvenston, a Blackwater employee who died in March 2004.

China sticking to one-child policy despite gender gap

BEIJING (AP) — China will not loosen its one-child policy, despite a top family planning official's acknowledgment Tuesday that it was partly to blame for a worsening problem of too many boy babies and not enough girls in the world's most populous nation. In 2005, some 118 boys were born in China for every 100 girls. In some regions, the figure has hit 130 boys for every 100 girls; the average for industrialized countries is between 104 and 107 boys for every 100 girls. Zhang Weiqing, minister of the National Population and Family Planning Commission, said the government is committed to solving gender imbalance within 10 to 15 years with education campaigns, punishments for sex-selective abortions and rewards, like retirement pensions, for parents who have girls. "This problem is a reality of country life in China," said Zhang. "We have a 2,000-year feudal history that considered men superior to women, that gave boys the right to carry on the family name and allowed men to be emperors while women could not." He called gender imbalance "a very serious challenge for China." Bates Gill of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington said pension benefits would help, but other financial incentives like school fees for girls, would also need to be included.

LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO COMPETE TO HOST OLYMPICS



ABOVE: Barry Sanders, chairman of the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, speaks at a news conference Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1984 summer Olympic games. NICK UT/AP Photo

LEFT: An artists rendering released Tuesday by the Chicago 2016 Exploratory Committee shows the Sears Tower, top left, and the Chicago skyline and lakefront where Chicago's Olympic bid organizers hope to host the 2016 games. AP Photo/Chicago 2016 Exploratory Committee

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Los Angeles and Chicago submitted detailed plans for the 2016 Summer Olympics to the U.S. Olympic Committee on Monday, a major step in the process to decide which city will bid for the games next year.

The so-called bid books contain 19 sections, detailing every aspect of the cities' plans from their strategy to woo international decision-makers to their outline of their prospective Olympic villages, venues and media operations.

"The submission of the domestic bid books is another important milestone in our process and the cities are to be commended for the outstanding work they have done," USOC vice president Bob Ctvrtlik said.

The USOC Evaluation Commission will

travel to Los Angeles on Feb. 28 and to Chicago on March 5 for two-day inspections. The USOC will announce its applicant city April 14.

The candidate city must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee on Sept. 15. The host will be chosen in 2009. Other cities that have expressed interest in hosting the 2016 Games are Madrid, New Delhi, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo.

The Los Angeles bid emphasizes Southern California's existing venues, its travel and tourism infrastructure, and its close ties to the media and entertainment industries.

"We offer the United States Olympic Committee a very compelling bid submission for Los Angeles to host the 2016 Olympic Games," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said.

Los Angeles' bid includes the use of

historic Olympic venues like the Coliseum and newer arenas such as Staples Center, Honda Center and Home Depot Center, which didn't exist when the city hosted the 1984 Summer Olympics.

"Los Angeles provides a higher stage on which the athletes can perform, and we will employ our star power to put a spotlight on their achievements," said Barry Sanders, chairman of the city's bid.

Chicago's committee put together a 1,200-page outline that includes 25 athletic venues, of which about 65 percent are already built, said Chicago 2016 spokesman Patrick Sandusky.

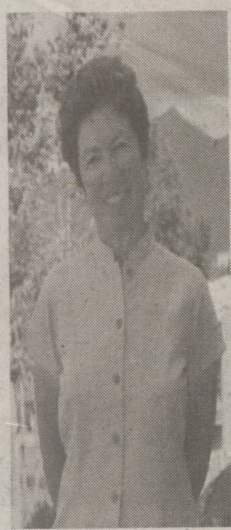
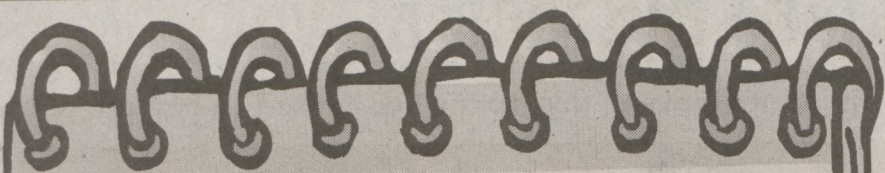
"We're really excited," he said. "We hope in that book is a proposal that will show the USOC that Chicago can host a great Olympic Games."

— AP Business Writer Ashley M. Heher in Chicago contributed to this report.

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*"I feel bad that people
wasted their money on such
trite, blah pop music."*

— MANDY MOORE,
talking about her earlier music



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The age of the child whose family was kicked off of an airplane after the child threw a terrible temper tantrum.

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VITALE, KELLY
REYNOLDS,
KARA
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AND JEFF
KRANITZ
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Best Picture

Kelly: "The Departed"
Jeff: "Babel"
Maria: "The Departed"
Kyle: "The Departed"
Kara: "Little Miss Sunshine," "I always root for the underdog. Plus, seeing a comedy in the running is refreshing; The Oscars are always so serious."

Best Actor

Kelly: Leonardo DiCaprio
Jeff: Forest Whitaker, "He should have won for his performance in 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High' So this'll have to make up for it."
Maria: Will Smith
Kyle: Leonard DiCaprio
Kara: Peter O'Toole

Best Actress

Kelly: Helen Mirren, "After all the hype this movie ('The Queen') and Helen have gotten recently, I don't see any other logical choice for the award."
Jeff: Helen Mirren
Maria: Meryl Streep
Kyle: Penelope Cruz
Kara: Judi Dench

Best Director

Kelly: Martin Scorsese
Jeff: Martin Scorsese
Maria: Martin Scorsese, "He's known for being a great director, so why hasn't he won yet?"
Kyle: Clint Eastwood
Kara: Alejandro González Iñárritu

Best Costume Design

Kelly: "The Devil Wears Prada"
Jeff: Refused to answer.
Maria: "Marie Antoinette"
Kyle: "Devil Wears Prada," "The clothes actually make Meryl Streep look hot."
Kara: "Marie Antoinette"

For a complete list of nominees, visit the official Web site: www.oscars.org
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Make this your move

This week's move to take to the Rec Center: The Inverted Row



PERSONAL TRAINER JOHNNY CHASE SHOWS US HOW IT'S DONE
photo by Charles Graski, photo illustration by Kevin Alford

The key is to keep the body flat, especially in the torso. Pull chest upward to the bar, hold this position briefly, then ease back to starting position. If this is too easy, use straightened instead of bent knees and proceed to position two as normal.

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TOP DESIGN

By LINDSEY WOJCIK
Contributing Reporter

If you are a fan of "Project Runway" or "Top Chef," then odds are you will like Bravo's newest dish of reality competition "Top Design."

"Top Design" chronicles 12 aspiring interior designers creating and competing to come up with the best interior design for each challenge.

Todd Oldham will host the show and guide the designers. The panel of judges includes interior designers Jonathan Adler and Kelly Wearstler and editor in chief of Elle Décor, Margaret Russell.

Tune in to see who has the superior interior when "Top Design" premieres Jan. 31 at 11 p.m. on Bravo.



CLIMBING THE DESIGN LADDER
photo courtesy of Bravo Television

THE BAND'S GONNA MAKE IT.

Are you an Oakland University musician, performer or artist?

The Mix is looking to feature talented students in an upcoming issue of The Oakland Post. E-mail your skills to:

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(Red) fights AIDS with fashion

(Product) Red helps consumers make a difference, still has critics

By LINDSEY WOJCIK
Contributing Reporter

Doing "The Red Thing," is the latest trend for conscientious consumers looking for must-have products like the new iPod Nano, designer T-shirts, sunglasses and shoes.

Consumers who buy items from popular brands, like Gap and Apple, can help women and children in Africa who are infected with HIV by purchasing these items from the (Product) Red line.

(Product) Red is a business initiative created to raise awareness and money for The Global Fund to help fight AIDS in Africa, according to (Red)'s Web site, www.joinred.com.

The Global Fund is a partnership created by governments and non-profit organizations in 2002 to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. It raises funds and gives grants to countries, communities and organizations to help fight the three diseases.

According to (Red)'s Web site, The Global Fund has donated \$6.6 billion to 460 programs in 136 countries.

(Red) teams up with popular brands to produce (Product) Red branded items. So far, (Product) Red has launched partnerships with Apple, Gap, Giorgio Armani, Converse, American Express and Motorola. A varying percentage of each company's profits from (Product) Red are donated to The Global Fund. (Product) Red was created by U2's

lead singer, Bono, and Bobby Shriver, Chairman for Debt, AIDS, Trade Africa (DATA), which also aims to help the AIDS crisis through fund-raising and fair trade.

"AIDS in Africa is an emergency, that's why we chose the color red. When you buy a (Product) Red product, the company gives money to buy pills that will keep someone in Africa alive," Bono said in a Launch Release article by (Product) Red.

"The idea is simple, the products are sexy and people live instead of die. It's consumer power at work for those who have no power at all."

The money is currently being directed to Rwanda and Swaziland in Africa to provide relief, mainly for women and children infected with HIV/AIDS, according to (Red)'s Web site.

The buzz about (Product) Red started to accumulate after Oprah Winfrey dedicated an entire show to promote (Red) and its cause last October.

Melodie Whitworth, a junior elementary education major, said she heard about (Red) on Oprah, but didn't get into it until after she went to the Gap and saw the (Red) clothing line.

She received the Gap's INSPI(RED) T-shirt for Christmas and said, "I like the color red and the fact that it goes towards a cure."

Whitworth, who buys other products whose funds go towards other charities, said she plans on buying more (Product) Red. "I want the African bead pin and the jeans jacket

from the Gap and I also really want the Red phone," she said.

The Gap's (Product) Red line includes a safety pin with an African bead, T-shirts, tote bags, skinny jeans, jean jackets, and motorcycle jackets that range from \$1 to \$350.

Gap's Red line is at select locations and is currently available at the Somerset Collection in Troy and at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Katelyn Stanis, a freshman marketing major, who also has the Gap's INSPI(RED) T-shirt, said "I just think the entire marketing design behind it is remarkable, from the products to the slogan and the forms of advertising..."

Stanis heard about (Red) on Oprah's show as well and said the way it was described on the show stood out to her.

"Even though it was expensive for one T-shirt, they explained that instead of asking directly for money for the AIDS foundation, people are already going to buy the shirts and clothes, so it's just a bonus that the money goes towards AIDS," she said.

Other items in the (Product) Red line include Apple's special edition (Product) Red iPod Nano. The 4GB Red iPod starts at \$199 and the 8GB is \$249.

New to Apple's Red line is a \$25 iTunes (Product) Red gift card, launched Jan. 9.

The special edition (Product) Red iPod Nano is available at the Apple Store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Giorgio Armani's (Product) Red line features many items from sunglasses to sweatshirts, which range from \$58 to \$228 and are offered exclusively at Emporio Armani stores.

Converse has four (Product) Red shoe styles, including a Make Mine Red style, in which customers can design their own Converse Chuck Taylor Canvas Hi and Low shoes for \$60, available at www.converseone.com, as well as some Gap locations.

Motorola introduced the Red Motorazr and Red MotoSlvr phones with prices and availability varying by location.

Although most of the response to (Product) Red has been positive, it's also gained many critics. News media, bloggers and the fashion industry have all raised red flags about (Product) Red, including asking why 100 percent of the proceeds are not donated by the companies, according to The Washington Post.

QUOTE OF THE DAY ...

"As First World consumers, we have tremendous power. What we collectively choose to buy, or not to buy, can change the course of life and history on this planet."

— Excerpt from the "The (Red) Manifesto," <http://joinred.com/manifesto.asp>



CHARLES GRASKI/The Oakland Post
Freshman marketing major Katelyn Stanis displays her (Product) Red apparel. A percentage of the profits from (Product) Red purchases are donated to The Global Fund, and are used mainly to provide anti-retroviral treatment for children and adults with HIV/AIDS.

The reach of (Red)

How much of your (Product) Red purchase is donated to The Global Fund?

Gap

- 50 % of the profits from products
- \$10 from the sale of each iPod Nano (Red) Special Edition
- A portion of the proceeds from the iTunes (Product) Red gift card

Giorgio Armani

- 40% of gross profit margin (average)

Converse

- 5-15% of net sales (depending on product sold)

Motorola

- Makes a direct contribution to the Global Fund with each phone sold, with pricing varying by location.
- Will continue to contribute each time a Motorola (Red) phone is used, with a percent of normal charges from all calls and texts being contributed to the Fund.

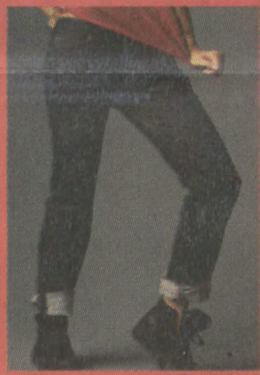


Photo courtesy of Gap Inc.

See the world, let OU take care of the bill

Deadlines for scholarships and grants are approaching

By KELLY DURBIN
Contributing Reporter

With four-credit undergraduate classes at \$970, students may decide that a trip to, say, Paris or Argentina is out of the question until their job at Panera becomes their dream job at Campbell-Ewald.

Fortunately, Oakland University wants to make international travel a viable option for students by giving away thousands of dollars in scholarships every year to cover travel expenses for selected students who study abroad or who conduct or present their research at national or international conferences. You could be one of those students — and only an essay away from Paris, London or Beijing.

Some scholarship and grant deadlines are coming up in February, March and April.

"OU is very interested in giving students the international experience," Margaret Pigott, international education director and associate professor of rhetoric, said. "I don't think enough students are aware of study abroad and how very important it is. Everyone does not think like Americans. The way to learn is to go abroad or to live abroad."

Students can apply for scholarships through the International Education office and, in some cases, through the department of their major or minor.

Research grants can also assist

in travel expenses associated with undergraduate research and graduate theses and dissertations. Some of these grant deadlines are coming up in February and March.

The International Education office awards \$500 and \$2,000 scholarships to 10 students every year through the Alumni Association Scholarship and the Sharp Scholarship. These scholarship applications are due in April for students attending programs that begin in the summer or fall, so interested students should start working on their applications and essays.

For most scholarships, a brief essay is required along with letters of recommendation from OU professors, and students must meet certain criteria, such as a minimum GPA, to be considered.

Students who study abroad through the OU exchange program pay tuition and fees to OU; these classes are treated as OU courses, not transfer courses. Other scholarships include the Rhodes, Marshall and Fulbright, which assist with tuition as well as travel expenses. Students apply for these through the organizations' Web sites. These scholarships are very competitive, and students compete nationally.

The Fulbright Scholarship is intended for post-graduate research and graduate students who are working, studying or teaching abroad. The Rhodes and Marshall are for students studying abroad long-term, so stu-

dents applying for month-long summer programs at Oxford, England and Orleans, France, are not eligible.

Because the Rhodes Scholarship is so competitive and no one from Oakland has ever received it, Pigott suggested that interested students "get themselves a mentor ... a faculty member that will encourage and guide them."

Pigott said scholarships through her office are based primarily on the essays and are awarded to the best writers. She advised students not to write their scholarship essays about what they hope to gain from the program, but to describe the benefit an international education will allow them to provide to the academic community.

Student loans are also available through the financial aid office in North Foundation Hall, and may be applied to travel costs and tuition.

Pigott said the study abroad programs are filled every year, but "there's always room for more students." Destinations offered through OU include Argentina, Austria, Australia, Chile, China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Spain.

Research grants are available for graduate and undergraduate student research or creative projects.

The Provost's Undergraduate Student Research Award provides \$1,000 in research support and up to \$500 for travel support to present research results at a conference. Applications are due soon — March 15 — and are accepted in December, March and September every year.

The Provost's Graduate Student Research Award pays up to \$2,000 to



Photo courtesy of Professor Brian A. Connery
Senior English major Jay George and junior business major Kyle Kampf pose in front of Stonehenge on their study abroad trip to Oxford, England. Oakland University gives away thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants every year to offset the cost of study abroad.

support student research or creative projects, \$500 of which may be used for travel expenses associated with the presentation of research results at a conference.

DaimlerChrysler awards \$3,000 research grants for OU students majoring in business, engineering and computer science, communication, human resource development or mathematics.

Deadlines are Dec. 15, March 15 and Sept. 15. Funding may be used for supplies, books, equipment and for travel to present research findings at regional and national conferences.

Up to five graduate dissertations and theses can receive the \$500 Graduate Student Competitive Dissertation and Thesis Award for excellence in writing, designed to offset research costs and give winning

money that is donated goes a long way. The impact calculator on (Red)'s Web site can show exactly how a purchase impacted people's lives in Africa.

For example, by purchasing a (Product) Red Word T-shirt from the Gap for \$28, enough money would be generated to provide 41 single-dose nevirapine treatments for a mother and baby, to prevent the transmission of HIV from the mother to the child.

Although Nevirapine does not cure HIV or AIDS, it "helps keep HIV from reproducing and appears to slow down the destruction of the immune system," according to www.medlineplus.gov, a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.

Fighting AIDS with fashion and consumerism may not lead to the end of the epidemic, but it's a much-needed start.

students the opportunity to apply for travel grants to present their work. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 20. Specifics on these grants and others may be found at www2.oakland.edu/research.

So even with a low-paying job and high-cost education, OU is providing many options to help make possible that trip to Ireland you've been dreaming of.

For further information on scholarships and study abroad programs, visit the International Education Web site at <http://www2.oakland.edu/ie> or contact Margaret Pigott at pigott@oakland.edu. The International Education office is located at 520 O'Dowd Hall. There will be an informational meeting about study abroad Tuesday, Jan. 30 at noon in the Gold Rooms.

Precocious puberty poses serious problems

By PAUL GULLY
Assistant News Editor

I recently took a little stroll (not a walk, but a leisurely stroll—take note of the distinction) through my elementary school for old times sake. I wanted to revisit the hallowed halls where I was once a celebrated kick-ball legend.

Sadly, not much remained the same from my glory days. I noticed that many of my teachers were “no longer with us” (aka: dead), except of course, my gym teacher.

Little side note: doesn't it seem like gym teachers never die? I think my elementary “physical education instructor” (as they like to be referred to as) has been there since at least 1922. You could go back to visit your gym teacher in 2037, and I guarantee you they'll still be there, sporting their tri-color jogging-suit, teaching jumping-jacks, and feeling powerful because they have a loud whistle.

But that's beside the point.

Another thing that I noticed, which really kind of irked me, was that something is not right with the youth of society — they're not kids; they're more like mini-adults. It was amazing. There were little boys running around the halls that were hairier than my Italian uncle, Vito.

I walked by a class where kids were learning the ins-and-outs of third-grade mathematics, and I swear that I saw Chuck Norris sitting there in class struggling with a basic division equation. I literally did a double-take before I realized that, no, it wasn't the star of “Delta Force” and “Walker Texas Ranger,” but merely my nine-year-old neighbor, Christopher! Yeah, a nine-year-old with a Norris beard!

On my walk back home (not a stroll this time, but a walk), I found myself deep in thought regarding the topic. When I reached my residence, I did a little Googling, and learned that precocious puberty—generally defined as the appearance of physical and hormonal signs of pubertal development at an earlier age than is considered normal—is on the rise.

Researchers have determined through several studies, that kids are in fact, growing up and maturing earlier than ever. I wonder

what tipped them off?

Was it that at age 18, 6'8, 240 lbs. LeBron James entered the NBA and dominated the league?

Or did they notice that girls have fully-developed bodies at the age of 10 nowa-days—which in turn has caused guys to have adopted the liquor store slogan of, “We check ID,” before pursuing a female—regardless of how old she appears.

In all seriousness though, studies have shown that, in extreme cases, children as young as the age of three are showing signs of sexual development. Three years old! When I was a youngster, all I had to worry about was concealing my love of purple crayons — because as everyone knows, purple is a “girl color” — and making sure I didn't show up to school with my shirt on inside-out.

These little guys have to worry about why they have the uncontrollable urge to tag girls in “inappropriate places” during joyous recess fun (and subsequently having to deal with the daily scolding by the evil lunch ladies) and wonder why they feel compelled spoon with the opposite sex during nap time.

While there is no conclusive proof for the causes of precocious puberty, many experts contend that hormone-mimicking chemicals, which are found pretty much everywhere — including in certain meats, milk, water, household cleaners and even vinyl shower curtains — are a leading cause of the problem.

So before we hold another sensationalized Congressional hearing on Major League Baseball's drug policy, why don't we instead focus on what steroids and growth hormones are being injected into the livestock that we eat?

Rather than worrying about what Barry Bonds or Lance Armstrong allegedly were shooting themselves up with, let's question what Butterball is putting into its turkeys to produce a 30-pound Thanksgiving entree.

If you didn't already know, you won't see many 30-pound, all meat birds running around in nature. If you think you have, you were probably mistaken—you probably saw a small ostrich or something.

Maybe we should take action now, before the youth of this generation begins producing their own youth, sooner than expected.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK ...

“...something is not right with the youth of society—they're not kids; they're more of mini-adults. It was amazing. There were little boys running around the halls that were hairier than my Italian uncle, Vito.”

— Paul Gully

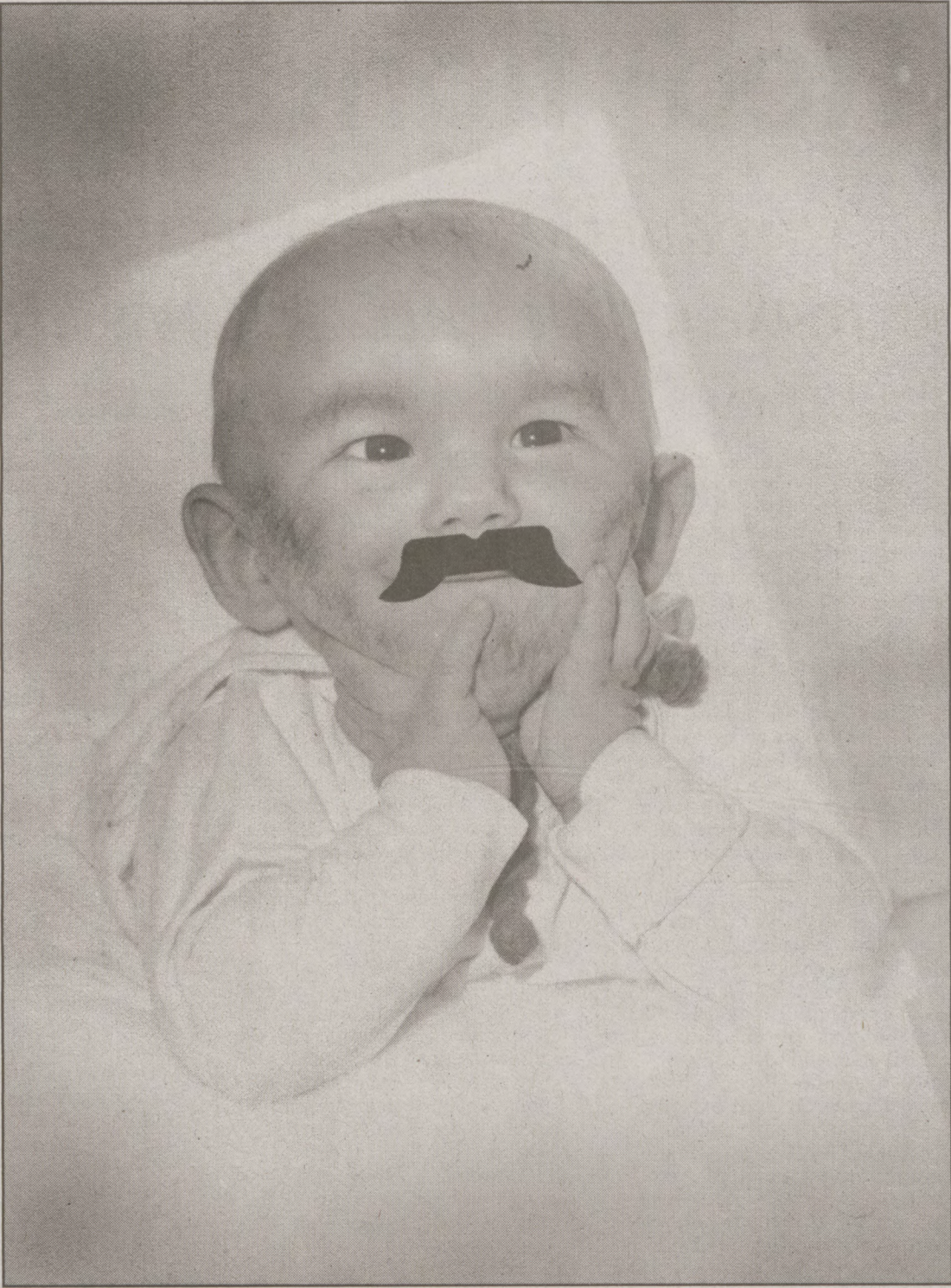


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Bush still disappoints

“Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me.”
—President George W. Bush, Jan. 10, 2007

“Well, if the people want a scapegoat, they got one right here in me 'cause it's my decisions.”
—President Bush on 60 Minutes, Jan. 14, 2007

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

Usually it's considered admirable to take responsibility for your mistakes. It's not as good as never making the mistakes in the first place, but it's better than blaming others or ignoring the situation altogether.

But somehow President Bush's attempts at saying “the buck stops here” don't do much for me.

Maybe that's because admitting a mistake usually involves some things the president's admission doesn't.

Usually, there would be some consequences to worry about. For example, if I was given funds to use on a project, and I went over budget, ignored advice from experts in the field, made everything worse, and, say, wire-tapped everyone's office phone, I would probably expect to lose my job. I also would worry about my future career.

Bush on the other hand, hasn't admitted to anything that's conclusively illegal, so he's not facing impeachment. He's in the second half of

his second term, so reelection isn't an issue for him. For him, taking blame is simply a matter of ignoring it.

Also, saying “I made a mistake” usually implies things will change, and the same mistakes won't continue. And it's true that we now have a new strategy in Iraq. But one line from the president's Jan 10 speech is especially troubling:

“Even if our new strategy works exactly as planned, deadly acts of violence will continue, and we must expect more Iraqi and American casualties.”

“Even if” this plan that sends more troops to a giant pit of quicksand works, that'll happen. So if it doesn't work as planned, a possibility that even the president acknowledges, then we can expect even more Iraqi and American casualties.

Super.
And if someone admits a mistake, they usually do so out of a sense of shame or regret. In a 60 Minutes interview on Jan. 14, Bush said he didn't feel that he owed Iraqis an apology for not providing better security following the US invasion—a problem the president himself cited in his speech as the reason for the new troop surge.

So he's committed over 20,000 soldiers to a mission that will (best-case scenario) continue to increase the tally of dead troops, to fix a problem he doesn't regret causing.

But at least he's let us know who we can blame.

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OU splits series

Grizzlies douse Flame, then get burned

By COREY HAGOOD & BRAD DOESCHER
WXOU Sports

After slipping and sliding their way through the West Virginia mountains, the 11th-ranked Golden Grizzlies arrived at Liberty University Flames in one piece and split the series in a two-game match up against the eighth ranked Liberty Flames.

Friday, OU downed Liberty in a 5-4 contest.

The Grizzlies came out flat for the first 10 minutes of the game, when John Langabeer took advantage and opened the scoring for the Flames.

Then the Grizzlies were startled awake when senior Assistant Captain Will McMahon scored on a power play, assisted by John Paul Ferrari, and gave the Grizzlies life. Matt Burke rounded out the scoring for Oakland in the first period.

Oakland kept up the attack when they scored only 50 seconds into the second period, when Garret Kondratek slapped in a laser from the blue line. Brent Copper, Mike Bertlo and McMahon would also light the lamp for the Grizzlies.

It came down to crunch time for the Golden Grizzlies in the third period. With Oakland only up by one goal in the final 25 seconds of the game, they turned to Ferrari. He won five faceoffs inside their own zone and the Grizzlies escaped with a 5-4 win.

"If anything, that's what I like to hang my hat on. Winning draws (face-offs) in a crucial time," Ferrari said. "I couldn't have done it without the other guys on the ice obviously, because they did dump the puck."

"If that's what I have to do to contribute to the team winning then that's what I will do every game," Ferrari continued.

Collin Chase started in net for the Grizzlies,

making crucial saves throughout the game to preserve the victory.

Head Coach Sean Hogan added, "You gotta give a lot of credit to JP in the last minute winning all those draws in a row, giving us a chance to come out on top."

"Colin Chase played well and we were ready to go considering we had a real long bus ride 13 or 14 hours on a bus and we were right out there and took it to em. So we have to be ready to go tomorrow."

Turns out it would be a wash on Saturday for Oakland after all, as they lost the rematch, 6-2.

Liberty came out on a mission to prove to Oakland they are still a tough team, since the Grizzlies already took two games from them this season.

Getting the start in net for the Grizzlies was Chase for the second night in a row. John Zigler opened up the scoring for the Flames, with a goal 8:37 into the game. Cooper scored the lone Grizzlies goal in the first period, as they went into the locker room down 3-1.

The Flames dominated the second period as they added three more goals, including two from Kyle Dodgson, who ended the contest with a hat trick for Liberty.

The Flames scored all three of their second period goals off of the power play. Jeff Einheuser added a late goal for Oakland to bring the score to its final 6-2.

The Flames took an amazing 68 shots on goal in the game, with Chase stopping 62 for the Grizzlies.

"Liberty wanted the game a lot more than we did," said McMahon. "They finished every check and won the little battles. It seems like we were content getting one victory this weekend as if by winning one game, it somehow justified losing the second game."



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
The women's diving team sailed gracefully to a commendable finish. Some divers set personal best records for the Golden Grizzlies.

Swimming Roundup

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Contributing Reporter

The Golden Grizzlies sent Michigan State home with a win and a loss after last Friday's dual meet at home. The men were able to dominate the Spartans 164-136, but the women weren't so lucky, falling 170-128.

The men's team kicked off the meet with a 1-2 finish in the 200-yard medley relay. Junior Zoltan Horvath, sophomores Aaron Holdsworth and Andy Kellogg and freshman Marcin Unold combined for a first-place finish, shaving 0.31 seconds off the previous season-best time, clocking in at 1:32.57.

Holdsworth went on to win three more events, including the 100 and 200 yard butterfly and the 400-yard freestyle relay. Horvath hit the wall first in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke and Unold joined Holdsworth in the 400 free victory along with Kellogg and junior Nick Bonuchi.

Unold also set a personal-best time of 50.48 en route to a first-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke.

Freshman Eddy Toro had a record-breaking night, as he set personal best times in three events, the 100 and 200 yard breast and the 200 yard individual medley.

Unold set another personal best in his second-place finish time of 1:52.42 in the 200-

yard backstroke, while freshman Ben MacColl set a personal best in the 100-yard fly.

Most impressive, however, was sophomore Anthony Serio's 9:41.25 finish in the 1000 free. He knocked 19 seconds off his fastest time this season.

Finishing first for OU's diving team was junior Ryan Kish on both the one-meter and three meter boards. Freshman Mike Ledsema set a personal best with 239.32 on the three-meter board, where he placed seventh.

The women's team also started off the meet with a win in the 200-yard medley relay, setting a season-best time in the process, but were unable to come up with a win against the Spartans.

Senior Amanda Burwell, juniors Rachel Beardsley and Elaine Shalla and freshman Sarah Ludema finished the relay in 1:47.84.

Burwell placed first in the 100 breast, setting a personal-best time, and the 200 IM, while Beardsley beat out the competition in the 50 free and 400 free yard relay, along with Shalla, Ludema and junior Riley Rigoli.

Sophomore Sophia Gustafsson had two first-place finishes in the 500 and 1000 free.

Freshman Missy Butcher set a personal-best on the one-meter board with 204.82. Butcher placed fifth on both the one-meter and three-meter boards.

Hogan Knows Best

Head Coach Sean Hogan weighs in on upcoming competition

Jan. 26 vs. Eastern
Michigan

"Last time we beat them by a goal. They will definitely give us a run for our money. We really need to get a win, it's our last Division I game before the tournament and will give us a good idea where we stand."

Feb. 1 vs. Davenport
University

"We are absolutely ready for Davenport. Two of the three games we played them, we were down to half a roster. They have lost two or three of their guys to eligibility, and it's a Thursday night game, so it will be a different atmosphere."

Feb. 10 at Michigan
State

"We didn't play well against Michigan State. We were not prepared mentally and we need to do a better job of being harder on the team before the game, starting now."

—By Brittany Ochtinsky,
Contributing Reporter

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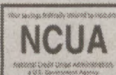
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January 25th

Career Services

Diversity Career Fair

11 AM – 3 PM, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

January 31st

Circle of Sisterhood

Reflections Dinner

4 PM – 6 PM, Oakland Room, Oakland Center

February 1st

Kresge Library

African American Students in White Culture:

Where We've Been and Where We're Going

12 PM – 1 PM, Kresge Library

February 5th

Men of One Accord

Let's Talk

6 PM, Gold Room C, Oakland Center

February 6th

School of Nursing

African-American Health Fair

11 AM – 2 PM, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

February 7th

Department of Rhetoric, Communication
and Journalism

Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest

12 PM – 1 PM, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Vandenberg Hall

A Walk to Remember

All day, East Vandenberg Floor Lounges

Association of Black Students

King Brotha/Queen Sista

7 PM, Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Center for Student Activities (CSA)/Vandenberg Hall

And Still We Rise

12:30 PM, Charles H. Wright Museum

Tickets at the CSA service window

February 9th

African American Celebration Month Committee

Taste of Africa Gala

4 PM – 7 PM, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Events for the African-American Celebration Month are open to all.

Visit <http://www2.oakland.edu/cmi/events.cfm> for a full list of AAC 2007 events

February 10th

Center for Multicultural Initiatives, Men on One
Accord and the Circle of Sisterhood

Our World Today Conference: Rising to the Top

10 AM – 3 PM, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Friday, February 16th

Association of Black Students/International
Students and Scholars Office

Mardi Gras Fashion Show

8 PM – 11 PM, Varner Recital Hall

February 17th

Gospel Choir of Oakland University

Annual College Night Concert

7 PM, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

February 20th

Men of One Accord

Why February? What does Black History Month Mean
to You?

6 PM, 128 – 130, Oakland Center

February 21st

Department of University Housing

Spirits and Rhythm

11:30 AM – 1 PM

Vandenberg Dining Hall

Nsoroma Institute

Thiosane Live!

1 PM – 2 PM, Banquet Room A, Oakland Center

Mock Wedding

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

6:30 PM, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Friday, February 23rd

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Keynote Address: Ruby Dee

12 PM – 1 PM, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

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OU TO BE FEATURED ON FSN DETROIT ...
Oakland's DI hockey team is about to have a taste of the spotlight. Fox Sports Detroit will be visiting the Golden Grizzlies' practice tomorrow and will be featured as part of FSN's "Hockey Day in Michigan," Saturday, Feb. 10.

Dressed for success

Grizzlies go 5-0 in Mid-Con with mismatched unis

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Words of wisdom have suggested that, "clothes don't make the man." But under the suspicious eye of Head Coach Greg Kampe, the Golden Grizzlies are wondering if the phrase doesn't have as much merit as they once thought.

It all started on the road Jan. 11, when the Golden Grizzlies played in the hostile environment of Mid-Con arch-rival Valparaiso, where Oakland University has never won a game.

"We never won in Valpo," said Kampe. "We've worn gold and we've worn black. Never won in gold and never won in black. So we wore black shorts with gold shirts and we won."

So Kampe and his team carried the new superstition into the Southern Utah game last Thursday, wearing black shorts and white jerseys. Sure enough, they walked away with a 77-69 victory and an unscathed 4-0 record in the Mid-Con.

"I love them. I thought they were gorgeous," said Kampe. "It's kind of an old-school look and this is kind of an old-school team ... it's a team that can pass, a team that defends and rebounds, and a team that on any given night, anybody can score."

Some players were in favor of the new look, with senior Shawn Hopes making the decision for the team about wearing the look against the Thunderbirds. Sophomore Derrick Nelson was certainly not one of those players.

"I am not in favor of that," said Nelson with a laugh. "I think it looks atrocious. But as long as we're winning, I'll wear the atrocious colors."

Nelson may not have liked the look he was sporting, but he sure put on a great show in the mismatched uniform.

Hot-handed sophomore Erik Kangas was almost entirely shut out from three-point land, only shooting 1-7, and senior Vova

Severovas never quite found his rhythm. So Nelson took the game into his own hands and put up his second straight double-double at home, netting 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Apparently, bad fashion didn't stop the Golden Grizzlies from bringing the look onto the court last Saturday against the UMKC Kangaroos. This time, they steamrolled over the visiting Roos, with a 78-60 win.

This time, it was Kangas's turn to shine and not even a career-high 27 points from UMKC forward Dee Ayuba could slow him down.

After a sub par night just two days before, Kangas set a record night for himself. He scored a career high eight three-pointers, and set the bar high for himself, as he set a new career-high in points with 28.

In addition, the DeWitt, Mich. native tied a school record with 17 three-point attempts.

"If they're going to give me shots, I'm never going to be one to turn them down," said Kangas.

Kangas is ranked 20th in the nation in three-point field goals per game and he cracked the top 20 in three-point field goal percentage, coming in at number 16, with a 46.3 percent accuracy rate.

But the surprise of the night honor went to junior guard Brandon Cassise. He proved to be a spark plug off the bench for the Golden Grizzlies, as he netted 11 points and dished out four assists in 19 minutes of play.

"If we could give a game ball out, it would go to Brandon Cassise," said Kampe. "He was huge for us."

The victory gives Oakland a 5-0 record in the Mid-Con and ties them for first place in the conference with Oral Roberts, the very team that knocked them out of the Mid-Con tournament last season.

The Grizzlies look to avenge that loss when they take their grudge to the Golden Eagles' home court Thursday in Tulsa, Okla. at 7:05 p.m. local time, followed by a trip to Centenary Saturday.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Erik Kangas fires from behind the three point arc against UMKC Saturday. Kangas broke his career high in points, as he set the bar higher from 21 points to 28. In addition, he tied a school record in three-point field goals in a game, shooting 17 of them.

Grizzlies take off on a roll in Mid-Con

Women break scoring record against no-spark Thunderbirds

By ROB TATE & BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter and Contributing Reporter

Home hasn't been so sweet to Oakland University women's basketball lately. But that ended last Saturday, as the Golden Grizzlies hopped all over the UMKC Kangaroos, 67-47.

Oakland's last home win came all they way back on Dec. 5 when they beat Toledo. The win extended OU's current winning streak to a season high three games, fresh off of two road victories at Western Illinois and Valparaiso last week.

Oakland hit the boards hard, absolutely dominating UMKC 47-27 on the glass. The incredible thing about the game's rebounding were the efforts of 5-foot-6-inch point guard, sophomore Rikka Terava, who hauled in eight boards for a new career high.

Putting good pressure on the guards is what Head Coach Becki Francis believes was the key to getting to those boards.

"I'd like to give credit to Rikka and April Kidd because they don't get a lot (of it) and they don't get a lot of the points all the time. But our whole defense is predicated on how well they do containing the point guard," Francis said.

Senior Nicole Piggott had an excellent night shooting, going eight for 13 and leading the team with 16 points.

The magic continued into the next game when the Golden Grizzlies found themselves flying high over Southern Utah University Monday night, knocking off the Thunderbirds 83-36 and extending their win streak to four games.

The Thunderbirds kicked off the game with a three-pointer, which proved to be the only lead they held the entire game. OU

responded on their next possession with a layup from Reising and Piggott scored on a turnover to take the lead.

The Grizzlies never looked back and dominated the Thunderbirds 42-14 heading into the locker room after the first half.

Despite the lead, OU didn't let off in the second half. They held SUU without a point until the 15:12 mark of the second half, racking up 14 points in the process.

The Thunderbirds wouldn't crack the 20-point mark until 9:10 left in the game and the Grizzlies held them to only four points in the paint. With 2:34 seconds remaining, OU lead by a whopping 51 points, their largest lead of the game.

Piggott and Reising each had 15 points for the Grizzlies, who improved their record to 8-10 overall and 4-1 in the Mid-Con. Freshman Melissa Jeltima had 13 points off the bench, two points shy of her career high.

Earlier this season, the Grizzlies held IUPUI to 16 points in the first half and ended up losing 50-46, but the thought never crossed Francis' mind.

"I think we're a completely different team from when we played IUPUI," she said. "I think defensively, we're getting after it, we're hungry and we addressed some things in the locker room after the IUPUI game and turned things around."

OU has won four straight games, while recording its largest margin of victory ever against a Division I opponent in school history against the Thunderbirds.

Next up, they will play the Ladies of Centenary on Saturday, followed by a trip to Oral Roberts to play the Golden Eagles Monday night.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Nicole Piggott aggressively drives to the basket against UMKC last Saturday while April Kidd stands by, ready to help her teammate out. The Kangaroos didn't stand a chance against the Golden Grizzlies on the boards, as they were out rebounded 47-27.

No football? Try some rugby

By BRIAN BLEAU
Contributing Reporter

Granted, Oakland University is without a football team. But if you still need to get your hard-hitting sport fix in, have you considered giving rugby a shot?

The Oakland University Rugby Club is currently looking for players to fill out its roster for the 2007 season.

The cost for students to play the entire year, which consists of two seasons, is \$200. The first half of the year is exhibition, and the second half is a tournament that seeds teams according to their exhibition standings.

Cleats are the only necessary equipment that players must purchase, and can be picked up for around \$70 online.

Head Coach Eric RuBright, an eight year veteran of the game, said that "Rugby is truly a gentleman's sport, and one that is deeply entrenched in tradition."

So much so, they have their own version of the 10 Commandments.

RuBright also said that having a rugby club helps to bring a "large campus feel" to OU, and helps create a sense of camaraderie that otherwise might not exist between his student

athletes.

"Rugby gives OU students an affordable opportunity to play a full-contact sport for their school. It's the closest thing that we have to football, and really gives guys a chance to get involved," said Mike Metz, rugby club president.

A very interesting and little known fact about rugby is that after every match, the home team hosts a social gathering for the visiting squad.

"Even though you want to completely annihilate the opposition on the field, when the match is over, you leave all of that stuff out there on the playing surface and just have a good time," said RuBright.

Metz recalled a time when his nose was shattered on the field during a game, and just hours later, he was mingling with the team that caused the injury, "just having a great time."

The team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information on the Oakland University Rugby Club, call Mike Metz at (248)-321-4388.



CHARLES GRASKI/The Oakland Post
Rugby club officers Mike Metz, David Littlefield, Brandon Jones, Giuseppe Tocco, Steve Licavoli, and Head Coach Eric RuBright are looking to add players to their roster this season. Rugby is not for the faint of heart. It's like playing football ... only with no pads. At all.

The 10 Commandments of Rugby

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9. If the coach is present, you will not use vulgar language.
10. All team members will clean up the rugby lunch table.