

INSIDE:

- Check out our new section 'Noted' — A7
- OU gets 'Moodled' — A3
- Go to Rochester on \$15 — B1
- OU students help Habitat for Humanity —
- Men's soccer records win over Centenary — B4



■ A Post reporter goes behind the scenes in on-campus Dagorhir game — A4



THE OAKLAND POST

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER

September 20, 2006

www.theoaklandpost.com

50 cents



ROSHAN MUGHAL/The Associated Press

Pakistani Kashmiri protesters burn an effigy of Pope Benedict XVI for his remarks about Islam which hurt the sentiments of Muslims, Monday in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan's Kashmir. Protester continued to demand that Pope apologize fully for his remarks on Islam and violence. Placard at right reads "Long live Islam."

WORLD NEWS

Al-Qaida in Iraq warns pope that Islam will prevail

By SELCAN HACA OGLU
Associated Press Writer

ANKARA, Turkey — Muslims in Turkey, Iraq and the Palestinian territories demanded Tuesday that Pope Benedict XVI make a clear apology for his remarks on Islam, but the Malaysian prime minister said he accepted the pontiff's statement of regret.

In the Vatican, the pope also issued a statement appealing for mutual respect for religious beliefs as he mourned an Italian nun slain in Somalia in an attack possibly linked to the uproar over his recent remarks.

While denouncing violence, the pope said he hopes the killing "becomes the seed of hope to construct authentic brotherhood among peoples in the mutual respect for the religious convictions of each other," according to a condolence telegram released by the Vatican.

Sister Leonella, 65, who taught and worked at a pediatric hospital in Mogadishu, was shot dead by gunmen as she left the Austrian-run S.O.S. hospital on Sunday. There was no claim of responsibility, but many speculated

Please see POPE/A2

OUSC plagued by no-shows

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Contributing Reporter

The Oakland University Student Congress is a body of representatives elected by their peers to promote student interests. But low attendance at recent meetings has made some worry that not all legislators are pulling their weight.

According to Student Body President Madalyn Miller, there are currently 16 legislators, though two or three may be eliminated due to attendance problems in the near future.

"During my tenure on Congress during Fall and Winter semesters we've never had that big a concern getting quorum," said Miller, who has been a member of OUSC for about two years. "This is, in my opinion, the biggest attendance issue and membership issue we've had in the last couple of years."

For OUSC to vote at a meet-

ing, more than half the members must be in attendance. In an interview Tuesday, Miller said that the average attendance at this semester's meetings has been nine legislators, the minimum required for quorum.

The maximum permitted number of OUSC members is 25, including one representative from the Resident Hall Council and one from the Commuter Council.

Legislator Joshua Miller said that although he is not certain who the RH and Commuter Council representatives are, he knows they have not attended any meetings yet this semester.

"The only way we can get any sort of actual business done is if we have quorum ... and if no one's there, we're basically hamstringing; we can't do anything," Legislator Miller said.

Please see OUSC/A2

Great expectations

Strong cast, Scorsese makes for much anticipated film release

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

Jack Nicholson. Matt Damon. Leonardo DiCaprio. Mark Wahlberg. Alec Baldwin. Martin Sheen.

Sounds like an invite list to the Oscars — and chances are that at least a few of those names will appear on this year's Oscar guest list — but in the meantime you'll be able to see that notable a-list assembled in perhaps this year's most anticipated film release.

In Martin Scorsese's new crime drama "The Departed," DiCaprio and Damon play Massachusetts State Policemen who find themselves loyal to and fighting separately for opposite sides of the law in South Boston.

During a teleconference interview with The Post and other members of the college press, DiCaprio and Damon seemed far removed from their opposing movie characters, and spoke in greater length about the upcoming film.

The film portrays an attempt by police to wage an all-out war to bring down a fictional Irish crime ring, led by a man named Frank Costello (Nicholson).

"You're dealing with all of these characters who are not telling each other who they really are — in certain relevant deceptions," Damon said. "You have all these issues of who we — the characters in the film — are and who we're pretending to be."

DiCaprio plays a young rookie who gets an assignment to go undercover and infiltrate the mob run by Nicholson. Damon plays a cop in the elite Special

Investigations Unit, who is also working to bring down Nicholson.

The story gets complicated when it's revealed that Damon is also working as an informant for the mob, keeping Nicholson's crime boss informed of all police activity.

"As much as it is a gangster movie, 'The Departed' is unlike anything Marty (Scorsese) has ever done," DiCaprio said. "It deals with a very different set of circumstances — not just that it involves the Irish underworld, but also the fact that it deals with the police force and the corruption there, as well."

"Departed" marks the third collaboration between Scorsese and DiCaprio. The two first worked together in Scorsese's gritty middle 19th century gang epic, "Gangs of New York." Most recently DiCaprio turned in an academy-award nominated performance as Howard Hughes, in the Scorsese-directed biopic "The Aviator."

Damon and DiCaprio both said that filming on location in Boston was a unique experience.

Damon, along with co-star Mark Wahlberg, grew up in the Boston area.

"Leo was at a distinct disadvantage from me and Mark," the star of the Jason Bourne series said. "He worked hard to get a general understanding of how things are in Boston, and the accent — which I think is the hardest accent to do."

The Boston accent is also the most often screwed up, Damon added. "There was just this whole mountain of work to do that Mark and I got to skip because we're from there. But Leo did a great job."

DiCaprio said that he enjoyed experiencing Boston's historic heritage.

"This was the first time I had ever spent any real time in the area. It really is like walking around a museum ... seeing the Americana that's behind every single building," the 31-year-old actor said.

DiCaprio said that he'd like to return someday — when he has more time to immerse himself in



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Matt Damon plays a Massachusetts State Policeman in the special investigations unit who is working to bring down the head of the Irish crime ring but is also revealed as an informant for the mob.

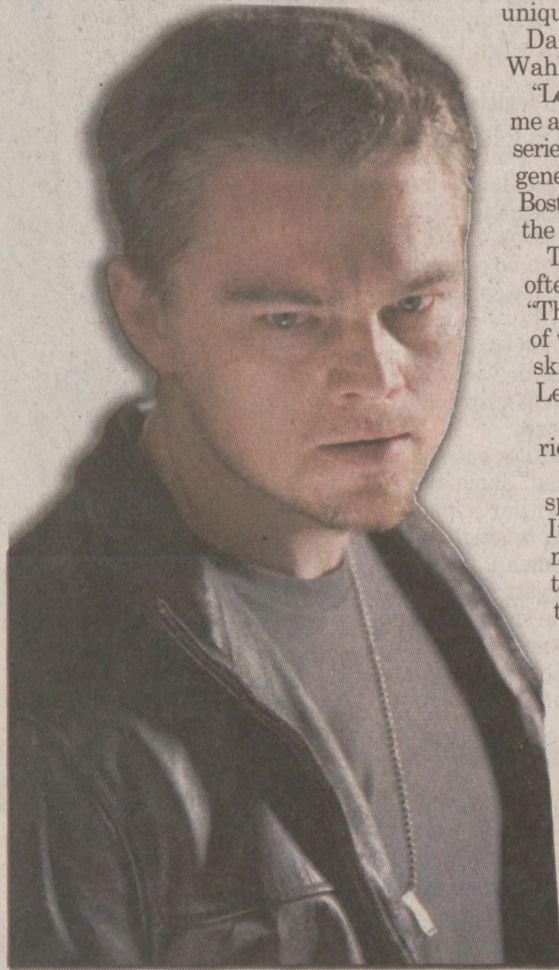


Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Leonardo DiCaprio plays a rookie Massachusetts State Policeman assigned to go undercover to infiltrate the Irish crime ring headed up by Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson).

the culture. "You do these films, you know, and people always ask about the locations — what it was like to be there — and you have to explain to them that you're pretty much always working."

DiCaprio said that the short moments he had to himself in between shoots were "pretty memorable."

"I enjoyed the people there and had an incredible experience."

The two actors both remarked that they greatly enjoyed working with Nicholson, whom Damon said was behind a bit of mischief on the set.

"He knew that if there was going to be this teaming of these two huge icons — Marty and Jack — that people were going to be expecting this certain something extra from the performance," Damon told The Post. "And he (Nicholson) really brought everything. He unloaded the tool box on this one."

The film is currently scheduled for wide release on Oct. 6.

'The Departed'

Genre: Action/Adventure, Drama, Crime/Gangster and Remake
Release Date: Oct. 6, 2006 (wide)
MPAA Rating: R for strong brutal violence, pervasive language, strong sexual content and drug material.
Distributors: Warner Bros. Pictures Distribution
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin

Source: Yahoo Movies

The Oakland Post is not owned nor operated by a media conglomerate. Our copy is generated by writers, not shareholders. Our stories are determined by editors, not investors. Our commitment is to our campus, our society and our environment. Our goal is to report fairly and accurately the events and issues of our community, fulfilling the vital role a newspaper plays in a vibrant democracy.

Coming soon: The new and improved Oakland Post Web site!



For fresh daily news and exclusive stories, visit our Web site at www.theoaklandpost.com

INDEX

- Volume 33, Number 4
- Campus News A3
 - Classifieds A4
 - Features B3
 - World News A7
 - Perspectives A5
 - Sports B4

News tip? Call (248) 370-4268



■ Visit our Web Site for the latest happenings across the nation and throughout the world

www.theoaklandpost.com

POPE

Cont. from A1

the shooting was linked to Muslim anger toward Benedict.

In a speech last week, the pontiff cited a Medieval text that characterized some of the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman," particularly "his command to spread by the sword the faith."

Benedict said Sunday that he was "deeply sorry" that Muslims took offense, and stressed that the emperor's words did not reflect his own opinion.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Benedict's expression of regret was acceptable. Malaysia — which chairs the world's largest Muslim bloc, the Organization of the Islamic Conference — had demanded the pope offer a full apology and retract what he said.

"I think we can accept it and we hope there are no more statements that can anger the Muslims," Abdullah told Malaysian journalists late Monday in New York, where he is attending the U.N. General Assembly.

His comments came after he met with President Bush, who told the Malaysian leader he believed that Benedict was sincere in apologizing.

In Turkey, however, protesters said Benedict must make full amends before a planned November trip that would be his papacy's first visit to a Muslim nation.

"Either apologize, or do not come," read a banner carried by a group of demonstrators from a religious workers' union.

Iraq's parliament also rejected Benedict's explanation of his

remarks, saying it was insufficiently clear. The parliament "demands the pope take practical steps to restore respect to the Islamic world and its religion, and a clear-cut apology for what he said," lawmakers said in a statement read at a press conference.

The top Muslim clergyman in the Palestinian territories similarly demanded that Benedict offer a "clear apology."

The mufti of Jerusalem, Mohammed Hussein, urged Palestinians to halt attacks on churches in the territories, but held the pontiff responsible for the outpouring of anger.

"So far, we consider the apology of the Vatican Pope insufficient," Hussein told reporters. "We firmly ask the Vatican Pope to offer a personal, public and clear apology to the 1.5 billion Muslims in this world."

A previously unknown Islamic group calling itself "The Army of Guidance" pledged Tuesday to strike at Christian targets in the Gaza Strip in retaliation for the remarks.

"Every place relevant to Christians will be a target," said a statement from the group. "This will be until the accursed infidel, the Vatican, apologizes to Muslims."

Palestinian Interior Ministry spokesman Khaled Abu Hilal said security forces had been ordered to protect Christian sites after seven churches in the West Bank and Gaza in the last few days. However, he played down the threat.

"This is a new name and an unknown group," he said. "I think this is empty talk."

Damage was minor in the earlier attacks and no one was hurt, but it unsettled the small Christian minority, which accounts for about 2 percent of the 3.4 million Palestinians.

In Ankara, protesters

demanding Tuesday that the Justice Ministry arrest the pope upon his arrival in Turkey on charges of insulting Islam and causing hatred based on religious differences, local media reported.

Inur Cevik, editor-in-chief of The New Anatolian newspaper, said in a commentary that the pope must reach out to Muslims before visiting.

"How can the pope make amends and convince the masses with religious sensitivities in Turkey that he is not an enemy of Islam and that he wants to forge an atmosphere of coexistence?" Cevik wrote. "If he fails to do this, it will be very hard for the Turkish people to give him a warm welcome."

In Turkey, the pope's remarks strengthened the widespread view that he is hostile to the country's campaign for membership in the European Union.

Before becoming pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger questioned whether the EU should open its doors to Turkey, saying it might be incompatible with European culture.

Secular Turkey's government accused the pope after his latest remarks of trying to revive the spirit of the Crusades, and called on him to offer a sincere and personal apology.

Catholic bishops met in Istanbul on Monday and decided the pope's visit to Turkey in November should go ahead, said Monsignor Georges Marovitch, the Vatican Embassy spokesman in Turkey.

The pope was invited by President Ahmet Necdet Sezer, a staunchly secular leader.

Benedict is scheduled to visit Turkey from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, where a focus of his visit will be meeting with the Istanbul-based leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, Bartholomew I.

If you are interested in writing reviews and editorials

Sign up for one of two workshops facilitated by OU journalism faculty

GARRY GILBERT

& HOLLY SHREVE GILBERT.

Attendance at one of the workshops is required for non-journalism majors who wish to submit critical writing to The Oakland Post. Journalism majors are strongly encouraged to attend.

THE 90-MINUTE WORKSHOPS WILL BE OFFERED

Wednesday, Sept. 27 at noon

and Thursday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m.

at the Oakland Post.

To reserve a seat, email: editor@oakpostonline

ADMISSION is free.

What do you think about the pope's comments or the reaction to his statement? E-mail us at editor@oakpost-online.com with your thoughts.

OUSC

Cont. from A1

President Miller said if a legislator is found to not be fulfilling his or her duties, a disciplinary committee holds a hearing to determine what sanctions to apply to the legislator. Those who miss three meetings without a valid excuse are typically removed from their position.

"We do have a couple members who have very valid reasons for not attending," said President Miller. "There are several members who ... go unaccounted for in the sense that I don't know why they aren't coming."

Adam Panchenko told The Post he has been a legislator for two and a half years and hasn't attended a meeting since summer.

"I don't want to be a member any longer because it's not the same Congress I was voted into," Panchenko said Tuesday.

He cited criticism he received at the last meeting he attended during which legislators voted on a resolution related to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Panchenko said he abstained because he felt that students were too evenly split on the issue under discussion for him to satisfy a majority of them.

"I felt I was representing the students properly by not voting,"

he said.

Panchenko said the meeting became a "madhouse" after some legislators left early, taking attendance below a quorum.

Students in the gallery as well as other legislators harshly criticized those who had abstained.

"I didn't feel that I should be ... called out in front of everyone when we didn't have a quorum," Panchenko said. "I didn't get a chance to explain myself."

After the incident, he said he was too angry to continue attending. He added that he plans to attend the next meeting.

"I believe that everyone who was elected really had intentions to fulfill their duties, and sometimes things come up and that is very unfortunate," said President Miller.

She added that concerned students may attend any OUSC meeting, or come to the OUSC office and speak with her or Vice President Mia Evans directly.

"If you're concerned with something that's going on in Congress, come and tell us," President Miller said.

"There are a lot of positive things that are going on in Congress right now," she said, citing the Voter Registration Drive, the International Day of Peace and other programs. She believes one reason for low membership this semester is that several recent legislators

have graduated.

"I think that we're kind of going through a rebirth process ... I think that in a lot of ways, it has the potential to be a very positive force for change."

She said that there have been several students attending meetings who have expressed interest in becoming members.

To become a legislator, a student must be in good academic standing, attend three meetings, work three hours in the OUSC office and collect 50 student signatures on a petition. They must then be confirmed by a quorum of legislators.

Terms end May 1 of every year; to continue serving, members must be voted in on a ballot along with the Executive Board.

Legislator Miller said he is "very concerned" about the lack of member participation. "I'm not trying to single people out just to be mean, but I believe this organization has work to do," he said. "I believe that it can do good work, but it needs people there who are committed and want to do it."

What can you do?

To be learn more about OUSC, to be considered for a legislator position, or to make your voice heard, go to an OUSC meeting. The meetings are held at 4 p.m. on Monday in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Three OU grads land jobs, new editor at The Post

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

The Oakland Post and the Journalism Program at Oakland University are shattering the commonly held theory that states it's nearly impossible for recent college grads to land a job at a large daily newspaper.

Three — count 'em — THREE spring '06 graduates and former Post employees have just taken full-time positions with the Oakland Press, Michigan's third largest daily newspaper.

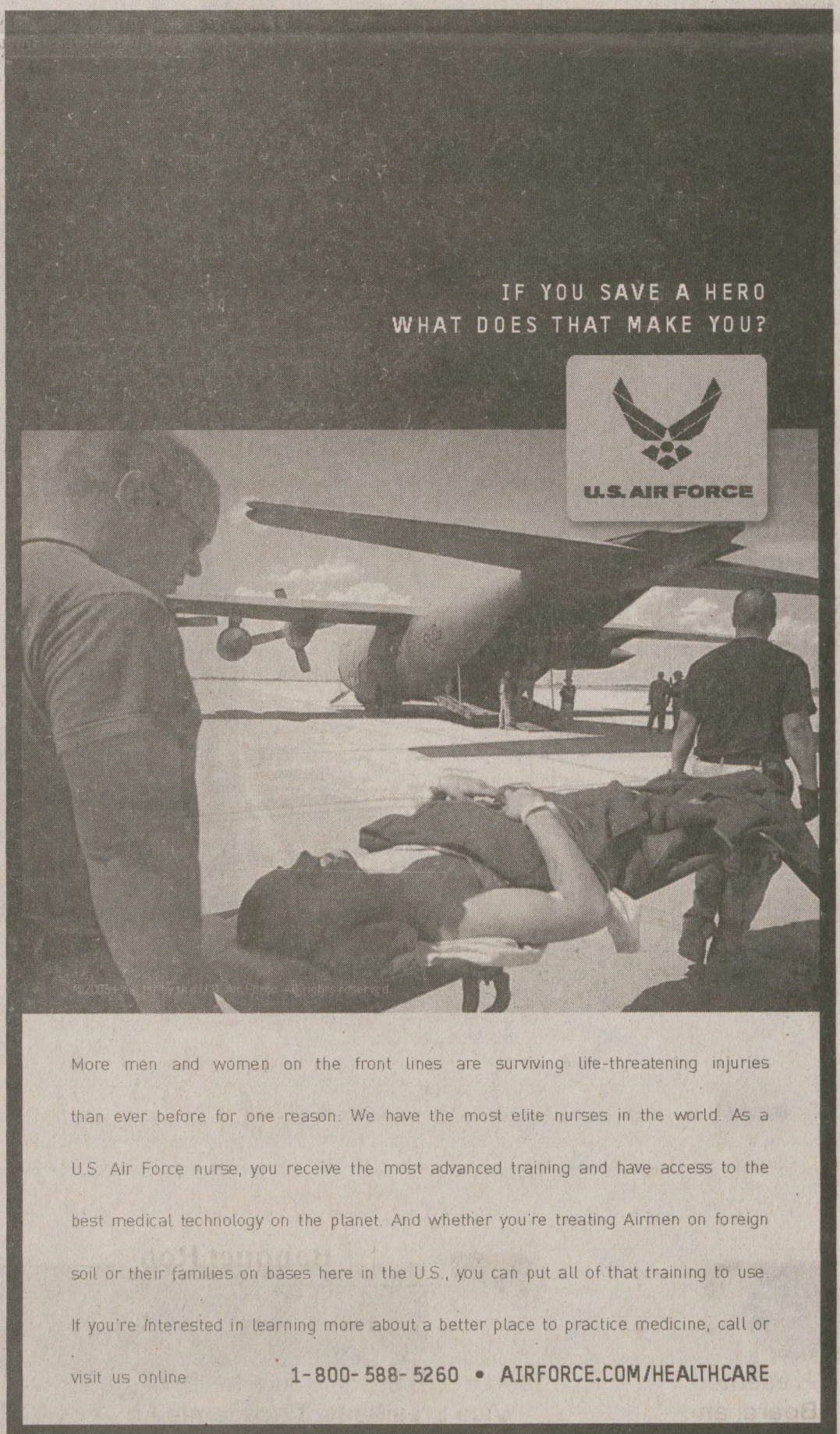
Rozaya Eshawi and Sheila Kosztowny, former editor-in-chief and managing editor, respectively, both just accepted positions as copy editors.

Rounding out the Grizzly presence in The Oakland Press newsroom is former Post sports editor Dustin Frucci, who was recently hired as a copy editor and designer for sports.

Kelly Reynolds has stepped in to replace Eshawi, who returned to OU this fall to pursue a second degree.

Reynolds is no stranger to The Post — or The Press, where she just completed a news writing internship.

She returns to this paper after previously serving in various other capacities, most recently being managing editor during the winter '06 semester. Reynolds will serve as interim editor-in-chief pending approval by The Post's governing board.



IF YOU SAVE A HERO
WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU?

U.S. AIR FORCE

More men and women on the front lines are surviving life-threatening injuries than ever before for one reason: We have the most elite nurses in the world. As a U.S. Air Force nurse, you receive the most advanced training and have access to the best medical technology on the planet. And whether you're treating Airmen on foreign soil or their families on bases here in the U.S., you can put all of that training to use.

If you're interested in learning more about a better place to practice medicine, call or visit us online

1-800-588-5260 • AIRFORCE.COM/HEALTHCARE