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## Cavernous classroom to get makeover

By REBECCA WYATT  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Board of Trustees approved a \$690,000 renovation to 202 O'Dowd Hall, turning the oversized lecture hall into three 90-seat tiered classrooms.

"The particular classroom has not been a highly used classroom because it is a very large room, and this turns out to be a benefit not only to the university, but also to Cooley Law School," said Trustee Ann Nicholson.

At the Board's April 2 meeting, an agreement between Cooley Law School and OU was also approved. The agreement calls for a satellite program to be held at OU.

The BOT approved the resolution that said Cooley Law will pay \$200,000 toward the cost of

the renovations, with OU contributing \$490,000.

Nicholson said the project would not exceed \$690,000.

According to Lynne Schaefer, vice president of Finance and Administration, OU "will be taking another \$200,000 out of the 8 percent gross tuition revenue" to cover any other costs.

According to Schaefer, the funding is coming from "balances from previous projects that have come in under budget."

Nicholson said with the approval of a Cooley satellite and the money coming in from that, the classrooms will be paid off within two years.

One of the classrooms should be ready for use by Cooley in the fall, and another will be ready for the fall 2004 semester.

However, the classroom space

will be available for OU's use also.

"The 2010 vision of enrollment targets 20,000 students. It means an increase of about 4,000 students here from the current level. Even with the completion of the Education and Human Services Building, the availability of general purpose classrooms can sometimes be problematic," Nicholson said.

Nicholson called the current 202 O'Dowd Hall "oversized and underused."

She said the 90-seat tiered classrooms are not only very popular on campus, but there are also very few of them.

According to Registrar Steve Shablin, there are three 90-seat tiered classrooms used on a regular basis for classes.

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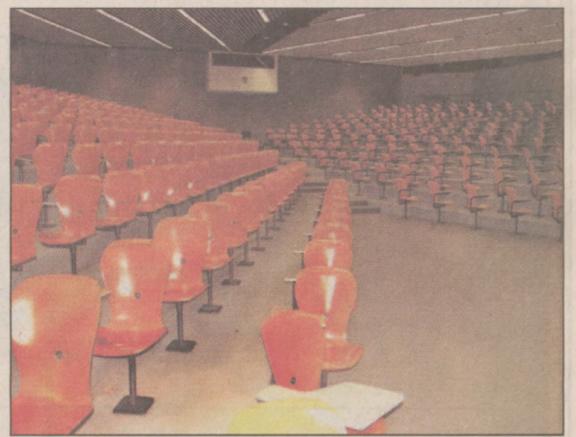
room in Elliot Hall that is not used regularly for classes. In North Foundation Hall, there is also a 90-seat flat classroom.

Student liaison to the BOT, junior Rhonda Hanna, expressed student concerns about where the money is being spent.

"The student concern was that the technology in South Foundation is not up to par with the different buildings on campus," she said.

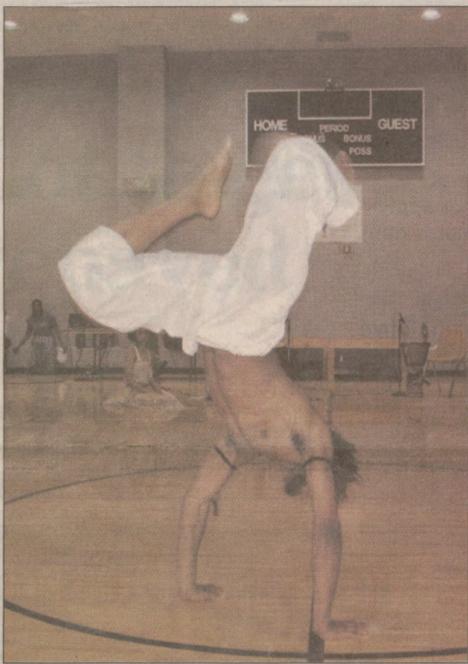
She asked after the money from the project is replenished, the Board might consider updating South Foundation Hall's technology.

"We'll keep that in mind," said Trustee David Fischer, who was acting as Chairman in Henry Baskin's absence.



Room 202 in O'Dowd Hall will soon be split into three smaller 90-seat classrooms. Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

### International fun



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A student from the African dance group Akanke performs at International Night last Friday at the Rec Center.

### Congress discusses student org funding

By GAYLE ISSA  
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

Monday's Student Congress meeting focused on well-known topics - whether to put aside more funds for student organizations and striking the ever fine balance between fiscal prudence and monetary encouragement to active organizations.

But President Jonathan

Parks' new administration is going to be tightening the reins on Student Activities Funding Board and setting a conservative tone for spending in general.

One of Parks' platforms in last month's debate was to curb spending in preparation for the 10 percent state budget cuts ordered by Governor

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## Food healthier, pricier

### After nearly one year on campus, reactions to OU's food service are mixed

By GAYLE ISSA  
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OU contracted Chartwells College and University Dining Services for the Oakland Center Pioneer Food Court and Vandenberg Cafeteria, replacing Aramark nearly one year ago.

Andrew Willows, Chartwells district manager for OU said, "The year has been very successful. Chartwells has developed an excellent working relationship with OU. OU continues to help us, and we continue to serve people better both in terms of our retail and residential service."

Willows also said that Chartwells is in the negotiating stage for the future OC expansion that is expected to be complete in the fall.

"There will be exciting things in the future," he said.

Current opinion of the retail food service varies.

Brian Zaid, senior said, "At first I was scared to lose Taco Bell, but the salad place and Subway made the transition easier as well as being better for my diet. Chick Fil-A was a wonderful addition."

Of the pricing in the Pioneer Food Court he said, "It's still *Please see FOOD on A8*



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Audrey Baker (right) purchases lunch from senior Shauna Chambers in the Oakland Center food court.

The Oakland Post will not publish again until the spring semester.

Good luck on finals and have a great summer!

## Founder's Day honors teaching excellence

By DERRICK SOBODASH  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

OU Founder's Day 2003 is tomorrow and with it, the 8th annual faculty recognition luncheon and dedication of the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Multi-Media Library.

According to Ann Ruppenthal,

Media Relations assistant, Founder's Day is held every year in memory of the university's benefactors, Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson.

The Wilsons donated 1,500 acres and \$2 million to found OU.

The day begins with the Faculty Recognition Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Gold Rooms of the

Oakland Center. Twenty faculty will be honored at the luncheon for their work in creating a resourceful teaching and learning environment.

Five faculty members will also be presented awards: the Distinguished Professor Award and four Excellence Awards.

The Distinguished Professor

Award will be given to Paul Tomboulou, professor of chemistry. Tomboulou is a charter faculty member, arriving on campus in 1959. He was the chair of the chemistry department for 35 years and the recipient of OU's first ever research grant.

The Teaching Excellence Award *Please see DAY on A8*

## Senate debates General Ed reforms

By DERRICK SOBODASH  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The OU Senate held its final meeting of the semester last Thursday to address all final business before the fall. Among topics discussed were a revised General Education program, mid-semester progress reports and the expansion of academic advising.

Early in the meeting, the General Education Task Force II presented draft framework for what will become a proposal for a revised General Education pro-

gram. "Much of this resembles our current system," Jane Eberwein, professor of English, said.

She pointed out the major changes lie in the section called "Integration Knowledge Areas."

This section of General Education would require students to take one knowledge application course outside their major and a "Capstone Experience" - a major class directly connected to General Education.

Senate members raised some concern over the addition of new classes, but

Susan Awbrey, Task Force co-chair and vice provost for undergraduate education, said many courses within the university would already meet the knowledge application requirement.

"I think the committee did a wonderful job of hearing ... concerns and responding to them," David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said.

The Senate accepted the Task Force's preliminary report and directed it to develop its proposed General Education revisions by Dec. 15.

The Senate also passed a motion to

email mid-semester progress reports to students in 100 and 200 level courses.

Charles Clark, director of the Academic Skills Center, said the ASC will use the progress reports to get in touch with students who are performing unsatisfactorily or who are in danger of failing.

According to Clark, after faculty enter a grade of "U" for students whose performance is unsatisfactory, the university's Banner system will email the student to notify them a progress report has been posted for them online. *Please see SENATE on A8*

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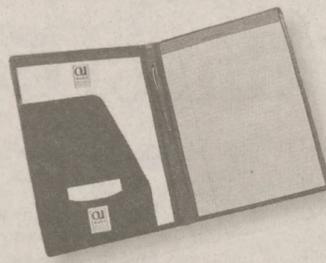
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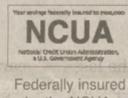
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## Restructuring saves money

By REBECCA WYATT  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In an attempt to save money, OU has reorganized the Information Technology department to create the Center for Information Technology, saving the university an estimated \$140,000 a year.

Under the CIT, three departments have been created: the University Technology Services, Classroom Support & Instructional Technical Services and e-Learning and Instructional Support. According to OU's website, UTS will provide support to networks, database applications, desktop applications and other technical needs of the campus, as well as maintaining the Banner lab in Varner Hall.

Information on the website said e-Learning and Instructional Support will provide faculty training on instructional technology including WebCT and web design. The department will also work closely with Communication and Marketing for web development.

With this department come two new positions, an assistant vice president to lead the department and an instructional designer to handle training.

CSITS, one of the departments created, will support classroom technology including consulting, cable TV support, video production, management of audio/visual equipment and management of distance-learning classrooms.

The Kresge Library labs will also be run by CSITS.

"Our transition strategy is simple. UTS will continue to support the primary day-to-day management of the labs through June 30, 2003. Lab services will basically remain intact as is," said George Preisinger, assistant vice president of CSITS.

He said between May 1 and June 30, CSITS staff will become acclimated with the lab in Kresge Library, and CSITS will take over operations.

"At this point in time, we have no plans to make any significant changes to the current level of service that is being provided under UTS management," Preisinger said.

According to Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president of UTS, part of the Kresge Library lab will change purpose.

"One space will remain open and general purpose for the time being. The other will be proctored test space for online learning," Rowe said.

Preisinger said testing is not scheduled, the lab will be open for student use.

Another student computer lab involved in the reorganization is the one in the lower level of the Oakland Center. It will now be supported by Student Affairs.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs said, the OC will also be providing a 24-hour computer lab in the new addition when it opens in the fall.

Rowe said a survey of students con-



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Students who use the lab in Kresge Library probably won't notice the transition to the new CSITS department.

ducted a few years ago showed 80 percent owned or had access to a computer.

"This increase of personal computer ownership has resulted in a behavior change in the UTS computer facilities. These facilities are used less and less for classroom, homework and research activities, far different from when the

facilities were founded," Rowe said.

The labs in Dodge Hall are now the responsibility of the School of Computer Science and Engineering.

Other departments are taking on responsibilities originally part of Information Technology. Administrative Training Services will now be handled

by University Human Resources, and statistical software support will move its position to the College of Arts and Sciences.

The streamlining is anticipated to save additional funding for OU when leaders in the new departments review operating costs.

## Lot to get repaved

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
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Following a pattern that has materialized over the last few years, OU will be resurfacing and repaving parking lot 36 over the summer after the Board of Trustees approved the project at its April 2 meeting.

Trustee David Doyle said that the project would not exceed \$300,000, all of which will come from the parking fund.

Lot 36, a 500-space parking area located between the Science and Engineering Building, Varner and Elliott Hall, was last resurfaced in 1985.

Severe cracking has spread throughout the lot, with some areas being completely worn down to bare earth, a condition that has only worsened with Michigan's freeze-thaw cycle.

At the BOT meeting, Doyle emphasized the poor condition of the lot.

"If anyone has parked out there or walked through it, they know that it is deteriorating very badly and is in dire need of repairs," Doyle said.

In its entirety, the construction will involve breaking up what is currently the lot and re-compacting it, rebuilding nearly 1,700 square-feet of pavement, renovating eight storm water catch basins and the installation of a three-inch asphalt wearing surface over the whole lot, Doyle said.

Rusty Postlewaite, associate vice president for



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The P-36 lot will be repaved over the summer. It was last resurfaced in 1985.

Facilities Management, said the repairs would be finished before the fall semester.

He said that OU is currently employing a consultant to draft specifications and the amount of work needed, which should take approximately three weeks.

OU will then open the construction to bidding, which will take a month, Postlewaite said.

He said another month will be needed to evaluate the bids and choose which contractor will do the work.

The construction should only take two weeks, Postlewaite said.

"We will be done by the fall term," Postlewaite said. "That's a definite."

With the timetable, the project should be completed by mid-August.

In addition to the parking lot construction, OU will also be doing patchwork repairs on Pioneer Drive between the newly built parking structure to Squirrel Rd.

Last year, parking lot 11, which is located near the Upper Fields and married housing, was expanded from 75 to 200 spaces and the older portion was resurfaced.

In summer 2001, the main parking lot adjacent to the North and South Foundation and Wilson Halls received a full overhaul.

## Club targets residents

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL  
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

For the first time in OU's history, the Kresge Library is hosting a student book club.

The program, which began in the fall of 2002, was primarily focused on residence halls students.

Now, according to Beth Kraemer, assistant library professor and library liaison, all students who live in on campus apartments are encouraged to attend, too.

Kraemer said the idea behind the book club was to create a better way for students to become acquainted with the library.

"We wanted to create a fun way for students to learn about the library," Kraemer said. "To make it more approachable, we created the book club."

The group meets twice a year, once in the winter and in the fall. So far, six students have expressed interest.

Past readings have includ-

ed "Into the Forest" by Jean Hegland and "Harry Potter" by J.K. Rowling.

The library previously purchased the books used in the club. However, students are now encouraged to buy books on their own.

"We get together and discuss the types of books that the students are interested in," said Kraemer. "I really want input from the students."

Although Thomas Tucker, senior, said he has too much homework to join the book club, he said he thinks the club is a really good idea.

"Students seem to have lost the fundamental joy of reading," he said. "If I had more time, I would definitely join the club because reading is an activity that people of all ages should take part in."

For more information about the book club, contact Kraemer at (248) 370-4879 or email her at kraemer@oakland.edu.

## Calling all teachers

### Career Services encourages seniors, alumni to participate in interviews with local school districts

By SANDARELLA BATRES  
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

OU's Career Services department is having their Eighth Annual Educators Recruiting Day from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30 in the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center.

Upcoming graduates and alumni from the School of Education and Human Services have the chance to interview for teaching positions with superintendents, principals, and human resources representatives from numerous schools and school districts, said Crystal

Turner, Placement & Career Services coordinator.

Some Educators Day participants include Bloomfield, Clarkston and Oxford schools.

Interviews will take place from 9-11:45 a.m. and in the afternoon from 1-3:45 p.m.

Only registered teaching candidates that are OU seniors and alumni in the Career Services eRecruiting database with a resume uploaded can participate in the event.

Alumni not registered in Career Connection will need to pay a \$35 fee to register.

To sign up, students can log on to [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices) and click on eRecruiting@OU.

The user name is the student's email address and password is "students."

Once in the eRecruiting system, select the "Job and Internship" tab. Under the heading "One-Click Searches" select "upcoming on-campus interviews." Then choose one of the positions titled "EDUCATORS."

At the bottom of the screen, students will see how to apply.

### Spring has sprung

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Krystina Suarez, senior, and Larra Wecklin, senior, sit outside Monday enjoying the weather. The warmer temperatures are supposed to last until tomorrow.

## Crime Watch

•A shop vacuum was stolen between 9-10 a.m. April 9, from the fourth floor of O'Dowd Hall. The supervisor for area construction has been using the vacuum for a short time then left. When he returned, the vacuum was missing. The vacuum was orange and grey with a 15-gallon tank valued at \$60.

•A woman's blue leather purse was stolen between 12:30-2:15 p.m. on April 9 from 147A O'Dowd Hall. The purse contained her checkbook, cell phone, assorted credit cards and her driver's license.

•A student's black purse with brown piping was stolen between 8-10 a.m. on April 10 from the

Kresge Library basement level computer lab. The woman left her purse on a chair while she went to the printer. When she returned, the purse was missing. It contained her car and house keys, checkbook and \$50 in cash.

•A woman's brown Luis Vutton purse with straps was stolen between 3:30-4 p.m. on April 11

from 203 Dodge Hall. The student left her purse at the end of the first row of seats to go set up a display. When she came back, the purse was gone. She allegedly couldn't find it anywhere in the room, and none of the people she asked had seen it. The purse was valued at \$200 and contained a Coach tan wallet valued at \$150.

The purse also contained her driver's license and student ID.

•A hit-and-run collision between two vehicles in the P1 North Foundation parking lot left a woman's Grand Dodge Caravan with damage to the rear driver's side. The minivan was left parked between April 3-9. It belonged to a woman in a motor

pool.

•A student's 1993 green Ford Explorer was hit between 5-8 p.m. on April 9 in P5 outside Vandenberg Hall. The SUV had damage to the driver's side rear bumper and light.

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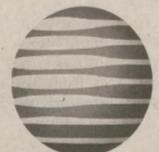
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## Discounts help students out Website encourages university participation

BY ANASTASIA STANECKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

College students who attend school full time can face financial concerns.

For the typical student, it can be difficult to juggle tuition, books, supplies and living expenses. Even though students have options like financial aid and direct loans, living expenses can use up a lot of money.

One site that offers an easy-to-

join membership for \$20 is [www.studentadvantage.com](http://www.studentadvantage.com). There are discounts from 15 percent off at Dollar Rent-A-Car and 5 percent off with free shipping at Barnes & Noble.

Other discounts on the website include specials like Armani Exchange, offering 20 percent off. There is a coupon for members for \$10 off with a \$50 purchase at Footlocker, 10 percent off at Tower Records and more places that are listed on the web

site. Greyhound Bus is offering a \$99 round trip fare to anywhere in the United States and with a membership from Student Advantage, an additional 15 percent will be taken off if the ticket is purchased in person.

Pearle Vision has a promotion for members who need prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses or lens options for 25 percent off. Students should make sure to have a membership card at the

time of purchase. Another website is [www.price-line.com](http://www.price-line.com). It is offering members who purchase travel tickets through the website an additional \$15 off of the price.

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•The future of Iraq will soon be determined, according to U.S. President George W. Bush. He said most of the military combat is over, and U.S. officials will meet with Iraqi opposition leaders on the post-Saddam era. The meeting will take place in Ur, a city south of Nasiriya in Iraq. Names of invitees have not yet been announced, however, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said it would be a rather large meeting, with the United States handpicking attendees. The meeting is said to be one of many to come to determine what will happen to the future of Iraq.

•After accusations by the U.S. that Syria is developing chemical weapons and possibly hosting former Iraqi leaders, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the country has an "opportunity to prove" these statements are false. This came after the U.S. said Syria is sponsoring and harboring terrorism on Sunday. Syria has denied the allegations and said the U.S. is just trying to divert attention away from civil disorder in Iraq. Straw is urging Syria to take this matter very seriously.

•Two bodies that washed ashore at a park in Richmond, CA, on Sunday, a woman and a baby, are being investigated and may possibly be the remains of Laci Peterson and her baby. Peterson, who was pregnant, has been missing since Dec. 24, 2002. Modesto police said there is "no indication" yet that these remains are Peterson's or her baby's, however they are not ruling the idea out. Richmond is 80 miles northwest of Peterson's home in Modesto. Autopsy reports will determine whether the badly decomposed body of the baby was a full-term boy. Peterson was scheduled to give birth on Feb. 10. Police said the investigation could take weeks because DNA testing may have to be done to determine the identity of both victims.

•Hong Kong's worst day for the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, came Tuesday as the country reported nine more deaths, bringing the total to 56. There were also 42 newly reported cases totaling 1,232 cases in the country. So far, only 243 cases have been discharged. Earlier claims of the SARS virus attacking young and apparently healthy people are being supported with the recent deaths in Hong Kong. Four deaths on Tuesday came to people in their 30s and 40s who had no prior history of chronic disease. The virus has reportedly killed at least 150 people worldwide with more than 3,000 infected. Most of the cases being in Hong Kong, China and Southeast Asia.

## Riots may leave some without an education

Law bans rioters from attending public schools

BY VADIM FEYDER  
THE OAKLAND POST

A law passed in 2000 banning anyone from attending public Michigan universities or colleges from rioting on campuses may be enforced after several people were arrested at Michigan State University.

At least four MSU students who incited riots during the March 28-30 weekend after the school's basketball team lost in the NCAA tournament could be banned for up to two years.

"So far, four students have been suspended from MSU," said Terry Denbaw, vice president of MSU Relations.

Denbaw declined to speculate whether the students would be banned from the school. He said the severity of the punishment would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The students can also be disciplined in other manners, according to the school's Student Disorderly Conduct Policy. This policy, established after the 1999 riots at MSU, allows the university to punish students for disruptive off-campus behavior.

MSU police are in the process of investigating the incident, and have set up a tip line to report students that participated in the riot.

"Seventy tips have been received so far," said Sgt. Florene Taylor of the MSU Police.

On Friday, six MSU students were interviewed and police are now looking to issue warrants to four of them.

Two other warrants should be issued next week, according to police.

Another MSU student is yet to be interviewed, which brings the total number of students arrested in connection with the riots to 30.

The police and the university are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for a tip leading to the arrest and conviction of people involved in the incident.

"Students could be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony, depending on the degree of participation," said Taylor.

If convicted of a felony, students could be banned from public schools for up to two years, while a misdemeanor carries a ban of one year.

Taylor said, "Some of the students were simply caught in the middle of the riot and will not be punished as severely as those who were overturning cars and setting fire to trash cans."

## Disaster plan kits on rise

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

With the elevated threat alert and the war in Iraq, the fear of disaster could be on the minds of OU students.

The Red Cross and the Department of Homeland Security agree that it is important to be prepared for an emergency.

The Department of Homeland Security website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), said the two best ways to be prepared are to have a plan and an emergency kit.

According to Kim Rodgers, public relations spokesperson for the southeastern Michigan Red Cross, it is important to find out which type of disasters are most likely to occur and how the public will be notified of the emergency.

This may mean discussing with family what to do in the event of an emergency at home.

The television may be the most reliable and up-to-date source of information, especially when it comes to an emergency, according to the southeastern Michigan Red Cross website, [www.semredcross.org](http://www.semredcross.org).

It is also important to be prepared away from home. Schools and businesses should also have emergency plans to keep their patrons safe.

OUPD Chief Samuel Lucido said, "The university has a planned response to deal with any potential emergency." He said the policies are always being revised and were just recently updated.

OU President Gary Russi sent out an email to the OU community on March 26 in response to students' concerns



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

The Oakland County Jail has almost finished its new work release program center, set to open in May.

## OCJ builds work release facility

BY KAKELA BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Overcrowding in jails has forced nearly 55 inmates to sleep in a gymnasium at the Oakland County Jail each night, and 160 prisoners have been shipped to jails outside of the county.

Macomb County jails are also full, which means they may have to start releasing prisoners.

The state of Michigan, struggling with its own budget problems, is talking about ways to keep people out of state prisons and that would add to even more inmates in county jails.

Oakland County officials will open a work release center in May in the county complex in Pontiac.

This center will add 188 beds, but it will still not be enough to house all of the prisoners under the county's control. Besides sending inmates outside of the county, Oakland is using cells in the county courthouse. If the state goes along with

Governor Jennifer Granholm's proposed plan to keep nonviolent parole violators out of prison, Oakland's system will continue to be overcrowded, said Oakland County Under sheriff Captain Michael McCabe.

"It will mean we will hit our overcrowding limit, and then we are going to have to start releasing prisoners," McCabe said.

On average, the prisoners in the gym, usually between 55 and 100, share one toilet, one sink and two fans. There are usually three deputies to keep track of the men.

Last month, Macomb County jails were also overcrowded. Because of the situation, jail officials had to meet with Macomb County Circuit Court Chief Judge Peter Maceroni to give him the list of inmates and let him decide which to release.

Under the law, he would look at nonviolent offenders and reduce the sentences of a sufficient number to get under capacity. Now Macomb County jails are under the limit,

said jail administrator Michelle Sanborn.

In Lansing, the state is working to avoid the expensive reopening of two prisons.

One way to do that is to change the way some parole violators are handled. When inmates violate terms of their parole, even if it is for a minor infraction such as testing positive for drugs or alcohol or failing to show up for a probation meeting, they generally are sent back to prison.

In 2002, 3,300 parole violators went back, according to the Department of Corrections.

Granholm is looking to change that by having these parole violators handled in their community through treatment or perhaps local incarceration.

The state of Michigan is trying to appease local officials by expanding programs to pay local jails to house felony convicts in some cases.

"Hopefully, this problem will be fixed soon," McCabe said.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Heating pads like these at Joe's Army Navy can be in a kit, about the university's emergency procedures.

It said, "While we do not anticipate the war in Iraq will have a direct impact on our campus, we are gathering information and making plans to be prepared in the unlikely event that Oakland is affected."

Before the war with Iraq, OUPD also distributed a list of safety tips and guidelines in February for students concerning emergency procedures and other safety information.

Lucido said he feels it is necessary to keep students informed and believes the OUPD and other university staff have been very helpful and informative.

"The university became quite proactive before many questions were asked. The websites are a good source of information, and a lot of the information was presented prior to the war," Lucido said. "We were answering questions before they were asked."

Please see KITS on A8

## Past records are now online

BY ANN ZANIEWSKI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Residents of Oakland County can access several important records without ever having to make a trip to their local government offices or the county headquarters in Pontiac, and soon the number of records available on the Web will grow.

Beginning May 1, people can order birth certificates, marriage licenses and death certificates on Oakland County's website, [www.co.oakland.mi.us](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us). Records currently available include assessments, tax records and parcel maps.

Users are charged a fee for each record, and the amount varies depending on which type of record is requested. Once it is ordered on the Internet, the record is mailed directly to the recipient's house.

According to Phil Bertolini, director of Informational Technology for the county, the service generates roughly \$85,000 per month. He said money is split between the county offices, cities and townships.

Larry Mitchell, Oakland County's deputy clerk register, said birth, marriage and death records were originally intended to be available online earlier, but the date was pushed back to May because it is taking a long time to scan in all the records and create the database.

Please see RECORDS on A8

## Global goof

•Bar hoppers are being urged to "Act On It" as Parti Quebecois, a political group in Sherbrooke, Quebec, handed out condoms this past month. The group said the intention was to encourage people to go and vote in last Monday's provincial election. The distribution was only done in bars, according to PQ, which said it has handed out more than 30,000 condoms. Each condom passed out had a special message on it to remind people to vote, along with the party's slogan "Let's Stay Strong." The publicity campaign was set up by the PQ youth wing. The party said the campaign was not only to promote the fight against sexually transmitted diseases, but to also to spark political discussion in a venue where such debates are rare.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,  
Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources

## Editorial

### Keep fighting for our rights

Some battles come and go, and others never end. This semester's battle to make the grades and balance other priorities around class is almost over. But some battles OU students and community members face are ongoing both here on campus and in the world.

Turbulent times never cease, and it's what's done to get through them that counts. *The Post's* hope is that no matter who you are on campus, students' and community members' rights and liberties are protected. Whether it's a lawsuit against OU's Board of Trustees, Michigan's higher education budget cuts or a war in Iraq, what our leaders do, be it the trustees, state legislators or world presidents, is of critical importance.

On Saturday, *The Post's* adviser, Jane Briggs-Bunting (director of journalism program), said during her speech on being inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, "If only every country in the world could adopt our First Amendment then there truly would be world peace." Perhaps if Iraqi people had had the freedom to speak out against an oppressive leader, today's war would not be necessary. And even in times of economic recession, the U.S. is putting billions of dollars on the line for "Operation: Iraqi Freedom."

This is being mirrored at OU. As Governor Jennifer Granholm tightens the state's higher education funding, other issues are not being overlooked, such as the need for openness on campus. Just because the state's forecast is grim doesn't mean other causes are no longer relevant or should be put on the backburner.

Always be influential in the battles. While journalists may be more stereotypically abrasive, Student Congress leaders, deans and vice presidents can broker more amicable arrangements that also defend students' rights. Regardless, everyone should be working toward the common goal of keeping intact people's rights – not just as students at OU but as members of society.

And those are the rights that should always be at the forefront of our minds: freedom of speech, assembly, religion, the press and freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The First Amendment to the Constitution makes the U.S. great. Dedication to those same freedoms here on campus will make this institution great and be a perfect accompaniment to a solid academic education. In fact, delivering a quality education comes hand in hand with a dedication to those five liberties.

## Letters to the editor

### Readers angered by attack on Post's lawsuit

**Dear Editor,**

It was surprising to read Gena Hintz's letter criticizing *The Post* for the legal actions it has taken after another apparent violation of the Open Meetings Act by the Board of Trustees. *The Post's* response did an excellent job of laying out the reasons for its sensible actions. I take exception to the last paragraph of Hintz's letter, which I found upsetting.

Hintz's letter attacks *The Post* for casting a negative light on the school. Since when is it the responsibility of an "objective" media entity, to only report on happenings that reflect positively on the institutions it is affiliated with?

The real responsibility of journalists is to write stories that accurately depict reality. If the reality is negative, then that is what must be reported. Should Watergate have remained uncovered just so the U.S. wouldn't look stupid for having a president surrounded by hoods?

If some people cannot emotionally process the unpleasantness sometimes thrust upon us, I'm sure there's a support group to help them get their heads out of the sand and into the real world.

The freedom of the press is protected by the First Amendment. This leaves the media, including student papers like *The Post*, free to protect citizens from possible abuses by those in power. Thus, it is the job of *The Post* to illuminate the mistakes made by the fallible human beings that run OU. Would Hintz and others rather the behavior of the BOT go unchecked so OU is known as the Michigan school with the deviant governing body? If there was even a possibility the BOT violated the OMA, *The Post* had a duty and right to report it. If there is nothing to hide, we all move on. If there is something going on, then it's exposed and dealt with. Simple, really.

If Hintz and the others would like to sell me a ticket to their fantasy world of soda pop waterfalls and lollipop trees, I'll gladly rustle up a unicorn and join them. Otherwise, she and others who have criticized *The Post* should just face the fact that not everything in life is pleasant, and just be proud their school has a paper that did not shrink under the threat of censorship attempted by Victor Zambardi and his "poison pen."

Justin Mularski  
Junior, Political Science

**Dear Editor,**

This is in response to last week's letter by Gena Hintz disagreeing with *The Post's* lawsuit for an alleged Open Meetings Act violation. I feel the paper is well within its right to sue OU's Board of Trustees since any lawsuit expenses *The Post* might foot is coming from its advertising revenue.

Remember the BOT violated the law in the past, and *The Post* has successfully sued twice for OMA and Freedom of Information Act violations.

It was brought to readers' attention that *The Post* receives \$45,000 from students' activity fees. It was not mentioned, however, that the BOT has the final say on a budget exceeding \$162 million. As a student leader, I'm concerned that the budget is being handled in secret.

It does not surprise me that the facts mentioned are selectively based on individual biases. For example, the author of last week's letter (Hintz) works in the Dean of Students' Office. I have my own bias. I co-authored the resolution that passed unanimously in Student Congress stating the BOT should "open both its formal and informal sessions to the public except when closure would be permitted." I have yet to hear a response from the BOT regarding it.

Something needs to be done to get the trustees' attention. Nothing has worked so far. The only option left is a legal one.

Zvonko Blazevski  
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**Dear Editor,**

One of the fundamental rights we hold with veneration is the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances. *The Post* by acting to hold the Board of Trustees accountable in civil court is doing nothing more than exercising this guaranteed right. The Oakland County Prosecutor's decision to not act is not a court ruling of innocence but is simply his opinion and may be influenced by political considerations as much as a legal finding. *The Post*, with full consideration for the costs of prosecuting the case filed for a summary opinion by the judge.

However we should not have contempt

for *The Post*. Our attention should be on those who have violated the public's trust when they denied public access to an "informal" meeting wherein financial discussions transpired. The BOT has been repeatedly offered the opportunity to embrace the tenets of open government and has on each occasion rebuffed *The Post*. Additionally the students (in a university-wide vote) chose to transfer funds to *The Post* so that a newspaper is available. The Post receives only 7 percent of the total monies available in order to provide such an important service. I, as a student, will gladly cover the cost of pursuing a resolution that reinforces the necessity of open government at OU.

Brian Welch  
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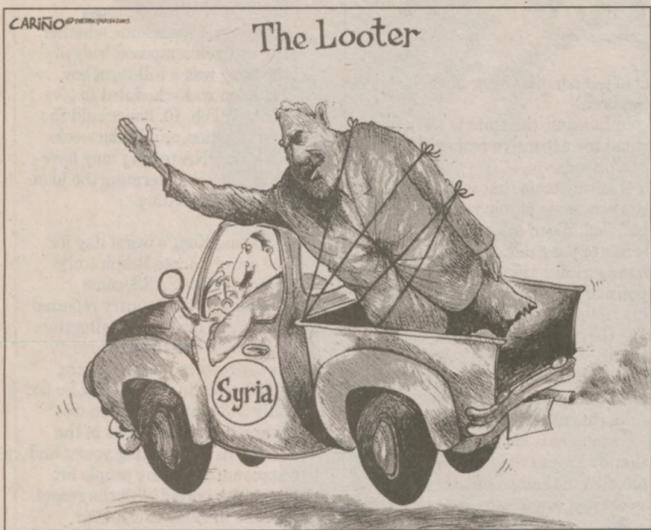
#### Corrections

The article "Nursing names new head" in the March 26 issue should have noted that the search for a dean of OU's School of Nursing began in September, 2002.

The article "Auxiliaries run in red" in the April 9 issue should have noted that of OU's 11 auxiliary units, four are projecting a net loss for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The Golf Course and Learning Center lost \$31,342, Graham Health Center lost \$17,977, Meadow Brook Theatre lost \$33,293, and the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute lost \$92,524.

The editor's note in the April 9 issue should have noted that OU Student Congress received \$125,270.75 of the student activity fee for the 2002/2003 school year.

All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Please limit letters to 450 words. Letters may be edited for content and length. *The Post* uses discretion and may reject any letter for any reason. Letters become property of *The Post*.



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#### FEATURED COLUMNISTS

### Affirmative action not a 'black' issue



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Unfortunately current politicians have put a black face on the issue of affirmative action. In reality it does not just benefit African Americans but also Latino-Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, veterans, the disabled and women. Let's face facts. For hundreds of years, minorities were discriminated against because of the color of their skin or their gender.

Although the height of discriminatory practices in the U.S. has passed, the repercussions are still felt today. Minorities still hold less than 1 percent of the largest corporations' top management positions, while white males hold 95 percent of these jobs. But white males represent 45 percent of the workforce.

How can one who is not a minority decide on what's best for minorities? Preferential treatment and appearances are the reasons why most are in the powerful positions they hold today.

Instead of getting rid of affirmative action, the U.S. needs to strengthen the programs already created, so that not only will more minorities be helped, but also so more people will profit from the

benefits of a diverse, economically stable social class.

Affirmative action does not support reverse discrimination. It instead asks that women and people of color be placed in the pool of applicants applying to college and the entering the workforce. People feel if they don't have a common connection to the cause then it's none of their concern.

All I ask is that before you form an opinion on an issue, do your research and have a better understanding of the issue at hand. Affirmative action might benefit you personally, your family or friends.

Another aspect of the debate is that all schools are not equal. When comparing schools in the suburbs to

those in the inner city, it's not hard to realize which schools receive more money and which students get a better education. Don't your K-12 years play a role in how qualified you are to pass the ACT and SAT tests? These two tests determine whether you will get into the college of your choice.

But if one student's education is better than the other's, how can the student from the impoverished school expect to do as well as, or better than, the student from the privileged school?

Look past the color issues that lock affirmative action in its tight hold of controversy and see it for what it really is – a mechanism to help a disadvantaged class of people.

### Library outdoes the Internet any day



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Without a doubt the most significant development in recent history has been the growth of the Internet. Available information has multiplied exponentially. As more and more people use the net to find information, the sheer quantity leads people to believe that it's all there, complete information on any subject, just waiting to be tapped.

The traditional library seems positively old-fashioned – all those books with call numbers carefully arranged

upon the shelves.

But appearances can be deceiving, both the image of infinite information on the Internet, and the seeming limitations of the library. Comparing the two along specific criteria leads to surprising results:

- 1) Too much of a good thing? Sure, there's a lot on the Internet – so much of it that a typical search engine request produces hundreds of thousands of hits. The very immensity of it means you have to work harder to sift through and find the good stuff. The fact that our library collections are carefully selected means that though you will find fewer items, the ones you do find are more likely to be useful.
- 2) Too much of a bad thing? Because just about anyone can put up a web page, the content can often be suspect.

Did you hear about the whale sightings in the Great Lakes? Hoaxes, false reports, overblown claims and sheer prevarication are all found in great quantities on the Internet. The published sources that the library offers on the other hand have been through a content evaluation process that gives them a greater likelihood of actually being in some way accurate.

- 3) Now you see it, now you don't. Home pages and web sites appear and disappear with disconcerting frequency. Even if you copy down the URL for a page you are citing in a paper, the site may have disappeared by the time your professor goes to double-check the source. If you rely on published information, the citation will allow your source to be verified even if OU doesn't own it.
- 4) What about the human

touch and a real place? In the library we have helpful librarians who work hard to help you find the information you need. We also have pleasant surroundings in which to read, study and meet your friends. Right now there's even a coffee cart in our lobby. So if you need help with your research, or need to get out of the house and study, or simply want a little peace and quiet, the library is a great place to head.

Of course the Internet is still a remarkably useful and wonderful invention, and we do use it a lot in the library ourselves.

But don't forget that for quality information, for help with your research, and for a real place to make your home away from home, Kresge Library is here to welcome you.

## Smoking kills youth also



NEAL SHINE

Journalism professor

Joe the Rat died the day after Christmas.

On Dec. 25 his children and grandchildren stood near his hospital bed in St. Joseph, Michigan, and told him how much they loved him. Because he was on a respirator and could not talk, he mouthed the words, "I love you all."

Joe's given name was Joseph Thomas Callahan. He was 72 when he died. We grew up a few blocks from each other on Detroit's lower eastside. We went to grade school and high school together. We spent most of our free time together and both married girls we went to school with.

He picked up the "Joe the Rat" label as a kid, the result of the dirty tricks in which we were all involved. It was a designation that could have applied to any of us, but with Joe, the name stuck.

After his company, Michigan Bell, moved him to the western part of the state, we kept in touch by phone and later by the e-mails he signed, "JTR."

Cigarettes killed Joe, just as he knew they would.

He started smoking early in high school and continued to smoke until illness forced him to quit. Several years ago he was diagnosed with chronic emphysema and after that oxygen tanks and plastic tubing became a necessary part of his life.

The night before a school reunion we stayed up late the night, talking not about the happy days of childhood but about the tragedy of smoking. It killed his wife the year before, he said, and was going to kill him. Three months later it did.

He asked if my students at OU smoked. Too many, I told him. "Do me one last favor," he said. "Tell them to stop. Call it the Callahan warning if you want to, but tell them if they keep smoking it will surely make them sick and eventually kill them."

"Tell them just because they're young and strong doesn't mean they can win this fight. I was young and strong when I started smoking, now look at me."

I promised I would do it. Look at the statistics - 430,000 lives a year lost to smoking-related illnesses; \$97.2 billion a year in health care costs and lost productivity; 87 percent of lung cancer cases and most cases of chronic emphysema caused by smoking.

I look at all those numbers but the only one I can see is one red-haired kid we called Joe the Rat.

I promised him I would deliver his message.

"Let's just pray that they listen," he said.

Graham Health Center, 370-2341, has a smoking cessation program. The American Lung Association, [lungusa.org/tobacco/](http://lungusa.org/tobacco/), offers an online program. Or talk to your doctor.



ANN ZANIEWSKI

Editor in Chief

I came to OU in the fall of 1998 when the university was toying with the idea of building a second golf course. The OU community wasn't happy about it - students, faculty and staff members took part in a series of protests and voiced concerns about how the course would disrupt the environment and science classes that study wildlife.

Why would someone want to put a golf course right next to one that already exists? It didn't seem like a bright idea, and I

thought for sure the widespread protests and just plain old common sense would make the university reconsider.

I was wrong. Administrators ignored everyone's wishes except their own and built the Sharf Golf Course anyway.

I remember being surprised that the president and other decision-makers would act as if they weren't accountable and blatantly ignore the people whose tuition supplies their paychecks.

Sadly, nothing has changed.

*Oakland Post* reporters prevented from entering a secret Board of Trustees meeting in January, and when we reported on the community's outrage over the meeting, the university threatened to sue us. We present-

## GRADUATING SENIORS

# Administrative attitudes must change

ed a petition to the BOT urging it to be more open with its business, and the Board ignored the 1,201 students, faculty and staff members who signed it.

And this is supposed to be a university that cares about its community?

OU doesn't have the level of student involvement that many other schools do (visiting sports teams often have more fans in the bleachers, and only 730 students out of 16,000 voted in the last election). The administration's attitude toward the people who work and attend classes here is a big reason why.

It's easy for students not to care if they feel their voices will not be heard, their opinions not represented and their concerns met with a plastic smile and pat

on the back. Last fall, Professor of Biological Sciences George Gamboa told *The Post* he has noticed a dramatic decrease in some bird species in the area since Sharf was built and said "the habitat of animals has been destroyed" by its construction.

Administrators argued that Sharf would entice donors and be a profit-making machine, but today it is almost always empty all the time. Most students cannot afford to golf there because it costs an arm and a leg.

The course bleeds money, yet many upper-level administrators still argue with enthusiasm that it's a good thing for OU.

I'm graduating in a few weeks, and I'm willing to bet at my ceremony, someone representing the

Alumni Association will make a speech about why everyone should give money back to OU.

If some administrators dropped their condescending attitudes and really, genuinely paid attention to people in the community, there would probably be at least a little boost in school pride and therefore student involvement. And those involved students would be more likely to stay active after graduation.

Universities everywhere rely heavily on the generous support of their alumni. An increase of OU alumni involvement could equal an increase in donations.

Then the university wouldn't have to look for money in other places, like golf courses.

# Justice for Lebanon crucial for Middle East



GAYLE ISSA

Managing/Opinions Editor

It's about time the U.S. government looked at Syria for what it is - a terrorism-supporting state. And the Lebanese have suffered from its poison for years. I should know - half of my family still lives there.

Thanks to passive permission from the "free world," Lebanon today is under the control of Syria - one of the world's most brutal states.

Finally the U.S. patience clock has started ticking, the heat is up and pressure is on. But not soon enough for Lebanon - the only Arab nation with experience of democracy that was shut down after the Syrian dictatorship executed a cruel attack on the tiny Mediterranean country and replaced its Western style government with a corrupt puppet regime.

Today's news tells of a possibility that Syria is stockpiling

weapons of mass destruction and harboring Saddam loyalists. But the Lebanese could have told you about Syria's long history of supporting terrorism years ago.

Bringing justice to this smaller-than-Rhode Island country, which gained its independence from France in 1943, will work wonders in the region.

No one knows about Lebanon's former glory days. The capital city of Beirut, which is slowly losing its bombshelled exterior, was the "Paris of the Middle East." And it encapsulated everything Americans love: a free press, a vibrant society, and a market economy and was the closest to a Western democracy you would find anywhere in that region. Most of that was eradicated after the civil war, which ended in 1991.

The Lebanese government always walked a fine line. Where else in the world could you find a country with a Maronite Christian president, a Sunni Muslim prime minister and a Shia Muslim speaker of Parliament? The system ensures one single group does not become too strong.

And Lebanon offers a strug-

gling example to the Iraqi people of how religions and sects can coexist. The lesson will be learned in a post-Saddam Iraq as its Muslim Sunni, Shias Kurds, and Turkomans and its Christian Assyrians and Chaldeans try to live together peacefully.

But where is the root of Lebanon's problem?

In 1975, the country was at war because of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's PLO set-up within Lebanon's borders. In 1976, with the blessing of the U.S., Syrian troops first arrived in the name of "stability."

In 1989, through an Arab deal, Syria became the de facto guardian - and occupying force - in Lebanon. The last Bush administration gave then-Syrian leader Hafez Assad even more power in Lebanon in return for his support against Hussein in the Gulf War. They rewarded one dictator for helping them subdue another.

The "old" news of Syria being responsible for the Hezbollah terrorists based in Lebanon will soon fill the pages of every newspaper. But there has yet to be any serious effort to make Syria

withdraw its troops from Lebanon, or to end Syria's support for Hezbollah whose terrorists bombed the U.S. embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut in the 1983 killing more than 300 Americans.

In recent years, Syria still maintains an occupying army of some 30,000 troops in Lebanon.

Yes, Lebanon has felt the sting of U.S. foreign policy's hypocrisy.

The U.S. allowed this to happen to a country, which shares Western values in return for just nominal support (about 200 Syrian non-fighting soldiers) in the 1991 Gulf War. Kuwait was liberated but at what price?

Today, behind the scenes of a newly risen downtown remains a \$30 billion debt and an authoritarian regime in Syria staging the show.

Now a disenchanted people hear the Washington D.C. talk about democracy in the Middle East and wonder why no one opens their mouth about Lebanon. If the U.S. is serious then Lebanon should be held up as an example. A professor from The American University of Beirut recently said, "For all its faults, Lebanon is the only coun-

try where you don't have to start from scratch."

And there is a glimmer of hope that might get to the crux of the problem.

Reintroduced by Ileana Ros Lehtinen (R-Fla.) and Elliot Engel (D-N.Y.), the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 is bouncing in Congress again.

Its implementation is vital for U.S. national security. It will stop Syrian support for terrorism, end the Syrian occupation of Lebanon, along with its production of weapons of mass destruction and hold Syria accountable for the illegal Syrian-Iraqi trade, which provided Iraq with the weapons that killed American troops.

The bill will save American lives in Iraq by making the Coalition forces less vulnerable to terrorist acts. The U.S. should take a closer look at it this time around instead of throwing it out as it did in 2002.

For the first time in decades the U.S. is doing the right thing in the Middle East and hopefully won't pull out before the gruesome tasks are truly complete.

# Graduation thoughts and epiphanies



REBECCA WYATT

Campus News Editor

I always thought when I left college I would have an epiphany of sorts. I thought I would wake up one day and feel older and wiser, but I don't.

In fact, I have no idea what the next few weeks hold for me. Will I go to grad school? Will I find a job? But those are all things I know I am prepared for because

I have had a solid education here at OU.

But it wasn't just an education that I gained at OU. I also gained a sense of identity, which is just as valuable as the education my parents paid for over the past four years.

When I started college I got advice from graduates. They would say "if I only knew then what I knew now, I would have done things differently."

I decided then that I would never say that, but now I see it as a rite of passage. I think it brings that epiphany I've been searching for. I've finally reached a point where I have advice to

give, and it's knowledge that has made me who I am today.

The biggest piece of advice I have is live only for yourself. At the end of the day you only answer to your conscience. So do what you want to do, live where you want to live and make yourself happy.

Try new things. Even if it scares you to death, do it. By doing this you'll never regret missing out. And it will help build self-confidence, which is something else that is very important. Self-confidence gets you everywhere and trying new things is how you gain self-confidence.

Friends are important. Most people already know family is important, and I'm not denying that, but so are friends. I once heard the saying "friends are family we choose for ourselves," and I believe making and keeping friends is something everyone needs to do. Not to mention, you never know when those friends could help you land a job.

Finally, just have fun. There will never again be a time in your life like college. Make the most of it. Get involved with student organizations, go to events on campus and study in left over time. The experiences you have today make you who you will be tomorrow.

So, now I feel like a real graduate. I've dispensed my advice, and although most people won't listen to it, it has helped me. It has helped me learn I'm leaving with more than just a degree in journalism, I'm leaving with knowledge of life.

While my college experience will be over, I'm sure learning about myself and life in general is not.

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### OU Week: The Final Five (days before finals)!

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Wednesday, April 16, 2003  
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will be given to Mary Stein, associate professor of education, the Research Excellence Award to Robert Loh, professor of engineering, New Investigator Research Excellence to John Seeley, assistant professor of chemistry, and Excellence in Teaching to Phyllis White of the department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

The luncheon is not open to students.

The day will end at 2:30 p.m. with the dedication of the medical center in the School of Nursing at 219 O'Dowd Hall.

Catherine Vincent, interim associate dean for the School of Nursing, said the lab has CD-ROM training programs, videos and an interactive mannequin.

"Every nursing student ... will benefit from the lab as they practice such real world skills as phlebotomy and veinipuncture procedures and skill simulation for CPR," she said.

**FOOD**

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expensive, but not as noticeable when the salad is bigger than my head. It's worth the prices."

Zaid also said that hours of operation should be extended at all of the outlets in the Food Court because limited selection in the evening is unfair to students who take later classes.

Former OU Student Congress President Brian Tomina concurred.

"I think Chartwells gives us more choices and better service, although I am concerned about the hours. I would like to see an increase in operating hours. After 3 p.m. you're pretty limited as to what you can

eat," he said. "But before 3 p.m., we have more choices than we had with Aramark."

He said he thinks Chartwells offers healthier options than Aramark.

The Subway window is open Monday-Thursday from 7-11 p.m. and on the weekend from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

"All things considered, we're on track," Willows said in terms of the progress the company has made.

However, OUSC legislator Zvonko Blazevski does not share that view.

"The food court seems to have the same old thing day in and day out. At least with Aramark, you had Taco Bell

and Burger King. The food is too expensive. If you had very little money, all you had to do was go to Taco Bell and buy a soft taco or nachos for under a dollar. Now the cheapest thing is 94 cents for a bagel," he said.

On average, Chartwells' catering prices are higher than Aramark's.

Student organizations routinely use Chartwells' catering trays and food options for meetings and events.

Tomina said during a meeting last semester, he noticed catering prices were higher.

However, he also noted that Aramark planned to increase its prices too if OU renewed its

contract with them last year.

On average, Chartwells' price for a food tray is \$1.33 more expensive than for an Aramark food tray of the same size. For example, Chartwells' pasta primavera for one person costs \$9.95 compared to Aramark's similar version at \$8.75.

Items such as bottled waters are 40 cents higher. The only items on the Aramark catering menu that were more expensive were the shrimp and chicken caesar salads, which cost \$3 more.

The ever-popular fruit and vegetable trays of multiple sizes are on average 22 cents more expensive through

Chartwells.

Tomina said this poses a problem for student organizations working with a limited budget.

"They are not getting as much for their money," he said.

Willows said, "All prices are leveraged with the university's needs."

He said he acknowledges that the catering prices are higher but said that the differences are slight.

Willows noted that Chartwells maintains an open door policy and encourages students to write down their comments and drop them in the suggestion boxes.

**SENATE**

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The ASC will then use these lists of students to try to get in touch with them to offer the necessary tutoring to get them back on track while there's still time, he said.

But Clark said just because a student didn't receive a "U" doesn't mean they're in the clear. "If you don't get a 'U' grade, there is (still) no guarantee you will pass."

The proposal is supported by Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president of Academic Affairs and provost.

"The university is quite challenged in terms of retention," he said.

Moudgil said he thinks mid-semester progress reports may help offset this problem.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice-president of Student Affairs, also made a presentation to the Senate about first-year student advising.

"We know our first-year students don't get a lot of advising after orientation," she said.

Snyder said there are plans to expand North Foundation Hall to add an office for first-year student advising. This expansion would also move Career Services back into NFH.

The construction fund request is \$5 million. Currently, Snyder is looking for donor sources for this money before exploring expansion any further.

The Senate will revisit the expansion idea in the fall.

**OUSC**

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Jennifer Granholm.

Legislator Reiner Kulenkampf, a former lacrosse player, introduced a bill requesting \$5,000 from OUSC to cover the cost of OU Men's Lacrosse Club's participation 2003 Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association's National Tournament.

There is \$2,200 left in the \$10,000 special recognition fund for organizations that have excelled during the school year. Money was recently transferred to the men's hockey club team and Students in Free Enterprise.

Sophomore Sumeera Younis, director of OUSC Student Services, said it would not be wise to allocate \$5,000 to just 16 students and was interested in seeing a precedent set for the next school year, since revamping SAFB is a priority.

Currently the eight legislators on board are split and will make the final call Monday.

Jonathan Machak, vice president of the lacrosse club, said that the players will have to pay personally in order to compete without OUSC's help.

Legislator Jeremy Kopp said in the past organizations were not turned away unless they didn't jump through the correct paperwork hoops. But that was Parks' point - things are going to change during his year in office (2003-2004).

Parks said, "Congress created this monster."

Executive board applications are due April 21.

**RECORDS**

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Some of records go back several decades, he said.

Freshman Mario Hagar has researched his family tree through his great-grandparents and said he thinks having county records available online could be helpful for people trying to trace family history.

However, he is concerned about other people having access to his personal information.

"I don't want all my information just out there," he said.

Mitchell said a lot of people have told him they think the online system is easy and convenient.

"People have been really pleased about it. They're really happy," he said.

**KITS**

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Besides having a plan in case of disaster, the Red Cross said it is also necessary to have an emergency kit.

Rodgers said there are six basic things that everyone should stock in case of a disaster: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and blankets, tools and emergency supplies and special needs items.

Each family should have about one gallon of water per person per day for about three days, Rodgers said. She reminds families that the water will also be used for food and sanitation.

She also said families should also keep a stock of non-perishable food to last three days.

"A first aid kit is one of the most important items to have handy, especially in an emergency," Rodgers said.

A good first aid kit includes adhesive bandages, gauze bandages, hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, a pair of medical grade non-latex gloves, adhesive tape and anti-bacterial ointment. Cold packs, small scissors, tweezers, facemasks and non-prescription drugs like Aspirin and Tylenol are also good to keep in a first aid kit, according to the Department of Homeland Security website.

It is important for an emergency kit to contain numerous blankets or

sleeping bags, a change of clothes for each person, rain gear, comfortable warm shoes, hats and gloves.

A good emergency kit can also include a number of tools and supplies like a flashlight with extra batteries, a battery operated radio, waterproof matches, tape, compass and plastic storage bags, according to the Department of Homeland Security website.

Some stores are noticing a rise in the purchase of emergency supplies.

Ken Simmons, floor manger at the Auburn Hills Meijer, said he noticed a sales increase.

"Our bottled water sales have nearly doubled since mid-March," he said.

"I do think that it has something to do with consumers' fears of attack."

Linda Hammer, sales associate at Utica Ace Hardware, said she had noticed a rise in the sale of emergency supplies.

"The day we started bombing Baghdad, I bet we had 50 people in here buying first aid kits, face masks and duct tape," she said.

Emergency kit supplies are available at army surplus stores like Ark Surplus in Clinton Township and Joe's Army-Navy in Waterford.

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## Summer sizzlings

By LISA ZITZMANN  
THE OAKLAND POST

Summer. Time to let loose, hang-out, have fun, be warm and not go to school.

Many students haven't thought past relaxing this summer, but the area has a lot to offer besides sleeping in and no classes.

"I plan on taking it easy, just one more summer, and then I'm going to concentrate all on school, to get ready to transfer," said Chris Bahoor, Oakland Community College freshman.

Here are some ideas to make this summer vacation one to remember.

First, start working out to get ready for lying out by the pool. The Rec Center is available to all full-time students, and for those not taking spring or summer classes, membership is only \$50 per semester.

Water sports and activities are popular among students.

Kiar Gamsho, sophomore, said he looks forward to "going on Orchard Lake and jet skiing."

Other local lakes include Orion and Lake St. Clair. Anyone planning to boat on the Detroit River, near Canada, should remember to bring proof of citizenship, as the waterways are patrolled in the summer.

Metro Beach should open after Memorial Day to crowds of people ready to party. Picnic tables, barbecue grills, beaches and concessions are available along the one full mile of shoreline in Mt. Clemens.

Admission is \$2 on weekdays, and \$3 on weekends and holidays per carload. Wednesdays are free.

At night, many students like to go to outdoor concerts at Freedom Hill and DTE Energy Music Theatre.

"I can't wait to go to 'Still Smokin' whenever Dr. Dre decides to come back to town," said Morgan Halaba, sophomore.

Other concerts include, Eminem, Missy Elliot and 50 Cent at Ford Field July 12 and 13, Dave Matthews Band at the Palace on July 2 and the Foo Fighters at Cobo Arena May 29.

For more info on area concerts, go to <http://channel955.com/concerts.html> or <http://www.drqradio.com/>.

Some people might just want to get away this summer, and some airlines are making it easier than ever to afford a trip. Southwest Airlines is offering fares from \$44 each way to many destinations.

For people who can be flexible with travel dates, Travelocity.com has an option for searching for flights and fares without typing in dates.

This way, the cheapest offers are shown on a two month calendar. However, make sure to be back in time for the festivals at the end of the summer.

"Arts, Beats and Eats is one of the biggest festivals in the U.S., and it all originated in Pontiac," said local party promoter Floyd Bobo.

The festival lasts from Friday to Monday over Labor Day weekend and includes artists from all over the world, food sampling from local restaurants and over 20 free concerts.

Sponsored by Daimler Chrysler and Oakland County, 1.3 million people came out last year, raising \$263,000 which was donated to local charities.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

The cast of Meadow Brook Theatre's "Meshuggah Nuns!" is gearing up for the show's opening.

## MBT welcomes 'Nuns'

### New show hits stage April 23

By KIM GARCIA  
THE OAKLAND POST

Yes, oy vey! Set to premiere at the Meadow Brook Theatre on April 23, "Meshuggah Nuns!" is the latest installment to the popular comedy musical anthology, "Nunsense."

Set on a cut-rate cruise ship bound for the Holy Land, the sisters from Hoboken, the Reverend Mother, Sister Hubert and Sister Robert Anne lend a helping hand when all of the cast members from the ship's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," save for Tevye, become seasick.

Although laughter, dance and song put this unlikely combination on common ground, the message is not at all preachy.

According to playwright and director Dan Goggin, "when you're laughing, you are not Catholic, or Jewish ... you're just laughing."

Goggin, a Michigan native and a Catholic school graduate, modeled his nuns after some of his former teachers, so audience members may find a little

nostalgia built into his characters.

The entire play boasts professional, first-rate talent.

Kathy Robinson, from "Nunsense" and "Nunsense II," will reprise her role as the Reverend Mother, and fellow alumni, Bambi Jones, returns as Sister Hubert.

Other familiar faces to MBT audiences are in the show. Milica Govich, from "The Odd Couple," (female version), plays Sister Robert Anne and Shannon Locke, from last season's "Murder on the Nile," plays Sister Amnesia.

Audiences may also remember both actresses from their roles in "A Christmas Carol."

Enthusiasm for the play abounds.

"It's an absolute joy to be working with such an amazing caliber of talent.

Danny, Leo and Terry — playwright/director, music director and choreographer — have worked together for years and this is reflected in the almost seamless way in which rehearsals are conducted. My fellow cast members, comprised of both New York and local actors, impress me

each day with their high level of professionalism and capacity for fun," said Locke.

Preview performances are at 8 p.m. on April 23, 24 and 25. Meet-the-Artist Talkbacks will be held after each preview performance and after the Sunday 2 p.m. matinee shows on April 27, May 4 and 11.

Opening night is Saturday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

Special performances include on with American Sign Language interpretation, May 7 at 8 p.m. and an Audio-Described show on April 26 at 6 p.m.

Regular ticket prices range from \$19-\$26. Student rush tickets are \$7. They are available to buy at the box office the same day as the show. Two tickets are available for every one with a student ID.

Tickets can be purchased at the MBT box office in Wilson Hall. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information, check out [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

## OU celebrates Easter season

By LISA ZITZMANN  
THE OAKLAND POST

Although America is at war with Iraq, Christians in this country and all over the world will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 20. The religious holiday actually began in Babylon, the same region of the Middle East where Iraq is now.

Easter originates from Ishtar, the Babylonian and Assyrian goddess of love and fertility. From her name came Ostara, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring fertility and the rising sun.

The Christian celebration eventually derived from the old English word, Eastre, and coincides with traditional springtime celebrations of the triumph of life over death.

Christians rejoice on Easter Sunday after Lent, a period of fasting and penance, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion.

"I just go to church with my family, and we have a sunrise service," said Anne Wigton, senior and member of Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship.

Although primarily a Christian celebration, Easter has pagan roots and coincides with the Jewish celebration of Passover. In fact, Jesus' crucifixion was delayed until the Passover celebration was finished to avoid riots. The word Pasch, originally meaning Passover, also came to mean Easter.

Like Easter, Passover is a moveable feast, meaning it is celebrated at different times each year. This year, Passover, the holiday remembering the Hebrew's exodus from slavery in Egypt, falls from sundown April 16 to April 24.

"We have two Sedars, dinners, and it is very ceremonial. Each different part of the dinner symbolizes the Jews freedom into the Holy Land," said Noah Purcell, senior.

Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on April 27 this year.

"We use the old traditional calendar. It's just the way it's always been," said Zvonko Blazevski, a senior of Macedonian descent.

Countries such as Serbia, Greece and Russia are home to Orthodox Christians. Many Eastern cultures celebrate the New Year in the spring, often

coinciding with the Christian and Jewish holidays.

Furthermore, Muslims see Jesus as a prophet of God, and Hindus consider him incarnate of Hindu gods.

Throughout the year, spring calls for a new start, new clothes, new crops and a clean home (hence Spring cleaning). Favorite Easter traditions, eggs and rabbits, have ancient roots. According to Anglo-Saxon myth, Ostara wanted to make some children happy by turning her pet bird into a rabbit. The rabbit then began laying colorful eggs.

In medieval times, eggs were forbidden during Lent. Therefore, they were a popular treat on Easter, ending the fast. Children would search out their prize and collect them in baskets. The Easter Basket was meant to resemble a birds nest.

Now, children (and, admit it, adults, too!) look forward to chocolate bunnies, marshmallow Peeps and jelly beans in their Easter baskets.

In the Middle East and Greece, Orthodox Christians paint Easter eggs red to resemble the blood of Christ.

Decorating Easter eggs is popular and can become very elaborate. In Austria, plants are placed around the eggs, leaving white patterns when boiled. In Poland and Austria, eggs are decorated with gold and silver.

Armenians hollow out their eggs and paint detailed pictures of Mary and Jesus.

Ultimately, however Easter is celebrated, most students think of it as a time for family dinners and going to church.

"Easter is more of a reflective holiday because it celebrates the death of Christ and what that means to Christians. It's not a holiday with a lot of glitz and glamour. It's a time to reflect on who I am," said Jill Steikraus, senior.

Information compiled from [www.Holidays.com](http://www.Holidays.com)

## 'STEP'-ing out



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

Meadow Brook Art Gallery's ninth annual Student/Faculty Art Exhibition, STEPS, opened Friday. The exhibit features works from students and staff and will be available noon-5 p.m. on Tuesday - Friday and 1-5:30 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday until May 18. The gallery will also be open on evenings during Meadow Brook Theatre performances. Meadow Brook Art Gallery is located at 208 Wilson Hall, across the hall from Meadow Brook Theatre.

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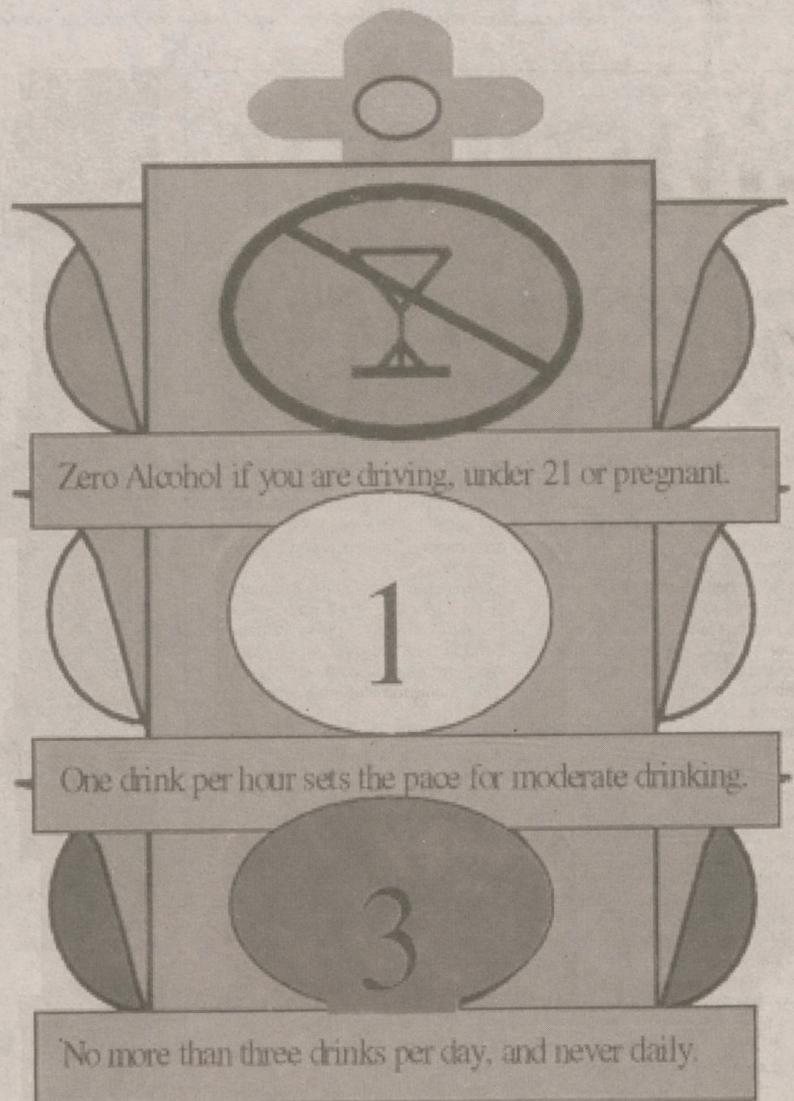
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# Time for finals

BY KRISTIE FAVRO  
THE OAKLAND POST

With final exams right around the corner, being able to follow just a few key study rules can mean the difference between graduating on time and coming back for another round for some, or a hair-pulling situation for others.

With just a few changes to existing study habits, a stressful exam can be made much easier.

Beth DeVerna, a tutor coordinator for the Academic Skills Center, said the major problem students face with finals is they don't start studying soon enough.

"Students should try not to cram for exams," said DeVerna. "Studying should be done over the course of the semester. It's an on-going process."

When studying, students should not try to do it all at once.

**"Studying should be done over the course of the semester. It's an on-going process."**

Beth DeVerna  
Tutor Coordinator  
Academic Skills Center

"Students try to study for three hours consecutively. They should study for an hour to an hour and a half and get refreshed," said DeVerna.

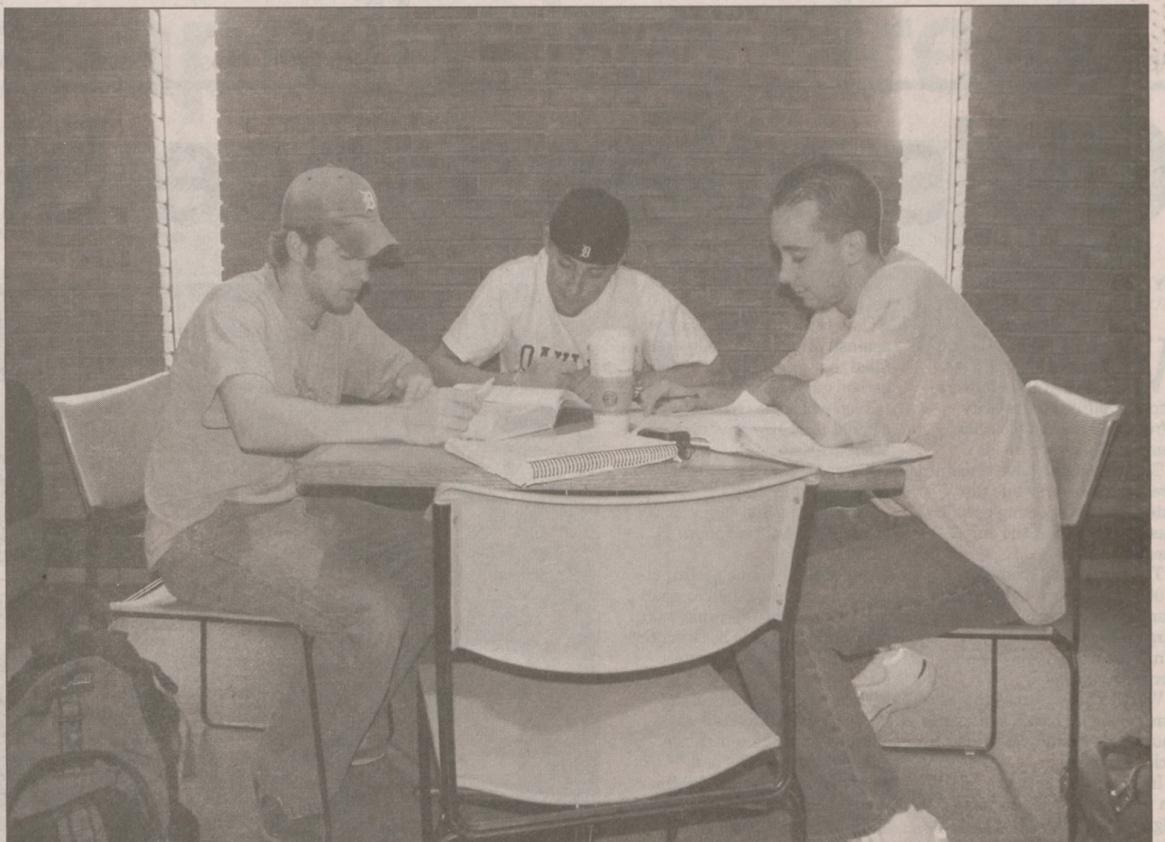
Students should take lighting and temperature into consideration when studying, as well.

Being too warm and in a poorly lit area can cause drowsiness. Being awake and alert are very important, she said.

If this still doesn't work, try studying with a group to continue the motivation and promote the thought process. This will enable the comparison of notes and ideas, as well as the ability to quiz one another, she said.

Study habits can differ depending on the type of exam that will be given. The key is to recognize what the most important points will be on the exam and to prepare according to that teacher's testing type and format of the exam, said DeVerna.

She also said, for essay and objective exams, it's important to assume test questions, create an outline for the answers and practice. This will help cut down on the confusion of what info goes with what scenario when writing. For true or false and multiple



These students are diligently studying for their final exams in the OC. For help with preparing for exams, students can call the Academic Skills Center at (248) 370-4215 or check out its web page at [www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/](http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/).

choice questions, not only study the correct facts and definitions, but also practice writing false statements to be able to distinguish what is actually fact and what isn't, DeVerna said. This will also help during those "Which of the following answers is FALSE" questions. Students must also keep organ-

ization in mind when preparing for exams.

Senior Lesley-Anne Graham said her finals are different than most students. She is a music major, so she performs in front of a panel of faculty.

"I do a lot of practicing, and I make sure I am really prepared," said Graham. "I do a lot of visual-

izing of me succeeding."

Senior Sheila Ballor said she goes all out when she studies for exams.

"I have my 3X5 cards and a personal tutor," said Ballor. "I start weeks in advance and cram last minute. I usually stay awake all night."

For more helpful study infor-

mation, students can call the Academic Skills Center at (248) 370-4215 or check out its web page at [www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/](http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/).

The center will be closing for the semester on April 18, 2003, so make sure to stop by in advance to get help or pointed in the right direction.

## Survey provides new gaming opportunities

BY SETH PAUL  
THE OAKLAND POST

Students will be able to have a hand in developing the Bumpers Game Room thanks to a survey available beginning this week through April 19.

The survey, available at Bumpers, will help determine what students would like to see more or less of in the game room.

Richard Zizek, assistant director of Operations of the Oakland Center and originator of the survey, hopes it will widen the variety of games and activities currently available.

"We're very open to new ideas," Zizek said. Some ideas already under consideration include a Fantasy Football League, air hockey tables and foosball.

Filling out the survey allows students to receive four free game tokens to use in the game room.

There is currently no date on when improvements could be made.

Bumpers Game Room was created as part of the \$8 million renovation of the lower level of the OC that began in the winter of 1998.

Bumpers opened in fall 1999, at an approximate cost of \$1.5 million, said Richard Fekel, director of the OC.

Fekel said the cost of the project was covered by a variety of sources, including the OC's reserve funds, bonds and donations from Chartwells.

Carolyn Stuehmer said she remembers the Pickwick Game Room, which was removed during the renovation.

"It was really, really dark ... like you're in a bad Big Boy," Stuehmer said.

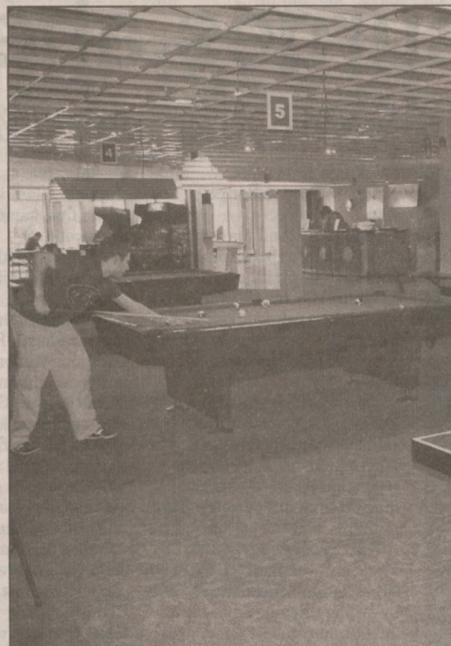
Bumpers is currently home to a selection of video games and pinball, as well as billiards and table tennis.

April Payne works at Bumpers and said she would like to see more pool tables and video games added to the room, as those are the items regulars use the most.

She said she believes that lunch is the busiest time. "It's nice to relax in, in-between classes," Payne said.

Bumpers also hosts clubs and tournaments.

The "Bumpers Billiard Club" has a system in place where for every six one-hour sessions, a member can earn rewards such as free hours of play or food



Students enjoy the games available at Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the OC. The game room was opened in the fall of 1999.

coupons.

Bumpers makes between \$15-16,000 in yearly revenue, and nets \$3,000 profit after payroll and maintenance.

This profit goes back into the OC itself because, as an auxiliary, the Center as a whole receives a "small amount" of the general state funding, said Zizek.

"We're kind of on our own," he said.

## EI teaches biz

BY CRISTINA VENDITTELLI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Preparing young entrepreneurs for success can be a tough job, but OU's Entrepreneurship Institute seems to be up to the challenge.

The Institute has set up 85 workshops so far this year for about 2,000 high school and middle school students.

The students of the workshops created their own stores at the Gibraltar Trade Center on April 5.

Wendy Leuing, junior and member of Students in Free Enterprise, said that seven teams of three high school juniors used their knowledge from the workshops to create these stores.

During the event, the students learned about direct competition and profit, said Leuing.

"It's an important program because it shows kids an opportunity that they normally wouldn't know about," she said.

Mark Simon, associate professor of management in the School of Business Administration and director of the program, agrees.

"The purpose of these workshops is to teach business and life skills to tomorrow's entrepreneurs," said Simon.

Students, mostly from Pontiac and Oak Park schools, attend these workshops to get a first-hand look at operating a successful business.

A one-week residential camp is also offered for 11th graders from Pontiac and Oak Park schools on OU's campus. There are 26 campers in the program this year.

The program focuses on finding creative ways to make learning about business fun.

"For the last camp activity we had, the kids learned to buy and sell goods at a flea market," Simon said.

Simon said workshops are held about twice a week on average.

On campus, the Institute mostly works in conjunction with the OU pre-college division, which includes Project Upward Bound, a program of academic and social enrichment that mentors hundreds of students from Pontiac and Oak Park schools, and Gear Up, a grant-funded enrichment program for Jefferson Whittier Middle School.

The Institute is also largely supported by the SBC Foundation.

The Entrepreneurship Institute is administered by Students in Free Enterprise.

SIFE is an international organization present on 1,300 campuses in 30 different countries. Teams from each of these campuses participate in various competitions to find creative ways to teach business and life skills.

OU competed in and won the Regional SIFE competition on April 30 in Cleveland, Ohio. On May 11, it will be competing in the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

The two-day event will feature about 200 teams, each with about 20-25 students. OU's SIFE team will only have about 12 students, however, since the program wants to save money for the workshops, according to Simon.

OU's SIFE was also a finalist in three other special competitions, one for teaching entrepreneurship skills one for teaching financial skills, and one for teaching ethic and social responsibility. For special competitions, the OU students prepare a report on creative teaching ideas for certain subjects.

Coming up, SIFE will participate in an International Special Competition on teaching international business. Reports will be due in late April.

## FNL announces next year's line up

Students will be kept laughing with Screech and Uncle Joey

BY KRISTIE FAVRO  
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

As one successful season of OU's Friday Night Live program comes to an end, another is in the works.

For the past four years, David Moroz, assistant director of Student Programs, has worked to make college life a little more exciting and to give students a much needed break from everyday class and work routines.

This past semester, OU hosted some of the industries biggest stars including Jimmy Fallon from Saturday Night Live, and other comedians like Steven Lynch, Mark Gross, Mike Birbiglia and Mitch Fatel.

This upcoming fall semester's line-up is shaping up to be a crowd pleaser, as well.

With big names like Dustin Diamond, better known as Screech from "Saved by the Bell," and Dave Coulier (Uncle Joey from "Full House"), the Friday Night Live program is really hoping to get its name out on campus.

The program is sponsored by the Housing Department but does rely on other campus organizations to help in the shows.

Big names come with a big price, but that didn't stop Moroz from trying his hardest to get them here.

"Most of these performers also headline the top comedy clubs around the

country. People pay \$20-30 to see them perform elsewhere," said Moroz.

But for the OU community, these shows are totally free, and refreshments and popcorn are provided.

When the big names come to town like Diamond and Coulier, the events are ticketed to control admission. All other shows are open to anyone, and this does include family and friends as well. Most shows reach attendance of more than 200 people.

According to Moroz, "They (the comedians) ask me what kind of show to give, and the audience prefers an anything goes program."

He adds that that he puts no restrictions on their material because it's been

shown audiences prefer adult humor.

Coulier, a Michigan local, will start off the season on Sept. 5 and the event will be ticketed. Other comedians to follow will be Michael Dean Ester, Alexandra McHale, Elvira Kurt, Troy Thirdgill and Scott Kennedy. Also, hypnotist Dale K. Diamond will be hitting the stage mid-semester on Oct. 17. His show will also be ticketed.

Although the program does not rely heavily on advertising, posters can be seen around campus with dates for the programs. The FNL program relies greatly on word of mouth from students.

Freshman Susan Roterman said she has never heard of the FNL program before.

"I knew Fallon was coming, but I thought it was sponsored by the CSA. I had no idea they had a program set up just for this," she said.

Roterman said she plans on attending the shows next semester for sure.

Shows will be held every other Friday in the Vandenberg Dining Center in West Vandenberg Hall. The doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets for the selected performances will be made available at the Center for Student Activities in the basement of the Oakland Center.

For more information on the FNL shows, contact David Moroz at (248) 370-3570.

# OU's attendance blues

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

When OU made the jump from Division II to Division I, there were hopes of a filled-to-capacity O'rena and packed bleacher seats at the Lower Fields.

Those thoughts have remained dreams, however, while the attendance at sporting events has not risen with the enrollment.

The O'rena has room for 3,000+ spectators, a realistic number for a school that has a large commuter enrollment. Unfortunately, it has been full on very few occasions.

With 15 home games this season, the men's basketball team could have easily sold 30,000 tickets combined.

Instead, a team that is sharply on the rise toward becoming a highly competitive Div. I program saw only 22,215 spectators this season. That's only an average of 1,481 seats filled.

The lone exception to the attendance woes was the Grizzlies' yearly game against Valparaiso University, when the O'rena was filled to standing room only. A total of 3,215 spectators attended to be exact.

Mark Doman, assistant athletic director for Marketing, said that is what college athletics is all about.

"Fans come in to watch their team play," Doman said. "They enjoy the show and are proud of the athletes."

Doman said that the goal is to have every home game be like the games against Valpo.

"We can do that," Doman said.

"That's my goal, and my staff's goal."

Only twice, including the game against Valpo, were 2,000+ seats filled this season for men's basketball games.

Even when the Grizzlies' game against the University of Missouri-Kansas City was televised in February, the attendance was only 1,205.

Blaming the Mid-Con isn't a viable excuse at this point, either.

Out of eight teams participating in men's basketball competition this season, OU ranked fifth in attendance while boasting the second-highest school enrollment.

The two universities in the Mid-Con with the smallest enrollment in the conference, Valpo (around 4,000) and Southern Utah University (more than 6,000), averaged 4,376 and 5,562 attendees, respectively.

As those numbers clearly show, almost equalling the enrollment of the schools, high attendance involves more than just student support. The community must also be actively involved in rooting teams on.

"There are three factors that go into strong attendance," Doman said. "The quality of your home schedule, the quality of the team and school spirit. Not just school spirit, but spirit of the community, as well."

The women's basketball team is also dealing with a lack of consistent fan support.

While an average attendance for men's games may seem low, that number looks astronomical compared the average attendance for women's basketball



The OU pep band performs at one of the home games this season. The pep band, which began at the start of this semester, is just one the way OU is trying to arise school spirit at basketball games.

home games: 532.

For a team that represented the Mid-Con in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament last season, the support should have been higher than ever this season.

Yet it was the exact opposite, as OU ranked seventh out of eight in the conference in women's basketball home games average attendance.

Doman is confident, however, that people will begin to realize

how strong a program is being built.

"We've got a great coach (Eileen Shea-Hilliard) here," Doman said. "She is a tremendous leader and works well with the women on her team. And we are bringing in some talented recruits."

Doman said that the team will be young, but that that will allow it to build a fan base that will continue to come watch them play.

If those so-called major sports can't garner student and community support, it isn't surprising that the other varsity sports attendance is significantly low.

Attendance figures for the other sports are difficult to gauge, however, because admission is rarely charged and exact numbers are hard to tally.

Doman said that basketball should be kept separate from

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## Men finish one stroke out of lead

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

With less than a week until the Mid-Con championship, the OU men's golf squad must have a fairly good sense of its competition thanks to this weekend's Beau/Mussato Classic.

Four of OU's Mid-Con foes took part in the event, including tournament-host Western Illinois University.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City, Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis and Chicago State University also competed in the three-round event.

The Grizzlies finished sixth in the tournament with a two round team score of 913, five strokes behind fifth-place finisher IUPUI and eight shots back of UMKC, which finished third.

WIU won the tournament with a 893, the only team to break 900. CSU placed 17th as the only team with over 1,000 strokes.

OU's top three finishers pushed each other throughout the tournament, finishing right next to each other in the standings.

Junior Ryan Yelen was the highest-placing Grizzly, firing a three-round score of 226 (74-74-78) to finish in 10th place.

Just one stroke back was freshman Jonathon Pauli with a 227 (75-77-75), good enough to put him in a tie for 11th place.

Right on Pauli's tail was sophomore Brian Stuard with a 228 (78-74-76). That score tied him for 14th place.

OU's other two participants, seniors Chris King and Allen Mitchell fired scores of 232 and 240, respectively.

Last week, the Grizzlies fell one stroke short of a shared tournament title at the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational.

Trailing by three strokes after the first round, OU shot a 304 in the second round but could not completely overcome the deficit.

Eventual tournament winner St. Francis (Pa.) University shot a 306 to capture the slim victory.

The Grizzlies tied with tournament-host Duquesne University for second place.

Next up is the Mid-Con Championship which OU will host at the Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

This year's competition at the Mid-Con Championship should be close with no team having a decided advantage.

CSU may be the only team out of contention, with no player averaging less than 80 strokes per round.

The rest of the squads in the conference are in good shape, with at least four players per team hovering around the 77 shots per round average.

UMKC and Western Illinois University are in the best shape, with four players averaging 75 shots or less.

OU will need strong performances from the lower part of its rotation to give UMKC and WIU competition.

## Softball surges ahead Grizzlies win three of four vs. UMKC

BY ADAM SPINDLER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The OU softball team won three of four games against visiting University of Missouri-Kansas City this past weekend, leapfrogging the Kangaroos for sole possession of second place in the Mid-Con.

"Getting three wins from UMKC is a big feat for us," said assistant coach Glenn MacDonald. "They're a great team, and it just shows how much confidence our girls have in themselves."

The Grizzlies (11-18-1, 6-1 Mid-Con) won both games of Friday's doubleheader, fueled by strong pitching from senior Julie Anderson (6-8) and sophomore Nicole Marzano (3-3).

"Julie is pitching awesome right now, and nobody throws a harder ball than Nicole," said MacDonald. "And (senior designated hitter/pitcher Linnea) Utecht has been solid as well. With three great pitchers, we know we won't have to play catch-up very often."

Anderson and Marzano com-

bined for two straight shutouts, blanking UMKC 1-0 in the first game and 5-0 in the second.

OU's aces held UMKC to just five total hits in those games.

In the first game, senior catcher Megan Piar scored OU's lone run on a wild pitch in the second inning.

That was all OU needed, as Anderson struck out seven batters for her fifth win of the season.

In the second game, Utecht led the Grizzlies with three hits and two runs scored.

Senior first baseman Jennifer Granger provided some clutch hitting with three RBIs, including a third-inning triple that drove in two runs.

Marzano pitched a complete-game shutout, striking out six batters en route to her third win of the year.

OU split Saturday's doubleheader, dropping a hard-fought first game, 2-1, before rallying to win the second game, 2-0.

In the first game, Utecht

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Senior pitcher Julie Anderson gets ready to fire the ball towards the plate.

## Mid-Con title time

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Preparation is over for the OU women's golf team, as the squad competed in its last tournament before the Mid-Con Championship.

The Grizzlies finished ninth in the Western Michigan Bronco Invitational, their final warm up for the conference tournament which will take place Monday and Tuesday.

OU improved significantly in the second round of the Bronco Invitational, but could not move up the standings.

After shooting a 358 team score in the first round, the Grizzlies stood in ninth place, but a 19-stroke improvement was not enough to help OU climb the leaderboard.

The Grizzlies finished the two-round event with a total score of 697.

Western Michigan University won its tournament, defeating Grand

Valley State University by 31 shots with a two-round total of 625.

OU defeated its lone Mid-Con competition, Chicago State University, by more than one hundred strokes.

Junior Mara Mazzoni was the top Grizzly finisher, placing 14th after firing a 164 (85-79).

In both rounds, Mazzoni shot the lowest OU score.

Moving up 13 spots from the first round, senior Emily Minnich shot a 81 in the second round to finish in a tie for 21st. Her total was 167 (86-81).

Senior Jennifer Quinn was third among Grizzly competitors. Following the team trend, Quinn drastically improved her second round score, firing an 82 to put her in a tie for 37th place.

She shot a 90 in the first round, giving her a 172 total.

Junior Sara Stark and sophomore Sarah Laird rounded out OU's line-

up, firing a 194 and 223, respectively.

The Grizzlies will face stiff competition at the Mid-Con Championship from many of the squads.

Oral Roberts University's squad will go in as the favorite with four players averaging scores in the 70s, and no player averaging worse than 83 strokes per round.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City may present stiff competition for the Golden Eagles, with all of its women having average scores less than 90.

Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis is close behind with most of its team averaging less than 90 strokes per round.

Western Illinois University shares a similar statistical fate as IUPUI.

OU should still be competitive, however, if players can step up the challenge and if the team can take advantage of the home-course advantage.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

## Red Wings on the brink against Mighty Ducks

Disappointment. Shock. What the!?

Those are the thoughts and feelings going through Detroit Red Wings fans after a 2-1 loss to the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, Monday night.

Down 3-0, Detroit would be only the third team in the Stanley Cups' history to win a series after being down by such a margin if a miracle does happen.

But even if the Wings do pull this one off, somehow, how is a team with almost as many 40+ players as 20-something youngsters in the lineup going to handle a seven-game series in the opening round of the playoffs?

A lot of wear and tear occurs over a grueling seven-game series, especially for the team that has to fight back from what is now a gargantuan deficit.

But I am getting ahead of myself. I am thinking about Game Seven, and it's still only time for Game Four.

Monday night, most Wings fans were probably thinking that the Hockeytown heroes would respond to being down 2-0 in the opening series much like they did last year against the Vancouver Canucks.

In that series, Detroit received a boost from a fluke goal and the Wings never looked back.

In that series, Detroit hadn't played Red Wing hockey in the first two games and had a lot of room for improvement.

In that series, Detroit finally started to get the bounces and caught stride in time to prevent the disaster of going down 3-0.

This time is different, however. Duck's goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere was once again a brick wall in net for his team, stopping 36 of 37 shots, just he has been all series.

He may be the one player responsible for what could later be known as the fall of the Wing Dynasty.

In Game One, Giguere absolutely astounded the hockey world, making 63 saves in the triple overtime game.

And that was his first-ever postseason game. What a way to start things off.

Avoiding a letdown in Game Two might have been Giguere's biggest challenge, and he was up to that one, as well, stopping 34 of 36 shots in the Ducks' win.

Game Three was no different. Giguere made the saves he was supposed to, and all but one he wasn't, helping the Wings put one foot in the grave.

Another problem is that there are no more notches for this team. The Wings threw it all out there in Game One, coming a crossbar short of starting the series off with a win.

In Game Two, mental errors down the stretch were the difference, possibly an effect from being mentally drained in the first game.

That's why the Wings were unable to play to the "next level" Monday night - they've run out.

In fact, it almost looked as the Wings were beginning to take steps back as Game Three lingered on. Until scoring that goal, Detroit had almost given up.

Unless Giguere forgets what a dominant goalie he can be, the Ducks choke under the pressure of moving on or Detroit suddenly finds the offense its been missing for three games, this is over.

I won't be the one to say that it is over now. I won't say that there is no chance for the Wings to come back, because there is.

Two other teams have made the comeback. This Hall of Famer laden squad is just as capable as those teams.

The simple truth, however, may be that they are too old.

Unfortunately, this team isn't getting any younger, and if they are too old now ... what are they going to be next season?

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# Baseball snaps losing streak

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
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With temperatures down near winter-like levels, the OU baseball team has felt its hot start cool off over the last couple weeks.

Before a 8-1 victory over Madonna University Sunday at the OU Baseball Field, the Grizzlies had lost eight straight games after beginning the season 12-7.

OU (13-15) dropped consecutive doubleheaders against Ohio State University and Eastern Michigan University in the past week to extend the losing streak.

The Grizzlies played a pair of games to the Buckeyes of OSU, 2-1 and 2-0, in Columbus, Ohio on April 2.

The streak reached its peak with two losses to the Eagles of EMU on Friday, 4-0 and 10-7, in Ypsilanti.

OU used a team effort to snap the streak, with seven players recording RBIs and four pitchers seeing time on the mound in the seven-run win over Madonna.

The Grizzlies got off on the right foot, taking the lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Freshman third baseman Gerry Dufour led off with a single to center field and moved to second after senior first baseman Peter Varon drew a two-out walk.

OU took the lead when Dufour was driven home by a single to right field by sophomore designated hitter Ty Herriot.

The Grizzlies built the lead to four in the bottom of the second inning with a three-run outburst.

Junior second baseman Brian Keim began the rally by advancing all the way to second base on an error by the Crusaders' third baseman. A wild pitch allowed Keim to move to third.

Sophomore right fielder Will Tollison drew a walk to put runners on the corners.

The next batter, freshman center fielder Brad Leach, drove Keim in with a sacrifice. Tollison advanced to second on the play.

Dufour continued his successful day, four hits and three runs scored in four at bats, with a single that drove in Tollison from second. Dufour moved to second

base on the throw home.

After advancing to third on a sacrifice bunt by freshman left fielder Bryan Marulli, Dufour crossed home plate thanks to a single by junior shortstop Ryan Freiburger.

Junior right-handed pitcher Steve Kniebbe (2-0) kept Madonna's offense in check for OU, holding the Crusaders scoreless for five innings while the Grizzlies built their lead.

Kniebbe pitched six innings, striking out six batters and allowing just five hits in the win.

That lead was extended to seven in the bottom of the fifth inning when OU scored three runs on three hits and a Madonna error.

With two runners in scoring position, Keim drove a single to center field that allowed Freiburger and Varon to score. Tollison, the next batter, hit a double to left field and Keim scored all the way from first.

A home run by Crusader senior left fielder Chris Woodruff got Madonna on the scoreboard but it would be the only run the Grizzly pitching staff would surrender.

OU added one more run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Before the streak was snapped, however, it was lengthened against EMU, Friday.

Ten hits weren't enough for the Grizzlies to overcome the Eagles in the first game, as EMU senior lefty Dave Pieron (4-3) held OU scoreless in the seven-inning contest.

Dufour had three hits for OU in the leadoff position, while Ryan Freiburger and Steve Kniebbe each had two hits.

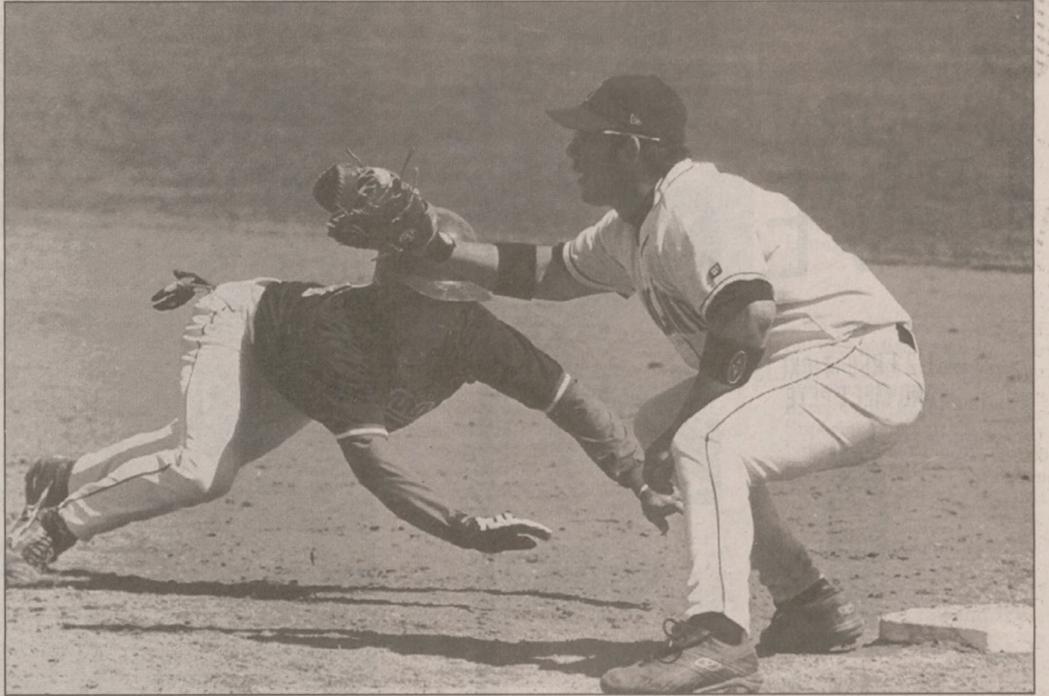
The number seven was the difference for the Grizzlies in the nightcap.

OU was able to keep from being shut out, putting seven runs on the boards, but the men also committed seven errors, which proved to be the difference in the game.

After falling down by two in the bottom of the first inning, the Grizzlies took the lead with a five-run outburst in the top of the second inning.

The Eagles pulled within one in the bottom of the third inning when an OU fielding error that would have ended the inning resulted in two runs for EMU.

Once again, the Grizzlies extended



OU Senior first baseman Peter Varon looks to tag out a Madonna University runner in Sunday's 8-1 victory at OU. The victory over Madonna snapped what had become an eight game losing streak for the Grizzlies. OU is just getting set to move into conference play with back-to-back doubleheaders against Western Illinois University at home on Saturday and Sunday.

their lead to three in the top of the fourth inning.

Leading by three, OU's defense crumbled in the bottom of the sixth inning as EMU exploded for six runs.

Four errors and two free passes to first, one on a walk and the other on a hit batter, resulted in six runs, five unearned, on only two Eagle hits.

Now trailing by three, the Grizzly bats could not respond in their last chance in the top of the seventh inning, and OU went down in order.

Last Wednesday, OU lost a pair of pitching duels to OSU.

Freshman Paul Phillips (1-2) and sophomore Kyle Boehm teamed up to allow two unearned runs on only two hits in the first game.

Phillips got the start for the Grizzlies,

striking out two and walking four batters in his four and one-third innings of work.

OU opened up the scoring in the top of the fifth inning by capitalizing on an OSU error.

The Buckeyes responded quickly, however, scoring two runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to take a lead they wouldn't surrender.

In the nightcap, OU freshman right-handed pitcher Billy Schmieder (2-2) went head-to-head with Buckeye fifth-year senior righty Greg Penger (2-0).

Schmieder pitched a solid six innings, giving up only one earned run on six hits and striking out three, but Prenger stole the spotlight with a perfect game.

In seven innings, Prenger allowed no hits and did not walk a single batter

while striking out six batters in OSU's first perfect game since 1998.

Results and stats for Tuesday's doubleheader against Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant were unavailable at this issues deadline.

This week, the Grizzlies begin Mid-Con play with back-to-back noon doubleheaders at home against Western Illinois University on Saturday and Sunday.

First, however, OU will take on the University of Michigan at 3 p.m. today in Ann Arbor.

Head baseball coach Mark Avery did not immediately return phone calls on Monday and was on the road Tuesday.

## Seniors play last at home

BY ADAM SPINDLER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The OU men's club lacrosse team swept its final home stand of the season this past weekend, improving its record to 11-1 with wins over Taylor University, Central Michigan University, and Indiana University in consecutive days.

The Grizzlies' easiest win came Friday against Taylor University, who forfeited an hour before the game.

OU's players and fans were already settling in at the Upper Fields before head coach Dwayne Hicks arrived with the news. His team wasn't pleased.

"We were ready to play," said senior attacker Towbey Kassa. "It was a nice day, our fans were there, and everyone was ready for a good game of lacrosse."

They wouldn't have to wait long for their next contest. OU-ranked CMU came to town Saturday, hoping to upset the 12th-ranked Grizzlies.

OU was up to the task, defeating the Chippewas by a score of 21-7. The Grizzlies struggled early on defense, but picked up the pace in the second half.

Hicks was pleased with the victory, but felt his team could have played better.

"We should have dominated more on both ends," he said. "But when you have a bull's-eye on your back, and everyone's trying to take you down, it's about doing what you have to do to win, and we did that."

The Grizzlies fought off another underdog Sunday, defeating Indiana University, 20-13, in OU's final home game of the season.

The Hoosiers put up a fight in the first half, but the Grizzlies rallied behind sophomore attacker Billy Binge's game-high nine goals.

"Billy just turned it on," said Kassa. "Everyone fed off his energy."

Kassa contributed five goals and three assists, and senior mid-fielder Brad Benigni added three goals.

Kassa was one of four seniors playing their final home game at OU. Emotions ran high.

"I won't lie - I was choked up," Kassa said. "It was hard, but it felt good. At times when the action was on the other side of the field, I just sort of sat back and thought, 'Wow. Look how far we've come.'"

The Grizzlies must now turn their focus to their final regular-season game, against in-state rival Western Michigan University at 4 p.m. on Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

"It doesn't matter that they're unranked,"

said Kassa. "This is the battle of gold and black. We want to show them why we're the 12th-ranked team in the nation, and they want to show they can beat the 12th-ranked team in the nation."

The Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association playoffs will take place the following week.

If the Grizzlies win the tournament, they'll receive an automatic bid to the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Associates, national tournament in St. Louis.

If the Grizzlies lose in the CCLA tournament, their high national ranking should still garner them an at-large bid to nationals. It would be the first time qualifying for nationals in the program's history.

Win or lose in the next two weeks, Hicks said this season has been a success.

"I couldn't be more proud of these guys and how far they've come," he said. "Five years ago, everyone thought Oakland University was in California. Now they know it's in Michigan, and that it has a heck of a lacrosse team. That says a lot about the dedication of these kids. They've made me proud."

Benigni echoed his coach's sentiments.

"Overall, being a part of this team was my best experience at Oakland," he said. "Lacrosse is the reason I've enjoyed school."

## Grizzly Recap

This being the last issue for the semester, we've decided to recap some of the events in OU sports that recently occurred.

### Stephan named associate head coach

With a rash of openings in the college coaching market, head men's basketball coach Greg Kampe did not want to take any chances with a member of his staff.

Kampe promoted assistant coach Eric Stephan to associate head coach. This season was Stephan's 16th with the men's basketball program, his 12th as Kampe's top assistant.

"Eric has been with me for 16 years and we feel that it is our best interest to keep him as part of our staff," Kampe said in a press release. "We hope that his promotion will encourage Eric to stay at Oakland."

Stephan was happy to receive the promotion and appeared ready to stay around for a long time.

"I don't think that there is a better coach to work for than Greg Kampe," Stephan said in the press release. "The future of Oakland basketball is bright and I am very optimistic about what lies ahead for our program. The only direction we are going is up."

### Bissel, Ward recognized as scholar athletes

The OU athletics department announced Monday that senior Ryan Bissel and Danielle Ward would be receiving this year's Hollie Lepley Senior Scholar Athlete Awards.

The award recognized academic and athletic excellence, as well as, service activities, and were named after the founder of OU athletics, Hollie Lepley.

Bissel helped the OU men's cross-country squad capture its first-ever Mid-Con title with a ninth-place finish at the conference championship, earning him second team all-conference honors. He was a three-year captain of the squad.

Ward was a four-year letter earner for the women's swimming and diving squad, and finished her career with a trip to

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pitched six shutout innings before being relieved by Marzano in the seventh.

Marzano couldn't finish the job, surrendering a game-winning, two-RBI triple.

Utecht had two hits, scoring OU's lone run on a first-inning triple.

A pitcher's duel ensued in the later game, as Anderson went eight innings for her second straight shutout.

UMKC's Kari Thurman held OU scoreless for seven innings before giving up two runs on an RBI single and a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Senior centerfielder Lauren Seffens and sophomore rightfielder Christina Schulte drove home the game-winning runs in the

top of the eighth inning.

The Grizzlies' travel west to face first-place Southern Utah in a pair of doubleheaders this weekend.

Friday's first game will start at 2 p.m., with Saturday's action beginning at noon.

OU competed in a non-conference double header on Monday, defeating the University of Toledo twice, 7-1 and 7-4.

Anderson went the distance for the Grizzlies on the mound in the opener, striking out eight batters while allowing just one run on only five hits.

Utecht, Seffens and freshman third baseman Katie Jones led the way for OU, recording two RBIs each.

Both of Utecht's RBIs came on a home run in the top of the sixth inning. It was her second dinger of the season.

## GRIZZLY SPOTLIGHT

Julie Anderson  
Senior  
Softball

Senior pitcher Julie Anderson was named the Mid-Con Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season after dominating in two appearances against the University of Missouri-Kansas City this weekend.

In 14 and one-third innings of scoreless work this weekend, Anderson fanned 11 batters while giving up only three hits.

Her two wins helped the Grizzlies go 3-1 in back-to-back doubleheaders against the Kangaroos this weekend.

On the season, Anderson has compiled an overall record of 6-8 in 15 appearances, 12 of which have been starts.

Over her 87 and two-thirds innings pitched, Anderson has tallied an earned run average of 2.98 and struck out 60 batters.

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other sports in the way of attendance because there is no way to track the number of spectators.

He said they can look out in the stands or across the field and see how many people are watching, but it's only a guesstimation.

Both the men's and women's soccer teams made the trips to their respective NCAA tournaments this season, but not many people were there to watch.

The men's team averaged 139 spectators per game and the women's squad saw 94 fans in the stands on average. That is how the successful teams received support.

The struggles of the volleyball squad were worsened by the lack of attendance, at one point even allowing a home game to be played in the Rec Center.

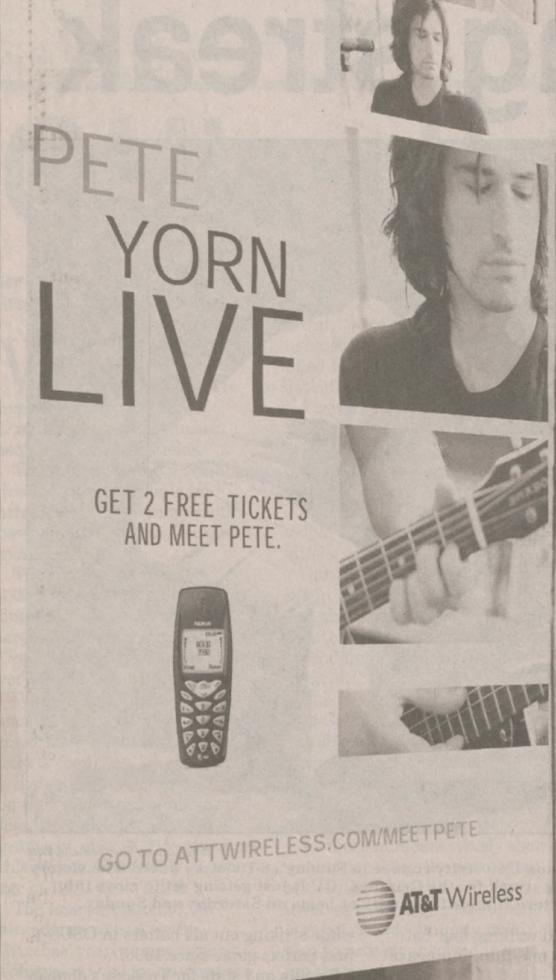
With the spring sports beginning to bring opponents in for competition, attendance has not fared any better.

It may be the weather, but the baseball team has only draw more than 100 spectators twice this season, with the highest total being the 153 fans that saw Sunday's game against in-state foe, Madonna University.

There is hope, however.

In four home games this season, the team has experienced steadily rising





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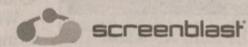


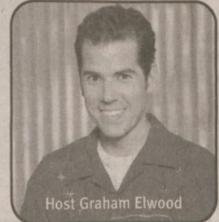


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# Student Spotlight Shemeka Pearson

By SARA PALMER & LAURA ANGUS  
THE OAKLAND POST

Thanks, in part, to the efforts of sophomore Shemeka Pearson, 27 OU students were able to attend the affirmative action rally on April 1 in Washington D.C.

Pearson got funding from Detroit's NAACP to pay for the charter bus to D.C. after OU pulled its sponsorship. She said the bus cost \$5,000, each student paid \$30, and the organization covered the rest. Pearson said she was awestruck by her first visit to the nation's capital.

"It was unbelievable to see such a diverse crowd," she said. Pearson said she saw people protesting the protesters, and it got scary. "One man was irate," she said.

It was also the first time that she encountered opposition in her stance on affirmative action.

She said affirmative action will always be something that she is passionate about and that only in a perfect society will the need for it be alleviated.

Pearson is the current vice president of the newly reactivated NAACP chapter on

campus.

She became involved with the NAACP after speaking with another OU student, Mandy Mullens, whom she refers to as her mentor.

"If Mandy is a part, it is a worthwhile organization," she said.

Pearson said Mullens did not push her to join, but she liked what she had to say about the organization.

Pearson said she is also member of the Association of Black Students and OU Student Congress, and, like her mentor, wants to help other students become more involved on campus.

She tries to go to meetings for many of the different organizations on campus, even if she does not plan on joining, and encourages other students to venture out and try new things.

Pearson said she believes in promoting diversity on campus and going to groups' meetings is a good way to meet new people and gain understanding on other people's perspectives.

"I love to talk," she said. "If you're sitting next to me, I'll find a way to make conversation."

She said she also plans on speaking with incoming freshmen and setting up

tables in the Oakland Center to help attract students to the organizations in which she is involved.

Pearson said she strives to increase awareness on campus, not get honor in her positions.

"Where ever there is something that can possess possible change, we'll bring it to OU's campus," she said.

Pearson also wants to work towards retention of OU's students.

"It's not that hard to get into Oakland University, but it's hard to stay," she said.

Luckily for Pearson, she was pushed hard to excel during high school. She said she was encouraged to get good grades and prepare for college.

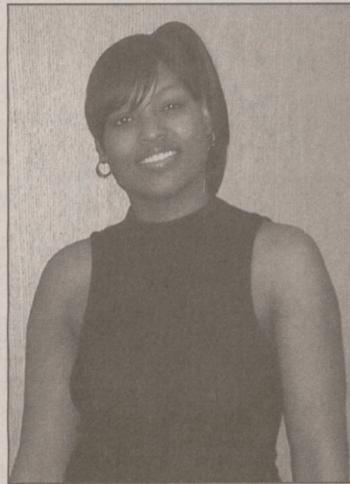
"I did more than enough," she said.

Pearson grew up in Detroit and attended the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts where she studied singing.

At OU, she is majoring in psychology with a minor in criminal justice and plans to attend the University of Michigan Law School.

She said she has been interested in law "since I was able to say 'law'" and likes to debate.

"I have a lot to say," she said.



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post  
Sophomore Shemeka Pearson works hard for unity at OU.

She is also interested in forensic science and this summer will be working at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, a job she got through her mother, a sheriff's deputy.

Aside from her work at OU, Pearson is also committed to the community at large, working with juvenile offenders and the American Cancer Society.

In her free time, she sings gospel music with her church and her favorite pastime is catching up on her sleep.

## THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, April 16

The Center for Student Activities will present, "OU through the decades," a panel discussion from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Women's Studies will be holding a discussion to introduce its new spring and summer classes from noon-1 p.m. in the Lake Superior Room in the OC. For more information, call (248) 370-3221.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will present an "HIV/AIDS Forum" at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 129 and 130 in the OC.

The Lion Generation, an OU campus ministry, will be presenting an end of the year banquet from 7-9 p.m. in rooms 129 and 130 in the OC.

Come and make some "Spring Crafts" at 8 p.m. in the Bumpers Game Room in the OC.

The College of Arts and Sciences will be presenting a symphonic band by musical director Gregory Cunningham at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

Thursday, April 17

The College of Arts and Sciences will be presenting "Music Composers Forum," which features more than a dozen original student music compositions, at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall

Friday, April 18

Delta Sigma Theta sorority will be sponsoring a "Right Light Special" from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Gold Rooms A, B and C of the OC.

Saturday, April 19

Winter classes end at 10 p.m.

The College of Arts and Sciences department will present pianist Flavio Varani in Varner Recital Hall.

Monday, April 21

Final exams begin today through April 26.

Wednesday, April 30

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The Spring semester begins at 7:30 a.m.

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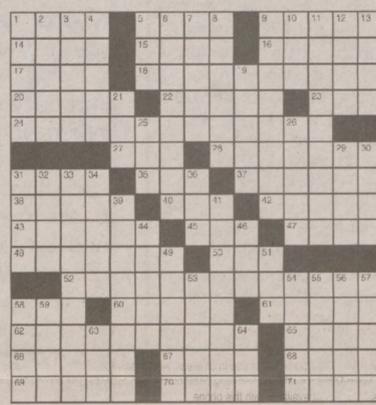
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Games shaded in gray denote home contests. Records and standing in bold denote Mid-Con. Records and standings in *italics* denotes league.

	16 Wed	17 Thu	18 Fri	19 Sat	20 Sun	21 Mon	22 Tue
13-15 0-0 No Mid-Con	3 p.m. Michigan			Noon Western Illinois	Noon Western Illinois		
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11-1 5-1 Second Place							

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  - Meat in a can
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  - Accomplice
  - Indy entry
  - European river
  - Slothful person
  - Alaskan tongue
  - Loses moisture
  - Citric cooler
  - Observing carefully
  - Actress West
  - Moves slowly
  - Uneven cut
  - Nevertheless
  - Show up
  - Favorable responses
  - of Cortez
  - Olympian's award
  - Wise man
  - Even one
  - Find a buyer
  - Mournful poems
  - Anderson of Jethro Tull
  - Certain derby participants
  - Cereal grain
  - River of forgetfulness
  - Pick up the check
  - Stabbed with a small dagger
  - Opera song
  - Adores
  - Small whirlpool
  - Like claret or Chablis
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  - Facility
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| 9 Part of a telephone pole | 10 Unrefined | 11 City near San Diego | 12 Tuesday in movies | 13 Stanley Gardner | 19 Actress Winger | 21 Comic Conway | 25 No vote | 26 Cruel brutes | 29 Nearly round | 30 Foster film | 31 "Auld Lang" | 32 Part of a shoe inclined to be bold | 34 Square one | 36 Drink for two? | 39 Lacking dirt | 41 Licorice flavorings | 44 Fish by dragging a net | 45 Unearthly | 46 Tibetan beast | 49 Small sofa | 51 Writer Hentoff | 53 Valerie Harper-sitcom | 54 Fish by dragging a net | 55 Unearthly | 56 Claude of | 57 Sojourns | 58 Capital of Norway | 59 Molecule part | 63 Writer Deighton | 64 Use indigo |
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## OU says ...

# What are your summer plans?



"Get a job with a writing agency"

Yusuf Peks  
Junior  
English

"Work and party - but party more"

Kevin Orzech  
Sophomore  
Math



"School and work"

Bridget Schrank  
Senior  
Medical Laboratory  
Sciences

"Classes, babysitting and counsel at church camp"

Rachelle Ramsey  
Senior  
Elementary Ed.



"Work and classes"

Shayla Caldwell  
Junior  
Management  
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# Student Affairs

Updating OU

**Congratulations to all students graduating at May 3rd commencement!**

**ATTENTION ALL OU STUDENTS**

**New Oakland University Mandatory E-Mail Policy**

Starting fall 2003, OU students MUST check their free Oakland e-mail account weekly for official university information. Watch e-mail for bill, grade, schedule info and more. More about OU e-mail at [www.oakland.edu/it/e\\_mail.php](http://www.oakland.edu/it/e_mail.php).

**GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER**

Ahhhhh, the end is near! But first you have to get through finals. Graham Health Center reminds you not to neglect your health while studying. Get plenty of healthy food to eat and good sleep. The first thing to go when you are sleep deprived is your MEMORY. For more tips or help with stress management, call the health center at ext. 2341 or email [health@oakland.edu](mailto:health@oakland.edu).

**JOB FAIR CANCELLATION**

The JobStart Career Fair scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 has been cancelled. For more information, please contact Judy Robinson at Career Services, 248.370.3211 or [j2robins@oakland.edu](mailto:j2robins@oakland.edu)

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**Orientation sessions and interviews will be conducted April 15 from 12-2 PM and April 16 from 5-7 PM in the Lake Michigan Room in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Candidates must attend one session for the entire two hours.**

For more information call 370.3213 or stop by and see us at 159 West Vandenberg Hall.

**DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING RESOURCES**

Now hiring **Peer Mentors** (7 positions available) and **Nightwatch Persons** (1 male, 1 female) for the **KCP Extended College Day Program** at OU (a residential four week summer program for high school students interested in OU). Peer mentor positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying room and board and a \$275/week stipend. For both positions, must have a 2.5 minimum GPA and sophomore class standing by end of spring term. Must agree to a background check and commit to all four program weeks plus training. For applications and more information, come to 103 North Foundation Hall. Interested persons should speak with Candace Rogers.

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**WINTER ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING**

The one on-campus recruiting visit for full-time positions remaining for this winter semester is **Applied Manufacturing Technologies (AMT)** on **Thursday, April 17**. It is possible that additional on-campus interview opportunities will arise during the upcoming spring session, and students seeking positions should continue to monitor eRecruiting for any announcements of such opportunities. For additional information, call **248-370-3250** or visit our web site at [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices). Students who have not yet registered with **Career Services** may continue to do so at any time during the spring session. **Career Services'** online resume and job search system, **eRecruiting@OU**, is available to students **free**.

**CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS**

**Swim Lessons**

The next session for learn to swim will start April 30th. Child classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings 4/30-5/28. Adult classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5/6-5/29. Registration will be held Monday through Friday, 9AM-6PM at the Rec Center. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon. Cost for members is \$45 and \$70 for non-members. If you have questions, please contact Amber Dunn at 248.370.4532.

**Spring Fitness Schedule**

There will be a new fitness schedule for spring and summer semester with new times and classes offered. The schedule will be available on the website and at the welcome center at the Rec Center shortly. For questions about the fitness schedule call Mila Padgett at 248.370.4910.

Visit the Campus Recreation website at [www.oakland.edu/unit/campus\\_rec](http://www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec).

**Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2003**

**Educators Recruiting Day**—Sign ups for scheduled interviews with schools and school districts started March 10th and will continue until April 18, 2003. Only teaching candidates registered in Career Services eRecruiting database with a resume uploaded can participate in this event. Students may find additional information on upcoming workshops for educators and Frequently Asked Questions on Educators Recruiting Day on the Career Services Department's website at [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices).

*The staff in the Division of Student Affairs would like to wish OU students the best of luck on final exams. We also hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.*

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As of September 5th, there is a **AA/Alanon meeting** every Thursday in the Graham Health Center. Conference Room at noon. This meeting replaces the Wednesday noon meeting from last year.

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