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# Tuition increase pegged

BY REBECCA WYATT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Tuition increase for next year will be limited to 2.4 percent, or roughly \$46.15 for a 12-credit hour student.

According to OU President Gary Russi, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the House and Senate Appropriations' Committees have approved restoring three-fifths of a 5 percent reduction in state appropriations last December to universities who do not increase tuition mid-year this year. The universities also must not increase 2004-2005 tuition for resident undergrads by more than the projected Detroit inflation rate of 2.4 percent.

Russi said it is expected that Granholm will propose that universities agreeing to the terms will not receive any additional reduction in state appropriation in 2004-2005.

According to Russi, the state appropriations to OU have been cut by 11.4 percent since December 2002, lowering the appropriation per full-time student to \$3,695. To put it in perspective, Russi said the per student appropriation level 10 years ago was \$3,840 per student.

"Oakland University's board of trustees and administration are highly sensitive to the impact of increased tuition and fees on OU students," said Russi. Even with this proposal, OU is still facing a \$2.5 million shortfall for 2004-2005, Russi said. He also said the goal is

to have "few cuts" in instruction and more of the cuts coming from support services.

Russi said the university would continue its cost cutting measures by eliminating or deferring projects, positions, programs and activities.

"I consider this to be a gift to the students of the state of Michigan," said Trustee Chairperson Henry Baskin.

While the board passed this resolution, the proposal from Granholm still has to pass the legislatures and Trustee Dennis Muchmore said OU may not know their decision before June 30.

Russi said the resolution is only contingent upon Granholm's proposal passing.

Lenny Compton, student liaison to the BOT, said he is promoting a letter writing campaign so the state leaders realize how important this proposal is to students.

In other board business:

The School of Education and Human Services Building was officially named Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall in honor of Trustee Pawley who recently gave \$4 million to OU.

Pawley, who was not present, was called "innovative" and "creative" by Baskin.

"He's quite a person and a great addition to the board," Baskin said.

The building will be officially dedicated at the Founder's Day celebration on Tuesday, April 15.

# Financial fix

## Student hopes to improve prognosis of ailing Hall

BY REBECCA WYATT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Erin McCarthy, senior, said it was just brainstorming that turned into a real possibility for saving Meadow Brook Hall.

She said upon hearing of MBH's financial trouble, she said to herself "someone's got to do something," but then she said "maybe if we all stand together" something will get done.

MBH's finances and future were discussed among the board again last week, and McCarthy proposed a student fee to help the suffering Hall.

Trustee David Doyle informed the board that the Hall has been operating without a budget for 7 months. He proposed the board approve the current budget.

Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh said the Finance Committee, along with Vice President for Finance and Administration, Lynne Schaefer, are working along with the Hall to come up with a plan for getting the Hall out of the red and that plan would be presented to the board at a future meeting.

According to the approved budget, the Hall will run at a \$408,706 deficit this year.

Trustee Ann Nicholson said



David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post

Students are divided on a fee to support Meadow Brook Hall.

the board really had no choice but to approve the budget.

"Not approving the budget would be pointless," Nicholson said.

Schlaybaugh amended the resolution that the board should revisit the topic in April to make sure the Hall is

Please see MBH on A6.

# Students spread more than PB & J



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

As part of Random Acts of Kindness week, 108 volunteers made 1,652 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be given to local shelters. The event was organized by Golden Key International Honour Society.

# The year to date

## Student body president outlines his term

BY LIBBY BAKER  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OU Student Body (OUSC) President Jonathan Parks delivered his State of the University speech Monday afternoon in the OC banquet rooms.

Parks highlighted the recent accomplishments of the OU Student Congress, but said progress can still be made.

"OUSC is your voice for issues . . . and what matters most," Parks said. "(We) strive to create services that enhance students' experiences at OU."

Parks said the OUSC has worked hard to offer students many options to get involved in campus life.

The Student Program Board (SPB) offers students 25-30 events per semester, including concerts, films and trips, Parks said. SPB is also in the midst of planning a Casino Night and a Rec Center lock-in.

The Student Services Committee has offered activities such as the book swap, student directory and legislative talk.

Parks said events like legislative talk are important because they give students the opportunity to let the students legislators know what they want done.

"This is our job, to be your voice," he said.



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post

Jonathan Parks addresses students during his State of the University speech Monday.

"Everything we do is for the students."

With the budget cuts the university has faced, as well as increasing tuition rates for students, Parks said OUSC has worked to cut its budget. Additionally, OUSC has alleviated some of the burden students face by offering free scantrons and bluebooks.

"This is a critical budget time," Parks said. "Everything will be done to enhance the experience of students with the money we have."

To further combat rising student costs for

Please see OUSC on A6.

# Discussing diversity

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Jamar Lockhart, senior, has a concern about student cliques on campus.

"It seems like people only hang around people they resemble, and I want to get the student perspective as to why this is happening from a variety of different sources," Lockhart said.

His issue will be addressed by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) in a panel discussion on "Voluntary Segregation: Is it a choice for the new generation?"

The event, an invitation for students to venture out of their comfort zones, will take place during CMI After Hours, a support program that confronts today's issues affecting students.

Eight OU students will speak on voluntary segregation.

Lucy VandePutte, president of Collegiate Panhellenic, the governing body of CPH sororities on campus, and Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority Inc. member, will be in attendance.

Kenton Lewis of Sigma Pi Fraternity Inc., Star Jones of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Inc. and Aaron Whittaker of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will also be speaking.

Courtney Scott will represent the men's basketball team, and Kim Schultz will speak for the women's cross country team.

Michael McGuinness, president of the Gay/Straight Alliance, will give his views on the issue, as well as Jonathan Parks, student body president.

Lockhart said each panel member will discuss comfort zones; how people get there, and why they remain.

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# Students wanted: For liaison positions

BY JUSTIN MULARSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's board of trustees (BOT), the body which governs the university, is accepting applications for its student liaison positions.

Anyone who has ever wanted to influence the board up close and personal can apply to be a student liaison to the BOT for either

a one year or two year appointment.

The current liaisons, Rhonda Hanna, senior, political science, and Lenny Compton, senior, elementary education, will see their time with the board come to an end with two new liaisons taking up their duties this summer. According to Compton, his one-year commitment was

worth it.

"I think it is the position in which advocacy for students is most needed," Compton said. "The fact remains that the BOT monitors the proposals of the administration and works to keep the administration accountable for giving the best education possible to

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## Curbing energy waste

BY REBECCA WYATT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

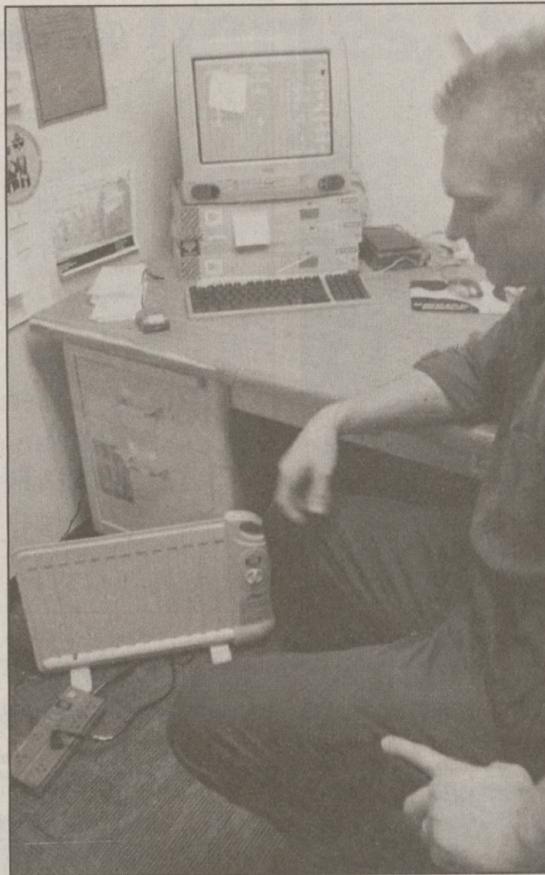
OU spent \$3.54 million on electricity, natural gas and water in 2003. About 5-6 percent of a full-time student's tuition each year helps pay the utility bills. In hard figures, that's about \$275 for every full time student equivalent, according to OU's energy Web site. Energy Manager Jim Leidel, said he

is looking for ways to reduce costs in these times of budget cuts. He said 1-2 percent savings in energy costs would be enough money to preserve one job at OU. According to the 2003 Annual Energy Report, natural gas and electricity consumption increased by 14 percent as the main campus square footage increased by 13.7 percent. The expenditures fell by 4 percent, thanks in large part to the rate OU gets from its electricity supplier, Quest Energy. OU saved \$523,000 by not purchasing electricity from Detroit Edison.

### P.S. Top five ways to save electricity

- Turn off lights when not needed
- Enable PC monitor sleep function
- Turn off computers at night
- Don't use non-OU space heaters
- Close doors to vestibules

In 2000, OU spent \$2.81 million in utility costs. In 2001, the price for utilities rose to \$3.84 million as Elliott Hall was brought online. The price for utilities dropped to \$3.71 million



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post  
Energy Manager Jim Leidel demonstrates OU's new, more energy efficient personal heaters. Natural gas and electricity consumption increased by 14 percent in 2003, and this is one of many measures to curb this increase.

in 2002 and to \$3.54 in 2003 and is expected to be \$3.76 in 2004.

According to the report, the cost in 2004 is up because of "elevated natural gas prices, as well as increased usage."

The goal, according to the report, is "to continue to aggressively pursue lower cost natural gas and electricity, and also to pursue initiatives for reduced con-

Please see ENERGY on A8.

## Students to speak on internships

BY TRACY ESTES  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Junior Erika Rivers is a communications major, and currently an intern for Oakland County in a family circuit court. She landed this internship with the help of Career Services, a department that helps OU students like Rivers put their educations to use and find their dream jobs.

"I started out working at Career Services and my relationship with them has been very good. (The people there) have been very helpful," she said. "All you have to do is go to the office and talk with someone. They are willing to help."

Now, Rivers is one of the student panelists for a panel discussion on internships which will be hosted by Career Services on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

A panel of three employer representatives from the companies Valassis, DaimlerChrysler and Deloitte & Touche will address guests about what they should expect to gain from an internship, what companies are looking for in candidates, why it is important to have an internship and the values and experience they will gain in the end.

There will also be three students on the panel who all have prior internship experience. The students will talk about their personal experiences during internships.

The students are majors from communication, computer engineering and management information systems (MIS).

Wayne Thibodeau, assistant director of career experiences in Career Services said the event is for anyone to get a sense of why getting an internship is important.

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## Alum plays at DSO

BY LIBBY BAKER  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Regina Carter dreamed of a career in music as a child. Carter, now an OU alum, has achieved that dream.

Carter, who first played the violin at age 4, is now an accomplished jazz violinist who tours the world and recently performed a violin concerto at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

On Jan. 29, the OU Alumni Association (OUAA) and the College of Arts and Sciences sponsored "An Evening with Regina Carter at the DSO" in recognition of her accomplishments.

"It is important for Oakland University to celebrate the many talents and accomplishments of its alumni," said Jamie Simek, assistant director of alumni relations at OU. "That is something the university community can and should be very proud of."

The event, which included dinner, a reception, Carter's performance, the Detroit



Photo courtesy of Oakland University  
OU alum Regina Carter was recognized at DSO in January.

Symphony Orchestra (DSO) performance and an autographed copy of Carter's latest CD, was held at the newly refurbished Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. More than 100 OU alumni and friends attended the event.

Grace Carter, Regina's

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## OUSC, other orgs work to involve

BY JUSTIN MULARSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

One of the problems facing commuter schools is a lack of student involvement on campus. There are numerous opportunities to get involved at OU in extracurricular pursuits, yet there seem to be few students taking advantage of the many offerings available to them.

This term, the OU Student Congress (OUSC) is trying to change that.

Student body president Jonathan Parks, along with OUSC, is planning to come together with several bodies on campus to collectively find a way to make OU's student body legendary for its engagement rather than its apathy.

"We plan to meet with different committees on campus - student organizations, student liaisons, the

board of trustees - to see how we can change our approach," Parks said.

Besides the student newspaper, radio station, government and NCAA sports, there are more than 100 organizations, as well as Greek life on campus.

Student organizations include social, athletic, political and academic clubs and societies. Students can select from such diverse groups as the NAACP, Women's Issues Forum, Rock Climbing Group, Student Athlete Association, the Anthropology Club and the American Marketing Association.

Despite many options, few students are taking part in new on-campus activities, and in some cases, involvement has decreased.

Gena Hintz, president of both the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and the Future Alumni Network said that she has

noticed a drop off in involvement in both groups this year.

"We have about 30 (Pi Sigma Alpha) members, but only about three or four who attend meetings," Hintz said. "We only had one member interested in going to Washington D.C. this year, down from four last year."

Hintz also said that because of the lack of participation, the group still meets, but now focuses more on providing off-campus opportunities to members.

"I think that the students of Oakland University face a unique challenge to try to be involved on campus as well as commuting and holding down jobs to help with their tuition," she said. "As a commuter and president of two organizations, I am aware of these challenges for myself and others, which makes me

Please see INVOLVE on A8.

## Golden Key educates, entertains at Love Day

BY LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Love is in the air at OU, and the Golden Key International Honour Society is educating students about sexual responsibility.

The event, which is a condensed version of last year's "Get Some" week, will be held on Friday and consists of a Love Carnival and a

showing of the movie "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days."

"It's a lot of fun and it's informative," said co-president of Golden Key Jocelyn Baldwin, senior.

The Love Carnival will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

During that time, students can play condom bingo and test their sexual knowledge. Also, there will be Valentine making for the

Meadow Brook Nursing Center, bracelet and key-chain making and information tables about sexual responsibility.

Like last year, Golden Key will be handing out free condoms, which will probably come from Graham Health Center or local county health clinics, said Baldwin.

"I'm sure that students think they know a lot about sexual responsibility, but

every event I go to I know I learn something new," said Baldwin.

Later on Friday, from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC, students can see a free showing of "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days."

Besides learning about sex, students can learn about Golden Key.

"It's a good way for them to learn about Golden Key ... and have fun on Valentine's

Day," said Andrea Zarczynski, senior and newsletter editor for the organization.

Executive board elections will be held during its next general meeting on Thursday, March 11.

For more information on Love Day or Golden Key International Honour Society, check out www.oakland.edu/org/golden-key.

### P.S. Golden Key's Love Day

Love Carnival  
noon-1 p.m. in the  
Fireside Lounge, OC

"How to Lose a Guy  
in 10 Days" showing  
7-9:30 p.m. in the  
Gold Rooms, OC

### Police Beat

• A Fitzgerald House resident was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital Feb. 2, by the Auburn Hills Fire Department. The woman called OUPD because she felt dizzy and was having trouble walking.

• The antenna of a student's car was allegedly van-

dalized on Feb. 2. The incident, which left the antenna bent and broken, happened while the car was parked near the 1000 building of the University Student Apartments. There were no witnesses and OUPD has no suspects at this time.

• A student's passenger front and rear windows were smashed out in front of

the 7000 building of the University Student Apartments Feb. 3. An unknown caller notified OUPD, that he or she had seen two individuals, one with a gray sweatshirt and the other with a black bandanna on. The responding officer noticed footprints in the snow walking to the damaged vehicle and then away. The officer contacted

the owner of the vehicle and helped her to cover her windows with plastic. There are currently no suspects.

• Two hubcaps were stolen from a student's car on Feb. 5. The student said she believes her friends caught the person taking the hubcaps on videotape and will try to get a copy of it. Currently there are no

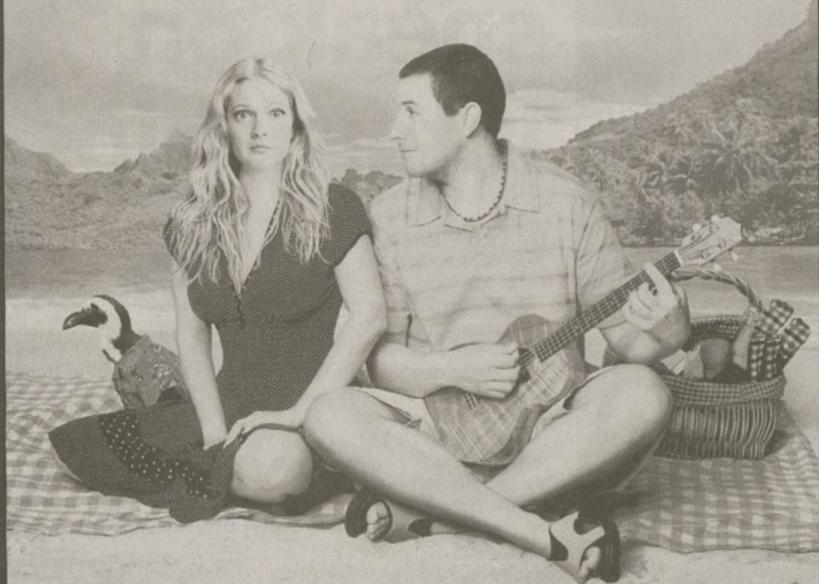
suspects.

• An advisor at OU was giving a tour of OU to a group of students from a local high school, Feb. 5, when she heard a male student threaten to beat up a female student. The advisor reported the incident and was asked to identify the subjects involved. The father of the female student was

called and the principal of the high school was also called and informed of the situation. The principal said that he would deal with the problem when the students got back to school. The case was closed since the father of the female student and the principal did not want to take it any further than just a threat.

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- Must be a clean copy without any marks or grades on it
- Feel free to revise the paper substantially before submitting
- Must include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and the semester, course and instructor for whom the paper was written

Deadline: Friday, March 5, 2004

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Applications are due by **March 8.**

## Volunteers warm homes, hearts

BY TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

As the temperature falls, heating bills rise.

This winter has been particularly cold and in the last year, the cost of heating has doubled. For some, the extra cost has become too much to handle.

Many are living pay-check to pay-check or on a fixed income, which makes it hard to pay the increased price for heating.

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) is hosting the annual Walk for Warmth to raise money to aid Oakland County residents facing heat shut-offs.

"The price of natural gas has risen 30 percent this year, and the

weather has been much colder," said Deborah Dodd of Consumers Energy.

The increase is due to a number of things, including less oil and environmental constraints on drilling and limited product capacity.

Many people affected by the rise don't care about the reason. They are interested in the result.

"The money goes to the low income, disabled and the elderly," said Jessica Mahaffy, a spokesperson for the OLHSA.

The event is being held at the Pontiac Silverdome on Feb. 28 from 9-11 a.m.

Participants can sign up in advance or show up on the 28th.

The OLHSA is encouraging participants to form teams.

Thus far, there are over 30 teams, plus individuals signed up and the OLHSA is expecting a few more teams each week, said Mahaffy.

All of the proceeds are earned through pledges. This year's corporate sponsor is General Motors.

The OLHSA is aiming to earn \$95,000 and are confident they will meet this goal.

"It's colder this year and there's a rise in need," said Mahaffy.

Last year the Walk for Warmth raised \$93,000.

Walking is not the only thing that participants can do at the event.

The theme is international this year, and there will be music from the Pontiac High School band, a bagpipe player, a masseuse and

chiropractor, an eatery and a kiddie court, said Mahaffy.

All of the entertainment at the event is voluntary.

The proceeds of the Walk for Warmth will go to residents who are struggling. However, the aid is a one-time thing.

"It's to help people become self-sufficient," said Mahaffy.

"It's important for people to participate because for some, it becomes a choice between eating or paying the heating bill. Every dollar counts," said Mahaffy.

In order to receive aid, potential recipients can contact the OLHSA and must meet certain requirements.

For more information on the Walk for Warmth, contact the OLHSA at (248) 209-2623.

## Global Glance

•Two-month-old Rebeca Martinez died Sunday in a Dominican Republic hospital, hours after an operation to remove a second head attached to her own. The girl was born with the undeveloped head of her conjoined twin. Without the operation, the pressure from the second head, attached on the top of the first and facing upward, would have prevented her brain from developing. The infant survived the 11-hour surgery but died seven hours later due to numerous heart attacks caused by excessive bleeding.

•An Iranian plane carrying migrant workers crashed as it came in to land at Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, killing 43 of the 46 people on board. The three survivors remain in critical condition. Officials blame the crash on a technical fault and said they had retrieved the plane's black box. This marks the sixth Iranian plane crash since 2000 and officials blame the wave on outdated planes.

•Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf is trying to change laws and attitudes that discriminate against women and use traditional practices to kill women in the name of family honor. Hundreds of women, mostly in rural areas, are killed each year by male relatives for shaming the family. This often includes reasons like choosing their own husbands, refusing to marry or alleged adultery. Musharraf is urging men of his country to stand up against honor killing and is trying to change a series of controversial Islamic laws introduced in 1979 by the then-military dictator.

•Racial tension is rising in the South African countryside. A white farmer and three of his black workers allegedly assaulted another black worker and fed him to lions. Officials believe the four men beat the worker then tied him up and threw him over a fence into the pen. Investigators found the man's skull and parts of his legs in the enclosure. Officials worry this incident will spark more problems concerning the accusations that white farmers mistreat black workers, though they are often victims of violent crimes themselves.

## Global goof

•Brazil's Health Ministry will hand out 10 million free condoms to carnival revelers in an AIDS prevention campaign. The campaign is aimed at showing how condoms can prevent STDs as Brazil prepares for its annual Feb. 20-24 carnival, a week of festivities including parades of scantily clad women and sexually charged parties. The campaign uses ads like a public billboard showing a fish swimming inside a condom and a television commercial where a man pours beer into a condom to convince a friend it can hold anything back. The campaign was launched after a study last year showed 15 percent of sexually active Brazilians do not believe condoms stop the spread of diseases.

—Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,  
Local News Editor

Information taken from  
various news sources.

## Comedy benefits kids

KRISTIN SOMMER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Comedians Greg Hahn and Phil DiTommaso will make guests laugh right out of their pew.

The two will appear at the Woodside Bible Church of Troy on February 28 for Comedy for a Cause X.

Admission to the show is free, however, donations will be accepted. The show will benefit Promise Village, a home for abused, neglected and troubled children in the area.

The comedians are "back by popular demand," according to Brandy Bussell, an employee of Promise Village and sophomore at OU.

Hahn, who has appeared on television shows such as Late Night with Conan O'Brien and America's Funniest People, is looking forward to the show.

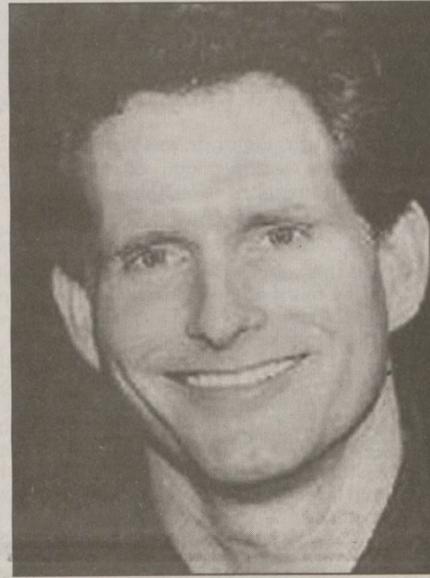
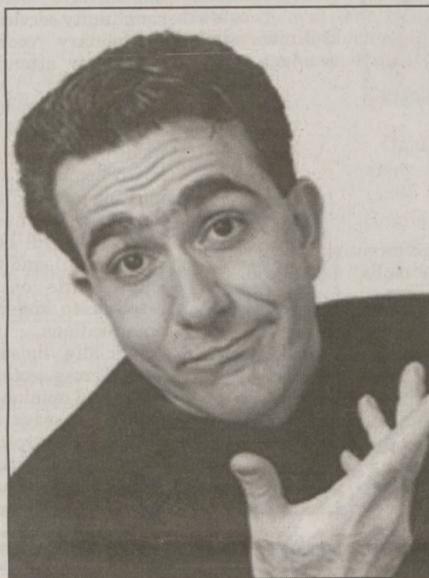
"I like helping out and entertaining everyone," he said. He especially likes the audience, who "... respond like crazy; it's great."

DiTommaso is another crowd favorite from a previous show. He has headlined "Clean Comedy Night" at Stand-Up New York in New York City, as well as appeared on a PAX-TV special.

DiTommaso's manager, Michael DiTommaso, said there are several reasons behind Phil's clean comedy act.

"He is doing this comedy because of his faith, and he wants to touch people's hearts and souls," Michael said.

Comedy for a Cause was started in the fall of



Courtesy of Promise Village

Comedians Phil DiTommaso and Greg Hahn perform to raise money for children.

2001 by Promise Village. Three to four shows are performed every year with different comedians each time.

Woodside Bible Church has a capacity of 2000, and Promise Village is expecting around 1,700 people to attend.

Junior Carrie Richard said that she would like to go.

"I think it's a great cause and I'd be happy to support it," she said.

The church is located at 3193 Rochester Road, just north of Big Beaver in Troy. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information or a map to the church, check out [www.promisevillage.com](http://www.promisevillage.com).

## Smoking snuff-out

Some local eateries may stop asking 'smoking or non'

BY LUISE BOLLEBER  
THE OAKLAND POST

For smokers eating out, the ability to light up after a meal is a right they may feel entitled to. But if Senator Ray Basham, D-Taylor, has his way, smoking in Michigan restaurants and bars will be banned.

Basham sponsored Bill 186, also known as the Michigan Smoke-Free Dining Act, which would prohibit smoking in public areas of restaurants and bars that have more than 30 percent of their income attributable to food.

For the thousands of people who logged onto Basham's new Web site, [www.smokefreediningpetition.com](http://www.smokefreediningpetition.com), the ban would be a welcome relief. But not everyone is enthusiastic about the idea.

"I think it would hurt a lot of businesses," said Beulah Hurley, manager at Mr. B's Food and Spirits in downtown Rochester. Beulah, a non-smoker, said she would personally be in favor of such a ban. "I know a lot of people can't be around it. But we have good smoke-eaters (ventilators). We do try to take care of it so families can come in here with their kids," she said.

"I don't think it would jeopardize my job, but if it did, I would not be for it," said OU sophomore Craig

Gillman, who works at Mongolian BBQ. "Personally, I don't like being around smoke. I guess it would be an issue for people working in smoking sections."

SB 186 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, where it has languished for nearly a year. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City who chairs the committee, is opposed to the bill, and has not yet scheduled a hearing. "With accommodations already being made by restaurant owners to offer smoke-free environments, I do not believe it is the role of the legislature to impose a ban on smoking," he said.

The Michigan Restaurant Association has pledged to fight the bill and uphold the rights of restaurant owners and patrons. "A state-wide smoking ban opens the door for government to interfere in the private lives of citizens and the private affairs of business owners," said Rob Gifford, executive director.

If restaurant owners' biggest fear is losing business, New York City and Sacramento proved otherwise. According to the University of California, Sacramento restaurant revenues remained the same after a ban was passed in 1990. New York City officials reported an

Please see BAN on A8.



### 2006 Detroit Bowl Poll

What do you think?

How will having the Super Bowl in Detroit in 2006 effect the way the nation views the city?

•Positively- People will see the improvements to the city.

•Negatively- The city will be embarrassed by the downtown area.

•Neutral- Perception won't change due to the Super Bowl.

Email your opinion to [local@oakpostonline.com](mailto:local@oakpostonline.com) by Monday, Feb. 16.

Check back next week for results and an update on the progress, or lack there of, of the Super Bowl construction downtown.

## MBH

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sticking to the budget and developing future plans.

Schlaybaugh said if the prognosis is still bad for the Hall in April, the "administration must tell the board what they are going to do to keep from starting the new fiscal year in debt."

Board chairperson Henry Baskin said the Hall needed a plan for the future.

"We can't start the year without a plan that really works," Baskin said.

McCarthy addressed the Board saying she has a plan.

McCarthy's plan is for the Hall to play a bigger role in student life on campus. McCarthy proposes a fee of \$20 per student for each semester be added on to student tuition. In exchange for the \$20 fee, students would get free year-round tours for themselves and family members, free events designed for students, jobs and internship opportunities, leadership positions on a

Student Advisory Board and meeting space for student organizations.

She said it would also allow for events like the Meadow Brook Ball, which was held this past Saturday, to be free.

"It's obviously not going to cure their problems," McCarthy said, but it would help.

However, Student Liaison to the board of trustees, Rhonda Hanna, does not support McCarthy's plan.

Hanna told the board she believes student money should go toward academics, not supporting the Hall.

Student Body President Jonathan Parks agreed with Hanna.

"It's not the student's responsibility to fund the Hall," Parks said.

He said Congress has found students to be divided on the issue.

Baskin said there are many options for the Hall, such as making it seasonal.

"The university has no intentions of clos-

ing the Hall," Baskin said.

He said it's just about finding the \$6-7 million needed to put MBH in a condition where it can exist.

"We have to find the money without going to the students and saying 'We're going to add that to your tuition bill,'" Baskin said. "We want to preserve this icon. This structure is important to us."

The Chair of the Art and Art History Department, Susan Wood, told the board the Hall is a "tremendous benefit to students."

She said at least four art history majors have held apprenticeships at the Hall and the student art group, La Pittura, has taken tours of the Hall.

Wood also supported the idea of grant assistance for the Hall.

"The faculty certainly has the expertise in writing grants," she said.

Student Liaison Lenny Compton said if students are going to support the Hall, it

should be more cost effective for student use. He said right now, student use of the Hall is "beyond out of reach."

After the meeting, McCarthy said she was slightly discouraged by Hanna and Parks' comments, but she would continue to talk to students and find out what they want.

"Student liaisons and the student body president are supposed to represent the student body as a whole, and I don't know how many students they talked to," McCarthy said.

She said many students would support the plan if they only knew the benefits.

McCarthy said MBH is trying to reach the students with events like the March Movie Madness and trying to create a coffeehouse atmosphere in the Hall where students can hang out.

"They want to have a relationship with students, but they haven't been able to in the past," McCarthy said.

## OUSC

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education, OUSC may start a letter writing campaign in the future, Parks said.

For this project, students would write letters to the governor asking that budget cuts be made in areas other than education.

Parks also said that the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) has undergone some changes and reassured students to be patient as change takes time.

"The board has worked diligently," Parks said.

"(We) recognize that there are still some things that need to be worked out to better serve the students."

Parks said the SAFB has allocated over \$91,000 already for the winter semester.

Campus safety remains an important issue for students, and Parks said OU students can feel safe while on campus.

"Oakland is one of the safest campuses in the nation," he said. "Safety on campus is everyone's responsibility."

He said the resolution of the P-16 parking lot issue is, not only beneficial to students, but is also a sign of the progress OUSC has made. The lot has been made available to students for overnight parking. Students were previously forced to park in a further lot.

In other business:

- Congress approved Stephanie Bahoura, Zena Marrugi and Brandon Svenson to the SPB executive board.

- OU Day at the Capital

is March 17 in Lansing. OUSC will have additional details in the near future.

- The Keeper of the Dream banquet is on Feb. 19. OUSC has tickets available. Contact Parks for more information.

- Election petition packets are now available in the Center for Student Activities office. For more information regarding the elections, contact Shaquonda Binion, administrative assistant.

## BOT

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our students." The influence the position brings does require applicants meet certain standards.

Those who apply must be an undergraduate student with at least 56 credits, at least 28 having been earned at OU. They must also have at least a 2.5 GPA, agree not to be elected or appointed to any other leadership position while serving as liaison, have a strong history of community service and have no disciplinary record at OU or any other attended universities.

Whoever is selected will be required to attend all scheduled public meetings of the board beginning with the July meeting (although accommodations can be made for applicants who will be off campus that month), and to make periodic reports on the board's activities to student groups and organizations.

Officially, liaisons will provide a "cross-section" of student views and opinions.

Compton says that he and Hanna were given an opportunity to provide that cross-section on each issue the board examined. One area in which he believes the liaisons have

made a significant impact is finance, an example being last fall's tuition increase.

"(The tuition increase) was originally set for 9.9 percent ... but I sincerely believe that we made a point to keep it as low as possible and luckily, it went down to 8.5."

Compton is also proud that he and Hanna were able to haggle down the price students are charged to play OU's championship golf course. While the price was only reduced by \$10, the issue was one most thought was non-negotiable.

"Obviously, there are a number of areas that Oakland can improve on," Compton said. "I think with well connected student liaisons, the administration and the BOT get a chance to have two sincere and well versed advocates for the students."

Anyone interested can get an application in 144 Oakland Center, the Center for Student Activities, the OU Student Congress office or the Dean of Students Web site.

Applications must be accompanied by a 300-word essay and must be turned in by March 31 to 144 Oakland Center.

## CMI

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This topic is extremely important to Lockhart as he admits to being guilty of voluntary segregation himself.

"I only hang around mainly black people," Lockhart said. "These are people I grew up with, those who I have history with."

From this discussion, Lockhart hopes to walk away with a better understanding of why people like himself don't interact with other social groups.

Monica Long, assistant director of

CMI, oversees the After Hours program.

"With this discussion, we're not only going to explore comfort zones, but also the stereotypes and assumptions people make about them," said Long. "We want the perspectives of our campus climate, and I don't know what's needed to serve the students unless I get feedback."

Long said she wanted to thank all of the students involved for demonstrating leadership, and is hopeful this event will make a difference on

campus.

"We're not targeting specific organizations or clubs," Long said. "We just want opinions from a variety of sources, and this is a good way to get them."

Parks feels that his social circle is already diverse.

"I don't understand why people are uncomfortable with being around different races," Parks said. "It's beneficial to be around different people."

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## African-American Celebration Month "Celebrating Freedom Through Education"

January 19-February 19, 2004

**February 11**  
National Society of Black Engineers & NAACP: Affirmative Action Forum  
Noon - Fireside Lounge, OC

ABS, FANS, OUA: Black Alumni Coffee Hour and Panel  
6-8 PM - Fireside Lounge, OC

**February 12**  
Honors College: Poetry Reading  
Noon - Fireside Lounge, OC

**February 17**  
Closing Ceremony & Announcement of the MLK, Jr. Celebration Essay Contest Winners  
Noon - Fireside Lounge, OC

## Random Acts of Kindness Week "Be Kind. Pass It On."

February 9-13, 2004

All activities take place from Noon-1 PM.

By participating in any activity Monday-Thursday, you will receive a FREE ticket to the Random Acts of Kindness Volunteer Celebration on Friday!

Wednesday, February 11  
U.S. Military Letters of Support  
Exhibit Lounge, OC

Thursday, February 12  
Habitat for Humanity: "Brick Buck"  
Main Hallway, OC

Friday, February 13  
Random Acts of Kindness Volunteer Celebration  
Rooms 126-127, OC

## CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- The Ten Tenors (Feb. 26)
- Dance Theatre of Harlem (Mar. 4)
- Disney on Ice - Monsters Inc. (Mar. 6)
- The Exonerated (Mar. 7)
- Jesus Christ: Superstar (Mar. 9, 14)
- Mozart and Mahler (Mar. 11)
- Smucker's Stars on Ice (Mar. 20)
- Miss Saigon (Mar. 23, 28)
- Pistons vs. New York Knicks (Mar. 27)
- Salute to the Duke with Doc Severinsen (Mar. 28)

- A Streetcar Named Desire (Apr. 1)
- Monk Presents "Monk on Monk Too" (Apr. 8)
- Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors (Apr. 9)
- Perlman's "Fantastic Symphony" (Apr. 18)
- The Magic Flute (Apr. 28, 30)
- The Pirates of Penzance (May 12, 14)
- Greig's Great Concerto (May 13)
- Perlman Conducts the Masters (May 23)
- Signature Jarvi (June 6)
- The Pearl Fishers (June 9, 11)

## ON CAMPUS EVENTS: TICKETS AND SIGN-UPS

- Indian Student Association: "Dhadkan" (Mar. 6)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual CSA Leadership Retreat (Mar. 12-13)
- Career Services & FMA: Business Etiquette Dinner (Mar. 25)

## \*NEW\* Lunch & Learn Series: Beading and Jewelry Making!

Wednesday, Feb. 18  
Noon-1 PM  
Rooms 126-127, OC

Bring your lunch, we'll provide dessert!  
Next Topic: Natural and Organic Foods (Mar. 11)

Have a question for the CSA Office?  
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### Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is provided for many of the introductory mathematics and science courses at Oakland. SI consists of regularly scheduled, out-of-class, peer facilitated review/study sessions. Although assistance begins the first week of classes each semester it is never too late to begin attending. Sessions are open to all students in the course and are attended on a voluntary basis. Winter sessions are being held for MTH121, MTH122, MTH154, MTH155, STA225, ACC200, BIO111, CHM157.

CHM158, CHM234, and CHM235. Please refer to the Academic Skills Center web site at [www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc](http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc) for more details regarding specific course sections and meeting times.

### CMI Upcoming Events

Voluntary Segregation: Is it the choice for the new generation?

Come out and participate in the panel discussion of the year.

CMI After Hours  
Tuesday February 17, 2004  
Lake Superior A, OC at 6:45 p.m.

Student Coordinators: Jamar Lockhar and Jonathon Parks

### Business Etiquette Dinner

Upcoming Event-Do You Lack Confidence in Dinner Etiquette?  
BUSINESS ETIQUETTE DINNER  
Thursday, March 25, 2004

5 pm to 7 pm in the OC Banquet Rooms

Presented by Career Services and FMA  
Learn all of the essential skills you'll need to know when attending a business dinner. Tickets are \$10 (\$25 Value) and are on sale now! A fabulous four-course meal is included in the price and professional dress is strongly encouraged. Tickets are available for purchase at Career Services, CSA Service Window, and through FMA Student Organization members. Please visit [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices) for further information or contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250.

### Walt Disney World Dream It. Do It. Disney.

Dream it. Do it. Disney.  
Disney is recruiting on campus Monday, February 16, 2004 at 2:00 in rooms 129-130 of the Oakland Center! The Walt Disney World College Program is a paid internship. College credit opportunities may be available. Visit the website at [wdwcollegeprogram.com](http://wdwcollegeprogram.com) for further information. Attendance at the presentation is required to interview. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Anne Ketelsen from Career Services at (248) 370-3250.

### Career Services

Want to gain valuable work experience prior to graduation? Career Services and Alpha Kappa Psi present:  
REALITY OF INTERNSHIPS PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Noon - 1:00 pm  
Gold Rooms, OC

Learn the value in gaining internship experience to prepare you for your future career. Talk with students who currently have internships as well as employer representatives about key skills and criteria employers are looking for. FREE FOOD provided.

### Campus Rec Happenings

Kayak Instruction  
March 7 - 14 at 9-11:30 a.m.  
Recreation Center Pool  
\$80 Students  
\$95 Non Students

### Spirit Ca\$h Now Accepted At The Pepsi Machines??

CONVENIENCE FOR A NEW GENERATION!  
Spirit Ca\$h is now accepted at the Pepsi machines located on the upper level of the Oakland Center. Get into the Spirit with SpiritCa\$h!

STUDENT AFFAIRS WISHES  
EVERYONE A...  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

## Editorial at a glance

The Issue: The university spent \$29,000-plus in legal fees to defend itself against an Open Meeting Act lawsuit.

Our stance: No secret is worth that much. Just commit to openness.

Go figure. OU's President and Board of Trustees are desperately looking for ways to cut costs, and yet they spent \$29,000-plus in legal fees to keep the public out of university business. The Oakland Post contends a meeting held in January 2003 was in violation of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, which mandates all meetings of public boards must be open if a quorum of that board is

## The high price of secrecy

present. The Post was told the meeting was about the state of higher education and the looming budget cuts. More than 1,000 students affirmed their interest in this subject by signing a petition asking the board to hold its business in public. The Post, funded its own \$17,171 legal costs with its own revenue, not student money. It hired one attorney to encourage the board to keep its meetings open.

OU hired six private practice attorneys to fight the lawsuit. According to 2002-2003 salary and budget records, OU also employs Victor Zambardi as General Counsel at \$119,390 a year and the office had two other staff attorneys making \$110,333 combined. What is it that makes the university administration feel obligated to hide its business from the public? What's the

\$29,000-plus secret? The court decided that OU isn't subject to the OMA. We feel this was a gross misinterpretation of the current law and we intend to continue our campaign for open BOT meetings. We foot our bills, the students do not. The board is an appointed group of public servants and the taxpayers and we have a right to know every decision they make, and every topic they discuss

involving the university which they run, but we support. Without the tax and tuition payers, there would be no board and there would be no OU. The OMA was created to foster open government, a necessity for a democracy. All The Post did was exercise its right to know. A right we are lucky to have and one that we will continue, at our own expense, to fight to keep.

## Talk Back The OU community responds to The Post and events around campus

DEAR EDITOR,

We, a group of students from Rhetoric 160, Section 10956, call upon the student body, faculty and staff to make their voices heard. For the past three weeks, our homes and communities have been savagely lashed by bitter arctic weather and numerous snow and ice storms. We have found ourselves and our cars in ditches and in fender-benders of all types. Yet through it all, Oakland University, in an apparent show of defiance to Mother Nature herself, has remained open despite the immense danger to the university community. For the safety of the students, faculty and staff, Oakland University ought to think twice before challenging the forces of nature again.

JOSHUA J. MILLER  
DEANNA COLLISON  
NICK NICHOLAS  
WHITNEY M. BELL

DEAR EDITOR,

What is the point of the hotline (248) 370-2000 if students are confused by its message and don't know if the school is opened or closed? "The university is closed," said the hotline message. As this statement was said, students felt a sense of relief until they heard the next line. The hotline stated that there were to be no evening classes on Jan. 14 starting at 5 p.m. This was the message from the night before! In bitter confusion, all the angered students slammed down the receiver, as they wondered why there was no updated message on the hotline.

The hotline is supposed to be a phone number to call on school closing information that should be updated immediately when the status changes. The OU hotline leaves students cold!

SINCERELY,  
RHT 160  
SECTION 10956

In last weeks issue:

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Theta Chi were spelled incorrectly.
- Steve Burke was incorrectly identified.
- The pictures on B6 were taken by Melissa Williams and David Kilkenny.

All Talk Back letters must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Letters must be limited to 350 words. Letters may be edited for content and length and are due the Sunday before publication. The Post uses discretion and may reject letters for any reason. Letters become property of The Oakland Post. E-mail letters to editor@oakpostonline.com or drop off at 61 Oakland Center.

## OUAA offers campus life for alumni



SUE EVANS  
OU Alumna

Oakland University offers an impressive array of extracurricular opportunities to meet most any student's interests. Similarly, the Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) offers a variety of opportunities to appeal to graduates. As the current chair of the OUAA, I encourage you to consider staying involved with the university after graduation.

Perhaps the most invaluable aspect of your college experience is that you have time: time to talk to friends, explore issues, debate ideas and to relax. After graduation, time will seem like a rare commodity, especially as you learn to juggle your career and other commitments. That is why the OUAA has designed programs that allow you to invest as much time as you can afford.

Continued involvement provides other benefits as well. Especially helpful to new graduates, OUAA events offer an opportunity to network with other alumni. On the flip side, by staying active with the OUAA, you have a chance to contribute to the successes of current students – the prospective alumni that will follow you.

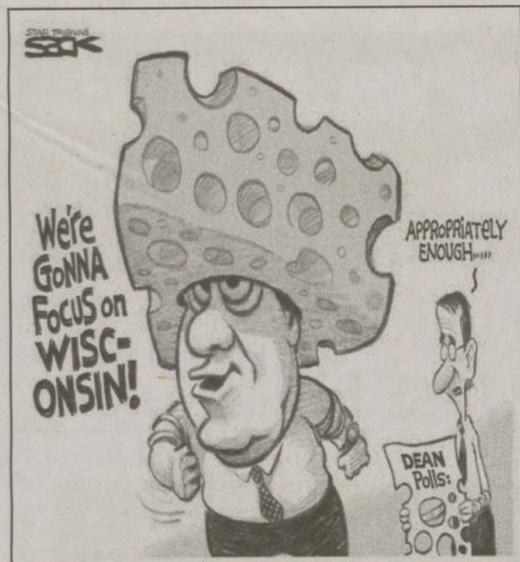
I have briefly hit the highlights on the reasons to get involved. Here are a few of the myriad of ways to get started. One program of which you can take advantage of as both a student and an alumnus, is the mentoring opportunity created by Career Services and the OUAA, called CAST. In a nutshell, alumni mentors enter their personal, academic and professional information into a database that is accessible to students. I encourage you to check it out now – and to become a mentor in the future. Another way to stay connected is to attend OUAA events like the ones I men-

tioned earlier. Our Web site contains the latest news. As your comfort level grows, there are opportunities for you to assist in the creating and/or planning of new events. Again, you can control the amount of time that you are able to devote.

Aside from OUAA events, there are a variety of other ways to stay active. For example, each academic unit has an advisory council that seeks alumni input and participation. These school-specific organizations are of special appeal because they are better able to identify the specific needs and the interests of their alumni and tailor specialized events for them. Additionally, you can still attend most campus events that are open to students. Although you may no longer receive a student discount, membership in the OUAA gives you a price break for a variety of university-sponsored events.

If my guess is correct, many of you are unfamiliar with the OUAA. So I thought I would conclude with a brief thumb-nail sketch. The OUAA has a tremendous full-time staff and a large volunteer board of directors. The board of directors provides the leadership that assists in developing and shaping OUAA events. The OUAA also has chapters that organize events for alumni. Leadership opportunities exist even for the most recent alumni and I encourage you to become involved in a chapter or on the board or one of its committees.

For those of you who are already active in campus life, becoming active in the OUAA will seem like a natural progression. For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to get involved as a student, consider the advantages of becoming active after graduation. To learn more about the OUAA, you can check out our Web site (just follow the link on OU's Web site) or visit the OUAA office located on the east side of campus (by the golf courses) in the John Dodge House. I look forward to seeing you soon!



## Was the Super Bowl incident negative for Janet Jackson?

**YES**  
BY RANDY DUDEK  
THE OAKLAND POST

Two Sundays ago, Michael Jackson passed the torch. He was no longer the most embarrassing member of his own family. That honor, of course, has now been bestowed on little sister Janet.

The embarrassment began earlier in the halftime show than the "wardrobe malfunction." How sad it was to see CBS/MTV apparently so desperate to get the name 'Jackson' involved in the spectacle that they called up Janet, even though her only musical contribution was lip-synching "Rhythm Nation." Ms. Jackson, if you're nasty, 1990 wants their halftime show back.

A further source of Jackson shame is being seen on stage on live TV with Justin Timberlake, who is such old news that even Britney Spears, queen of attention seeking, wants nothing to do with him anymore.

On to the most web-searched topic ever; a bigger humiliation than Kid Rock wearing the American flag as a poncho, or Jessica Simpson.

Coincidentally, just as he pretended to sing "gonna have you naked by the end of this song," Timberlake ripped off a part of Jackson's outfit, revealing her taste in costume jewelry. The pseudo-stars claim that only the top part of her costume was intended to come off, leaving her in her red bra.

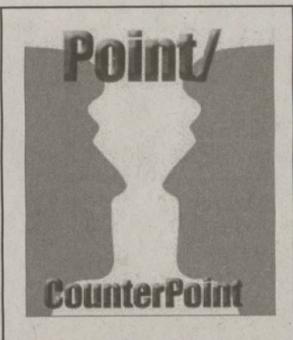
Now, I'm far from the expert on the subject matter, but I always thought that the cups of a bra were attached to something other than a tear-away panel of a leather top.

Not only is Jackson unable to memorize the lyrics to a song 14 years after she recorded it, a member of the nuttiest family in music and a camera hog, she's also a liar. A bad liar.

Need definitive proof that the halftime scene casts Janet in a bad light? The media has forgotten all about Michael, and he's the one on trial for child molestation.

**NO**  
BY LIZ GORECKI  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

This year's attempt to produce a decent half-time show was successful. Sure it was no Up With People like at Super Bowl XIV or even their performance at Super Bowl XX, but who would want to re-live those shows.



People today want something edgy and controversial, and that's exactly what they got. Janet Jackson may be apologizing to a stunned public, and sure, she

decided to skip the Grammys. But in the end, when Janet's new album goes platinum and the only thing people remember about the 2004 Super Bowl is her name, she'll be the one smiling. The Snoozer Bowl's only excitement came during half-time. CBS and the Super Bowl advertisers should be thanking Janet and Justin. Without the half-time 'controversy,' viewers would

have switched over to VH1's "Remember the 80's" or QVC's major jewelry blowout.

It's sad really, that the most talked about Super Bowl event wasn't the game winning field goal or even that awesome Bud Lite commercial, but Janet's bared breast.

I give Janet credit. There probably isn't a better time than the Super Bowl half-time show to pull off a publicity stunt like Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake did.

Did CBS really think they were going to hold a huge, live event with a MTV half-time show and have nothing controversial happen. Of course not. Bringing Janet, Justin, Kid Rock, Beyonce and a half a dozen other pop artists together for the biggest sporting event of the year is asking for something scandalous.

I have to say, Janet took full advantage of the situation. With a new single coming out shortly after Super Bowl Sunday and an album due out in March, Janet heard opportunity knocking and she definitely answered.

Now, not only is Janet's "wardrobe malfunction" the most "Tivo-ed" event in history, but her breast is the most "Googled" item and her single is one of the most looked for online.

There's no such thing as bad publicity, and this proves it.

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**ENERGY**

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sumption and better efficiency" in 2004.

According to Leidel, OU is doing a number of things to conserve energy, including metering used utilities. Leidel said the auxiliaries' services, the OC, the residence halls and the Rec Center, were previously billed for utilities based on a square-foot rate, which gave them "no incentive to conserve energy."

But now he is able to bill the buildings based on what is used.

Leidel said this also helps

him monitor usage within the buildings and determine where energy can be conserved.

The Solar Demonstration Project on the roof of the University Student Apartments was made possible with a grant and will provide information about possible energy alternative for OU.

Leidel also outlined a few smaller ways to help conserve energy. He said outside space heaters are not allowed at OU, so he has purchased 100 low-wattage

heaters. This will save money by helping to warm bodies without over-warming the room.

He also has Wattstopper power strips, which are equipped with a motion detector that shuts off connected equipment when the user walks away.

As part of his Web site, Leidel has included a program for Window users that turns their PC's sleep function on.

As an auxiliary, the OC is responsible for generating revenue to pay for expenses.

Richard Fekel, director of the OC, said over the years changes have been made to conserve more energy.

He said the heating and cooling systems of the lower level were replaced with more efficient systems when the lower level was remodeled.

Fekel said motion detectors have been installed in the meeting rooms and expansion restrooms to save energy when the rooms are not being used. He also said with each renovation the OC has installed energy saving

light fixtures.

"The less efficient lighting in the building is primarily on the main level, in areas we have not renovated," Fekel said. "For example, in the east food court dining area there are two lighting systems. One system is fluorescent, the other is incandescent."

He said the Gold Rooms and north main corridor uses incandescent light as well.

"We have experimented with compact fluorescent light bulbs in the food court

and Gold Rooms but the color of the light has been objectionable to building users," Fekel said.

Leidel said fluorescent lighting is a much more efficient form and as is it more widely used soft and better bulbs are available.

To learn more about OU's energy consumption, visit [www.oakland.edu/energy](http://www.oakland.edu/energy). To get an OU-approved space heater and Wattstopper power strip contact Leidel at (248) 370-4990 or [leidel@oakland.edu](mailto:leidel@oakland.edu).

**PANEL**

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"This is a very important type of event," said Thibodeau. "Internships are what give experience and the value and importance of them is what we are trying to help students understand."

During the panel, students can talk with the representatives and see the different perspectives from employers and students, said Thibodeau.

Thibodeau said that having an internship is important.

"(Students) shouldn't wait until their last semester in school (to get an internship) because by then, employers are looking for permanent positions to fill," he said.

Students can register at the Career Services office in West Vandenberg Hall for free and immediately start learning about their career options.

"It's amazing how many students don't tap into the resources on campus like Career Services," said Rivers.

The organization Alpha Kappa Psi is also a sponsor for the event. They will be providing free food for all attendees.

For more information about the discussion panel or information on internships, contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250 or visit their Web site at [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices).

The panel will be held in the OC from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

**BAN**

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increase of 12 percent over the same period a year before the ban was enacted.

Other states have already banned smoking in restaurants and bars including California, Maine, Delaware, and Connecticut.

According to Basham's website, a recent Gallup Poll shows that 52 percent of Americans believe secondhand

smoke is "very harmful."

Secondhand smoke is classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Group A carcinogen, responsible for approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually in U.S. non-smokers.

OU freshman Colin Elsaadi, who was braving frigid weather outside the OC to smoke a cigarette, said it would-

n't bother him if the bill is passed. "I just smoke afterwards," he said. "It wouldn't be too bad. I have lots of friends who don't smoke."

Log onto Basham's website to keep track of the bill's progress, or to sign his petition.

To find local smoke-free restaurants, log onto [smokinghurts.com](http://smokinghurts.com).

**DSO**

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mother, said her daughter's skills flourished while at OU.

"Oakland helped quite a bit with developing her jazz and her career," she said.

Carter's DSO appearance included the U.S. premiere of "Four Sisters". The piece, written by composer David Schiff, pays tribute to Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughn, said Simek.

In addition, the DSO performed Milhaud's "Le Boeuf sur le Toit" and Vivaldi's "Four Seasons".

According to Carter's mother, Carter felt a little nervous about performing the piece and even lost her spot in the music at one point, but her performance was nonetheless met with high praise.

"Of course I was very pleased, but I'm the mother," she said.

Even though Carter's music has taken her around the world and far from OU, her many accomplishments still hold value for OU students, said Simek.

"Ms. Carter sets a tremendous example for OU students. She has had great success in her profession and has overcome many obstacles," she said. "It says a lot for this university."

In addition to Carter's DSO performance on Jan. 29, she also performed Jan. 30 and Feb. 1.

For more information on Carter, visit the Verve Records Web site at [www.vervemusicgroup.com](http://www.vervemusicgroup.com).



Brides and Grooms...

Whether you are recently married or are getting married, now is the time to share your knowledge of planning a wedding while in college with other students. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca at [rlwyatt@oakland.edu](mailto:rlwyatt@oakland.edu).



**INVOLVE**

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more appreciative of those who do become involved."

Parks echoes Hintz's frustration. While the main problem may be that students have busy lives off campus, he thinks that perhaps student leaders have failed their brethren. Regardless of the reason, he believes not being active is detrimental to all students, involved or not.

"From the OUSC's view, lack of participation means less voices are being heard," said Parks. "From the student organizations' view, I've gone to events people put in dedication to, and no one comes. They miss the treat."

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## Hitting 'rock bottom'

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

All good things must eventually come to an end.

Since the 1986-87 season, the OU men's basketball team has had a winning record in conference play. That streak was snapped with two losses this week that pushed the Golden Grizzlies Mid-Con record to 3-9 with only four league games remaining.

Not since head coach Greg Kampe's second year at the helm in the 1985-86 season, when the squad went 5-11 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC), has Kampe's crew had a sub-.500 league record. That was the team's first year in a return to the GLIAC after a seven-year layoff.

To end that season, the team lost six of its last seven games. OU rebounded the next season with a 10-6 record in the GLIAC, beginning the 17-year streak, with a two season break from 1997-99 when OU was making the transition from Division II to Division I and was not part of a conference.

Thursday, OU lost to Southern Utah University (SUU), 78-68, for the second time this season, and the Grizzlies clinched the losing Mid-Con record with a 88-58 blowout loss to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) on Saturday.

Even though Kampe said he had dealt with the possibility of the streak being snapped, Saturday's loss was devastating.

"I still believed we could get to 8-8 ... before this trip," Kampe said. "I thought that we could win those two games. It was going to be hard and difficult, but I thought we could do it. Just

like, I still believe we can still win the tournament. It's just my makeup."

Kampe said the 30-point loss to UMKC was rock bottom for the program, but he still won't dwell on the bad things of the season.

"Right now, I just want to make sure we don't hang ourselves on all the bad that's happened," he said. "I give a lot of speeches ... and one of the things I say in my speeches to young people is through adversity is how you find out about yourself. Through adversity, we make ourselves who we are."

"That's the message I give when I speak and I think I have to live that message. I think we have adversity, and we're going to make ourselves who we are, and we still have time to do something about it," Kampe said.

Kampe and his players must now set their sights on the Mid-Con post-season tournament.

"With every game, it's a different obstacle for us as a team to try to overcome," senior forward Kelly Williams said.

"We're still growing. We're still building. Coach Kampe feels like we're going in the right direction, so I feel the same way."

"Right now we're looking at the tournament, finishing the season as strong as we can and ... bringing it all together at the tournament," Williams said.

Kampe believes winning the Mid-Con tournament could put aside the disappointment of the season.

"As I also told our players, the greatest moment in Oakland basketball is right out there," the optimistic coach said. "We can still achieve the greatest moment. I think that will overshadow the streak. The reality of that streak is that it was just something that

meant something to me."

Saturday in Kansas City, OU was a part of history as it watched UMKC senior guard Michael Watson become the Mid-Con all-time career scoring leader with 2,290 points, putting up 40 against the Grizzlies.

Neither team shot well in the first half, hitting less than 35 percent from the field, and UMKC took a 31-26 lead into halftime.

But the second half was not the same story. While OU continued to shoot poorly, just 36.7 percent, the Kangaroos found their touch and built a lead while shooting 61.1 percent.

UMKC took a 41-30 lead at the 16:40 mark of the second half and for the remainder of the game, the Grizzlies were unable to bring the deficit below double digits.

Seniors Mike Helms, guard, and Kelly Williams, forward, led OU with 18 points each and junior guard Rawle Marshall added 17. No other Grizzly had more than three points.

Three-point shooting was in abundance as OU went 5-24 and UMKC hit 10-26 attempts, led by Watson who hit seven shots from behind the three-point arc on 13 attempts.

In Thursday's loss to SUU, the Grizzlies once again had lopsided scoring, getting 53 of its 68 points from two players. Helms had 28 and Marshall netted 25.

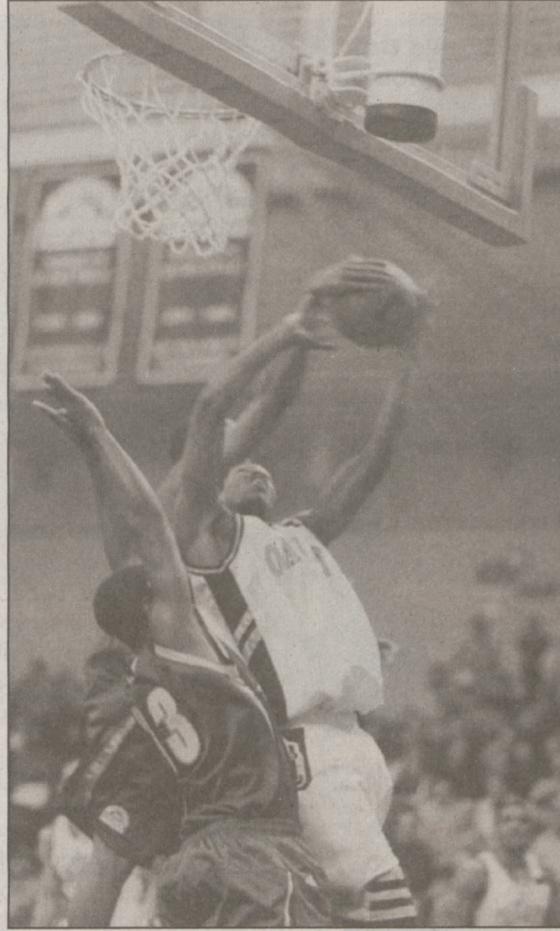
OU trailed by as many as nine points in the first half, but fought back to get within two points at halftime.

A three-pointer by Helms to open the second half gave the Grizzlies the lead and they began to build an eight-point advantage.

The Thunderbirds tied the game at 64 with 3:55 remaining, but OU took the lead back with a layup by junior forward Cortney Scott.

But the advantage was short lived after a three-pointer by junior SUU forward Tim Gainey at the 3:08 mark gave his team the lead for good.

For the remainder of the



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post  
Above: Junior guard Rawle Marshall fights for two in a game earlier this season. Right: OU head coach Greg Kampe has had his share of frustrations this season.



OU is currently eighth in the Mid-Con. The top eight teams out of the nine in the conference qualify for the postseason tournament. Ninth-place Western Illinois University has a conference record of 1-10 with five games remaining.

## Getting it done

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore guard Jayme Wilson had three steals in the OU women's basketball team's 54-52 win over the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Monday night. But it was the two in the final 15 seconds of the contest that made the difference.

With 28 seconds to play, sophomore guard Anne Hafeli put the Golden Grizzlies ahead by one, 53-52, with a pair of free throws. OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard then called a 30-second timeout to set up the team's defensive strategy.

Wilson made the break count, earning a trip to the free throw line with 13 seconds remaining after stealing the ball on the Kangaroos offensive possession.

Wilson missed the first attempt from the charity stripe, but knocked down the second to give her team the two-point advantage.

After calling a 30-second timeout, UMKC ran a final play in an attempt to tie or win the game, but Wilson came up big once again, stealing the ball from freshman Kangaroo guard Erin Pauk as the last seconds ticked off the clock.

The Grizzlies did not trail in the first half of Monday's game, building up a lead of as many as 12 points before taking a nine-point lead into halftime.

UMKC chipped away at the lead in the second half, tying the game

for the first time since the 17:12 mark of the first half, with 8:13 remaining in regulation. The Kangaroos shot 48.3 percent in the half, helping to get back in contention.

The teams battled back and forth, tying the game five more times in the last seven minutes.

Hafeli led OU with 12 points on 4-8 shooting, including two three-pointers. It was the second consecutive game Hafeli led the team in scoring.

"She's definitely hitting her outside shot, which is a good thing," OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "We're obviously a better team when she does. We've talked about her becoming a scorer."

Freshman guard Joya Puryear added 11 points off the bench.

Wilson, who currently leads the Mid-Con with 15.3 points per game, contributed 11 points and seven rebounds.

Junior forward Amanda Batcha cleaned the glass with a team-high 12 rebounds.

OU had a three-game winning streak snapped Saturday afternoon when the Southern Utah University (SUU) Thunderbirds defeated the Grizzlies, 74-76.

The contest started off sloppily as the teams traded turnovers before SUU opened an early 4-0 lead, while OU missed its first four shots.

Two consecutive jumpers by junior forward Petra Manakova took the zero off the scoreboard for the Grizzlies and eventually tied the



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post  
OU sophomore guard Anne Hafeli attempts to drive to the basket.

game. It was the first of six ties in the first half, but SUU fought for a one-point lead at halftime.

The two squads traded runs in the second half, with the Thunderbirds leading by as many as five and OU responding to gain a six-point advantage.

A jumper by junior SUU forward Sarah Hutton tied the game for the eighth and final time at the 8:46 mark. The Thunderbirds led from that point on, hitting four straight free throws down in the last 38 seconds to seal the eight-point victory.

Hafeli led the Grizzlies with 21 points, shooting 8-19 from the field, 5-9 from three-point range. Wilson added 16 points on 6-16 shooting, including 4-11 from behind the three-point arc.

Junior forward Sarah Yaksich provided a lift for the Grizzlies off the bench, tallying 10 points and hauling in 10 rebounds.

Batcha also had 10 boards.

In the game, OU only shot four free throws to the Thunderbirds 12

attempts, which was a product of the way the game was played, Shea-Hilliard said.

"They're making people hit shots," she said. "They're not fouling them. They just played behind you and made you hit shots."

OU will be out of action until 7 p.m. Monday, when Centenary College will be its foe in the 'O'rena. Feb. 21 and 23, the Grizzlies will take a mini road trip, taking on Oral Roberts University and Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis.

"I think (the break) will actually be good for us," Shea-Hilliard said. "We get a chance to look at some things, watch a little more film and focus on what we want to do. We have more time to worry about ourselves."

The women's season will then wrap up with a 6 p.m. contest Feb. 28 against Western Illinois University at home in the 'O'rena.



MIKE LARSON

Guest Columnist

## Detroit welcomes you, Pudge

Pudge- First and foremost, I would just like to say, "Welcome." You're a Tiger. You've traded your fins for stripes, and you're one of us now.

Hey, don't look so disappointed! For the nominal payment of \$40 million, you've just been given the title of "franchise player" on arguably the worst team in all of sports today, and perhaps ever.

Who cares that while you were helping the Florida Marlins win a World Championship last October, most of your new teammates were busy watching reruns of "Full House" on Nick-at-Nite.

Not like that matters. Season after season, World Series hopes tend to pack up and leave Motown shortly after Mother's Day.

But last season was different. Last year, former Tiger great Alan Trammell took over as skipper, and brought on other former Tigers Kirk Gibson and Jack Morris as bench coaches.

Tiger players responded to that nostalgia by setting an American League record for losses, with a whopping 119.

So after an entire decade of losing seasons, Tiger owner and reigning Little Caesar of baseball, Mike Ilitch, finally became less concerned with the price of bulk mozzarella, and decided to do something about his struggling franchise.

And that's where you come in, Pudge.

You're optimistic, too. We like that. You were quoted on ESPN saying, "I'm ready to come to Detroit, and help turn things around."

Fans seem ready to forget the Juan Gonzalez fiasco.

A spokesman for the Tigers told The Detroit News that, last week alone, the organization sold more than \$700,000 worth of tickets.

Fans are ready for you. We've cleared a place on the mantle (well, its not like there was a whole lot up there) for your NLCS MVP award, and we've even cleared space for wishful thinking.

To the fans, you have a chance to become the biggest thing in Detroit since Ben Wallace's fro, and to your team, you have 40 million reasons to prove you can help this ball club.

Sure it's overwhelming, but the pizza man has called in reinforcements with other off-season acquisitions like outfielder Rondell White, pitcher Al Levine and infielders Fernando Vina and Carlos Guillen.

It won't be easy though.

But if there is one piece of advice I can offer to motivate you, it would be this: ten years is a long time without a winning season, but the off-season feels a lot longer when you have to spend it watching reruns of "Full House."

Mike Larson is a sophomore majoring in journalism. Send comments to sports@oakpostonline.com.

# Would You Be My Valentine?

### To James Smothers, the love of my life...

Since 1995 and until the end of time, you have and always will be the love of my life. You inspire me, support me and treat me like none other. I love you more than simple words could ever show. Remain with me as long as God allows, and I promise you a lifetime of happiness.

**Happy Valentine's Day  
Love always, Rainbow**

### Girls On 6 West...

You've Got My Back. We never sleep. I miss all of your guys' sweet lovin'!  
**JD**

### To Ross Markesino

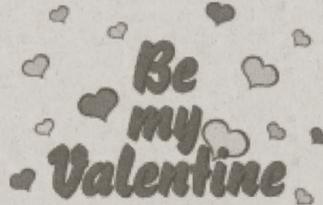
Happy Valentine's Day! You are my sweetie, Rossiebabes! I love you so very much! Kiss and Hugs! xoxoxox

**From: Cindy Chatterson**

### Lauren and Torri-

Thanks for being the rockinest roommates in the world. Love you guys!

**- Laura**



### Christina,

Wanted to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day on this being our first one together. May your Valentine's be filled with love from your one and only true love. A night of romance will await you. I send you all the love my heart can give.

**Love you always,  
Nick**



**Bobby,** I think you're a real tom cat. I get frisky every time I see you. **Your Secret Admirer**

**Andy Rabe,** good thing we've got our library cards because we're checking you out.  
**Happy Valentine's Day, D,J, J,S**

### Michael, Joseph and Andrew,

Please know you are loved from the bottom of my heart. I'm so glad we will spend the rest of our lives together.

**Love Q**

**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S DAY  
FROM THE STAFF  
AT THE OAKLAND  
POST!!**

### Donald-

When I was 19 you walked up to me at my first not so glam job, McDonald's. I was so ugly that day. I had this small hat suction-cupped to my big head. I had to wear grandma looking pants they made me wear. And through all of this you thought I was beautiful. Babe I love you with all that I have and all that I am. I am looking forward to the future with you. It will be 6 years this summer, through the bad and good times we will always be.

**I love you forever  
Love your Kimberly**

I would like to wish a special Happy Valentine's Day to my sisters of ABS, may your day be as special as special can be. I would also like to send Kaniqua Daniel a Happy Valentine's Day. You are a friend like no other and it's a blessing to be friends with someone who is an angel.

**Sincerely,  
Stefen**

### To Davey Kudla,

My dearest Davey, I will love thee forever.  
**Love April O.**

**Valentine's Day**

### To: Stefen J. Welch

May the joys of your heart be fulfilled on this day, and throughout the entire year... Happy Valentine's Day  
**Love Ya, Kaniqua**

### Jewells-

I wish you a safe and speedy recovery over the next few weeks... Once you get better remember you owe me a coffee!!

**Love you much, your cuz-  
Nathan**

### Robert-

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray, you'll never know dear how much I love you, so please don't take my sunshine away. I cannot wait to spend the rest of my life with you.

**Love always,  
Katie**

### To Franco Briguglio,

I just wanted to say I love you, baby.  
Yours Forever,  
**Lance**

### Joshua-

It's not being in love that makes me happy, it's being in love with YOU that makes me happy! Happy Valentines Day Baby!

**I love you, Stacey**

### Carrie-

I knew from the first moment I saw you that I was now a changed person. Because now, I am in love. You truly changed my life forever.

**Love always,  
Rex**

Happy Valentine's Day,  
Hansel.  
**XOXO - Laura**

**I Love You Dingles!!  
Love, Dingles**

Happy Valentine's Day  
**HANDSOME!!!  
Hugs and Kisses from  
SWEETNESS!!!!**



**Happy Valentine's Day**



**ON TAP @ OU**

Check out the times and dates below to get a jump on what's going on in OU athletics this week and beyond. All times are local.

**Men's Basketball**

Thurs. Feb. 12, 7 p.m.  
vs. Centenary  
@ 'O' Rena  
Thurs. Feb. 19, 7 p.m.  
@ IUPUI  
Sat. Feb. 21, 8:05 p.m.  
@ Oral Roberts

**Women's Basketball**

Mon. Feb. 16, 7:15 p.m.  
vs. Centenary  
@ 'O' Rena  
Sat. Feb. 21, 3:05 p.m.  
@ Oral Roberts  
Mon. Feb. 23, 7 p.m.  
@ IUPUI

**Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving**

National Independent Conference Championship  
Wed.-Sat. Feb. 25-28  
@ OU Aquatics Center

**Men's Club Hockey**

(DII)  
GHML Tournament  
Feb. 20-21 TBA  
@ Michigan State

(DIII)  
Sat. Feb. 14, TBA  
@ Hope College

**Women's Club Hockey**

Thurs. Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m.  
@ Western Michigan  
Friday Feb. 13, 9:45 p.m.  
vs. Western Michigan  
@ ONYX in Rochester

**Possible NCAA Qualifiers**

**MEN:**

Chris Sullivan  
50-, 100- and 200-  
yard freestyle  
100-yard butterfly  
Hunor Ma'te  
100- and 200-yard  
breaststroke

**WOMEN:**

Oksana Strelet  
50- and 100-ard  
freestyle  
Tanya Korniyenko  
100- and 200-ard  
butterfly

# Nothing ordinary about club season

By **BREDAN STEVENS**  
SPORTS EDITOR

With an overall record of 23-3-3, the OU men's club hockey team has been forced to find different ways to win this season.

Two victories over Indiana University (IU), 7-0, and the University of Miami-Ohio, 6-3, this weekend were no different for the Grizzlies.

Friday versus IU, OU played a nearly flawless game holding its Greater Midwest Hockey League (GMHL) foe scoreless in the shutout victory.

The Grizzlies got their engines revving quickly, scoring 30 seconds into the opening period. Sophomore forward Ryan Teasdale finished off a nice play from senior forward Ron Kolb for the goal.

Senior goalkeeper, Jeff Weib, layed strog in net, making a number of point blank saves to keep the Hoosiers offense in check.

OU's offense responded by opening up the game with a goal from senior defenseman Ka Borgquist on the power play.

God coordination resulted in OU's two other goals in their first period, with Teasdale tipping in a goal from Scott Elder and freshman forward Jordan Ingram redirecting a shot from the point to pick up the team's

fourth goal.

The Grizzlies continued the offensive barrage to start the second period, when freshman forward Jon Paul Ferrari made a move at the blue line and passed the puck off to sophomore forward Will McMahon for a breakaway.

For the remainder of the second period, OU head coach Craig Furstenu said he was concerned.

"The game got real ugly in the second (when) two fights erupted and several penalties were called," he said. "I was getting worried about injuries because IU really got dirty in the second stanza."

In the third period, returning the favor for the breakaway opportunity he had in

the second period, McMahon set up Ferrari who put the puck in an open net to make the game 6-0.

Teasdale finished what he started, scoring the team's final goal with more than three minutes to play, picking up the hat trick.

Furstenu said he was very pleased with the forecheck in the win.

"Our forechecking was brilliant and we made sure we didn't get caught deep in their zone," he said. "Our forwards did a great job of keeping the play in front of them, which limits odd man rushes and scoring chances in our zone."

The play of Shaun Zeldes



OU head men's club hockey coach Craig Furstenu mans the bench. In less than two seasons as the Grizzlies head man, Furstenu has compiled a 38-8-6 record.

was tremendous, especially during special teams, Furstenu said.

"Penalty killing was brilliant all game and Zeldes was the best penalty killer on the team," Furstenu said. "He made several highlight film saves in the first and I know the team really tried hard to preserve the shutout for him."

OU came out with less fire in its belly Saturday against Miami (Ohio), possibly because of the lateness of the previous evening's game and the early departure for Ohio the same morning, Furstenu said.

The Grizzlies scored the first two goals of the game with Teasdale and Kolito tallying in the first period.

In the second period,

Miami came back to tie the game, 2-2, but junior defense, Ron Teasdale, senior, and Brian Belliotti, junior, picked up goals to restore the two-goal advantage heading into the second intermission.

Senior Dan Oleksy gave the Grizzlies a three-goal lead with a nice shot from the slot that beat the Miami goaltender high.

The Redhawks chipped away at the deficit with one goal, but that's as close as the home team would get. McMahon netted an empty goal to secure the win.

Furstenu said he was happy with the play from top to bottom.

"We got contributions from all four lines this weekend and the defensive zone

coverage was better than it usually is," he said. "The main difference is that the guys tried harder for 60 minutes."

With its high-powered and quick-striking offense, Furstenu said the team's defense can sometimes get lackadaisical.

"We all know how to play defense, but usually we get p on teams and get lazy and once the game gets too close, we play defense again," Furstenu said. "This week the entire team worked hard and it showed, not only offensively, but defensively, as well."

OU will take the week off to prepare for the GMHL playoffs Feb. 20-21, hosted by Michigan State University in Lansing.

## NIC next for swimmers

By **DANA UTZ**  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

In their last dual meet of the season, both the OU men's and women's swimming and diving teams were defeated by the University of Notre Dame, 183-103 and 176-117, respectively.

The loss Saturday afternoon was the women's second of their dual meet season, bringing their record to 10-2. The men's record dropped to 5-4.

Senior Oksana Strelets led the women's team with two first-place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle, 23.95, and the 100-yard freestyle, 51.66. She also came in second in the 100-yard butterfly, losing to teammate Tanya Korniyenko, senior. Strelets swam a 52.88 while Korniyenko swam a 52.12.

Strelets qualified for the NCAA as a sophomore and has a good chance to do so

again this year, having qualified for the NCAA 'B' standard in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle.

Korniyenko also has 'B' standard times in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly.

The women captured first and second in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The first place team, with a time of 3:31.16, was comprised of sophomore Line Jensen, freshman Jenna Dejonge, junior Karoline Freytag and Strelets.

With a time of 3:47.72, the team of senior Holly Miller, senior Angela Simetkosky, junior Tara Berringer and freshman Amanda Burwell finished second.

On the men's side, freshman Hunor Ma'te and junior Chris Sullivan led the men with two individual wins each.

Both swimmers stand a good chance of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Ma'te is the country's fastest swimmer in the 100-yard breaststroke, ranking eighth overall within the NCAA 'B' standard with a 54.55 mark.

"It's a fast enough 'B' standard where last year, somebody with that time would have been invited," OU head coach Pete Hovland said. "We think he's got a good shot of being invited in the (100-yard breaststroke) even though he may not have the 'A' cut. We think he's going to get invited."

Sullivan could qualify in as many as four events.

"He's very, very close," Hovland said. "He will hopefully go and make the automatic in both the 50- and 100 (freestyle), and hopefully the 'B' standard or the 'A' standard in the 100 (butterfly)."

Sullivan finished the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.59 and swam a 45.99 in the 100-yard freestyle.



Freshman Melissa Jaeger looks toward the scoreboard. Many OU swimmers will be watching their times in hope of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Ma'te took top spot in both the 100-yard breaststroke, 56.74, and the 200-yard breaststroke, 2:04.49. Freshman Mohamed Awad took second in both the breaststroke races with times of 57.70 and 2:05.23 in the 100- and 200-yard events, respectively.

Hovland is pleased the program has the possibility of sending multiple swimmers to the NCAA Championship for the second

straight year, and said he expects it to be a pattern.

"It's something that we thought, when we went to Division I, we were going to be capable of doing," Hovland said. "It's been very gratifying that we have, in fact, been able to do it."

Up next for both squads is the National Independent Conference Championships (NIC) on Feb. 25-28 in the Grizzlies' home pool of the OU Aquatics Center.

## Women fall just short against State

By **BRENDAN SEVENS**  
SPORTS EDITOR

With just two games remaining in its regular season, the OU women's club hockey team proved it is a force to be reckoned with.

The weekend began with a 6-2 loss to Michigan State University (ISU) Friday night in East Lansing.

While the end result was the same in a 1-1 loss to the Spartans on the Grizzlies home ice at the ONYX Ice Arena in Rochester on Saturday, there was a difference that both teams recognized.

OU head coach Shana Osler said the team was fired up Saturday and its

opponents were well aware.

"I don't think anyone thought that we would not win that game - including State," Osler said. "We dominated play for most of the game, outshooting them 30-19 despite having to kill off five-on-three situations."

All the scoring in Saturday's loss was done in the first period.

Senior forward Kristin Czarnecki gave the Grizzlies the early lead with a goal assisted by freshman forward Natalie Swickle.

The Spartans responded by tying the game and then taking the lead before the period ended.

There were plenty of penalties in the game to

open up scoring opportunities, but both teams' special teams stood strong and held the game scoreless.

Osler was pleased all around despite the loss.

"Everyone played very well on Saturday, well enough to win," she said. "But, unfortunately, the breaks just didn't go our way."

Senior defenseman Melissa Orr, who is currently sidelined with a broken wrist but will return for the postseason tournament, said even losing by one is good for the team.

"I think we could beat Michigan State and we were really close this weekend to doing that," Orr said. "I

think only losing by one is a big booster. We have a team half the size and we keep up with them and make them play hard to get a win. It's not an easy win for them."

Friday night in East Lansing, OU got down early and went into the first intermission trailing, 2-1.

Sophomore forward Kendra Pittiglio picked up the goal, assisted by freshman forward Emily Swickle.

The Spartans picked up another goal in the second period and held a 3-1 advantage going into the third period.

That's when Osler said the team fell apart.

MSU picked up two goals in the final stanza to skate

away with the win. Czarnecki had the Grizzlies' second goal, assisted by senior forward Lauren Brick and Emily Swickle.

Osler said fatigue could have played a part in the loss.

"We were flat on Friday," she said. "I think everyone was tired from a long week. They got a couple quick goals and we just got deflated."

OU will wrap up the regular season with two games against the University of Michigan this weekend.

At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, the Grizzlies will travel to Ann Arbor to take on the Wolverines before completing the home-and-home

series with a 9:45 p.m. contest Friday in the ONYX.

The team will then take three weeks off before competing in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association postseason tournament March 12-14.

Orr, who plans to play with a cast at the tournament, said the team has high expectations because it has beaten every team in the league, except MSU.

"We're going to have to be aggressive and step up to their style of play," she said. "Just beat them to the puck all the time. We've beaten every team but State this year, and State's number one. And we know we can beat them."

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\* Topic: "Uniting OU Students through Campus Life" Essay Contest entries due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, to the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center. First Place: \$300; Second & Third Places: \$100.

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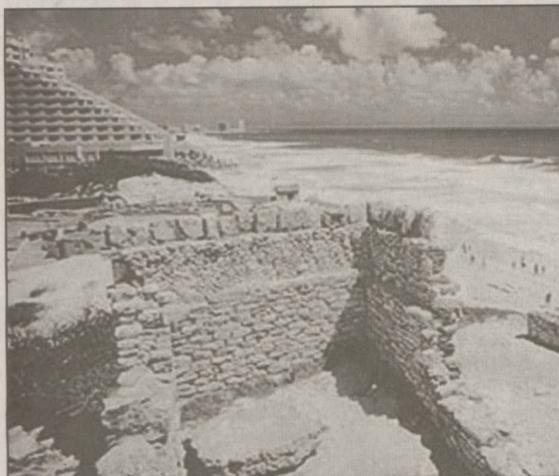


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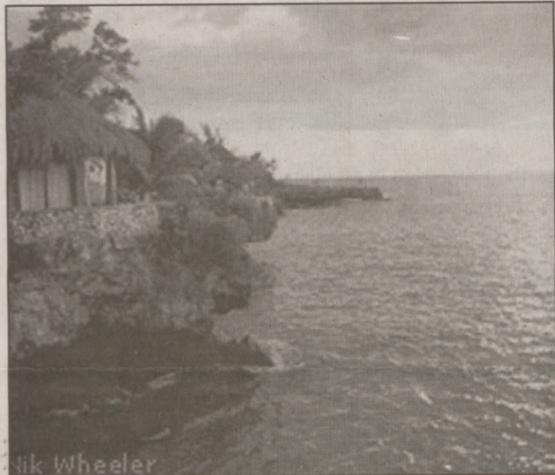
**Cancun**

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**Daytona Beach**

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**Below: Jamaica**



Mike Wheeler

## Spring break hot spots



Photo courtesy of www.neworleansonline.com  
One of the masks worn during  
Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

BY TRACY ESTES  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Spring Break 2004 is only a few weeks away and OU students are packing their bags and heading for all the hot spots.

Some of the spots students are visiting this year include Cancun, South Padre Island, Daytona Beach, the Bahamas, Panama City Beach, Key West and Jamaica.

Before jumping on an airplane or gassing up the car and driving hundreds of miles, students need to prepare for all the expenses involved.

Book Couzens Travel in Rochester Hills offers help for students and faculty planning vacations. Owner Linda Altese said the main thing they need to take into consideration is their budget.

"There are no cheap trips," she said. "We have a payment plan that is very helpful."

Altese also said the easiest way to save on cost is to take advantage of the charters or all-exclusive packages that certain resorts or hotels have to offer. "It's the most economical way, however,

during a time such as spring break, rates are usually raised and trips are more expensive," she said.

Freshman Katie Long isn't planning on partying with her friends and spending a lot of money, but rather enjoying her break with her family.

"I'm going to Colorado with my mom to visit my aunt and cousins," she said.

Other students do, however, plan to spend a few dollars and live up the experience of all that spring break has to offer.

Senior Kristen Donald and her friend Lydia Ladah, senior, are awaiting their road trip to the Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans, and then plan to head east to Daytona Beach.

"It's our senior year and we want a good vacation," said Donald. "Other schools don't get to experience Mardi Gras because their breaks are not during that week. But we're taking full advantage of it. We're gonna collect some beads before we head to Daytona."

The girls wanted to go somewhere warm for a vacation, and Donald said Daytona had a great beach and was the perfect place to escape the frigid

winter temperatures in Michigan.

Spring break is the perfect time to put down the books and take a break from the hectic schedules and homework.

Senior Lisa Cooper is not going anywhere for spring break, and she is fine with that.

"I will be relaxing and watching a lot of TV," she said. "To me, spring break is only a week long and I'm graduating in May, so I'm saving my money for a much bigger trip then. It's like a present to myself."

Senior Dan Maslach is not sure whether he and his friends are going to New York City or Chicago yet. He said they plan on making the final decision a few days before leaving.

"You only live once, money is only money, but being young in the city happens only once," he said.

"Book early," said Altese. "Price out locations at least eight months before. This way, you'll know what you're getting into and how much you'll have to spend on everything else."

Some online sources include www.travelocity.com and www.expedia.com.

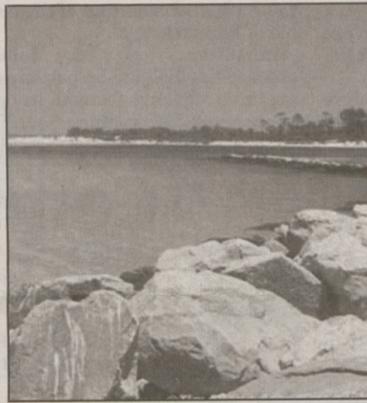


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**Middle: South Padre Island**

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**Right: Panama Beach City**

## "Miss Firecracker" wins over audience

*Beth Henley presents a play that "encourages viewers to pursue their dreams"*

BY ANDREW GAINES  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Department of Music Theatre and Dance (MTD) lights up Varner Studio this February with Beth Henley's "The Miss Firecracker Contest."

Henley is the author of numerous screenplays, according to www.imagination.com, including "Nobody's Fool," and the Academy Award nominated movie "Crimes of the Heart" starring Diane Keaton and Jessica Lange.

This is the first time a play written by

young lady with a bright imagination named Carnelle Scott (K. T. Gavin), who enters a local town beauty pageant contest.

The play is set on the 4th of July in Brookhaven, Miss.

Although Carnelle has a strong passion to enter this contest, her "admirable" cousin

Henley has ever been performed on OUD campus, and it's already getting rave reviews.

Dorothy Lawson, junior, encourages everyone to see this production.

"I really think they (MTD) did an excellent job," said Lawson. "The play was portrayed beautifully."

"The Miss Firecracker Contest" is about a

Elaine Rutledge (Kelly Plucinski), and "insane" cousin Delmont Williams (Eric Orive), strongly disagree with her decision to enter.

Though Carnelle's family opposes her choices, she has one "crazy" friend nicknamed Popeye Jackson, (Jenny Day), who supports her faithfully.

With Popeye by her side, Carnelle enters the contest.

Tom Mahard, MTD professor and director of "The Miss Firecracker Contest," said this play encourages its viewers to pursue their dreams no matter what the situation and outcome may be.

"The Miss Firecracker Contest" gently and humorously reminds us that the pursuit of dreams, and how we deal with the outcome, is what truly defines us as human beings, said Mahard. "And that, after all, is the main thing."

"The Miss Firecracker Contest" is showing at Varner Studio until Feb. 15.

The play will begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 12, 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. on Feb 15.

## Write for cash, win in a flash

*OU students can win cash prizes and have their work published by entering short fiction pieces in a writing contest*

BY LOREEN BAHRI  
THE OAKLAND POST

The fifth annual "Flash for Cash" fiction writing contest is open for short story entries by students until its submission deadline at 3 p.m. on Feb. 20.

The contest is sponsored by the English department.

The title, "Flash Fiction," is appropriate because such stories can be read, in published form, in a flash, on a one or two page spread.

Maureen Dunphy, creative writing professor, is the organizer of the contest.

"I had been hired to teach the workshop in fiction and I wanted to give my student writers an opportunity to compete among their peers," Dunphy said. "I also

wanted to generate more interest in writing short stories on campus."

Forty-one writers entered 50 submissions last year.

Students are not allowed to e-mail their stories. All entries must be individually sealed in an envelope and sent to:

"Flash for Cash" writing contest  
English Department Office  
517 Wilson Hall  
Oakland University  
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

The criteria for all entries are as follows:

The word count must be no less than 250 and no more than 750 words.

Each story must be typed, double-spaced and include a title

page.

There should be no trace of the writer's name on the story itself.

The title page has to be paper clipped on top of the entry and include the story's title, word count, the writer's name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Winners will also have their work published on the Department of English Web site's contests and awards link.

Students may enter as many stories as they like, however, each one has to be submitted individually, said Dunphy.

Those who have entered previously, including winners, may enter the contest again.

"Flash for Cash" is not restricted to English majors. Any OU student can participate.

Dunphy also chooses the panel of judges.

This year she has selected Annie Gilson, professor of Advanced Workshop in Fiction; Laura Kasischke, award winning novelist/poet and Ted Bolak, teaching assistant and fiction-writer.

First place winner will receive \$100. Second place wins \$75 and third place \$50.

Last year's first place winner was Michelle LaVigne, who said she was thrilled to have won.

She had never written flash fiction before and liked the idea of writing something with restrictions and a set form.

"The winning piece was generated for an exercise in Professor Gilson's advanced fiction class ... I added a bit and revised it for the contest," LaVigne said. "I was

lucky to have the initial piece in my portfolio."

LaVigne will graduate from OU in April and has been accepted to the Ph.D program at the University of Wales.

She will be studying English literature and creative writing.

Kristen Herlihy, senior, is a journalism major and wants to enter the contest.

"It's something different because journalism students don't get to do a lot of fiction writing ... sounds fun," Herlihy said.

The awards banquet will be held in rooms 126 and 127 in the OC on Wednesday March 10.

# Valentine's Day international

**Learn Valentine's Day traditions and superstitions from all around the world**

BY SARA WEIGOLD  
THE OAKLAND POST

Are you looking for something fun and unusual to do for Valentine's Day? If you have the time and money, you could fly off to Roquemaure, France for their "Fete du Baiser," or kissing festival, or you could celebrate in Tahiti at their annual "Love Marathon."

All over the world, there are many odd traditions and superstitions that evolve around Valentine's Day.

Taking place on Tahiti's Ile de Moorea, the "Love Marathon" is opened by Vahine dancers and Tahitian drums as participants prepare to race 42 km for a cash prize of more than \$1,500.

In Rome, it is thought that Valentine's Day has its roots in the Pagan Feast of Lupercalia.

This celebration consisted of a lottery where all the young men in the town would pick young girls' names out of a vase.

The couple would remain together throughout the festival, as well as the remaining year as lovers.

In Great Britain, Feb. 14 is believed to be the day when birds choose their mates.

It became customary for ladies to pin bay leaves on their pillows so they would dream of their future husbands.

The U.S., France and Mexico are all similar when it comes to celebrating Valentine's Day.

In these countries, love birds usually exchange cards, flowers

and candy.

Valentine's Day is generally thought of as a commercial holiday during which the price of flowers is nearly tripled, as is the waiting time and number of patrons at restaurants.

Nico Kristen, senior, was shocked by the way Americans celebrate Valentine's Day after he moved from South Africa.

"The biggest difference," said Kristen, "is that it is not strange to send your mother or sister a Valentine's gift."

In South Africa, it is traditional to send a gift to the one you love anonymously, even if you are already in a relationship.

"It was a day to reveal your deepest desires and express all your secrets, with the notion that no one would ever find out about it," Kristen said.

According to [www.whatsonthelycos.com](http://www.whatsonthelycos.com), there are several unusual ways of celebrating Valentine's Day throughout the world.

In Queensland, Australia, residents celebrate the day of love with their biennial "Ripcord Skydiver's Valentine Boogie."

It is a lingerie skydiving accuracy event that offers cash prizes to those that land closest to a target.

On Feb. 13 in London, a speed-dating contest is held at Canary Wharf for those who are looking for a date for Valentine's Day.

In Thailand, 30 couples will exchange vows 40 feet underwater and hundreds more will declare their intentions in front of the people of Bangkok.

Inhabitants of Toi, Japan observe this holiday by participating in a daylong festival paying homage to St. Valentine.

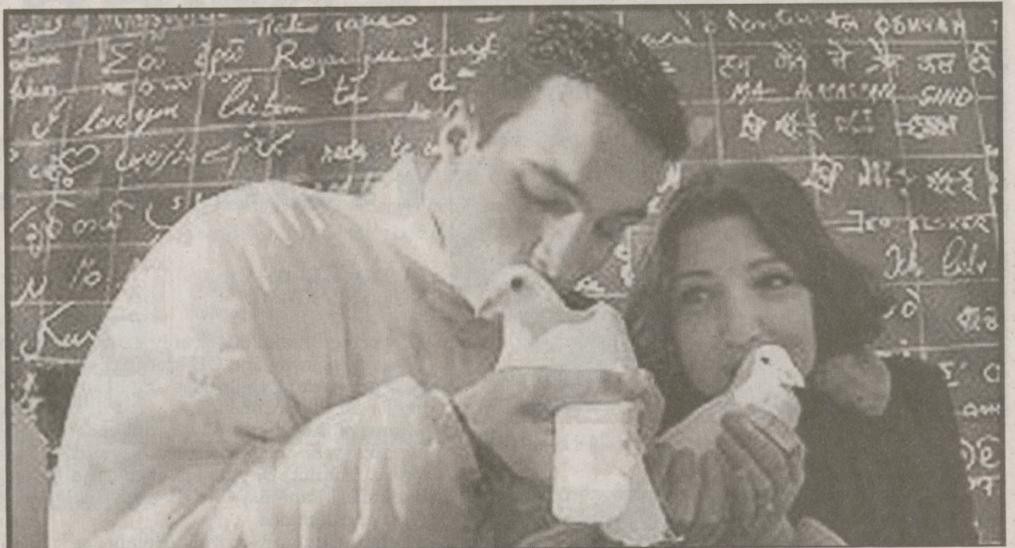


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Parisians release white doves in front of a wall with 1,000 "I Love You" in 300 languages.

If you are looking for something a little closer to home, the San Francisco Zoo holds Valentine's Day sex tours.

With a reservation, you can watch animals get amorous for an hour.

Perhaps exchanging vows at an exciting venue is on your schedule.

Weddings are performed on the 80th floor of the Empire State Building.

Wherever you decide to celebrate or not celebrate, remember this quote from Sophocles: "One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life; that word is love."

For more unusual ways to celebrate Valentine's Day, visit [www.whatsontheplanet.com](http://www.whatsontheplanet.com)

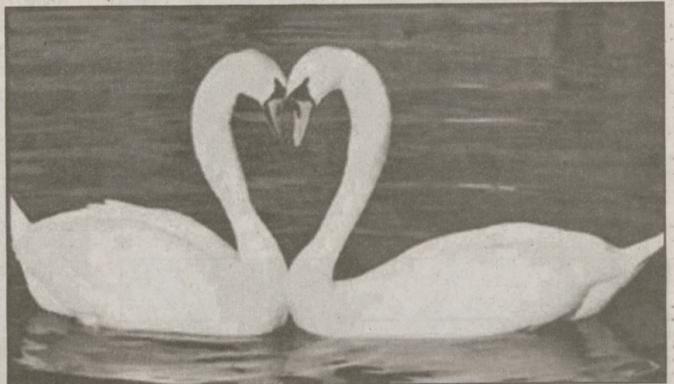


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Swans display their affection in an elegant pose.



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Gifts and treats will flow for Valentine's Day.

## Commercial holiday means big bucks for Costco Wholesale

BY DAVID KILKENNEY  
THE OAKLAND POST

Valentine's Day is celebrated world wide, has grown into a big business and Costco Wholesale is cashing in.

Not able to get a full accounting of the days leading up to the holiday, Kelly Mulvihill, assistant warehouse manager said just the numbers from actual Valentine's Day sales could be seen as impressive.

Costco normally sees a 40 percent increase in sales of meat and seafood on Valentine's Day.

For those adventurous souls who want to cook and serve their Valentine, Costco is known for its quality meat and seafood at all-time low prices.

"We typically do a seafood road-

show," Mulvihill said.

And flower sales will spike about 30 percent while wine sales normally increase about 40-45 percent.

Having aisles of Valentine's Day treats, it's obvious that Costco's Bloomfield Hills location takes this holiday very seriously.

"I shop there all the time," said Kirbionne Fletcher, freshman. "Costco has some really good deals and a large variety of gifts."

With items like Limoges heart shaped boxes, Swarovski Crystal hearts and roses, Murano hand-blown glass hearts and more, there is no shortage of gift selections.

If jewelry is more your mate's type, there is a lot to choose from with prices starting under \$40.

In addition to their standard selection of jewelry, Costco currently has a road show of jewelry to select from at very affordable prices.

Of course the store carries old stand-bys as well. Chocolate roses, candy (including Necco Sweethearts), flowers and plenty of wine will be available.

Specialty baked goods are already on display and selling faster than Costco can make them.

Although they will see a rise in sales, Costco will not have big displays like they do around Christmas and Easter.

"Since we have the best price in town on roses, we'll do a satellite display of flowers," said Mulvihill. "A dozen quality roses will run you less than \$15."

A paid membership to shop at Costco is needed, but the money spent could be made up in just this one shopping event. Then fulltime access to year-round savings will be only a swipe away.

To get more information on Valentine's Day savings at Costco, visit [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com).

## MBH serves an elegant Valentine's dinner

**Enjoy a night of classical dining with Meadow Brook Hall**

BY VIRGINIE PEROV  
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

As all the Valentines are getting ready to celebrate the special holiday, Meadow Brook Hall (MBH) is organizing its annual Valentine's Day dinner.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14, with a cham-

pagne reception and will continue with dinner at 8 p.m.

Before enjoying a gourmet meal in the Christopher Wren Dining room, guests will be offered a tour of the Meadow Brook mansion.

"This has been going on forever," said Shannon O'Berski, marketing manager for MBH.

"I don't remember when it started exactly, but each year we organize something for Valentine's Day."

The event usually attracts a crowd of 100 guests, including young and more mature couples, mostly from the Oakland County community.

"We usually don't get any students," said O'Berski. "Not for that price."

The dinner package includes a champagne reception, a tour of the Hall, dinner, wine, taxes and gratuity and is priced at \$100 per person.

"The Meadow Brook Hall is such a romantic and happy setting," said Executive Chef Daniel Martinez. "From the time you pull up in the circular drive to the gorgeous dining room, the guests usually have a memorable experience."

Barbara Thorpe of Rochester Hills, holds Valentine's Day as a very special holiday. This year, she and her husband will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary.

"(Meadow Brook) dinner was great last year," said Thorpe. "And



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Hall

The Christopher Wren dining room will provide the setting for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner.

this is such a special place that we are going again this year."

The menu will feature smoked salmon as an appetizer, chicken Oscar and broiled Angus filet mignon for the choice of entrees.

"We try to appeal to a mass audience," said Martinez. "If we get too creative, or serve obscure items, people ask for something else, and the situation gets a little awkward."

Martinez, who is working his 7th season with Meadow Brook Hall, personally selected and hired the culinary staff from different colleges in the Oakland County,

including Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft of Detroit.

"This event is always well received (by the guests)," Martinez said. "And we enjoy it too. We try to see every plate as a picture frame in which we create something artistic and delicious."

"That sounds great," said Amy Piscolo, senior. "But there is no way my boyfriend can afford it."

For more information on Meadow Brook Hall's Valentine's Day Dinner, call (248) 370-3140 or go online to [www3.oakland.edu/oakland/arts/](http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/arts/).

### Menu

#### Appetizer

Smoked Salmon with Buckwheat Blini, Creme Fraiche, Red Onion, Chopped Egg and Capers.

#### Salad

Tender Greens salad with Grilled Vegetables, Poached Quail Egg, Chevre, Lardons of Pancetta and Vine Tomato drizzled with Dijon Vinaigrette.

#### Entree

Breast of Chicken Oscar—sauteed and presented with Sweet Maryland Crab, Tender Asparagus and sauce Bearnaise, accompanied by Boulangerie Potato.

#### Or

Broiled Angus Filet Mignon with warm water prawn and Charone sauce served with fresh vegetable bundle and Boulangerie potato.

#### Dessert

Naval Orange Cheesecake with Chocolate-Hazelnut Caramel Praline sauce and Candied Orange Zest.

# Nina Ford and Maurice Carter

*OU's cutest couple will celebrate their five-year anniversary on Valentine's Day*

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

In the words of famous recording artist Beyonce, Nina Ford and Maurice Carter are dangerously in love.

The high school sweet hearts have been dating since their sophomore year at Oak Park High School, and Valentine's Day marks their 5-year anniversary.

As the two go back and forth laughing about how their love life began, Carter says, "Troy said you thought I was cute."

Ford admits with a blush, "Yeah, I did think he was kinda cute."

As the manager of the Oak Park Knights basketball team, Ford said she began to notice Carter, a player on the squad.

"One of my friends got his number, and we would always call his house and ask for his little brother," Ford says.

Eventually, Carter took over the conversation, and he and Ford have been talking ever since.

The lovebirds are both juniors majoring in Elementary Education, and plan on receiving their Master's

degrees in Language Arts.

With such similarities, both attribute the longevity of their relationship to them having different personalities.

"We are so different, like with me being stubborn, and he's not," Ford says. "I think that's why we've lasted so long."

And the end is nowhere near for Ford and Carter.

They plan on being together forever.

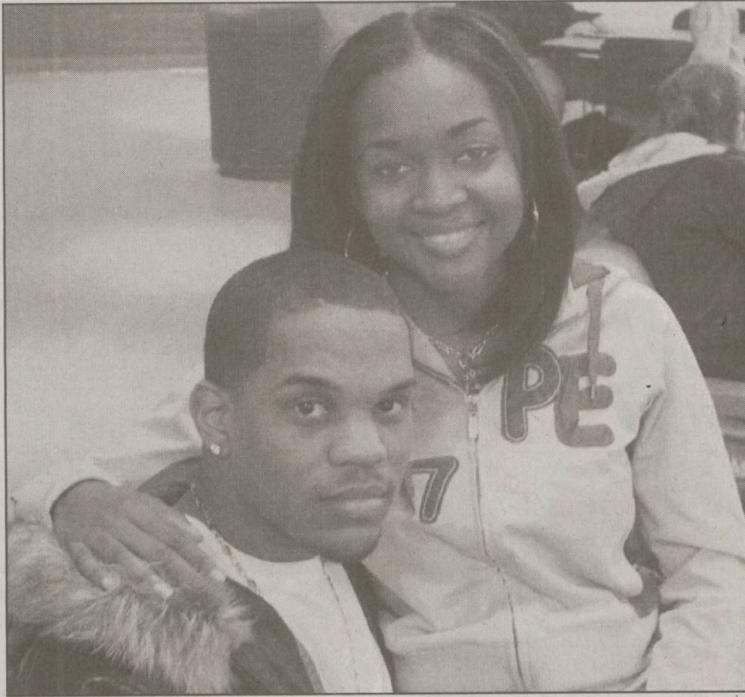
If they were rich, they would already be married, the couple says, but it's worth the wait.

"I'd rather wait until I can afford to give her the world, instead of just rushing into it," says Carter.

Both admit to arguing just like every other couple, but never over anything major.

"I must love her to go through the things she puts me through," Carter jokes. "But nothing is worth messing up what we have. I don't know what I would do without her. I can't see myself ever being with anybody else. She's my best friend, and that's the most important part."

To celebrate Valentine's Day,



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Nina Ford and Maurice Carter are the couple spotlight for Valentine's Day.

Carter plans to surprise his lady.

Ford looks forward to spending the day with her first love, and hopes it will be romantic.

"I get on him about that all the time. He isn't that romantic," Ford says. "Besides that, I wouldn't change anything about our relationship. He's my best friend, my first boyfriend ... my first love."

From the looks of things, he will definitely be the last.

As advice for all those students

who have been searching for a love like this, Carter says just wait.

"You can't really look for love, it just happens," says Carter. "Eventually, the perfect one will come around. Mine just came early."

Ford agrees with Carter when it comes to finding that special someone.

"You can't do anything to make a person love you," says Ford. "When you're not looking for love, that's usually when it happens."



## Crossword

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  - 38 Make straight
  - 39 Peak
  - 40 Became alert
  - 42 Moody or Silver
  - 43 Tie
  - 45 Climbed
  - 46 California skyscrapers?
  - 48 Under the weather
  - 49 April 15 addressee
  - 50 Relieved
  - 54 Jack's climb
  - 59 Kind of energy
  - 60 Tolled
  - 61 Provide provisions for
  - 63 Meat paste
  - 64 Clearasil's target
  - 65 Reigns over
  - 66 Seth's son
  - 67 Molt
  - 68 \_ Arabia
  - 69 Puts on

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- DOWN
- 1 Fraternity letters
  - 2 Of age
  - 3 Knee-ankle connection
  - 4 Preparing clams
  - 5 Clod
  - 6 Whined
  - 7 Seth's father
  - 8 Large branch of a tree
  - 9 Thief
  - 10 Type of acid
  - 11 Weep noisily
  - 12 Three-side rapier
  - 13 Lady's man
  - 21 Dazzling sights
  - 23 Feelers
  - 25 Poetic contraction
  - 28 Packs away
  - 29 Spigot
  - 30 Superstar
  - 31 Similar to
  - 32 Raced
  - 33 Actress Teri
  - 34 \_ vera
  - 35 Peel
  - 39 Small boy
  - 41 Slugged
  - 44 Lists of players
  - 45 Nurse a drink
  - 47 Like birds and bats

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \_ Today is an 8 \_ Gather up all of the hugs and good vibes that you can, and go into seclusion. You need time to mull over everything that has happened and to finish up a few things.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \_ Today is a 5 \_ Don't try to explain anything for a while. Those who don't understand won't be listening, and those who love you already understand.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \_

Today is an 8 \_ The farther you venture, the more you will understand. This makes you a better teacher, which could be your next assignment. No need to take notes. You will remember.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) \_ Today is a 6 \_ Moving ahead can mean taking a risk. Even stepping from your fantasies into the creative process can be threatening. Start making modifications to that castle you have built in your imagination so that you can live in it.

# HOROSCOPE

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**Today's Birthday** (Feb. 11). This year, finish a task that you have been working on. Follow through on a treat you promised yourself, too. It is time for that. The more things you accomplish, the more power you will acquire. It will happen naturally as you go along.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) \_ Today is an 8 \_ Go over your lists again and decide what you should buy. Don't just think of yourself; make this a consensus opinion. The others will help with the funding if their needs are being met.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) \_ Today is a 6 \_ It looks as if somebody wants you to do something that you care nothing about. How can you possibly accept this order? Get a partner to help. It will be easier than you think.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) \_ Today is a 9 \_ A solid bond connects you to the people with whom you serve. Now, it is time to get back to work,

the whole bunch of you. New assignments are coming in.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) \_ Today is a 5 \_ Finish something you have been working on, and delay work on a new project. By giving this current task just a little more time, you will make sure your results will last.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) \_ Today is an 8 \_ Focus on something you need for your home, and start drawing up lists and plans. You won't get it all right away, but a rough schedule will be a great help.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \_ Today is a 5 \_ The good news is that the work you are doing is profitable. That should be a great comfort. The bad news is that it is quite difficult, and time consuming, to get it right.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \_ Today is a 9 \_ You will soon want to get more serious and think about practical things. Meanwhile, let your imagination run wild for a while, just because you still can.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \_ Today is a 5 \_ You have been known to put off homework until the last minute. Hopefully you won't have to pull an all-nighter in order to be ready by tomorrow.

# THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Feb. 11

The Meadow Brook Theatre will host the performance "Of Mice and Men," adapted from John Steinbeck's novel. For more information about times, call (248) 377-3300.

The CSA will host a forum where the subject will be affirmative action. The event will be held at noon in the OC Fireside Lounge.

Random Acts of Kindness Week will hold a session where participants will write letters of support to the U.S. military.

The Admitted Student Reception will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.

Meadow Brook dinner and a movie will be held at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of Meadow Brook Hall. The movie "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" will be shown.

Thursday, Feb. 12

The Honors College Student Association will hold a poetry reading at noon in the OC Fireside Lounge.

Random Acts of Kindness Week will host Habitat for Humanity "Brick Buck" from noon-1 p.m. in the OC.

The novelist Patricia Henley will read from her book "Hummingbird House" at 4 p.m. in the OC Banquet room A. The admission is free and a book signing will follow the reading.

There will be an MTD performance of "The Miss Firecracker Contest" at 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre. Also performed Feb. 13, 14 and 15.

Friday, Feb. 13

Random Act of Kindness Week will gather to celebrate all the volunteers who have assisted during the week.

The event will take place from noon-1 p.m. in the OC rooms 126-127.

Saturday, Feb. 14

The Meadow Brook Hall ice skating rink will be open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Meadow Brook Hall will host a Valentine's Day Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are \$100 per person.

Sunday, Feb. 15

The Oakland Symphony's Annual Young artist concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Varner recital Hall.

Monday Feb. 16

The Pawley Institute will hold a 2-day workshop on "Foundation for Lean Transformation" from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Elliott Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

The African-American Celebration Month will hold its closing ceremony from noon-1 p.m. in the OC Fireside Lounge.

The CASA and Sigma Alpha Epsilon will host a Hot Chocolate Social from noon-1 p.m. in the OC.

Career Services will hold a panel discussion on "The Reality of Internships" from noon-1 p.m. in the OC Gold Rooms.

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