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## Experts give advice

BY ALLISON BRUNNER  
THE OAKLAND POST

More than 1,300 students, alumni and community members attended a lecture by James Carville and Mary Matalin as they shared their political knowledge on OU's campus last Wednesday, one night before the first 2004 presidential debate.

Marriage, political strategizing, writing and parenting are some of the things Carville and Matalin have in common. But when it comes to politics, these two take opposite sides of the political spectrum.

Carville focused primarily on the presidential debate. He gave an insider's analysis on what to observe.

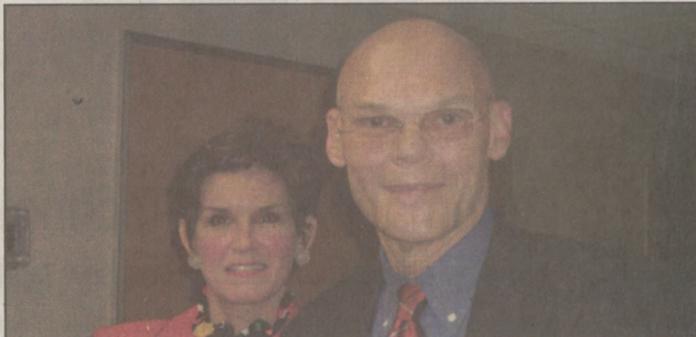
Look for signs of nervousness and pay close attention to the camera shots of reactions, he said. Take notice of the candidates' facial expressions or gestures while being attacked. He also said that early points in the debate count more than late points and counterpunching counts more than punching.

"If you can't get ready for a 32-minute speech in one week, then you shouldn't be president," he said on Thursday's debates.

Political science professor David Dulio said, "Carville was great and told things to watch for Thursday on how to be an informed and careful viewer."

However, he also said he expected the

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Roqaya Esmawi/The Oakland Post

Political analysts James Carville and Mary Matalin visited OU last week and gave spectators advice on the presidential debate the following day.

## OUSC takes stance

BY LIBBY BAKER AND  
ROQAYA ESHMAWI  
THE OAKLAND POST

After more than two hours of discussion, OU Student Congress (OUCS) adopted a resolution urging students to vote 'No' on Proposal 2 in the upcoming November elections. The resolution, passed during Monday's meeting, was approved 11-3.

Proposal 2 would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

More than 25 students attended the meeting, many voicing their support or opposition to the resolution.

Freshman Elyse Hyde said she urged legislators to vote against this resolution.

"I don't believe it is Student Congress's right to urge students one way or another," she said.

Heather Brewer, junior, spoke in support of the resolution.

"It's (Proposal 2) about taking away rights and putting discrimination into the constitution," Brewer said.

Legislators who spoke against the resolution said they would have supported the resolution had it been rewritten to encourage students to educate themselves on Proposal 2.

"I have been discriminated on campus because of my political beliefs," said Doug Merriam, legislator. "The solution is to educate people, not to legislate like this."

"This is not serving student issues," said Donald Stuckey, legislator. "This does not reflect the views of all students on campus."

Merriam also said it is congress' job to deal with issues that affect students, like copy prices and food quality.

Legislator Katie Miller said this is an issue of rights and is a much bigger issue than printing fees.

"We need to make an official statement against discrimination. We are people," she said. "We need to speak up for the underdog" and take care of their rights.

Charity Jones, Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB) chair, said the resolution was biased, because, while it supported to the concerns of one group of students, it ignored the concerns of others.

Mark Ewing, legislator, said this is not the first time congress has presented a resolution encouraging students to vote either for or against a ballot issue.

In October 2002, OUSC adopted Bill 03-04, which urged students to oppose the passage of Proposal 4 dealing with the Michigan Merit Award and college education costs.

"People have a right" to be who they are, said Sarah Cook, Student Services Director.

Joshua Miller, legislator and co-sponsor of the bill said the majority has rights, but so does the minority and encouraged legislators to vote with their conscience not with what is popular.

"We must take a stand and say this (Proposal 2) is wrong," he said. We must say "not in this country. Not in this state and not at this University."

Freshman Ben Feilder said

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## Rally for equal rights

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"One-Two-Three-Four! Equality is what we're asking for," was the chant heard from the crowd gathered in front of Kresge Library Tuesday afternoon.

More than 200 hundred students participated in or witnessed the first annual Equal Rights Rally from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The rally was financially backed by the Women's Issues Forum, but was also sponsored by the Gay-Straight Alliance, College Democrats of Oakland University and S.A.F.E. On Campus.

Five speakers, including student body Vice President

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Brendan J. Stevens/The Oakland Post

Students gathered outside Kresge Library to voice their support for equality at the first annual Equal Rights Rally on Tuesday.



Photo courtesy of Oakland University

These solar panels installed on the top of the student apartment community house are the result of more than \$1 million in grants from the State of Michigan and OU.

## Future is now for solar power

BY MICHAEL WILLIAMS  
THE OAKLAND POST

The thought of solar power is no longer a futuristic concept. Actually, it has been around for a while. Approximately a year and a half ago, OU added its name to the list of places utilizing this alternate energy source.

Jim Leidel, energy manager at OU and a mechanical engineer, decided to use solar power right here on campus. He

received a \$1 million grant from the State of Michigan, along with an additional \$30,000 grant from OU.

Leidel, who considers himself an energy enthusiast, used the grant money to re-shingle the roof of the student apartment community house with solar electric shingles manufactured by Uni-Solar.

The project was done out of Leidel's want to do so, not out of necessity by the university to seek other energy sources.

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## OU, Rochester work together

BY KARL BUCHMAN  
THE OAKLAND POST

Since last fall, when OU entered into a formal partnership with the City of Rochester, numerous programs and affiliations have been enacted to make the city a much friendlier place for OU students.

Several merchants in Downtown Rochester are offering special discounts and coupon opportunities. So far, there are about 50 participating merchants, including Brooklyn Pizza, Red Knapp's Dairy Bar and The Silk Worm.

The Future Alumni Network (FAN) has set up an alumni discount program with a variety of stores and restaurants, such as Domino's Pizza and Hamlin Pub.

"Just this week we delivered OU/Downtown Rochester static decal window stickers for stores and restaurants to place in both their front windows and on cash registers," said Ted Montgomery, director of media relations.

The decals say: "Downtown Rochester is Oakland University Town. Discounts offered for OU students, alumni, faculty and staff with presentation of university ID. Go Grizzlies!"

This year's Grizzfest featured about eight merchants who set up tables out-

side the OC to tell students and staff about their businesses and special discounts that were being offered.

OU's department of art and art history is planning a Rochester Gallery Stroll on Nov. 29.

"We have a partnership with Oakland University, so we're planning to show the work of 12 of their students' artwork in the gallery," said Cindy Wolanchuk, owner of the Hermitage Gallery.

The plan is to have a 10-room gallery stroll from 6-9 p.m. where visitors can view the work of several artists, including 12 artists from OU.

Another merchant, Born to Shop, is hosting an event called "Girls Night Out" on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 5-9 p.m. The event is held twice a year, but to add an OU spin to it, the "Out" is now "OUt."

"Girls Night Out is about 40 stores binding together for an evening, with a progressive dinner and snack food and there will be gifts as well," said Danitza Smith, co-owner of Born to Shop.

Shoppers can enter to win one of 40 \$25 dollar gift certificates by shopping at a minimum of nine stores and having a card stamped to qualify for the draw-

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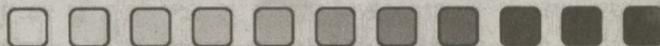
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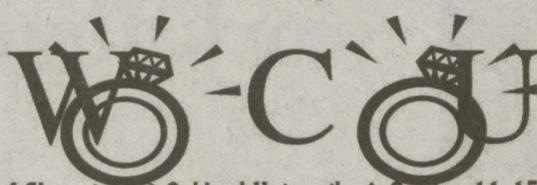
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- 11:00 a.m. - Fireside Lounge, OC
- ◆ Myths & Urban Legends about OU
- 12:15-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, OC
- ◆ Grizzlies Hold 'Em (a.k.a. Texas Hold 'Em)
- 9:00 p.m. - Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- ◆ Student Art Exhibit
- 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, OC
- ◆ Golden Grizzly Parade & Pep Rally
- Noon-1:00 p.m. - Outdoors, Between O'Dowd Hall & OC
- ◆ WOCOU Talent Show
- Special Guest Appearance by SLUM VILLAGE
- 8:00 p.m. - Banquet Rooms, OC
- OU Students: FREE with OU ID; Guests: \$10 (one guest per OU student) with Valid Picture ID

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- ◆ OU Bingo for OU Prizes
- Noon-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, OC
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. - Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH
- ◆ Men's Soccer: OU vs Michigan State University
- 4:00 p.m. - Lower Athletic Fields

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

- ◆ OU Single Grizzlies: One Minute Speed Dating
- Noon-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, OC
- ◆ Women's Soccer: OU vs University of Michigan
- 4:00 p.m. - Lower Athletic Fields
- ◆ Ice Cream Extravaganza; Roof Beer Floats over Roof Beer Lake
- 8:00 p.m. - Outdoors, Between Vandenberg Hall & OC

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

- ◆ SHOW YOUR OU PRIDE! WEAR OU!!!
- ◆ FREE tour of Meadow Brook Hall for OU Students, Faculty & Staff
- 1:30 p.m. - Meadow Brook Hall
- ◆ Friday Night Live: Hypnotist Michael Anthony
- 7:00 p.m. - Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH

- ◆ "Rock the Rooftop" (Non-Alcoholic) Tailgate Party
- 7:00-11:00 p.m. - Outdoors, Roof of the Parking Structure
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- 11:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - O'Rena, RAG

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- ◆ WOCOU GIVEAWAY: An OU Class Ring. The more WOCOU events you attend, the better your chances of winning an OU class ring from the OU Bookstore.
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## Hispanic month ends

### covering DIVERSITY

Editor's Note: This is the first story in a continuing series about diversity on campus.

#### Defining Hispanic

BY ANTHONY MARTINEZ BEVEN  
THE OAKLAND POST

When you hear the word Hispanic — referring to Spanish-speaking people or a person born into a family where Spanish was the first

language — what is the first thing that comes to mind?

"I believe many people think that Spanish-speaking people are lower class immigrants and that many are drug dealers or just people living off the government," said Laura Ibarra, a postgraduate student here at OU.

Roxana Zuniga, president of Fuerza, the Latino student organization on campus, disputes the term "Hispanic" all together, calling it a generic government label.

"I personally prefer to be called Latina and not a Hispanic," she said. "It (Hispanic) doesn't include all people from Latin America, only those who were conquered by Spain."

Estela Moreno-Mazzoli, a professor of Latin studies at OU, agreed.

"There is an enormous misconception about

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#### Hispanic Traditions

BY STACEY BALAS  
THE OAKLAND POST

The history of the all time party favorite piñata was something students got to learn about last week.

In continuing the celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, the Latino student organization, Fuerza, which means strength, had a lecture about Hispanic traditions, including the history of the piñata and the Quinceanera.

There are many theories about the origins of the piñata; some think it originated in China, and

others think in Europe. The most traditional piñata looked like a spinet with seven points, each representing one of the seven sins, said Roxana Zuniga, president of the Hispanic club.

It was made of clay and filled with seeds on the inside, when they fell out, the remains would be burned for good luck. The breaking of the piñata signified hope.

Today piñatas are generally made out of balloons and are covered with paper mache.

They are usually shaped as common cartoon characters and are filled with candy.

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### In Short

#### "History Comes Alive"

Six professors of OU's history department hope that "History Comes Alive" in a series of lectures open to the general public.

Between October and March, these professors, who include Carl R. Osthaus, chair of the history department, will share their knowledge and personal views on various historical subjects.

"When my colleagues and myself are out giving speeches, we noticed the excitement about history," Osthaus said. "So, with this series, we extend an invitation to the community to join us on campus."

"History is all about clashing views," Osthaus said. "It comes with the territory. We have to go beyond the facts of history and engage in discussion and controversy. I think the motives of history will come through at the lectures."

The first lecture will be held today at 7 p.m. Please check next week for the complete lecture schedule.

#### Heart walk raises \$2 million

OU hosted the American Heart Association's 6th annual Heart walk last Saturday. Approximately 20,000 people attended to celebrate survivors of heart attacks and to raise money to donate to the treatment and prevention of heart disease. The goal of raising \$2 million was reached.

#### OU's Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**  
Relay for Life meeting @ 5:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

Anyone interested in participating in the event, which will be held on Nov. 12-13, is invited to attend.

**Monday, Oct. 10**  
OUSC meeting @ 4 p.m. in the OC's Oakland Room.

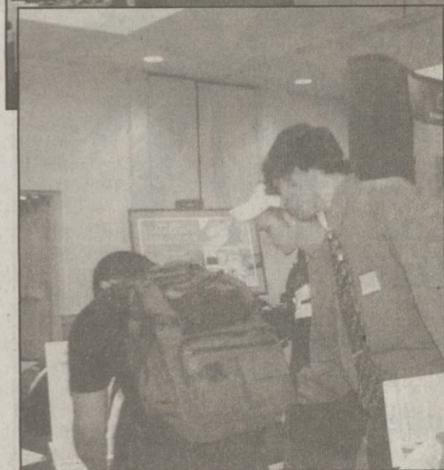
**OU community service project @ noon - Oct. 15** in the main hallway of the OC. All students, faculty members and staff are encouraged to donate \$1.00 to help hurricane victims in Florida, the Bahamas and Haiti.

**Myths and Urban Legends of OU @ 12:15 p.m.** in the OC's Fireside Lounge.

**Tuesday, Oct. 11**  
Golden Grizzly Pride Parade and Pep Rally @ noon between O'Dowd Hall and the OC.

For more information, please visit OU's campus calendar at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu)

— Compiled by Roqaya Eshawi  
Campus News Editor and Virginie Perov, Campus Life Editor.



## Students impress employers

Roqaya Eshawi/The Oakland Post

More than 900 students met with nearly 64 employers at the two-day Career Fair last Thursday and Friday. Current students and alumni were welcome and non-OU students who attended were not turned away.

BY ROQAYA ESHAWI  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Dressed in formal attire, dress shirts, ties, dresses and business suits, OU students present themselves as very impressive and quali-

fied candidates to employers.

According to some employers at the Career Fair held last week, OU students are some of the more impressive candidates they have met.

Alex Phillips, systems and business analyst and manager of human resources technical support for Daimler Chrysler, said he thought the fair went well.

"We spoke to quite a few very qualified and profes-

sional students ... more so than some of the other places we've been to."

Organized differently this year, Director of Career Services, Robert Thomas, said the event "went very well."

The two day fair catered to technical majors on Thursday and business and liberal arts majors on Friday.

The new setup gives "more breathing room," he said.

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## A-E-I-O-U: avoid conflict

BY KRISTLE CZAJKOWSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Emotions, along with limited resources, are the main causes of conflict, said Desmond Pryor and Marie VanBuskirk at a seminar Monday, Sept. 26.

Pryor and VanBuskirk, both OU Recreational Center coordinators,

assessed the issues that concern a college student's life when it comes to conflict and dispute.

Ignored conflicts, they said, can add up to even bigger problems. Students can solve conflict by confronting the other party using a relaxed tone and remaining at the same level with them. They must

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## Hypnosis: gain control

BY ROQAYA ESHAWI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Back in 1987, Judy Amir used to smoke two packs of cigarettes a day. She went to a two-hour hypnosis session designed to help smokers quit.

And 17 years later, Amir is still smoke free.

"I really wanted to quit. No one around me smoked ... I was very motivated to quit," she said.

Amir, administrative secretary in the depart-

ment of education, shared her experience at a lecture about hypnosis and hypno-therapy that Robert Jarski, director of the complementary medicine and wellness program and

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### Police Beat

•A student at Annibal Hall called OUPD after receiving several harassing phone calls from another female. She said the caller had a very violent tone and "freaked" her out.

•A ripped Gucci belt was reason enough for a student living in Hamlin Hall to get upset and bang on another student's door.

The student accused of creating the damage denied ripping the belt, but it was apparent that the belt had been worn out and damaged near the buckle.

•A student received several vulgar notes taped to the her dorm room door in West Vandenberg Hall. The girl believes she knows the person who left the upsetting

messages, but isn't quite sure. OUPD informed the girl to contact the police if she receives anymore notes or strange phone calls.

•A girl wearing a flat open pair of black leather shoes lost her balance on the sidewalk in front of the Meadow Brook Theater. Her left foot slid off the sidewalk,

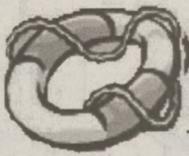
which caused her to fall and hurt her ankle.

•After eating a chicken sandwich in the OC food court, a student complained that she was very dizzy. The girl claimed she had been tested for low blood sugar and refused transportation to the hospital. Instead, the girl said she would wait for her grandmother who would take her.

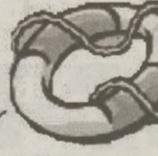
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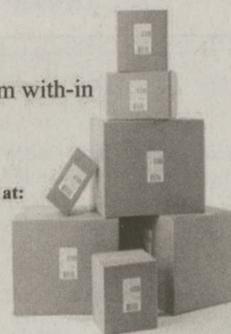
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## Group focuses on help, hope

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS  
NEWS WRITER

"The average income for senior citizens in our country is \$500 a month," said Kathy Moran, manager of public affairs for Focus: Hope, a Detroit-based, nonprofit Christian organ-

ization. "Imagine having to budget for housing, medication and food on such a small amount."

Volunteers at the Troy Community Center (TCC) had this in mind when they hosted Focus: Hope's Commodity Supplemental Food Program

yesterday. More than 40 low-income senior citizens were able to "shop" at the TCC Food Center for fresh and pre-packaged items provided by donations made by Forgotten Harvest and other local volunteer groups.

"We want to help everyone in Troy who qualifies for aid. We

even had volunteers hand-deliver groceries to homebound seniors," said Carla Vaughn, senior director of the Troy Community Center, who has coordinated this event each month since July 2004.

According to Focus: Hope's media relations department, the

Supplemental Food Program began over 30 years ago when founder, Father William T. Cunningham, read a 1971 study about the effects of malnutrition on children. Since then, the program has expanded to provide

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## Frat fire safety examined

By JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Flames interrupted the sleep of Alpha Tau Omega brothers at 4:30 a.m. at the University of Mississippi. The fire began in the basement level of the house and quickly took over the remainder of the Delta Psi chapter house.

According to the University of Mississippi's student newspaper, the Daily Mississippian, over 60 firefighters fought the fire. The Greek neighbors of Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Chi Psi were evacuated from their houses.

The fire took the lives of three University of Mississippi students and Alpha Tau Omega brothers. Howard Hillhouse Stone and Jordan Lowell Williams were lost in the fire. William Moore Townsend's life was also lost in the fire after going back into the fraternity house in search of his two missing brothers.

OU has three Greek houses belonging to Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Sigma Sigma and Theta Chi.

"We were surprised to hear about the fire in Mississippi," Theta Chi brother and vice president Ben Krenke said. "It really gave our chapter a new perspective and opened our eyes of what could happen."

Theta Chi has never had a fire in their house.

The Theta Chi house is located in the historic district of Pontiac. Their house has been a part of their organization since 1986.

The Theta Chi house is not owned by the university.

"Our alumni own our house," Krenke said. "Therefore we are not considered to be a responsibility of the university, but to our alumni."

OU's Housing Department is respon-

sible for the cottage district off of Adams Road, which houses two Collegiate Pan Hellenic sororities, Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Sigma Sigma.

"We have many fire precautions that we take in the house to keep all of the tenants safe, House Manager of Phi Sigma Sigma Kristen Hargreaves said. "We have two fire escape routes printed up in every room and an extinguisher in the kitchen. Also, we go over with the tenants what actions to take if we found ourselves in a fire frequently."

According to OU's Director of University Housing and Food Service, Eleanor Reynolds, both sorority houses are equipped with fire extinguishers, sprinklers and a fire alarm system by the housing department before tenants were allowed to move in.

"The fire alarms are directly connected to both the fire station and OUPD," Roosevelt said.

There are six girls who live in the Alpha Delta Pi house and seven who live in the Phi Sigma Sigma house.

According to the Daily Mississippian the fire may not have been as fatal if there was a sprinkler system in the house.

Theta Chi's house currently does not have a sprinkler system installed.

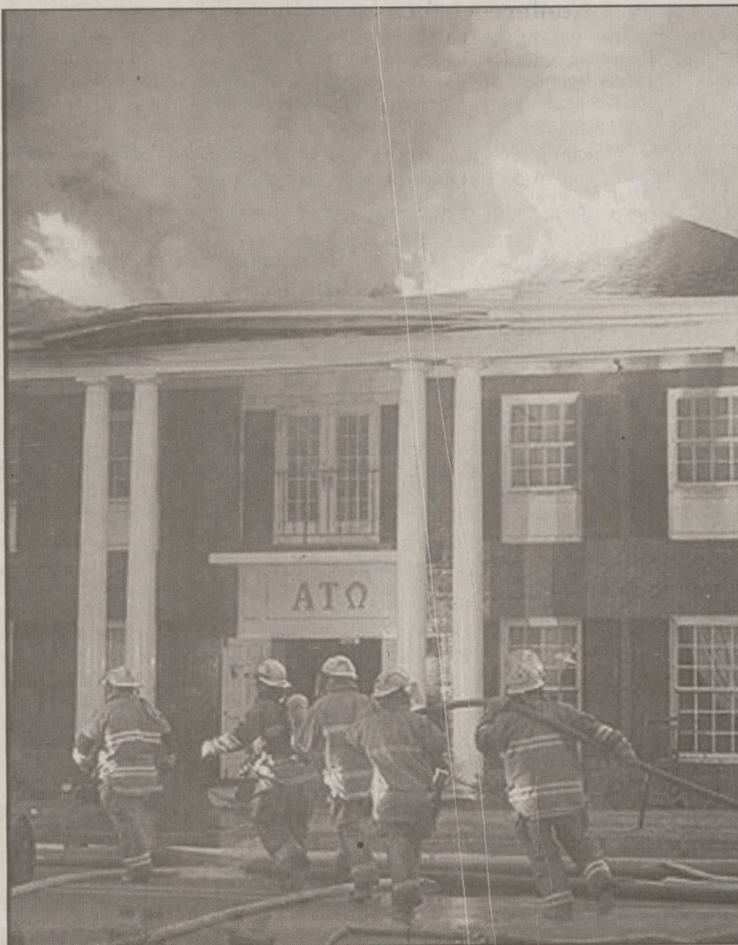
The sorority houses are checked by the OU Fire Marshall, Bob Tyrell throughout the year.

"Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) conducts annual inspections of life safety systems at the cottage housing units in cooperation with University Student Housing," Tyrell said. "Additional walk-throughs are also conducted at random."

According to Tyrell, all aspects of the houses are inspected for safety.

"This includes pull stations, audible and visual notification devices and suppression and detection devices," Tyrell

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Firefighters race to the aid of Alpha Tau Omega brothers at the University of Mississippi. Photo courtesy of firehouse.com

### Tips to keep you safe

- Detection, suppression and notification devices should never be covered, tampered with or obstructed in any way.
- All fire alarms should be considered real - evacuate the building immediately via the safest and most direct route.
- Know your surroundings - you should have knowledge of two means of egress from an occupied area.
- Oct. 3-9 is National Fire Prevention Week.

Stop by the OC today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to meet representatives from the Rochester Hills Fire Department and learn important fire prevention facts. Tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. outside the Graham Health Center, students can participate in a fire extinguisher training class and extinguish a real fire.

## Dome may be home to team again

By TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Pontiac Silverdome, home to the Detroit Lions from 1974 to 2002, may be home to the 2006 Super Bowl champs - at least for a month.

The Detroit Super Bowl Committee is tackling the idea of using the Silverdome as the venue the American Football Conference (AFC) champions will practice at.

Though nothing has been decided, Silverdome officials say they would be honored to host practices.

"It's a concept in the making," said Eric Walker, executive director of the Silverdome.

"It would be great to see a professional football return to the Dome," said freshman Antonio Guidarro. "Even if it is just for a short time."

The Committee is considering the Silverdome because of its prime location.

"It meets the NFL's requirements in size and it's indoors, and it is close to hotels and Ford Field," said Ken Kettenbeil of the Super Bowl Committee.

If the Silverdome is booked for the Superbowl teams, all practices will be closed to the public.

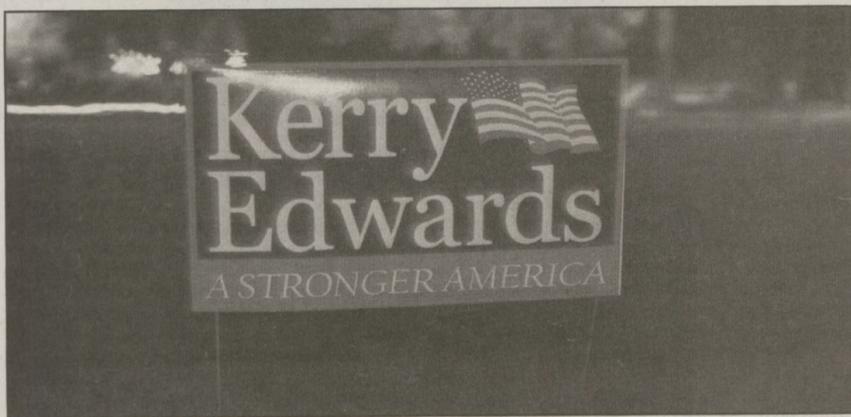
Walker said, if chosen, the practices will not interfere with scheduled events, as all current events held at the Silverdome are only booked through December 2005.

Practices would be held from Jan. 18, 2006 through Feb. 5, 2006.

The National Football Conference champions will be practicing in the Allen Park facility, where the Lions currently practice.

Walker feels the AFC should be able to practice in the same type of setting, though other options are still being explored.

"Super Bowl XL is still being planned and a lot can change between now and January 2006," Kettenbeil said.



Genevieve Taylor/The Oakland Post

A Troy man was ticketed for having this sign on his lawn Sept. 17 and is taking the city to court.

## Cities say no to signs

By RACHAEL BARNETT  
THE OAKLAND POST

Supporting your favorite candidate could cost you \$500 or even 90 days in jail.

Many cities in Michigan and across the United States have a law against displaying political yard signs more than 30 days before the election. If violated, it is a misdemeanor.

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit against the City of Troy on behalf of resident Kent Fehribach. Fehribach was ticketed Sept. 17 for having a sign supporting Republican candidate George W. Bush in his front yard.

Specifically, the law prohibits homeowners from

placing political campaign signs in their yards more than 30 days before the election and prohibits homeowners from placing more than 2 political signs in their yard. Fehribach feels that this violates the First Amendment's right to free speech and that the ordinance is unconstitutional.

A homeowner may place a "For Sale" sign, a "For Lease" sign, an "Open House" sign, an informational or directional sign, an American flag, a state flag, a corporate flag and a construction sign all in their yard. However, if homeowners place three political signs, they are breaking the law.

Even if a resident wants to show their support for three separate candidates who will be on the ballot,

Please see SIGN on A8.

## Global Glance

### Fire halts submarine

Three people were injured after a fire broke out on a Canadian submarine yesterday. Great Britain sent three ships to the submarine, which is now about 100 miles northwest of Ireland, to rescue the 48-member crew. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined and the ship is currently without propulsion, according to a Canadian navy spokeswoman. The ships are expected to reach the sub sometime this morning.

### Rebellion rages in Haiti

Supporters of ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide have taken the law into their own hands, turning on Haiti's demoralized police force and beheading some of their victims. Seven of at least 18 people killed in the riots in Port-au-Prince have been police officers and three of those officers were beheaded after being shot. Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue, leading Haiti's U.S.-backed transitional government, has said the killings were part of an offensive led by Aristide followers called "Operation Baghdad."

### Libya to help free hostage

Saif Gadhafi, son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, said his charity group, the Gadhafi International Foundation for Charity Associations, will be able to secure the release of British hostage Ken Bigley. Bigley was captured in Baghdad Sept. 16, along with two American co-workers. The Americans were later beheaded and the footage posted online. Last week, Arabic TV showed footage of Bigley alive, caged behind bars. Ireland issued an Irish passport for Bigley yesterday in hopes to convince his kidnapers of his Irish citizenship.

### Powell talks on Venezuela, Haiti

Secretary of State Colin Powell will be in Brazil on a two-day visit to discuss regional issues such as the crisis in Haiti and relations with Venezuela, with Brazilian President Luis Inacio Lula de Silva. Powell will be attending a series of meetings in San Paulo and Brasilia before flying to Granada to show support for the victims left homeless by Hurricane Ivan.

## Global goof

### Animal Church

Reverend Michael Martin, a priest at the Centuries-Old Stone Church in Manila, Philippines, delivered a service to a captive audience yesterday. Among those at the service were a grumpy-looking iguana, a 15-foot-long snake, a small pig adorned in pink ribbons and an enormous turtle.

In the unusual service to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, hundreds of animals were blessed and churchgoers were reminded of the importance of protecting endangered species and the environment.

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,  
Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources.

**DIVERSITY**  
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the terms 'Latino' and 'Hispanic.' Those terms are only used in the United States, and they serve to designate a great number of people of different nationalities, races and even religions," she said.

Today, Hispanics or Latinos are "increasing faster than the overall population," according to a June 2004 press release from the U.S.

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during gallery comments he felt congress made "a wrong decision," by passing the resolution.

"You have now endorsed one side of the issue and now you're going to press that upon students ... instead of letting students be educated by this proposal ... and be able to make their own decision," Feilder said.

He also said he "thought the whole meeting was not conducted in a proper way."

"I thought it was unprofessional ... that there was a gallery that was shouting and clapping and had signs, that was a way of persuasion and I don't think anything was done by you to stop it."

Freshman Antoinette Street disagreed. She told congress that she felt "both sides of the argu-

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also remember to calm down and assess the situation. Sometimes bringing in a third party to mediate, such as a resident advisor, can help.

The speakers also said never to bluff or threaten when trying to solve a problem and to always stay focused on the facts.

"Never leave an argument not

Census Bureau.

Senior Monica Kurpinski, 22, of Colombian-American descent, said the Latino ambience is gradually making a shift for the better.

"Society as a whole defines, or rather, describes Hispanics today as coming out of the woodwork and rising in the professional industry more so than ever," she said.

"It used to be that Hispanics were described to be at the lower end of

ment were presented." When "you are in charge of" diverse "people," she said there will be opposing points of view."

**In other business:**

- Chris Ballach, Derek Brown and Brian Koss were removed as legislators, because they had not completed the necessary office hours and meeting attendance requirements. Congress approved a new legislator, George Nahas.

- Parks is in talks to get the free student printing limit raised to 100 copies per student.

- Michael McGuinness, OUSC vice president, said President Gary Russi is aware of student concerns regarding financial aid and the new printing system.

"We have commitments from him that changes will be made," McGuinness said.

knowing if you're on the same page," said VanBuskirk, who is also a communications professor.

Conflicts most frequently occur in the workplace, home and school, as indicated by Pryor and VanBuskirk.

"I enjoy giving any advice to students. I think it's important. Conflicts are going to happen. It's all how you deal with them," Pryor said.

the totem pole, but you see today there are magazines, TV shows and movies that depict the strength of the Hispanic community," she said.

The most current population data from the State of Michigan suggests that from July 2000 to July 2002, there has been almost a seven percent increase in the Latino population.

But apart from OU's push for diversity — such as the recently established Vicente Fox

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couple to play off of each other more.

Matalin spoke first, discussed her family and politics, with an emphasis on the Republican perspective. She also poked fun at her husband and political opposite, Carville.

Matalin recalled comments her friends first made when they saw him on TV, such as he has a "serpent head" and he looks like a man "who eats little children."

"He's an acquired taste," Matalin said. She also said Carville is a great father to their two daughters and a delightful husband "in the off years."

Carville also discussed his wife and children. He did not, however, chastise Matalin.

On how a Democrat and Republican were married to each other, Carville said "it's a lot easier for me to be married to a person who has a passion about politics, than to someone who does not have a passion about what goes on around them."

Senior Charity Jones, a mem-

**FAIR**  
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"Employers are happy with student interaction ... students are proactive," Thomas said. "We're up about 10-15 percent in the number of employers from last year."

Dina McCutcheon, director of human services for Infinity Broadcasting Corporation, also said she thought the fair was well organized.

"As a result of this career fair, we will contact quite a few students for

Scholarship, in namesake of the current Mexican President — Zuniga said Latinos currently make up less than one percent of the OU population.

"I believe that we still need to do some work on making our campus more diverse. Yes, we have major steps in that direction, but as far as Latinos go, I would like to see more of us on campus. I have had a great experience at OU, but I still believe that we should encourage more

ber of the College Republicans, said that Carville's speech gave her some insight regarding her personal situation, because she was in a relationship with someone who was very liberal.

Carville also shared his experiences as a college student; it took him 11 years to graduate from Louisiana State University.

Matalin also shared her experience with Sept. 11, 2001. She was in the basement of the White House with Vice President Dick Cheney and was not able to call her daughters.

"That pit in my stomach, not knowing where my kids were, is the one [memory] that stays with me," she said.

Carville, the co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," has appeared in several films and wrote six books, including "All's Fair: Love, War and Running for President," which he co-authored with Matalin.

On the political front, Carville has been a political strategist and adviser for the Democratic Party, which helped former President Bill Clinton in the White House in 1992.

follow up interviews," she said.

"The students presented themselves well, (were) businesslike and professional ... something an employer wants to see."

Corey Brown, human resource representative for Dialogue market- ing, said he was approached by "a lot of qualified candidates."

He said his colleague, Supervisor Ryan Paulina, set up some interviews with students at the fair, which was "beneficial."

"Obviously career fairs are one method," of searching for careers,

utility bills, according to the energy star Web site.

There are non-monetary benefits gained by using solar power. Some methods currently used to provide electricity are connected with carbon dioxide emissions and also play a part in climate change.

As far as electricity goes, about 70 percent comes from coal fire and the remaining 25 percent comes from nuclear plants. This plays a part in mercury pollution, carbon

Latinos to attend this school," Zuniga said.

Professor Moreno-Mazzoli said the university has a number of different avenues it can take to increase Latino enrollment, primarily reaching out to the neighboring Pontiac school system, where there is a "large Mexican-American community."

In the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, Pontiac, a demographic primarily made up of African Americans,

Matalin has been on CNN's "Crossfire" and HBO's "K Street." She also has written a "Washington Post" bestseller "Letters to My Daughters." Matalin helped on many Republican campaigns as manager and adviser.

"It was impressive to see two big names come to OU's campus," said senior Maurice Sampson.

The event, which started late because Matalin's plane was delayed, ended earlier than expected, and the anticipated question and answer session, which was on the program, was canceled. Swarms of people followed Carville and Matalin through the exit doors.

Senior Doug Merriam, treasurer for the College Republicans, said he thought the cancellation of the question and answer "was a real disservice to the students," who didn't get a chance to "interact with these incredible people."

"It was a unique experience and different than I expected," said freshman Elyse Hyde. "I

Thomas said, but "it's important for students to fully utilize all methods available to them."

These include being registered with the Career Services department, posting resumes online and exploring available resources.

"He advises students to be patient and "persistent, because it's still a tough job market."

Despite stereotypes that students with human services degrees do not fair as well as other students in the career world, some OU students seem to be unaffected.

dioxide emission and acid rain.

"Unfortunately, there is a little nuclear waste we get that people are working on getting rid of," said Leidel, who is in the middle of putting together an alternative energy course for OU.

Last Saturday, OU took part in the ninth Annual National Solar Tour hosted by the American Solar Energy Society. The event was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University Student Apartment

reported almost 13 percent of the city's 66,337 inhabitants were "Hispanic."

In a stark contrast, Rochester, a city very close in size to Pontiac, reported that two percent of the population was Hispanic; almost a mirror of the student population at OU.

This nationally recognized month, which runs from Sept. 15 to 30, celebrates Mexico's national independence day on Sept. 16.

appreciated how it wasn't all about who you should vote for, but rather they encouraged students to just get involved."

The event was presented by the OU Alumni Association (OUAA), Starr Commonwealth (OUAA) and OU's Student Life Lecture Board. Sponsors included The Oakland Press, WJR AM-760, Fox 2 WJBK-Detroit and the Royal Park Hotel.

Jones was one of the two students who were awarded the opportunity to have dinner with Carville and Matalin prior to the event. Matalin was unable to make it, but Jones said that she enjoyed dinner with Carville.

"He gave me some great advice, as far as my political future," she said.

Sophomore Joshua Miller, a College Democrat thought "it was bland".

"They were far less passionate than any other time I've seen them on TV."

*Campus News Editor Roqaya Eshmavi contributed to this story.*

Carole Hale, human resource support specialist for Crossroads for Youth, said her organization was "looking for degrees in human services."

"We saw a variety of backgrounds (and) students interested in the agency and we got some good resumes to select from," she said.

Most students at the fair who were asked to comment preferred not to and said they wanted to use the time to speak with as many employers as possible.

Community House located at 4000 Meadow Brook Dr.

The solar project annually saves OU \$1,500 and generates more than 1,000 kilowatt-hours annually. This is approximated to be enough to supply two or three "modest-sized homes," according to an OU press release. However, there are no plans as of yet to expand to the solar powered roof to other areas on campus.

For additional information, please visit [www.ouenergy.com](http://www.ouenergy.com).

**How To Avoid Conflict**

- A - Assume the other person means well.
- E - Express your feeling.
- I - Identify the desired outcome.
- O - State the Outcome you expect.
- U - Ask for Understanding on a mutual basis.

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It "is a common assumption," Leidel said, that the solar roof was put in for heat, "but it was put in for electricity."

The roof captures sunlight, switches the current from DC to AC and directs the electricity into an electric grid that is utilized by the entire university. With this arrangement, the electricity is not restricted to the specific building and can be

used by other buildings.

Direct current (DC) is a steady current, whereas alternating current (AC) is a current that changes its direction of flow.

Although solar power is cost effective, it's more expensive than other energy conservation methods. It is, however, getting cheaper by the year.

Wind power, along with other energy conservation methods, like compact fluorescent light bulbs or

energy star labeled ceiling fans, actually save more money and are better for the environment.

For instance, if every household in America were to replace one light bulb with an energy star qualified compact fluorescent light bulb, it would prevent enough pollution equaling the removal of one million cars from the road.

Also, ceiling fans that have earned an energy star can save anywhere from \$15-\$20 annually on

utility bills, according to the energy star Web site.

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Beth Morrison of Haven, a group that deals with violence against women, questioned why society is "still asking the same questions 25 years" after she began working in the area.

Speaking on behalf of Planned Parenthood, Deanna Terry

informed the students on the many bills and issues concerning reproductive healthcare.

Terry also urged students to "get involved and stay involved," because the issues don't go away with the election.

OU graduate and former President of Pride Forum, now known as the Gay-Straight

Alliance, Sean Kosofsky returned as a member of the Triangle Foundation.

Kosofsky told students that "equal rights is about equal everything."

Wrapping up the speakers' bill was Jay Kaplan, of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. Kaplan began his speech by say-

ing he was "optimistic about the future when he's at gatherings" like the Equal Rights Rally.

He focused his time on explaining the language of Proposal 2 because he believes most voters don't understand its language.

"We can either go forward or go backward," Kaplan said. "We need to embrace the value and dignity of

every person."

Duane Hurt, public relations agent for OUSC, said the event, which has been in the works since June, was a success.

"I'm very pleased," Hurt said. "There was a lot of energy in the group."

Hurt also said this is more than just a step in the right direction.

"Today was symbolic of a giant leap for equal rights," he said.

McGuinness not only echoed Hurt's sentiments but also said this is a big step during the middle of a long journey.

"There's a lot to say," he said. "This was about being heard and letting your presence be known."

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ing. However, no purchases are necessary.

Several hundred brochures were distributed to resident halls and stu-

dent organization mailboxes to let students know about this event. "It's a way for the merchants to say thank you to customers," Smith said.

OU is also hoping to involve the OU dance team and mascot in this

year's annual Christmas parade downtown. Both the dance team and mascot have also appeared in other downtown events, such as "Dancin' in the Streets" and the opening of the Farmers Market.

The School of Health Sciences is also trying to get businesses involved in Healthy Spirit Day this fall on campus.

"Through merchant newsletter communications, we are

getting the word out that OU students are available for internships in the downtown and to contact Career Services for more info and follow-up," Montgomery said.

If interested, please contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250, [careers@oakland.edu](mailto:careers@oakland.edu), or visit the office at 275 West Vandenberg Hall.

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**OCTOBER CAREER PREP MONTH**

Visit the Career Services Web site at [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices) for a complete list of events and specific details on all activities.

**Prep Month workshops and seminars scheduled 9/29 - 10/8 include:**  
**ISSUES SURROUNDING DISABILITIES IN THE WORKPLACE**

Tue., Oct. 5, 12-1 p.m., Gold Room A, OC  
**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH DAIMLERCHRYSLER**  
Wed, Oct. 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Gold Rooms B & C, OC

**Graham Health Center**

Have you or a loved one been considering quitting smoking? Graham Health Center starts the Freedom From Smoking program on October 7.

This 8 session program offers an effective approach facilitated by Jodi Brucia, FNP, trained by the American Lung Association. Call for more information or to register

GHC...The Place to be for a Healthy Me  
370-2341 [www2.oakland.edu/GHC/](http://www2.oakland.edu/GHC/)

**CAST NETWORKING RECEPTION**  
Wed., Oct. 6, 5-7 p.m. Banquet Room A, OC  
**MOCK BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEWS**  
Thurs. Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 156 VBH West  
**SENIORS: SET YOUR CAREER SAILS**  
Fri., Oct. 8, 2004, 11:30 - 4:30 pm, OC Oakland Room

Learn about job market trends and employer expectations, discuss professional development and career advancement opportunities, and meet with employer representatives. Free lunch provided! Pre-registration is required. Call 248-370-2400 or email [jam@oakland.edu](mailto:jam@oakland.edu).

**Recreation Center**

On Oct. 24 & 31 we will be offering Kayak instruction at the indoor pool. The 5 hour class will be split in to two 2 1/2 hour sessions held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. All necessary equipment will be supplied by PaddleWize Inc. and instructors are certified. Reservation deadline is October 23rd. Cost: Student members \$80, non-student members \$95. For additional information contact Mila Padgett at 247-370-4910.

**Academic Skills Center**

**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 courses and are attended on a voluntary basis. Fall sessions are being held for ACC 200, BIO 111, CHM 157, CHM 158, CHM 234, EE 222, MTH 121, MTH 122, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 254, PHY 101, PHY 104, and STA 225. Please refer to the Academic Skills Center website at [www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc](http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc) for more details regarding specific course sections and meeting times.

**Writing Assistance Seminars**  
The Academic Skills Center is proud to announce the introduction of Writing Assistance Seminars beginning in the Fall, 2004 semester. Writing Assistance Seminars are approximately one hour in length, and will take place in the Oakland Center and West Vandenberg Hall. The seminars will run at noon, Monday through Thursday, for three alternating weeks. Seminar topics include: "The Writing Process," "Organizing Your Argument," "MLA-Style," and "APA-Style." Please refer to the attached calendar for specific dates, times, and room locations. These seminars are open to all Oakland

University students as space permits. If you have any further questions, please visit [www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/](http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/)

**The Office of Pre-College Programs**

The Office of Pre-College Programs is hiring King/Chavez/Parks (KCP) Peer Mentors. KCP Peer Mentors work with the Pre-College Coordinator to provide a one-day campus experience on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the academic year for middle and high school students primarily from Pontiac, Oak Park, and Detroit public schools. The day includes information sessions about financial aid, college admissions, and college preparation as well as a campus tour and lunch in the residence halls. This is a great opportunity for OU students to gain leadership skills and earn money at the same time. The pay rate is \$7.50/hour. Applicants must have completed their freshman year and have a minimum 2.50 Grade Point Average. To learn more about this job, please contact Ms. Caroline Porter, Interim Pre-College Coordinator, at 248-370-3203.

**Center for Multicultural Initiatives**

**Students First**  
Students First is a program that puts freshman students at the top of their academic game! To learn more, contact the Center for Multicultural Initiatives at 248-370-4404 or stop by 121 North Foundation Hall.

POINT / COUNTER POINT

## OUSC Resolution 05-05: Proper or problematic?

### YES

By ELIZABETH GORECKI  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

There should be no question of whether OUSC has the right to bring resolution 05-05 to the table, or even if they have the right to pass it.

Any person or group, regardless of political position or personal feelings, has the right to express and endorse its views.

It is outrageous to say that because OUSC is a governing body it cannot promote its views. This can be observed in even the highest branches of government.

The President has a position on every issue imaginable and urges voters to vote with him. If our country's highest governing official, the President of the United States, the person who speaks for the entire nation, can

take a stand on an issue, why would OUSC not have the same right?

While OUSC has decided to support one side of an issue, it is not saying that its opinion is that of the whole university. It does not mean every student at OU nor every member of OUSC will vote this way Nov. 2. There are students who hold prominent positions within OUSC who disagree with the resolution, but who acknowledge the group as a whole has the right to support anyone it chooses.

OUSC has taken a stand on issues in the past and there was no debate over whether it had the right.

In 2002, OUSC passed resolution 03-04 stating that OUSC was opposed to Proposal 4, an initiative to alter the state constitution to restrict how the state

could spend money it received from the tobacco company settlement. This resolution was introduced with no argument and passed in the next session without a three hour battle.

Personal views and the position that OUSC has decided to take have made bringing this resolution to the table such a heated topic. If this resolution had been about an issue concerning another minority or giving interracial couples the right to marry, there would be no debate over OUSC's right to take a stand.

It is hypocritical, prejudiced and judgmental for anyone to say that Congress has the right to take a stand on certain issues but not on others. Congress, just like any other body, has every right to support and endorse any side of any issue that it sees fit.

### NO

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

First, it must be clearly stated that my displeasure has nothing to do with Proposal 2.

Proposal 2 is an issue that students should be informed on and use that knowledge to vote on the issue in November.

My concern lies within OU Student Congress' understanding of its purpose and its ability to represent the student body, as a whole.

Resolution 05-05 should never have been discussed within the bounds of student government.

Resolution 05-05 states that "all Michigan voters, particularly Oakland University students, are urged to vote against Proposal 2 on Nov. 2 and to actively lobby against its passage."

This resolution does not cor-

relate with OUSC's purpose as the student population governing body.

OUSC exists to govern the students, organizations and policies of OU, not to use its power to sway public opinion.

While I appreciate and respect the people who are vehemently opposed to Proposal 2 and the effects it may have, it's not the place of OUSC to take a stance on any issue, of any kind.

The argument of precedent (OUSC passed Resolution 03-03 in opposition to Proposal 4 on the 2002 ballot) is invalid. Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Monday, and in 2002, OUSC went beyond governing and stepped into the realm of lobbying.

How would people react if Congress started lobbying on issues and made a decision that

urged everyone in the country to feel the same way?

It would be ridiculed and considered an abuse of power. Individual members of OUSC should have used their prominence and standing to persuade members of the OU community.

Matters of personal decision should be left just as they are, to each individual person.

OUSC would have been well within its power to present a resolution that would have encouraged education on Proposal 2.

The line must be drawn at attempting to set the political agenda for this campus by legislative means.

OUSC's time would be much better spent trying to represent the entire student body and its concerns.

EDITORIAL

## OU celebrates equality with Coming Out Week



SARA CRAMPTON

Coordinator of Student Leadership Development

On Oct. 11, 1987, a half million people participated in the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. This was the second such demonstration in our nation's capital and the first display of the NAMES Project Quilt, remembering those who have died from AIDS. Recognizing that the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) community often reacted defensively to anti-gay actions, the idea to create a national day to celebrate coming out was born and the anniversary of this march was chosen as the day to mark it.

This week, Oakland University is celebrating this effort through the establishment of our first Coming Out Week. Activities have been taking place since Oct. 4 and will continue until National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11. The activities are meant to give support to GLBT students, educate the campus community about GLBT issues and redefine the definition of diversity at Oakland University. Sponsorship and support for these events is a collaborative effort between Students, Administrators & Faculty for Equality (S.A.F.E.) On Campus, Gay/Straight Alliance, Women's Issues Forum and Triangle Foundation.

In the past several months local, state and national governments have brought issues to the forefront that affect the GLBT population. These issues - gay marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships - have been and are being challenged in courts and on upcoming ballots.

The university community has many differing views on these and other issues affecting the GLBT community. However, regardless of your opinions on GLBT issues, every person, regardless of his/her sexual orientation, deserves the right to be who they are.

Although data on the number of gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals has not been adequately studied, it is estimated that at least 10 percent of the population identifies as GLB. If those statistics were applied to Oakland University, approximately 1,600 students would identify as GLB. This statistic prompted a call to action to identify resources for this under-represented community.

Over the past two years, students, faculty and staff have gathered together to form a program geared to assist and support the GLBT students and to also educate the campus community. S.A.F.E. On Campus was launched in August 2003 as a resource and referral program for anyone dealing with issues surrounding sexual orientation or gender identity. Funded by the Diversity Programming Fund and overseen by an Advisory Board, the program has solicited and trained over 130 students, faculty and staff to become Allies to the GLBT community through providing safe spaces with which to share resources, ideas and experiences.

This year, a group of students have begun to rally together to support the creation of a LGBT/Women's Center.

This center would be dedicated to furthering the advancement of all women, LGBT people and their allies through facilitating connections, providing resources and advocating for equitable situations.

It is our responsibility as a university to ensure everyone feels safe, welcomed, challenged, supported and celebrated in this environment.

If you are interested in learning more about the S.A.F.E. On Campus program, becoming an Ally or want to become involved in the LGBT/Women's Center movement, please contact safe@oakland.edu or visit the Web site (<http://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/safe>) for more information.

Information about National Coming Out Day was taken from the Human Rights Campaign Web site ([www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write and state that I'm glad my Oakland University Student Congress has taken up the important issue of Proposal 2.

This statewide ballot proposal, if passed, will have a directly and indirectly negative impact on my life and the lives of many other students at this institution. It will also be bad for employees of this and other Michigan universities.

As an Oakland University student, the Student Congress is my best outlet to have my voice heard. The Legislators doing something about this dangerous Proposal 2 are definitely working for the students. I thank them for their efforts.

I only wish that opposing discrimination and fighting for equality was a given, not a struggle.

Stephen Johnson  
Sophomore  
Secondary Education

Dear Editor:

We as a student body need to stand up against hatred and discrimination in all forms. At the state level and yes, even from small groups of students, action is being taken to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

This is not acceptable. It is outrageous that basic civil rights are denied to a considerable block of citizens. There is no legal or moral argument of substance for this at all.

I added my name to the list of students opposed to Proposal 2 and wanting our Student Congress to pass a resolution urging Oakland University students to vote against Proposal 2.

I hope every student registered to vote and is ready to cast their ballot against the discriminatory Proposal 2 on Nov. 2.

George Nikopolitis  
Junior  
Communication

Dear Editor:

On Election Day this Nov. 2, Oakland University students will have very clear choices

before them. The main question remains whether George W. Bush is deserving of a second term. The other pressing question for Michigan is whether we want to write discrimination into our Constitution with the passage of Proposal 2.

The answer to both is a resounding NO. As we saw again in the first Presidential Debate, Bush is a definitely inferior choice. We're now three and a half years into his administration and he still has a shaky grasp of monumental issues and no solid or logical plans on how to make America stronger and more secure. John Kerry, on the other hand, has shown himself to be strong and intelligent. That's the best choice for real leadership in America.

Proposal 2 is completely against what America is supposed to be about. If it passes, there will be blatant discrimination against citizens in our Constitution. Equality will be left in the dust. Civil rights and increased opportunity will be obliterated for the sake of a negative and misguided moral crusade. That's not what we as citizens need or want.

It is time that people of sense stand up and be counted.

Don't let fear and hatred ruin our state and our world. Vote NO on Proposal 2 and vote NO on Bush's second term.

Sean Engler  
Senior  
Business/German

Dear Editor:

Proposal 2 will do two things, deny same-sex couples a right to marriage AND dissolve the right for all couples to have a Civil Union, or Domestic Partnership. The constitution is not in existence to deny rights but to grant them, this proposal would set a dangerous precedent. This proposal denies rights not only to same-sex couples, but all couples who wish to form a loving bond through non-marriage means.

If you are so terrified of same-sex couples getting married, you

shouldn't be, there are currently three laws already on federal, state and local books denying these rights to same-sex couples. This proposal does nothing but reiterate discrimination. I am an Oakland University student, I am against Proposal 2, and therefore am in support of Student Congress standing against this proposal.

Elizabeth Comer  
Senior  
Double Women's Studies/  
Political Science Major

Dear Editor:

Proposal 2 is an attack on equal rights in the state of Michigan. It is an affront to equality in this great state.

The Oakland University community is a diverse group that should promote equality. This proposal will affect a great many people on the campus, including many students. That is why I believe that the Oakland University Student Congress should pass a resolution to oppose Proposal 2 and encourage Oakland University students to vote no on the said proposal.

To every voter reading this remember to vote no to discrimination and no to 2.

Brandon Glatfelter  
Freshman  
Journalism

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Corrections: On A1 of last week's issue in the article titled "New ice cream eatery opens," the lead paragraph stated that the employees will 'belch' out songs when it should have said 'belt' out songs.



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- FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

**FUERZA**  
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Senior Maria Dominguez talked about the Quinceanera, a fifteenth birthday ritual for every woman, which marks her transition into womanhood.

It is a celebration acknowledging that a young woman has reached maturity and is an adult.

It is also an opportunity for women to

reaffirm the religious and moral values of their families, Dominguez said.

This celebration is also "a way to find a husband," Dominguez said.

The girls dress like princesses and usually wear white to signify purity.

The celebration originally marked a significant social class difference, because only upper class women could take part in it.

It was not until the 1950s that middle and lower classes made this celebration a social event, Dominguez said.

The ritual begins with a holy mass where the young woman promises to bring faith to her children and family.

Afterwards, there is a reception where the father presents his daughter as a woman in the eyes of the church, Dominguez said.

**GAIN**  
*Continued from A3*

fessor of health science at OU, gave two weeks ago.

Hypnosis, Jarski said, is "an altered state of consciousness ... a profound state of relaxation."

It just might be a form of meditation he said, although meditation is "more passive and calm."

"Hypnosis tends to be quite directive and goal oriented ... (it) is a condition that is neither the usual waking state nor any stage of sleep," he said.

Can hypnotists make people do things against their will? Despite the popular belief that hypnotists can exert that type of power, Jarski said "nothing can be done against your will."

Another misconception is that people under hypnosis give up control and go unconscious. On the contrary, Jarski said, "a lot of the time you become much more conscious, you become conscious of a different view."

To illustrate, he told a story of an obese

woman, who was a patient of one of his colleagues. Under hypnosis, the woman was able to tell her therapist that when she was eight years old, she had seen her stepfather slap her mother at the dinner table.

She ran away from the table but her stepfather ran after her. He grabbed her, brought her back to her chair and yelled "don't you ever walk away from your food again."

The obese woman had been unable to recall this incident, which was stored in her subconscious, until she had been hypnotized. After hypnosis, she was able to change her dietary habits without ever needing surgery, he said.

The subconscious, Jarski said, "dictates most of our moods, beliefs and behaviors."

"During hypnosis, the body and conscious mind are in a relaxed state while the subconscious mind remains awake and receptive to suggestion," he said.

"Hypnosis is an education-communication process that allows a person's conscious and subconscious minds to believe the same message," Jarski said. "Under hypnosis you can access this hidden part of you."

It can also be used in surgical and dental procedures that would otherwise require anesthesia.

He told of a patient that had a surgical operation, "chiseling bone and putting in screws," using just acupuncture and hypnosis, with "no traditional anesthesia what-so-ever."

A good hypnotist will teach the individual how to hypnotize him or herself, Jarski said.

"All hypnosis is self hypnosis, you have to do it for yourself and to yourself," he said.

At the end of the lecture, Jarski instructed the audience through a relaxation technique.

Senior Lucy VandePutte said she felt "very relaxed but very alert after ... sort of relieved."

Mila Padgett, assistant director of campus recreation programs, who organizes Wellness Wednesday lectures, said she thought the lecture was great.

"I think if people could look at other ways to heal themselves first, before traditional medicine, less drugs would have to be used," she said.

**SIGN**  
*Continued from A5*

they may not display signs for all three.

"It makes absolutely no sense that someone can have that right for 30 days before an election, but not 31," said Kary Moss, ACLU of Michigan executive director in a press release. "It makes no sense to allow only one 'political' sign but unlimited commercial signs."

Mary Adzigan filed a lawsuit Sept. 21 against the City of Grosse Pointe Woods over this law. The City is now temporarily restrained from enforcing the law

based on First Amendment rights.

In 1996, George Dimas, along with ACLU, filed suit against the City of Warren over their law, which prohibited political signs 45 days before the election. The court ruled that the law violates civil rights and the First and Fourteenth Constitutional Amendments.

John Hammond is another resident of Troy who was ticketed for having a Kerry-Edwards sign in his yard. He was unaware of the law until the zoning ordinance knocked on his door less than an hour after putting two signs up.

"I feel that it is within my rights under First Amendment free speech," Hammond said. "I have every intention of going to court and fighting it until I succeed in changing the law."

Hammond went to court on Sept. 29 and got a temporary restraining order against the City of Troy. He will be going to court for a pre-trial in about one month.

Besides Troy, other cities in Michigan that carry this law include Rochester, Novi and Waterford.

**FIRE**  
*Continued from A5*

said. "All other life safety hazards are noted and addressed."

"Whatever the fire Marshall or the girls in the houses suggest for fire safety, we can get for them," Roosevelt said.

University Housing is expected to address and comply with any concerns or issues immediately.

Phi Sigma Sigma's only fire occurred in the winter of 2004. The fire was a grease fire in the kitchen.

"Our oven caught on fire," Hargreaves said. "Luckily we had our fire extinguisher and the sisters in the house were able to put the fire out with only minimal damage."

According to Hargreaves, there is concern if a serious fire was to occur in her sorority house.

"I feel we would be prepared as much as tenants could be," Hargreaves said. "We do fear that if the alarms go off they will not respond immediately."

"I can't imagine what we would have done if a fire like in Mississippi happened to us," Krenke said. "We're brothers; it would be hard to lose a brother."

Black ribbons were tied around the house columns at the University of Mississippi in support of the three deaths of the Alpha Tau Omega brothers.

A column in the Daily Mississippian by Steven Godfrey said, "The Greek community has again proven its worth in a

time of tragedy."

"It's a very hard time to get through, though they are sticking together," Hargreaves said.

"The University is committed to life safety initiatives in all facilities through the efforts of various campus departments as well as local fire departments," Tyrell said.

Theta Chi is looking into getting a sprinkler system installed in their house for fire safety.

"Until then we are taking every other precaution, like emptying ash trays, testing smoke detectors more frequently," Krenke said. "It's much better to be safe than sorry, our eyes have been opened wider because of their loss."

**HOPE**  
*Continued from A5*

nutritious food to children, pregnant women, and senior citizens.

Focus: Hope's public affairs department estimates that they help over 43,000 children, mothers and seniors each month.

"Thirty-two thousand [of them] are senior citizens. They have become our target group because they are where the need really exists," Moran said.

"It's upsetting because many of them don't have family to care for them or

they don't want their families to know that they are having difficulty."

To aid in the effort to help seniors, Focus: Hope maintains over 51,000 volunteers in their database, many of which belong to large distribution groups set up by Ford Motor Company and General Motors. Focus: Hope also holds other events throughout the year that are geared toward helping older adults, like the "Share With a Senior" program where volunteers connect with a low-income senior citizen for the holiday season.

Volunteers 'adopt' a senior, visit them

on a regular basis and provide them with a fresh meal on the holidays they celebrate between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

"Volunteering with Focus: Hope is a wonderful way for the well-to-do to reach out to the less fortunate," Vaughn said.

Volunteer opportunities to aid senior citizens, tutor children and to clean up local parks are available to college students year-round.

"Our Supplemental Food Program draws people of all ages and races; it brings everyone together for the common good," Moran said.

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**Wednesday, October 13**

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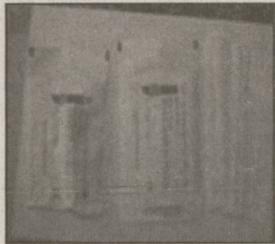
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Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post  
Top: Finished scorpion tattoo  
from Eternal Tattoos.

Bottom: It's good to know what  
sterile equipment looks like at a  
tattoo parlor.

Right: Ryan Lientz working on  
the scorpion tattoo at Eternal  
Tattoos.



# Tattoo tips

*Tattoos are in style, but can become a burden.*

*Here is some food for thought before making your big decision*

BY TRACY ESTES  
& VIRGINIE PEROV  
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR  
& CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The tough guys' secret is out; tattoos are not just for the bad boys anymore. In fact, artist Ryan Lientz of Eternal Tattoos, in Troy, said he has tattooed lawyers, doctors, grandmas and great-grandmas.

Body art began centuries ago, but it is only in the past few years that the industry has been blowing up in communities all over the country.

"It used to be only the bikers or sailors that got tattoos," Lientz said. "But people like Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake are getting them, so then it must be ok, right?"

Tattoos can take many forms. Flowers, butterflies, tribal symbols and basic pictures are most common, however, Lientz said most people do not know what a real tattoo can be.

"Take Jennifer Lopez for example," Lientz said. "She has a black cross, which is basically two black rectangles. She probably thinks it looks good."

But Lientz said that people today are more into quantity than quality. "(People) don't care what the tattoos are, they just want more," he said.

Tattoos are permanent pieces of art that are designed into the skin. Although people are skeptical about the permanency of a tattoo, "a lot do not put much thought into what they are get-

ting," Lientz said. "And that's why you hear about so many people wanting to get them removed."

According to the American Society of Dermatological Surgery, over 50 percent of people receiving a tattoo want it removed at one point in their life.

"People usually want to get rid of their tattoo when they have some big changes in their life, a marriage, a divorce, a change of career..." said Dr. Frederick Minkow, M.D., of Bloomfield Laser in Bloomfield Hills.

There are several methods to get rid of unwanted tattoos, but none of them are quick and easy. Excising the tattoo, dermabrasion and laser surgery are the three most common surgeries.

An excision consists of cutting out the part of the skin where the tattoo is. Dermabrasion consists of chilling the tattoo area and sanding it to a deeper level of the skin. Both methods will leave scars and according to the American Society of Dermatological Surgery, laser is the most effective method.

Minkow removes people's tattoos for a living. He uses laser surgery to get rid of unwanted body art. With this method, the ink pigment in the tattoo and the body naturally processes it.

However, laser treatment can get expensive. It costs approximately \$200 per session and depending on the size and ink



Tribal art is very popular.

color of the tattoo, as many as 12 sessions might be needed.

The best advice Minkow can give is to invest much thought and research if you think you "can't live without a tattoo."

"It was cool at the time, I wanted a cross or something," senior Justin Angeles said. "I thought about it, but I never went through with it."

Lientz said tattoos are not just something you slap on your body because it looks cool.

"I know an artist who has tattooed a perfect version of the Mona Lisa," he said. "It was the size of a postage stamp. If you can call the Mona Lisa hanging on a wall in a museum fine art, then why isn't the Mona Lisa on the skin considered fine art?"

"Education on what you're getting" is the best advice Lientz can give to anyone wanting a tattoo. He said some places are not into educating.

"People just want what they see on TV and think it's cool," he said. "(The customer) tells the

artist what they want and the artist slaps it on their leg or arm, no questions asked."

Although he has had many cases like this, "the customer is always right," he said, "but we try to educate them and show them how to change a generic design into something original and worth it."

"There were days it was literally like an assembly line in here," Lientz added. "We would be slapping on the same design one right after another. There is so much more to a tattoo than that."

Whatever the reason people get them, tattoos are certainly a mark of personal expression. "I'd never get one that I didn't feel meant something to me, they all have a story," senior Jeremy Damaske said.

Getting a tattoo is not something that should be done at the spur of the moment.

"Know where to go, usually places are recommended by reputation," Lientz said. "If you go

## What you need to know before getting a tattoo

- Shop around, choose a parlor wisely.
- Know what tattoo you want.
- Don't drink and ink.
- Ask to see the sterile equipment.
- Make sure the artist has a permit.
- Ask to see the artist's portfolio of work.
- Make the design yours, original is best.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Ask about aftercare for your tattoo.

to a doctor and your piercing or tattoo is infected, the first people they blame are the artists."

Lientz said usually the time to blame the artist is if their equipment is not in tip-top working conditions. "bent needles make bad tattoos and the customer would never know the difference," he said. "The aftercare is up to the customer. We educate them on how to care for them during the healing process, but if not done correctly, you can get an infection. Tattoos are just like any open sore."

AIDS and other infections are top concerns when it comes to tattoos. Lientz said that not everyone is clean and it's easy to fool people that don't know what a sterilization bag looks like.

"Bacteria are killed by heat and pressure. We bag our machines, to avoid any blood that may splatter, and we sterilize all of our needles and instruments in an autoclave at about 375 degrees with 14 pounds of pressure," he said. "Don't be afraid to ask or see the sterile equipment."

Damaske has three tattoos and wants more. "They are very addictive," he said. "Yet they can be very expensive."

Eternal Tattoos and XS in downtown Rochester both charge \$100 per hour.

"The price really freaks people



out. We always try and look out for people though," Lientz said.

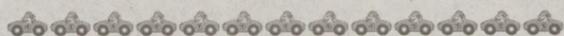
No matter what the price is or how long it takes, people have tattooed their bodies for centuries.

Some only get one for the experience and others are addicted to the art.

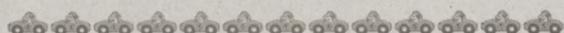
"Once you stick your toe in the water, you feel that it wasn't so bad, that's like with tattoos," said Lientz, "once you get one, you either want to add to it or get more."



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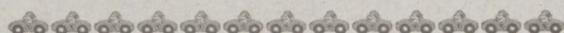


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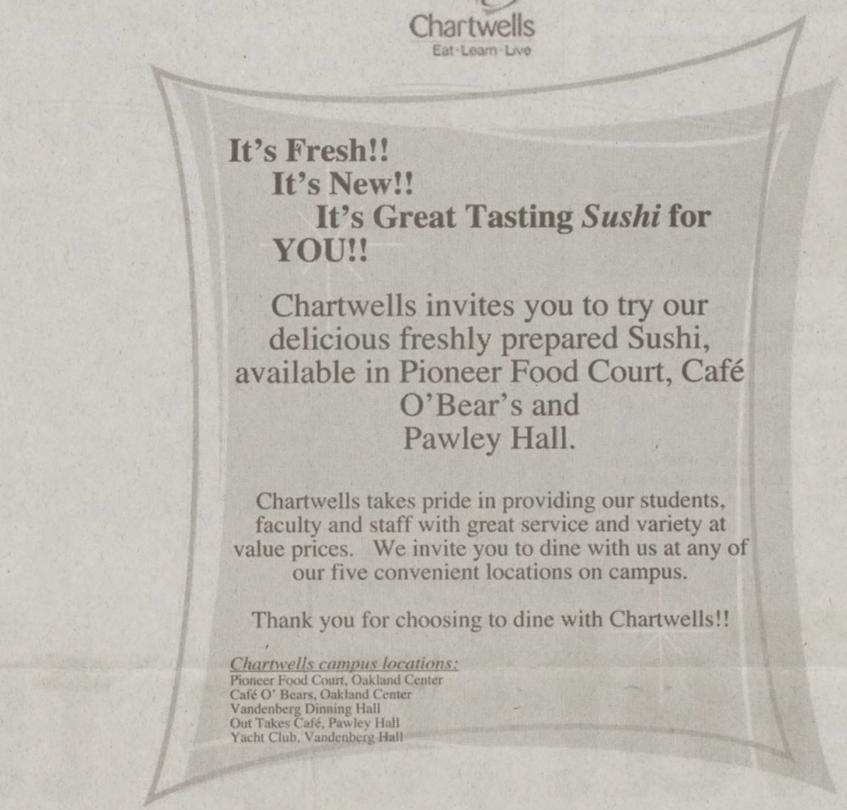
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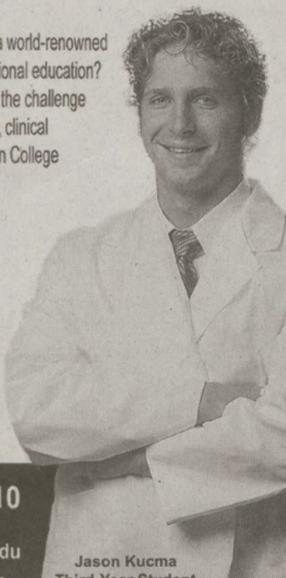
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# Daily heroes light up the screen

## Opinion

BY ANDREA WELT  
THE OAKLAND POST

“Ladder 49” is an action packed film that sucks you in, right from the beginning, by starting the movie off where it ends.

The movie switches between the climactic ending and the day-to-day experiences that the firefighters have with their families and each other, as well as the daily acts of heroism. It keeps the audience involved in every aspect of the film.

The movie focuses around the life and death of firefighter Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix).

He is fresh out of the Fire Academy when he starts at Engine 33 and when he walks into those fires.

The audience is taken through the next ten years of his life as how he develops as a firefighter and as a person.

The director, Jack Russell,

truly pulls the viewers inside the movie with unique camera angles, twists and turns and images that are blurred through the smoke and blaze. It's as if you were actually in the fire yourself.

Jumping back and forth between the scenes of the past and the present was a good way to approach the finale. It made the audience more involved with the characters.

After Morrison's successful rescue of a man from an unstable burning building, the floor gives out from under him and he crashes through burning rubble and tumbling debris.

As Morrison goes in and out of consciousness, the audience gets a glimpse of pieces of his life; the drive that made him become a firefighter, the love that made him fall for his wife and the pride she had in him.

In the next scene, viewers get a chance to see that after all the



Photos courtesy of Touchstone's

Top: Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) is the main hero of “Ladder 49.”

Right: Morrison with his wife at the bar.

firefighters stopped trying to put out that impossible fire, they still ran back inside to get their fellow firefighter out.

“Ladder 49” gives moviegoers a chance to understand firefighters and the choices they make each day from running into burning buildings and saving lives.

Viewers really get involved with the characters and their lives and when they go through something, it feels like you go through it yourself.

“Ladder 49” is a great movie

for everyone. It carries a lot of action scenes, but also the inside-look into the lives of the firefighters and provides the romance and drama that gives the movie a good balance.



## Opinion

### Interpol Concerts

- Oct. 15: State Theater, Detroit
- Oct. 16: Newport Music Hall, Columbus, OH
- Oct. 17: Riviera Theater, Chicago, IL

Photo courtesy of Matador

The four members of the band include Paul Banks, Daniel Kessler, Carlos D. and Sam Fogarino.



# Interpol's new album offers many moods

With its second album “Antics,” Interpol stirs toward more upbeat rhythms

BY DAVE PHILLIPS  
THE OAKLAND POST

There is something about “Interpol.” Something about the music that forces you to move, that demands you pay attention.

There is something about their live show, about the way they carry themselves, about their stage presence.

There is something about Paul Banks' voice, about Sam Fogarino's drums, about Carlos D's bass and about Daniel Kessler's guitar that is significant. It is just a difficult thing to place your finger on.

Stoic, dark, unique, thrilling: these are all words which were used to attempt to place a finger on Interpol's freshman release, 2002's “Turn on the Bright Lights.”

After two years, the New York quartet is back with “Antics” and it's anything but “Turn On the Bright Lights” part two.

Not to say that “Antics” isn't these things. The stoicism is certainly still there. The darkness resonates with lyrics such as “Perhaps heartstrings resuscitate/The fading sounds of your life” and “Along the way/Tears drown in the wake of delight.” “Antics” is every bit as unique as “Turn On the Bright Lights” if not more so. As for the thrill, this record is thrilling by all accounts.

The album starts off with “Next Exit.” This track is laid back, slow-paced and a perfect way to begin the album.

It is followed by the catchy “Evil” and then the darkness sets in with “Narc.” Both of these songs were tested out and well received on the “Curiosa Tour” this summer, where Interpol opened for The Cure.

The fourth track is called “Take You on a Cruise.” This song sounds similar in ways to some tracks off of “Turn on the Bright Lights,” but it stays along the lines of what seems to be the basic storyline of “Antics”; unrequited love, with lyrics such as “Would you like to be my missus and in future with child?” The breakdown at the end of the song is intriguing, with Banks' vocals split to form a round.

Next up is “Slow Hands,” the first radio single off of “Antics.” It is upbeat, happy sounding and continues with the dark lyrics.

The second half of the album takes a bit of a break from the jangly, happy sounding beginning.

“Not Even Jail” begins with a very driving drum line, and miscellaneous noises entering. The vocal then begins and the song continually changes throughout. “Public Pervert” is next: another laid back song. It's lyrically perhaps the gloomiest song on the album, just as the song title

Phillips would suggest. It's quiet until the chorus, where Banks sings “Swoon baby starry nights/May our bodies remain/Move with me I'll feed you light? Let our bodies remain.”

“Cmere” is a perfect microcosm of this album. The music is somewhat upbeat and the mood seemingly pleasant. However, the lyrics tell a depressing story of a friendship in which Banks has developed feelings for his friend, who has another lover.

The music is so hopeful, but the situation so hopeless. Banks sings, “You said today/You know exactly how I feel/I have my doubts, little girl/I'm in love with something real.”

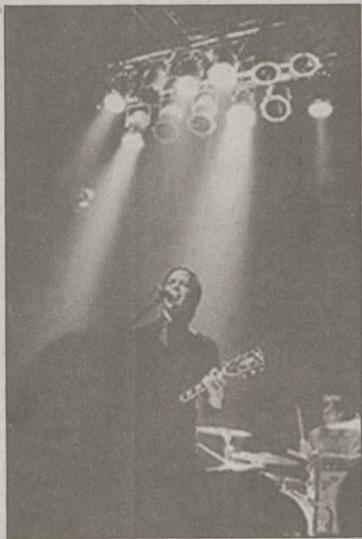


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Lead singer Paul Banks in concert.

Track nine is “Length of Love.” This song is not as dynamic as most of the songs on the album, but Banks' vocals carry it. The instrumentation is interesting, but perhaps a bit stagnant.

“A Time To Be So Small” closes out the album. It tells a story of the youth inside of people, and how people typically try to hold back their inner child. Banks sings “He has a keen eye for what you used to be.”

“Antics” is definitely different from “Turn on the Bright Lights.” Some fans may not like this record as much. It's a more upbeat, happy sounding music for sure. But in the long list of great bands throughout the history of music, dynamics and fluidity are largely important.

Listen to “Between the Buttons” and then throw on “Exile on Main Street.” These are two Rolling Stones albums, but a less informed person would think that two totally different bands made them. If you're an Interpol fan, I highly suggest picking up “Antics.”

In fact, if you're a fan of music in general, this is one of the “must have” albums of 2004. There's just something about it.

# Great voices net crowds

## Opinion

BY ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH  
THE OAKLAND POST

“Sometimes, I wanna take your big, dumb, dummy head, and just nyh-hhh!” Without the dazzling cast and the tongue in cheek jokes, “Shark Tale” would have been a washout.

With all the hype about this movie on TV, I expected something like “Shrek” or “Monster's Inc.”

But this movie was not like either of those. The one cool thing though, is that the fish had features like the real actors.

“Shark Tale” is a funny and lively Dreamwork's feature cartoon about a little fish wanting to get to the top of the reef and having to battle the shark Mafia to get there.

This movie is packed with “reality” tropical gags like calling Gap, “Gup” and Coca Cola, “Coral Cola,” which makes the underworld seem like what's above the water.

Will Smith

plays

Oscar,

the fish

who

wants

to get to

the top. He

owes money

to his manager,

Sykes, (Martin

Scorsese,) but can't pay him back.

Sykes manages the car wash where

Oscar and Angie (Renee Zellweger) work.

The little underworld that they live in is run by

the shark Mafia Don Lino (Robert De Niro)

and his bizarrely mismatched sons: cold-

blooded hammerhead, Frankie (Michael Imperioli) and the fun

loving vegetarian, Lenny (Jack Black).

Lenny cannot stand eating anything below him on the food

chain, which upsets his father.

When Don asks Frankie to go show Lenny the ropes, he gets

killed by an anchor and Oscar takes credit for killing the shark.

When Oscar then becomes known as the “shark slayer,” he

reaches instant fame and gets everything he wanted, including an

interview with Katie Current (Katie Couric).

Oscar then gets up to the top of the coral reef and goes from a

“nobody” to a “somebody” who attracts Lola (Angelina Jolie).

The ending of the movie is probably the liveliest part with

Christina Aguilera and Missy Elliot (as fish) singing their debut

song: “Car Wash.”

Even though the movie is predictable and even a little slow at

times, if you love the cast you will love the movie.



# Play fights intolerance

BY VIRGINIE PEROV  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

In October 1998, a young man named Mathew Shepard was found brutally beaten in the hills outside Laramie, Wyoming.

Shepard, 21, who was gay, died six days later.

This true story inspired play writer Moises Kaufman to create a docudrama that would educate and spread a message of tolerance.

The play is "The Laramie Project," brought to OU by Thomas M. Suda, director and faculty member.

"The Laramie Project" demonstrates how theater can engage society and how we can learn from events - even such horrific events as Mathew Shepard's brutal murder - and translate such events into art," Suda said.

It is also an object lesson on how art can teach tolerance and build communities."

The play never depicts Mathew Shepard himself, but rather retraces the event through the different testimonies of the community.

After the murder, Kaufman gathered his troupe and went to conduct hundreds of interviews throughout the community. He also collected court testimonies and police records.

"Each actor has at least six or seven parts to play," said Linda Curatolo, publicist for the department of music, theater and dance. "The play is actually a combination of testimonies from the community and testimonies from Kaufman's troupe as they gathered the information for this docudrama. They are all interwoven."

The actors shift from one real-life character to another, revealing responses of townfolks, police officers, media, religious leaders and even the original actors who conducted the Laramie interviews.

The 12 actors in the play are all OU students and for most of them, "The Laramie Project" is their first acting experience.

The Laramie Project will coincide with Coming Out Week 2004, a campus event presented by the organization S.A.F.E. On Campus.

During the event, a variety of student groups will present workshops, potlucks, rallies, a candlelight vigil and more.

"Since I am a young, gay man, this play to me is sort of a justification for why so many people are afraid to be who they truly are," said Benjamin Lynch, actor in the play and musical theater student. "This play is about tolerance - sexually, racially, religiously - anything that might set us apart."



The cast members are Robert Arbaugh, Andrea Scobie, Megan L. Mullinger, Blair Mellow, Dan Banas, Joel Trumble, Katie C. Pierce, Jeff Hannah, Lauren Terpening, Jacquelyn Whitesel, Benjamin Lynch, Amy Thompson (not pictured).

Photo courtesy of David Kidger

According to Curatolo, the play is about diversity and acceptance more than tolerance. "Everyone is affected," she said. "And it's a good way to get the community involved."

During Coming Out Week, Jeff Montgomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation in Michigan, will be

on campus Oct. 8 to address questions brought by the play.

The Triangle Foundation is an organization serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) and allied communities in Michigan.

"The Laramie Project" will be performed from Oct. 7-17 in the Varner Studio Theater.

The performance will be held at 8 p.m., Oct. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 and there will be matinees at 2 p.m. Oct. 10 and 17.

To order tickets, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or e-mail the music, theater and dance department at mtd@oakland.edu.

## THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Oct. 6

The film "The Experiment: Gay and Straight" will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Student Lounge of Kresge Library.

Thursday, Oct. 7

The performance of "The Laramie Project" opens and runs through Oct. 17 at the Varner Studio Theatre. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office (248) 370-3013.

The "Road to Freedom: A History of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Movement" lecture will be held from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

The Women of OU Fashion Show will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC. The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets include the show and an Oriental Buffet. There will also be raffles and prizes throughout the show.

The First-Year Transition Workshop will be held from 7-8 p.m. in Lake Superior Room B of the OC. This session will be based on ways to learn techniques to carry with you throughout college, on stress and other issues.

Friday, Oct. 8

Jeff Montgomery from the Triangle Foundation comes to OU to speak on the history of Coming Out Day and the struggles of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) population at OU and the world.

A special performance will also be given by the cast of "The Laramie Project, from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Sunday, Oct. 10

The Professional Artist Series: The Muse Quartet will be held at 3 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. This performance welcomes musicians who have performed all around the world.

Monday, Oct. 11

There will be a Coming Out Day Potluck held from noon-1 p.m. outside between the OC and O'Dowd Hall.

The School of Nursing will hold an open house from 5-7 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

OU students, faculty and staff will hold a candlelight vigil to remember those affected by hate crimes at 6 p.m. outside between the OC and O'Dowd Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

The First-Year Transition Workshop will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Lake Superior Room A of the OC. This weeks session will be about making decisions for your future career. Come and solve the career-major mystery.

There will be a Beatles Discussion Group from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 112 of Vandenberg Hall. Professor Brian Murphy and OU Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery will discuss their music, cultural and social impacts. Come and listen to music, watch videos and DVD's.

Compiled by: Tracy Estes  
Assistant Life Editor

# HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK  
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday is Oct. 6.

Discipline is one of your least favorite subjects. You'd much rather negotiate than play by the rules; you don't see life as black and white. You're apt to be rebellious this year, but take care. You could win a small victory but lose the entire war. Or you could acquire a valuable skill. 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 a 5: A particularly annoying person may be a messenger assigned to bring you information that you don't want to hear. Listen, and take notes.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7: Practice makes perfect, but unfortunately, it takes a lot of time. Learn from a master, and soon you'll be able to teach co-workers a few things.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7: You'd better not spend your newly won treasures for a little while. There's the outside chance it might be an error. Better stash it away for now.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7: Being thoughtful is more than a natural talent of yours. You work at it, and that may be necessary now.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6: There are so many interesting things to do other than that which you've previously obligated yourself. Don't you hate it when this happens?

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7: Continue to solicit advice from one with more experience. There's no reason you have to learn it all the hard way, especially since a friend of yours already did.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6: Of all the kinds of discipline there are, the kind you apply to your own self is the best by far. It's not easy, but this is a perfect time to practice.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7: A distant friend or relative dispenses good advice. Trade by sharing the story of a miracle that's happened to you recently.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7: In a perfect world you'd be able to buy whatever you want. You can bring yourself closer to satisfaction by learning to want what you can afford. You'll be closer to enlightenment, too.

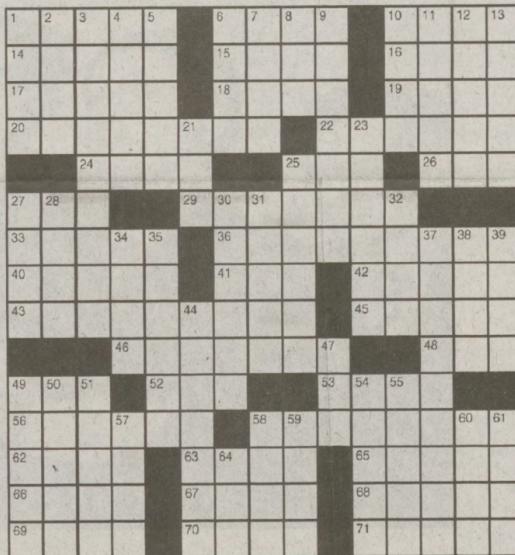
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7: Common sense isn't really all that common any more. Advise a person who doesn't have much, but carefully. Your words may not be welcome.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7: Once you've got the workplace routine firmly in place, you'll produce much more with much less effort. It shouldn't be long now.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7: You're good at fantasies, but you need somebody else to help with the structure. Being in love with a person like that is an excellent plan. If you're not yet, you could be soon.

## Crossword

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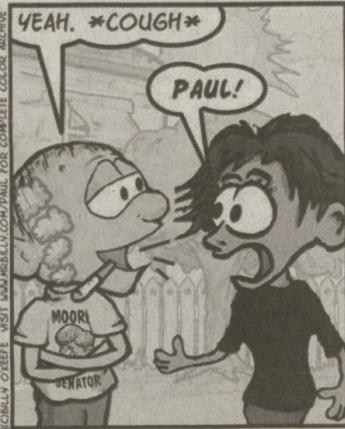
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## PAUL



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## Club starts season 3-0

BY ANTHONY STACK  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club ice hockey team (DII) is now 3-0 after defeating both the Central Michigan University (CMU) Chippewas and the Davenport University (DU) Panthers.

OU raised its ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association) National championship banner Friday night at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester during a pre-game ceremony before beating CMU 8-2.

The Grizzlies dominated the Chippewas for most of the night, with the exception of a second period breakdown in which CMU scored its first goal of the game.

CMU fired one past junior goalie Chris Ballach 10 seconds into the second period.

OU got three goals in the opening period, two from senior Dan Oleksy and one from Ron Kolito.

The third was from junior Will McMahon, who finished with a hat-trick.

In the second, McMahon scored again and rookie freshman Brandon Picard recorded his second goal as a Grizzly.

Kolito and Oleksy both scored again in the third period.

McMahon closed out the scoring for OU, getting his third goal of the night to complete his hat-trick.

CMU recorded its last goal early in the third period.

Head coach Craig Furstenau felt that passing was something that needed to be worked on.

Oakland 8

Central Michigan 2

"We're taking too long to make the first quick pass," Furstenau said.

"Forwards have to do a better job at staying out at the points, and making sure that they keep the play simple in getting the puck out of the zone. At times the forwards are trying to do too much and turning the puck over rather than just making the quick pass."

Ballach thought OU's defense played well. "The guys supported me big time like they always do," Ballach said. "It was a good game for the guys to get some better competition under their belts after last week's embarrassment against Findlay."

McMahon liked the effort of the younger Grizzlies.

"Tonight was a really great performance by our younger guys like Brandon Picard and Scott Elder," McMahon said. "The effort was definitely there."

Saturday afternoon, OU took on Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

The Grizzlies got off to a quick start. About four minutes into the game, rookie freshman Jonah Rogowski took a shot and Oleksy slammed the rebound home.

The Panthers came right back to tie the score, and then scored twice on the power play to make the score 3-1.

McMahon scored a goal to bring OU within one going into the first intermission.

The Panthers scored three goals in the first period, but only managed one more in each of the next two periods.

With help from McMahon's second hat-trick in two games and junior defenseman Mike Ryan and Kolito's goals, the Grizzlies came back from behind and defeated Davenport by a final score of 7-5.

Assistant coach Sean Hogan thought that OU looked fine offensively, but weak defensively on Saturday.

Hogan said that scoring goals isn't usually a problem for the Grizzlies and the team definitely needs to work on their defense.

"We need to work on our team defense," Hogan said.

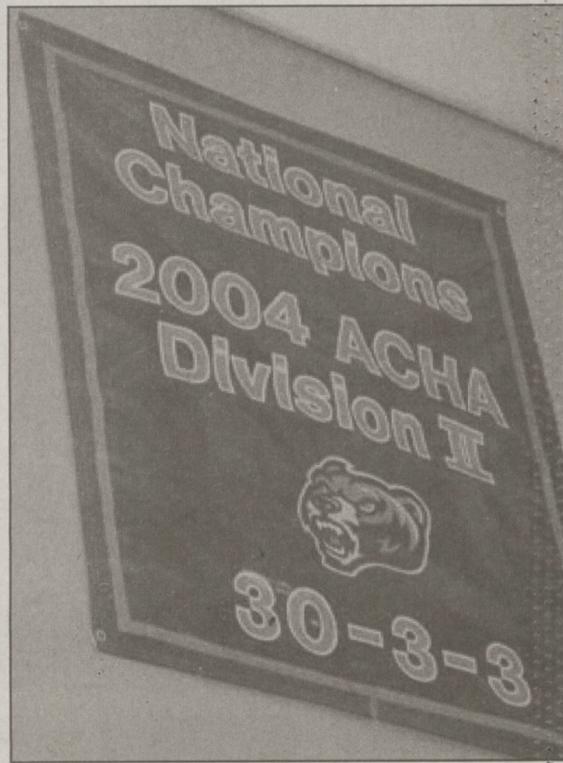
"That's something that we're going to be working on at practice more and more during the week. We showed a lot of heart today coming back from behind 2-1 after the first. It was a big win for the guys."

The 3-0 start is better than OU's start last season.

OU lost two of their first three games before going on to win the national championship last season.

There is no game scheduled for this weekend but the team is looking for an opponent, possibly the OU DIII hockey team.

The Grizzlies next scheduled match-up is against Grand Valley State University (GVSU) at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the Onyx Ice Arena. For more information on OU Hockey visit [www.oaklandhockey.org](http://www.oaklandhockey.org)



OU's Club hockey team raised its championship banner on Friday.

## Volleyball hits the road Women drop pair to Mid-con foes

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The road was not kind to OU's volleyball team this weekend.

The team dropped a pair of Mid-Con matches, falling to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), 3-1, on Friday and losing to Western Illinois University, 3-0, on Saturday.

OU hung with Western at the beginning of the first two games, but did not have success in the second half of the games.

The first game was tied at 13 when Western went on a 17-7 run to win the game 30-20.

It was tied at 15 to begin the second game, but then Western went on a 7-1 run lead by senior Kali Landis' three kills.

OU was only able to score two points the rest of the game as Western went on to win 30-18.

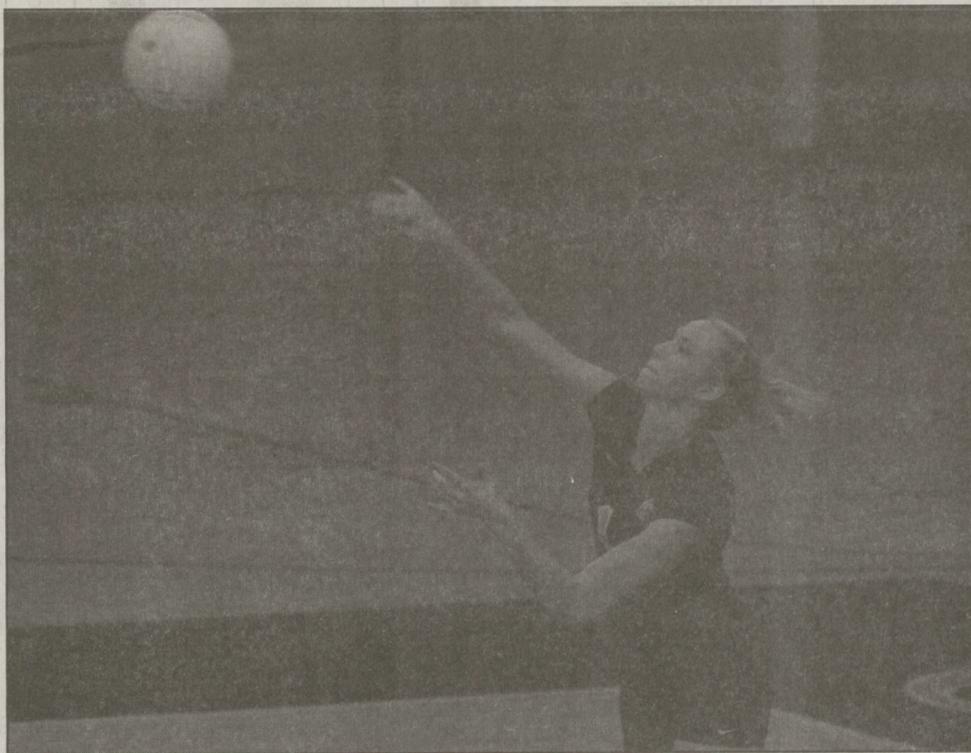
Western jumped out to a 10-4 lead in the third game. OU's offense couldn't get going enough to make a run and Western held on to win 30-23 and win the match 3-0.

The Westerwinds' offense outthit OU .298 to .086 for the match and had 47 kills to OU's 32.

Senior outside hitter Karen Conger led OU with nine kills and 12.5 points. Conger also dished out 14 assists, had three blocks and two aces.

OU's offense had 16 aces against UMKC on Friday, but it was not enough to win the match.

In the first game, OU went up 14-12. UMKC then went on a 6-2 run to take a 18-16 lead. OU was able to take the lead back, 25-24, but could not hold on, falling 30-28.



Heather Lippert delivers a serve in a home game earlier this season.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Palmer hit two aces to help OU gain an early 13-9 lead to start the second game. The Golden Grizzlies were up 17-14 when UMKC went on an 8-1 run to take a 22-18 lead.

The Grizzlies could not mount a comeback, falling 30-25 and giving UMKC a 2-0 lead.

OU jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the

third game and never looked back, winning the game 30-24.

The Kangaroos led by only one 14-13 to start the fourth game.

UMKC then went on a 10-3 run that led to a 30-23 victory that won them the match.

Junior middle blocker Heather Lippert led OU with 11 kills.

With the two losses, OU's record drops to 3-11 and 1-3 in the Mid-Con.

OU will look to improve its Mid-Con record this weekend when it hosts Chicago State University at 7 p.m. Friday, in the O'rena.

The Grizzlies also host Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

## OU soccer shuts out UT Rockets

BY DANA UTZ  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU's women's soccer team shutout the University of Toledo (UT) Rockets on Sunday afternoon on its way to a 1-0 victory.

The win came after OU was shutout themselves against the University of Indiana, 3-0, on Thursday.

The UT win improves the Grizzlies record to 5-6 this season.

OU's record fell to 5-4-2.

Just two minutes and 20 seconds into the Toledo game, sophomore defenseman Cat Panabaker headed a ball off of a corner kick that sailed into the box.

OU's sophomore goalkeeper Jen Whipple made the save but the ball was not cleared. OU's freshman forward Courtney McCracken was there for the rebound and knocked it in.

The goal turned out to be the game winner and was McCracken's second of the season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Amber Gale started her first game of the season. Gale had two saves, which brings her total to six for the season.

The Golden Grizzlies had eight shots in the game, while the Rockets only had six.

Thursday OU faced its first Big Ten team of the season, Indiana, and lost 3-0.

OU had only one shot during the game. The single shot was by junior forward Kristi Swaving.

For the Hoosiers, freshman forward and midfielder Lindsay McCarthy scored a hat trick in the second half.

Freshman goalkeeper Jessica Howard finished with nine saves.

The Hoosiers had 19 shots, 12 of them on goal. OU will host Western Illinois University at 4 p.m. on Friday and Valparaiso University at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

So far this season, both Western Illinois and Valparaiso have lost both of their Mid-Con games.

Western Illinois has a 2-7-2 record overall and Valparaiso's record is 3-6-1 overall.

## Flag football is gaining popularity

BY HEIDI ROMAN  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's flag football league kicked off the fall season this week with the highest level of participation ever.

According to Gary Baker, graduate assistant for intramural sports, flag football is not new to OU.

"The sport has definitely increased in popularity since last year," Baker said.

Flag football is among OU's list of 10 intramural sports, and is open to all students with a membership to the Recreation Center.

It is a popular version of football in which players wear a flag belt around their waist and opponents pull the flag to tackle. OU has a policy of no contact sports - with the exception of basketball - which is why tackle football is not allowed.

The fact that flag football is an intramural league means it is less competitive than a university sport and, more importantly, free.

Players compete against fellow OU students only - no collegiate play.

This year a total of 17 teams have signed up - 14 teams of men and three co-ed teams. Teams consist of anywhere between 7-13 players, with seven allowed on the field at a time.

Students are encouraged to put together their own teams before registering, but it is also possible to fill out a free agent form (obtainable at the IM Sports office) and one will be assigned for you.

Games are played Monday through Thursday at OU's upper field between 4 and 7 p.m.

Teams play against other OU teams, and the one with the most wins will move on to the regional and state levels.

There they will compete against flag football teams from other universities across Michigan. The majority of universities in the area have flag football leagues, as well.

Because anyone can join, experience varies from team to team. Several teams have maintained the same roster and have gained skill over the past years, while other teams are brand new and still learning.

"That's really what I think the advantage of intramural sports is - you don't need to have experience," Baker said. "You can just come out and play."

Baker completed his undergraduate degree at Rowan University in New Jersey, where he worked in the intramural program for four years before interviewing for the position at OU.

The first game of the season was played this

Monday, with a pre-season meet held the Wednesday before.

"During the pre-season meet, the teams can come out and get all the rust out," said Daniel Robinson, a junior at OU employed at the IM Sports office. "The players can all get to know each other."

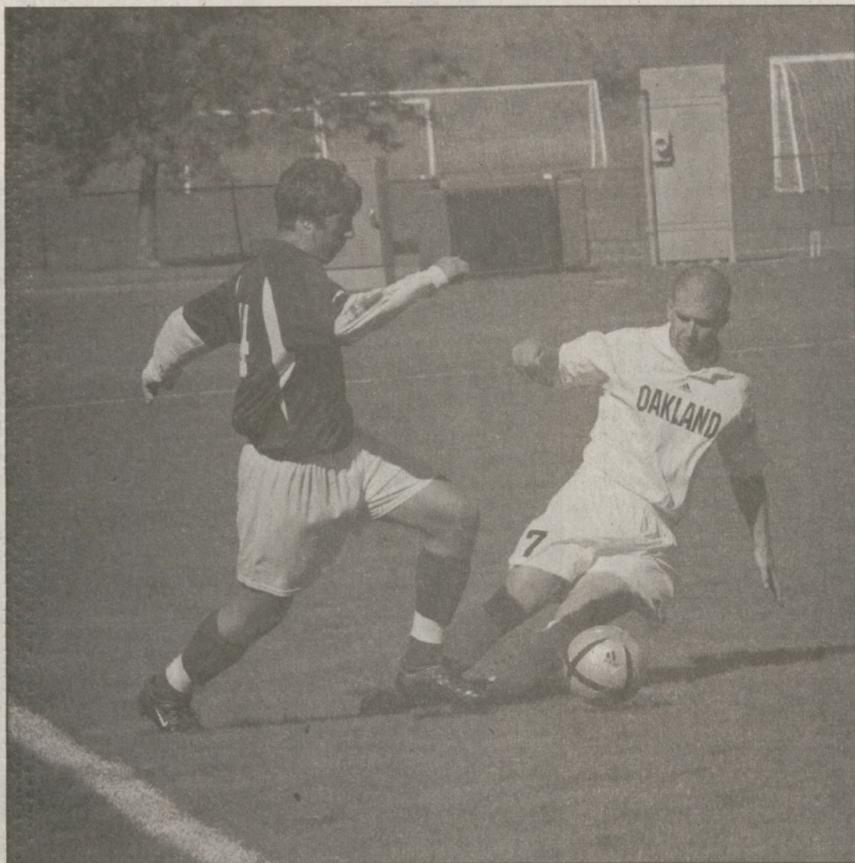
Registration deadline for this season was Friday, Sept. 27, but next fall begins a new season open to anyone interested.

Other sports available at the recreation center include soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, table tennis, floor hockey and whiffleball.

The IM department is also looking for intramural sports officials. No experience is needed.

For more information, contact the IM Sports office by calling (248) 370-4913 or drop them an e-mail at [IMSports@oakland.edu](mailto:IMSports@oakland.edu).

# Winning ways continue



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post  
Above: OU's defense did not allow a goal in its second Mid-Con game against Western Illinois.

Right: Shahar Ktovim, playing on a bruised heel, scored OU's second goal against Western Illinois.



By DAVE PEMBERTON  
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's men's soccer team extended its unbeaten streak to eight games by defeating Western Illinois University, 3-0, at the OU soccer field on Saturday.

OU has won five straight and are 7-1-1 this season.

The Golden Grizzlies won despite not having head coach Gary Parsons, who was suspended for one game by the Athletic Department.

"I found out yesterday there was an administrative decision that Gary would have to sit out a game. The boys didn't really miss a beat at all," said OU assistant coach Eric Pogue, who filled in for Parsons.

"We would love to have Gary here. He's such an integral part of our team and he really brings a lot of confidence to the team," Pogue said. "The guys really wanted to step up and play well for Gary and keep ourselves on the right track."

The game was Pogue's second as a head coach and his first win.

OU's first goal was scored by a Western Illinois defender who knocked it into his own net with 36:29 left in the first half to put OU up, 1-0.

"Mentally overcoming an own goal is difficult," Western Illinois head coach Eric Johnson said. "We had two chances right after that we didn't get on two breakaways. I think the difference today was their goalkeeper. He made two great saves on our break aways. We have been finishing those and if we would have finished one today maybe that (would have) turned things."

Wiese's first key save came with 23 minutes left in the first half.

Western Illinois' sophomore midfielder Nowaf Jaman had only Wiese to beat, but Wiese

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dove in front of his shot to make the save.

The other save came with five minutes left in the first half.

Western Illinois' senior midfielder Lorenzo Zignago fired a shot towards the goal. Wiese jumped in the air, hitting the ball with one hand over the top of the net for the save.

Wiese did not allow a goal in over 82 minutes of play and finished with six saves.

"Jeff Wiese was the man of the match," said Pogue. "He played outstanding. If it wasn't for him we might be looking at a different result today."

Wiese could have earned his fourth shutout of the season but the team brought in sophomore goalkeeper Josh Slaughter for the final 7:20. Wiese said he was just happy to get the win.

"You just go out there and do all you can do," said Wiese.

"Take what I learn from practice into the games. That's what I have been doing for the last four years and it's paying off."

OU scored its second goal with 42 seconds left in the first half. Freshman midfielder Bjoernar Hansen found senior midfielder Shahar Ktovim, who found the back of the net to put OU ahead 2-0.

Ktovim has been bothered by a bruised heel. He sat out practice on Friday but was cleared to play before the game by OU's trainers.

Pogue said he decided not to start Ktovim to make sure he was ok, but Ktovim told him he would have a good match.

"Usually, I don't come off the bench, but when I'm coming off the bench, everyone is tired so I came out fresh," said Ktovim.

Junior forward Chris Edwards scored OU's final goal on a free kick to make the final score 3-0.

"Everyone is pitching in getting goals" said Edwards, who leads OU this season with five goals. "We just keep working hard in practice and we've been showing up more offensively the last few games and getting goals. The more goals the better."

A minute after his goal, Edwards was involved in an altercation with Western Illinois' sophomore midfielder Kosuke Kimura.

Edwards and Kimura received yellow cards as did Western Illinois' senior midfielder Andy Swentik for yelling at an official, claiming Edwards had tried to hurt Kimura on purpose.

"The whole yellow card thing was just a stupid tackle," Edwards said. "It was just in the heat of the moment. The ball was there and I went in to challenge."

"I try to avoid those things. I had a few last year. I'm sure the coaches will have something to say about it."

OU is in first place in the Mid-Con with a 2-0 record.

OU's next game is against Oral Roberts University at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Tulsa.

## Game Preview

**Who:** OU (7-1-1) vs. Oral Roberts  
**When:** Oct. 9  
**Where:** Tulsa, Okla.  
**What:** OU is 2-0 in the Mid-Con and will look to take a larger lead on second place Oral Roberts who is 1-0-1 this year.

# Everyone's playing Fantasy Football

By DUSTIN FRUCCI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Sony, Philips, Emerson and RCA are smiling. Remote manufacturers are seeing their product fly off the shelves.

Why? Remotes are meeting their demise with regularity as arm-chair quarterbacks around the nation watch their fantasy studs bust on Sundays.

Okay, so fantasy football doesn't affect remote companies that much, but it has evolved from a hobby into big business that leaves its imprint nationwide.

The Fantasy Sports Trade Association (FSTA) estimated that fantasy football took in over \$3 billion last year.

"With the availability of the Internet, more people are able to get into leagues," Doghouse Fantasy Football Magazine (DFFM) Senior Editor, Jason Moorhead said. "How often do fans say they could do a better job than their favorite team's coach? This is their opportunity to do just that - that's the attraction."

According to the FSTA, 15 million Americans play fantasy football. The average player participates in two different leagues, and spends \$154 each year.

The same study says the average player spends three hours a week managing their team at work - costing their employers nearly \$130 a week in labor.

Goodrich resident, Jon Leopold, 31, wasn't surprised by those statistics.

"I'm in four leagues right now and do most of my managing while at the office," Leopold said. "My boss is the league manager and we have a pretty good pool going right now."

The popularity of fantasy football is most evident in the way sports is presented in media.

ESPN, CBS, Sports Illustrated and Yahoo have entire Web site devoted to the hobby.

Web sites that charge for insider information are becoming more popular as a player will look for any edge over other competitors in their league.

Televised games now have tickers at the bottom of the screen that update viewers on how their fantasy team is doing. Pre-game and post-game shows may devote 10 minutes, out of a 30 minutes slot, on athletes with big fantasy days.

A walk into any local bookstore will reveal over a dozen magazines strictly devoted to stats, cheats sheets, injury updates and predictions.

The magazines all try to separate themselves by incorporating random things from society,



The latest issue of DFFM labeled each team according to a movie that represents its makeup over the last few years.

The Detroit Lions were paired with the mid-90's hit "Dumb and Dumber." A homage to General Manager Matt Millen and owner William Clay Ford.

Fantasy football is changing the way the NFL is portrayed. The various outlets have helped push the NFL past baseball as America's favorite sport in the last 20 years.

"It is hitting home with every football fan's competitive nature," Moorhead said. "They get to beat up on friends, family and colleagues. What else could a fan want?"

## Post Fantasy Studs

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QB- Matt Hasselbeck- SEA vs. St. Louis

RB- Curtis Martin- NYJ vs. Buffalo

WR- Javon Walker- GB vs. Tennessee

Dave Pemberton- Sports Editor

QB- Daunte Culpepper- MIN @ Houston

RB- Shaun Alexander- SEA vs. St. Louis

WR- Peerless Price- ATL vs. Detroit

Brendan J. Stevens- Editor In Chief

QB- Tom Brady- NWE vs. Miami

RB- Ahman Green- GB vs. Tennessee

WR- Roy Williams- DET @ Atlanta



Above: Chauncey Billups takes the ball to the hoop  
Right: Ben Wallace snags another rebound



# Pistons talking repeat this year

By DAVE PEMBERTON  
SPORTS EDITOR

Championships are what separate good players from great players.

The Detroit Pistons already have one NBA title under their belts, but they are far from satisfied.

The team began training camp Monday and all the players were talking about winning back-to-back titles.

"We're looking to have a good season. Go out there and defend what we worked so hard for," Rasheed Wallace said.

"We know we have a tough road ahead of us. Everybody is going to be gunning for us. Everybody is going to be on their 'A' game every night," Wallace said. "So we're just going to have to go out there and be on our 'A plus' game and defend what's ours."

Ben Wallace is also confident the team will be able to repeat as NBA champions. Wallace said last year's success has not changed him personally or the way he approaches the game.

"They say it's hard to repeat, but I think getting the first one is

tougher," Wallace said. "A lot of teams say, 'Man we are going to be there next year' but until you walk through that tunnel going to the championship game, you don't know what to expect. So I think we have the heads-up. We know what it takes, know what to expect."

In the off-season, Ben Wallace had to have an emergency appendectomy and will not start training camp at full strength.

Even without Wallace at the beginning of training camp, the team looks poised to make a great run.

The entire starting lineup from last year's team is back and all of them are under 28 years old.

"We know what we expect from each other," Richard Hamilton said. "We all push each other every day in practice and we want to win a championship again. I think that's in everybody's mind that we want to do it again."

There are some new faces this year including Derrick Coleman, Antonio McDyess and Carlos Delfino. However, the core guys from last year are confident they will fit in.

"I think our chemistry is great," Hamilton said. "One thing about our team, is when I came here they already had guys playing a certain way. So when new guys come in it's easier for people to mold and do what we're already doing."

"I think that we have the kind of guys on our team that are willing to help each other out and are willing to work."

Defending the NBA title will not be easy for the Pistons.

The Eastern Conference has some tough competition, including the Miami Heat, who added Shaquille O'Neal in the off-season, and the Indiana Pacers, who still have most of their team back that won the Central Division title last year.

NBA Finals MVP Chauncey Billups said he is never worried about what everyone else is doing.

"The thing about this team is we got guys who haven't been given anything. We've worked for everything that we got," Billups said. "We know what it feels like to win now and we want to feel like that again. We know nobody is going to lay down for us."