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# OU invites Spartans back to school

It's been more than 50 years since Oakland University and Michigan State University shared a campus, but a new proposal may reunite the two schools and open OU's facilities to MSU's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

By Kyle Magin

In 1957 Michigan State left its Oakland University campus, allowing OU to grow into an independent institution.

Fifty years later, the Spartans could be back.

MSU is in the process of deciding where to base their southeastern Michigan satellite campus, to house their school of osteopathic medicine. Oakland is among the final four candidates vying for the school.

If Oakland is selected, it will host about 200 MSU medical students in addition to faculty.

MSU will receive 76 guaranteed clinical jobs for third and fourth year undergrads, along with the possibility of 92-102 positions according to an OU proposal, which was released last Wednesday. Included in the proposal is use of the physiology and anatomy labs already on

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**Dr. Gary Russi**  
Oakland University President

campus, along with links to Oakland County's 1,163 osteopathic doctors to supervise medical training.

"We will provide curricula, space and research support to assist MSU in educating osteopathic physicians. This partnership would also afford opportunities for our faculty and students to participate in medical research," said OU President Gary Russi.

Osteopathic medicine is a school of thought that treats the body as a whole, using a "holistic" approach. A graduate doctor of an osteopathic medical program receives a DO, rather than an MD, though they are still able to write prescriptions and perform surgery. Osteopathic doctors emphasize treating the entire body system, rather than treating specific diseases

with specific treatments.

While some are enthusiastic about the proposed partnership, others are disappointed. OU senate member and English professor Jane Eberwein expressed confusion regarding the affiliation.

"Osteopathic medicine, by reputation, is less scientifically based. I realize that Oakland needs to take a chance on a medical school but I wonder if this is the chance we should be looking for," Eberwein said. "I think it's a questionable fit for OU."

In a February senate meeting, physics professor Andrei Slavin questioned the proposal. In his estimation, "it would not be advantageous for OU

to align itself with a MSU-based osteopathic association. In (my) opinion, OU is strong enough to pursue its own school in allopathic medicine," Slavin said.

Allopathic medicine, Slavin and Eberwein's preference, is more traditional and doctors treat illness and injuries specifically. An example would be that an MD would treat a cough with a suppressant. An osteopath, on the other hand, would treat all the symptoms related to the cough, such as loosening tight muscles in the back and chest.

"I don't think that osteopathic medicine is associated with urban centers, I can see how it would be desirable in East Lansing or in northern and western parts of the state, but not in the metro-Detroit area," Eberwein said.

"There is more of a philosophical difference between allopathic and osteopathic medicine," said Dr. Lia Gaggino, a pediatric MD. "(Osteopaths) are a little more hands on, they comprehensively treat illnesses and look at how the whole body responds to certain ailments. As far as their standing in the medical community, they used to be considered the 'poor sibling,' but now they are more mainstream and respected."

President Russi views the osteopathic partnership as an opportunity. "We look at all partnership possibilities and determine their feasibility based

solely on how a new partnership would benefit students, increase accessibility and convenience, and fill educational niches in underserved areas," Russi said.

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**Dr. Andrei Slavin**  
OU Professor of Physics

An allopathic school would be difficult to set up Provost Virinder Moudgil.

In a February OU senate meeting, Moudgil explained, "the process of establishing an allopathic school can take up to eight years for approval and that an association with another institution, at least in the initial stages, would be more practical and feasible in terms of resources."

According to a Detroit Free Press article last Thursday, the MSU board of trustees will tour the four sites in April and have a decision by May. Michigan State has scheduled an OU visit for Saturday, May 1st.

Board members reached for this story declined comment because of the ongoing nature of the decision.

"We feel confident that our proposal makes a compelling argument for MSU to partner with us," said Russi. "Of course, we have answered specific questions posed by MSU officials since they first received our proposal, which is to be expected, but we have not undertaken any organized lobbying effort, other than standing on the merits of our original proposal to MSU."

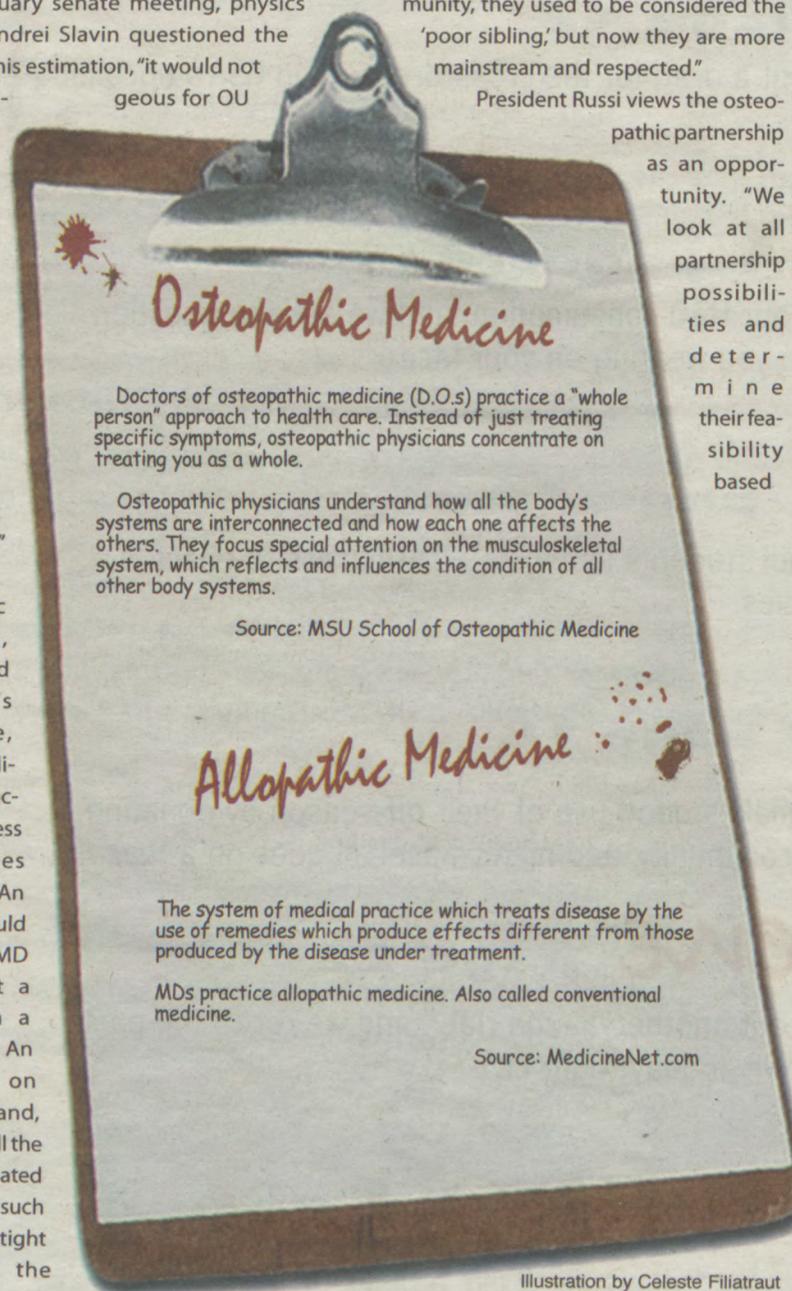


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# Blindness gives two friends a similar perspective

*Duo feel the pulse of life, despite being visually impaired*

By PAUL GULLY  
Mouthing Off Editor

The two are best friends. They spend hours together talking on the phone, complaining about classes and discussing the future. They rely on each other for support and advice.

But, for the most part, Ann Petrous and Laura White have no idea what each other look like.

White, a junior English major, was born with a condition called Retinopathy of Prematurity and has been completely blind from birth. Born three and a half months premature, White's retinas never attached to her optic nerve.

Similarly, Petrous, a senior journalism major, was born with Retinitis Pigmentosa, an eye condition that has left her with very limited vision.

"I basically have just enough vision to know it's there," Petrous said.

And because RP is a degenerative condition, she will eventually go completely blind.

"I'm potentially going to lose all of my vision in my 30s. Hopefully it'll remain stable, but I will lose all my sight," Petrous said. "I'm very accepting and comfortable with it now; it doesn't bother me anymore."

## Coping from an early age

Although both have come to accept their condition, growing up visually impaired wasn't easy.

As a child, White resisted learning how to read braille—refusing to accept that her condition was permanent.

"I remember when I was around 3 years old, coming out of my room and saying to my mom, 'I'm never going to leave home, and I'm never going to get married.' I think that was the day when my mom was like, 'That's it. We're teaching you to dress yourself.'"

Petrous' acceptance didn't come until much later.

"I hated being blind. I didn't feel like I could be 'normal,'" she explained.

It wasn't until she was 7 years old that she even realized she was visually impaired.

"I remember when I was in kindergarten, sitting in class while we were learning the alphabet, and the teacher was writing things on the board, and I couldn't see it," said Petrous. "And at first, I didn't realize I couldn't see anything."

It wasn't until the following year that



Laura White, left, and Ann Petrous, right, enjoy each other's company while hanging out in the Pioneer Food Court.

C.M. GRASKI/The Oakland Post

she fully learned how RP would affect her.

"In first grade, I was in a class for the visually impaired, and it was then that my teachers first explained that I would eventually go blind because of RP," Petrous said. "As an 8 year old, I didn't know what to do. I was like, 'how do I get rid of it?'"

Grade school can be a rough experience for many, but it was especially hard for White and Petrous.

"School was very hard. I never felt like I fit in," White said.

Petrous recalled an incident that took place while she was in fifth grade.

"I remember sitting in class while we were learning geography. The teacher was using a huge map in the front of the class and was asking students to point out countries on it. I couldn't read the map to save my life, but my teacher wanted me to point out a country on the map," said Petrous.

"I told her that I couldn't see anything on the map, but she didn't believe me. I remember she said something like, 'No, you're lying; you just don't want to do it.'"

So Petrous walked up to the map, unable to see anything but a blur of shapes and colors, pointed to a random spot on the map, turned and sat back down; feeling embarrassed.

"Stuff like that didn't make things any easier on me," she said.

They were routinely picked on in high school and treated like "freaks," as White put it.

"Sometimes the bullies would sit next to me and torment me while I was eating (lunch)," Petrous said.

The worst part of the experience, they both said, was that school officials rarely did anything about the bullying and teasing.

Instead, they were routinely told to ignore it.

## Inspired by challenges

Petrous transferred to Oakland University from Oakland Community College in the fall of 2004—the same time White was starting her first semester at OU.

"When I first came here as a freshman, it was awful. Nothing was brailled; I kept getting lost, and I didn't know anyone," White said.

"My first year here, everything seemed so huge to me. I didn't know where anything was and my mobility skills were terrible," said Petrous.

It wasn't until their second year at OU that the two ran into each other at the Disability Support Services office. After a brief conversation, the two realized they

had previously met during a summer camp they attended years before.

Making up two-thirds of OU's blind student population, Petrous and White naturally began to spend more and more time together. Their shared experiences growing up with the same impairment allowed them to form a unique friendship.

White, having learned to live without the use of her eyes from a much younger age, was able to draw from her own experiences to help Petrous overcome some common obstacles.

One of the first things she noticed about Petrous was that she kept relying on what little sight she had left.

"When we would walk together, Ann wouldn't be walking straight, and kept veering off," White said. "I remember telling her, 'Stop using your eyes. You're going to be blind, and it's not going to do you any good to use your sight.'"

Petrous realized she needed help, and found it at the Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center. MCBTC is a school in Kalamazoo aimed at helping the visually impaired function better in society.

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## Lost liberty in Guantanamo

By KYLE MAGIN  
Special Projects Reporter

In 39 years of life, James Yee graduated from West Point, served in Saudi Arabia, converted to Islam, visited Mecca, served as a chaplain at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and spent 76 days in solitary confinement for crimes he didn't commit.

Yesterday, Yee spoke to Oakland faculty and students in the Oakland Center. He is a third generation Chinese-American from a military family.

The event held significance for Paul Franklin, Student-Lecture Board co-chair. "When the government says everyone's personal liberties are protected, and they can do something like they did to (Yee), we need to listen to that first-person account and care enough to find out who are making the decisions on what our personal liberties are," Franklin said.

Following his graduation from West Point Military Academy, Yee served in the aftermath of the first Gulf war. He rejoined in 2001 as a military chaplain, eventually serving at Guantanamo.

Yee's graduation from West Point signaled a changing point in his spiritual life along with his military life. It was at that point that the Lutheran-raised Yee converted to Islam.

"I found that it was the best way for me to express my belief in a monotheistic God," Yee said.

Yee served out his tour in Saudi Arabia and returned to civilian life in 1998.

In January of 2001, Yee felt called again to duty, so he rejoined to serve

another tour as a chaplain to Muslim servicemen and women. On September 11 of that same year, the world changed and Yee realized his services would prove invaluable, and in the coming months his exemplary conduct earned him a trip to the foreign detainee camp at Guantanamo as a chaplain.

"To be a good chaplain, you have to be a good listener," Yee said. Detainees would come to him with their complaints and concerns in addition to seeking his services as a religious leader.

What they said gave him pause.

"They told me about the use of a secret weapon—religion—that was used against them," said Yee.

The detainees told him of female guards performing lewd acts to the prisoners, all of whom were brought up in a conservative Muslim society.

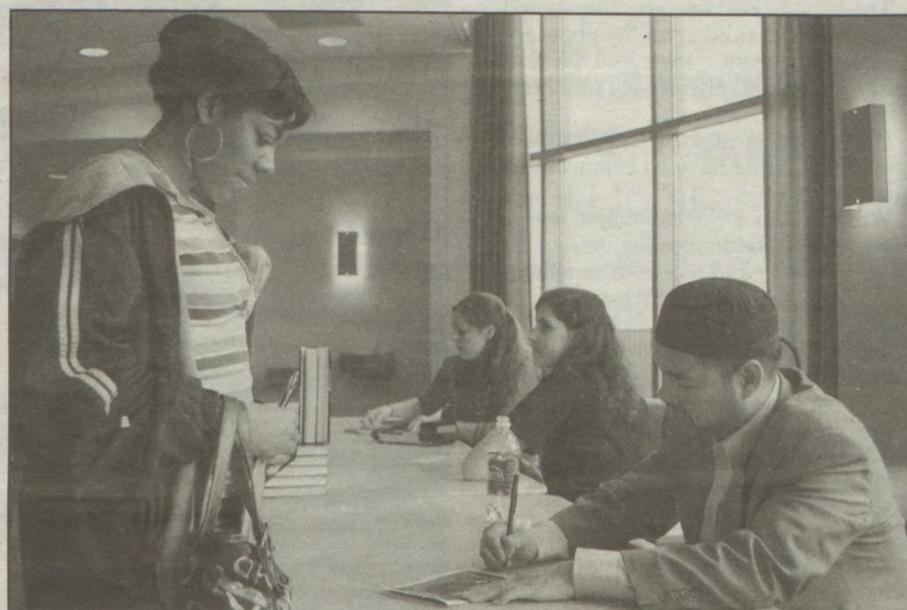
"These detainees grew up in places where you don't shake hands with women," Yee said.

He went on to detail how female interpreters would strip naked and perform lap dances for the detainees to get them to talk.

"Guantanamo Bay is the only place in the world where you can get a free lap dance," Yee quipped. "It was degrading to both the prisoners and to the females, and to females everywhere."

Yee lobbied for changes during his time at Guantanamo, sometimes successful, but other times not. With two months left on his tour, Yee was granted a two-week leave to visit his family. When he landed in South Carolina, Yee was detained.

"I knew from my time at (Guantanamo)



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post

James Yee visited Oakland University Tuesday to share his story and discuss his book, "For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire." Yee signed copies of his book after the presentation.

that I was not in a good place," Yee said.

At the airport, Yee's bags were searched and he was loaded into a truck and driven off. His family had no idea where he was.

"For 10 days," he said, "I disappeared."

At the end of the 10 days, Yee was formally charged with espionage and spying, crimes he claims he didn't commit. Yee was thrown into solitary confinement for 76 days and then was released to face less serious charges.

When he went to trial, Yee asked to hear the results of an investigation into

the charges he faced. The army could supply none.

"At that point, I was pretty frustrated," Yee said. "They had nothing on me and it became apparent that someone didn't like me."

He was cleared of all charges and reinstated in the army as of January of 2005, at which point he resigned.

Yee closed by reminding Americans to stay on guard for civil liberties. "The detainees all came from 'the battlefield of the war on terror,' and that battlefield is the entire world."

## OUSC election: votes counted, turnout low

### The Results

**Number of voters: 295**  
(Student Population: 17,000-18,000)

**OUSC President:**  
Rob Meyer

**OUSC Vice President:**  
Jameelah Muhammad

By OWEN SEXTON  
Senior Reporter

Voter turnout for the 2007-2008 Student Congress elections decreased by 75 percent from last year.

Student Congress Advisor Jean Zhura presented election totals in front of a small group of students last Friday in Fireside Lounge.

Only 295 students of the nearly 18,000 that attend Oakland University came out

to vote. During the 2006-2007 elections, 1,200 students voted.

Unopposed presidential candidate Rob Meyer and vice presidential candidate Jameelah Muhammad were elected by a little over one percent of the student population.

After the totals were announced, Meyer gave a brief acceptance speech. He expressed his disappointment with low voter turnout, but remained hopeful about the future.

"I'm looking forward to a great year with Student Congress. It's going to be a very positive year," said Meyer.

The amendment to add a judicial branch to OUSC passed with a 40 percent margin. The branch was enacted as an independent body to help balance the power of Student Congress as well as mediate disputes between members.

The first official meeting of the 2007-2008 Student Congress is scheduled for Monday, April 9.

# Robotics team has high hopes

By **ROB TATE**  
Senior Reporter

Oakland University sports teams play the biggest and best schools every year, and this spring our robotics team will join the ranks as competitive underdogs when they compete against the biggest and best robotics teams from schools nationwide.

The Oakland Robotics Association will enter the Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition in June with a team of about eight participants.

Members of the club, including President Phil Stene, who is a junior and a computer science major at Oakland, have been working on the vehicle since last semester.

What does it take to compete in the IGVC?

"It's actually very complicated," Stene said.

The vehicle is a platform that is driven by a small motor. The motor must be powered by batteries or a generator, or something like a lawnmower motor. It also has to have either wheels or tracks (like on a tank) that come in contact with the ground, and there also has to be some sort of vision system.

The whole basis of the competition is to be able to navigate the vehicle through an obstacle course. The vehicle must stay between two white parallel lines and be able to avoid obstacles, like a construction barrel. It will also have to avoid pot holes and go through a sand trap.

Other challenges include the Joint



Photo courtesy of Phil Stene  
Pictured left to right: Vice President Micho Radovnikovich, President Phil Stene, Manager of Vision and Navigation systems Pavan Vempaty. Posing with a small robot called RoboNova.

Architecture of Unmanned Systems (JAUS), which is a new military standard, which requires that the vehicles interface with sensory devices. The last challenge is a basic critique of the vehicle's design.

Those working on this project include undergraduates, graduates and a couple of professors. The advisor for the project, Dr. Ka C. Cheok, had a hand in creating the IGVC according to Stene.

Stene feels that Oakland has a greater chance of winning this year because of the group they have put together. The vice president for the team is 19-year-old Micho Radovnikovich, who will graduate this spring with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and has put a lot of energy into this year's project. Also, the team has veteran leadership from Brian Clark, who is a computer science major and brings four years of IGVC experience.

"(Clark) has been invaluable to vehicle development in ORA," Stene added.

While OU's team is more than equipped in terms of ability, the larger competing schools, such as Virginia Tech, will more than likely prove to be tough opponents due to a bigger resource pool.

"The biggest problem that we've had is that other teams will have larger teams, Virginia Tech for instance has had 30 plus teams, with about six to eight faculty members," Stene said. "Virginia Tech, I would imagine, gets thousands of dollars in corporate funding, a lot of their equipment they get for free. The only thing we have gotten for free is our space (from OU), and also a few components here and there."

The ORA gets most of its funding for the project from the Student Allocations Funding board. They also look to corporations to get extra money as well.

"What we want to do is get the vehicle put together first because it's easier to ask for money from say Chrysler or FENA Robotics when we actually have something to show them in a board room rather than just a piece of paper saying 'Hey, give me money,'" Stene said.

Winning the IGVC would give the ORA a financial boost to help cover the cost of building their vehicle. The winning team receives \$10,000, according to Stene.

"We are confident that this year will break the tradition that OU IGVC teams have had in the past of not doing well," Stene added.

This year's IGVC will be held at Oakland University June 11-13.

## Blood behind the scenes

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**  
Contributing reporter

Every two seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion.

The American Red Cross has been holding a blood drive on campus since Monday, which will wrap up at 9 p.m. Wednesday, meaning there's still plenty of time left for donors to sign up and give blood.

Whole blood consists of three parts: red cells, platelets and plasma, which are separated and distributed as needed. One pint of blood, which usually takes 10 minutes to collect, has the potential to help save three lives.

After the blood is collected on campus, Omar Holt, a mobile units assistant for the Red Cross' Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region, takes it to the Blood Donor Center in downtown Detroit, where it is then separated into red cells, platelets and plasma.

Within 48 hours of its donation, the blood is tested for a number of diseases including hepatitis, HIV and syphilis. If the tests come back negative, the blood can then be placed on the shelf for shipment. The whole process is completed in a 72-hour span.

Because it is perishable, there is always a need for more

blood. Common blood types such as O+ and A+ are needed because they are in high demand, while the more obscure blood types are needed because there are fewer donors who match. While only 7 percent of the U.S. population has O- blood, it's the most sought-out type because it's the universal donor. It can be given to anyone, regardless of blood type.

Nursing students Megan VanBuskirk and Stacey Rybinski have each donated several times and signed up this time without hesitation.

"I feel like I should," said sophomore VanBuskirk. "There's a need for it now, and who knows, I might need it one day."

"If you can give blood, you should," added junior Rybinski. "It doesn't really feel like anything, maybe a little pressure when they put the needle in, but that's it. I get a little dizzy afterwards."

Most people feel fine after donating, but some, like Rybinski, feel lightheaded or dizzy. Black-and-blue marks, redness or pain where the needle was inserted is also normal, as is an upset stomach. In very rare cases, some donors experience a loss of consciousness or suffer damage to the nerves or arteries.

To donate blood, stop by the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center today. No appointment is necessary, but those with an appointment will be given priority.



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A student takes time to donate blood in the OC.

# Students face the effects of globalization

BY NICK DEGEL  
Contributing Reporter

It is time for Oakland students to prepare themselves to compete in a globalized economy.

"We should try to improve our ability all the time," said Dong-Hun Kim, assistant professor of political science at Oakland University. "That is something you just have to do to survive or have good jobs."

Students and faculty met in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center Wednesday night to take part in "Dilemmas of Global Citizenship," a presentation designed to discuss hot-button issues regarding globalization.

Sponsored by the Department of Political Science Alumni Advisory Board, the event featured an expert panel of Oakland University professors who have researched different aspects of the topic at hand. The panel was moderated by Martha Brown, manager of customs operations for Volkswagen of America.

## Identity crisis

Abdi Kusow, assistant professor of sociology, began the night with a panel presentation focused on globalization's affect on the American racial and social identity. He said he feels that globalization is as much a movement of people as it is a changing of the world market.

Kusow's research showed that in 50 years, the American identity will change entirely, citing that "no relation between geographic boundaries and ethnic identities" will exist.

In a day and age where Americans, especially in Michigan, are watching their jobs migrate overseas, many are apprehensive to accept the concept of a globalized economy. Kim believes these fears are unfounded.

"What is our alternative? Do we close our market completely so that this water or this cup costs \$10? I don't think that's the answer," Kim said.

## A matter of class

During the presentation, Kim attempted to clear up misconceptions of globalization and explained that we

often look at the matter in the wrong way. Instead of counting the number of jobs, Kim said he believes we should be analyzing the quality of our jobs.

When in direct competition with the likes of China, Kim admits that the "average Joe" may suffer from a globalized economy. For this reason, he cites education as a major component in our country's ability to compete.

John Klemanski, chair of the political science department, echoed Kim's emphasis on education.

"Being prepared, I think, is really key to the economy now," Klemanski said. "What you have to learn as a student is how to learn and how to prepare for an economy that no one can predict."

Klemanski said he worries about the fate of the American middle class as manufacturing jobs with good pay and good benefits disappear.

"Where is the middle class going to come from now?" Klemanski said. "Even if we create 10 million jobs in the U.S. but they are all these low-paid service jobs, that does not address the problem."

According to Kim's research, college graduates today make 70 percent more money than high school graduates in the United States.

## Globalized rights

Globalization has also been championed as a way in which to promote improved human rights around the world. However, assistant professor of political science Peter Trumbore's research points elsewhere.

Trumbore covered the impact of globalization on human rights, showing that while improvements have been made in North America and Europe, the rest of the world has shown little change in regards to issues including empowerment, free speech, political and religious freedoms and workers' rights.

Trumbore's research suggests that globalization has had little impact on global rights. "Integration may not be an answer to improved human rights in the world," Trumbore said.

For more information about upcoming panel events, check out the campus calendar at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu).



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DJ Mobeatz spins as students strut their denim and diamonds in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

# SPB sparkles

## Student Program Board creates club night at Oakland University

BY C.M. GRASKI  
Senior Reporter/Photographer

The Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center were temporarily transformed into a nightclub Friday. Complete with strobe lights, smoke machines, 60-inch televisions featuring popular music videos and music mixed by local DJ Mobeatz, "Denim & Diamonds" provided Oakland University students with a local version of downtown nightlife.

"Mocktails," or, as the title implies, alcohol-free cocktails, were served along with a spread of fruit, meats and desserts. Among the desserts were chocolate and caramel fondue and chocolate mousse.

The evening was sponsored by the Student Program Board, a student organization with the mission statement: "SPB strives to enhance student life by providing high quality and diverse programs, activities and events for the Oakland University community," according to the organization's Web site.

According to Tamara Kukuk, SPB chair, "The theme 'Denim and Diamonds' was just something we thought we'd try out. We're confident that we will reach capacity with this event, which is 250."

This being the first dance in several years sponsored by SPB, Jessica Childress, the visual and performing

arts chair — the individual responsible for making the dance possible — was all smiles.

"I can tell the dance is a big success. The energy on the dance floor and the turnout tell me this event is a hit. I can't stop smiling," Childress said.

"Denim and Diamonds" was Childress' breakout event, a step up from her usual movie nights and smaller events.

There are definitely plans in the works at SPB to host another themed dance.

"I'm thinking about possibly a toga party or an outdoor 80s-style block party in the fall that would coincide with the fall semester kick-off," said Childress.

In order to bring these visions to fruition, Childress must run for visual and performing arts chair position again, which she is planning to do.

The SPB is comprised of eight committees, which attributes the success of past events such as "Casino Night," "WOCOU Talent Show," "Rec Fest" and "Murder Mystery" to the contributions of the student body that sustains them, specifically volunteers. SPB is open to suggestions to future events and encourages students to contribute their time.

SPB is located at 64 Oakland Center. For more information, visit: <http://www2.oakland.edu/org/spb/index.cfm>.

# Journalism icon dies at 76

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Contributing Reporter

One of the pioneers in journalism ethics at the collegiate level and former editor and publisher of the Detroit Free Press passed away Tuesday.

Neal Shine, who taught at OU between 1980 and 2004, died of respiratory failure after a brief illness at age 76 at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Oakland was one of the first universities in the country to offer a journalism ethics course, which is still required of all journalism majors today. Shine offered a unique aspect to the class, as he never used a textbook to teach.

"Neal was a fascinating storyteller," said Journalism Program Director Mike Lewis. "He had so many stories that he just ran the course from his head. In that way, he was kind of a treasure for us."

During his time at Oakland, Shine also taught feature writing. "He would threaten to break hands in his feature writing class," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, journalism program director at Michigan State University and former journalism program director at OU. "He would explain the difference between 'its' and

'it's' and then he would vow to break their (students') hands or flunk them if they got it wrong."

Despite his firm presence in the classroom, Briggs-Bunting said, "I don't know anybody who knew him who didn't end up adoring him."

Shine's experience went beyond the classroom, as he brought a wealth of knowledge from his time spent at the Detroit Free Press. He began his journalistic endeavors in 1950 as a copy boy and moved up the ranks, holding the titles of reporter, city editor, managing editor, senior managing editor, columnist and publisher.

Contributing to Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the '67 riots in Detroit and a number of other big stories, Shine played a key role in the evolution of the newspaper industry in the Motor City. According to the Detroit Free Press, Shine loved the city and devoted much effort to reviving its energy. As a result of Shine's constant involvement in urban happenings, he established a variety of contacts.

"He had sources everywhere," Briggs-Bunting recalled. "When we couldn't find something out, he always could."

Shine retired from the Free Press for



Photo courtesy of the Detroit Free Press  
Neal Shine reads a copy of the Detroit Free Press, the paper he served for 45 years before finally retiring.

the second and final time in 1995.

Lewis spent a number of years as one of Shine's competitors, working first at The Detroit News and then at Channel 4, but said Shine was always good to him.

"Journalism in Detroit has lost one of its few giants and a really good guy,"

Lewis said.

Shine is survived by his wife, Phyllis and six children. He also leaves behind a number of admiring colleagues and friends.

"He made me a better human being," Briggs-Bunting said. "We lost a legend today. He just was remarkable."

## POLICE FILES

■ One Vandenberg Hall resident was cited for minor in possession of alcohol after wine was discovered in her room. Housing staff noticed the wine bottle and glasses when they came to the room to tell the resident to reinstall her room's window screen. Two underage people in the room were found to not have been drinking. The resident who was cited said she drank "two or three" glasses of wine.

■ A female victim was assaulted by another woman near the western entrance of Hamlin Hall at approximately 1:25 p.m. on March 26. An R.A. intervened to end the attack. The responding officer determined the victim was not visibly injured and advised her to file a statement.

## Paralympic medal winner visits OU

By JESSE DUNSMORE  
Senior Reporter

Fifteen years after a spinal cord injury during high school swim practice left her quadriplegic, Cheryl Angelelli began a competitive swimming career many uninjured athletes would envy.

Angelelli, an OU alumna and medal-winning swimmer with a degree in communications spoke Friday in the Fireside Lounge about her experience as a disabled athlete.

She suffered her injury in 1983. As a journalist in 1996, she covered the Paralympic games in Atlanta, Ga. Although she'd heard of the games, which include physically disabled competitors from 136 countries, Angelelli said she was surprised at the athleticism displayed by the swimmers.

"I said, 'When the next Paralympics come around in 2000, I'm gonna be on that team.'"

She faced some discouragement early on. For two years she was misclassified, pitting her against swimmers with less severe disabilities. But when she was evaluated for international competition, she was reclassified appropriately.

Then, in the 2000 games in Australia,

her best finish was sixth place.

"Although I didn't come back with gold, silver or bronze, I tell people I came back with diamonds," she said, "because I met my husband while I was in Australia."

Angelelli and her team's assistant coach, Shawn Kornolje, got married in 2002. He's now the assistant coach of the OU men's and women's swim teams.

OU swimmers Elaine Shalla, Julie Hintermeister and Carolyn Routh were also present to answer questions and talk about their recent training trip to Costa Rica.

"Basically, they take us to a nice place and then beat the crap out of us," Routh said.

Talking about Angelelli, Shalla said, "She's very supportive of the Oakland swim team. She's at every meet."

Angelelli said she is frustrated by the lack of American support of the Paralympics.

"When we go to these meets, every other country's there, except the United States; it's the only country that is not there broadcasting our games."

Unlike Olympians, Paralympic medal winners weren't rewarded monetarily until 2004. "We're not at the same dollar amount they are, but it certainly helps,"

she said.

The timing may have been fortunate, as she achieved her dream at the 2004 games in Athens, taking bronze in the 200-meter freestyle. She was also on the bronze-winning relay team.

Her goal reached, she planned to quit competitive swimming. But after her husband timed her at record-breaking speed in 2006, she ended up swimming her way to two gold medals and one silver at the World Championship in South Africa later that year.

She's not sure if she'll compete in the 2008 games. She currently works full-time as the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, and practices three days and goes to the gym one day every week.

"When I first got injured, I never believed that I'd be able to compete at the level that I currently was competing at, and thank God I found this competitive outlet for myself," Angelelli said.

Her advice to other permanently-injured athletes: "Never believe that anything is impossible."

A film about Angelelli's experience entitled "Untold Dreams" is available for purchase at [www.untolddreams.net](http://www.untolddreams.net).

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## EDITORIAL

### High hopes from the diverse leadership of recently elected OUSC administration

Oakland University is a young school that has mushroomed in size and stature in its relatively short existence.

We've had great student, faculty and administrative leaders throughout the years (and naturally, a few lousy ones, too) who have bent over backwards to foster the growth we've experienced.

As we face yet another defining moment in our brief history—the possible addition of an osteopathic medical program—we need solid leadership more than ever to help improve areas of campus life that are sorely lagging behind the university's academic achievements.

OU has a diverse campus. As a community we represent just about every race, culture and belief system on the planet.

The problem is that there is little, if any, interaction between the various groups who collectively embody that diversity—yet, individually are so segregated it's upsetting.

Our new student body president and vice president, Rob Meyer and Jameelah Muhammad, respectively, have made it clear they also understand the problem and want to make a positive difference.

"Where is the connection between the student organizations?" Muhammad was quoted saying in last week's edition of *The Post*. "There are so many opportunities for co-sponsorship with activities on campus."

She's entirely right, but before we can work together we first need to learn how to socialize with one another.

As always, exceptions to the general rule exist; but there is a clear divide between the sub-groups at Oakland.

Anybody who eats lunch in the Pioneer Food Court should be well aware of it.

This phenomenon is an embarrassment to the university and is reflective on each member of the campus community.

Until the problem is recognized as a serious issue that requires immediate attention, it should continue to embarrass us all.

—The Oakland Post

The first step should be to raise awareness. OUSC should form a committee to deal with this problem exclusively.

The committee should launch a campaign to pound the issue into all of our heads—make us understand that we're failing to "keep the dream."

Show us examples of how campus life at other universities has flourished by breaking down the invisible walls that exist between groups.

Follow up that campaign with events that bring different student organizations together for open and honest discussions about the perceived differences, assumptions and obstacles that stand in the way.

Open communication and a healthy sharing of thoughts and ideas will pave the way to a greater understanding of one another—and eliminate the perception of stereotypes and other misconceptions that work to further isolate us.

We can start working together and improving the smaller problems on campus when, and only when, we're truly connected.

Forget about lousy parking and shitty food in the cafeteria for the moment.

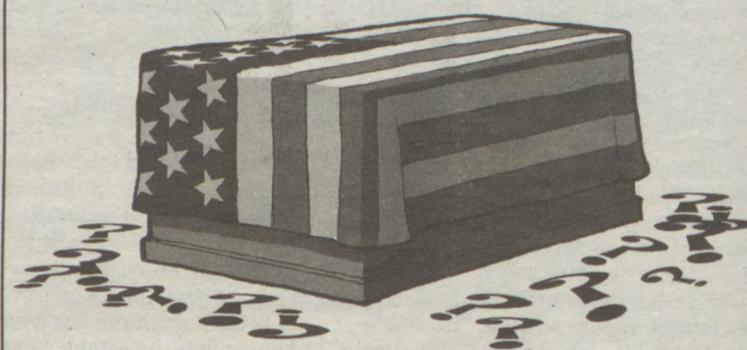
Those issues, and a slew of other common concerns can be dealt with in time. Many student leaders have had a tough time affecting positive changes to those and other areas of campus life simply because they are unable to get students to rally behind their cause.

Meyer and Muhammad have what it takes to get this done. They both have a vision and the right kind of energy to see it realized.

Meyer, a white male Christian, and Muhammad, a black female Sunni Muslim are good role models.

The diversity in their own partnership exemplifies what can be achieved when great minds come together, celebrating what makes us unique, but realizing that what we have in common is just as—if not more—important.

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**Dear EarthTalk: What kinds of cat litters are kinder to the environment: traditional clay litters (so-called clumping litters) or other varieties? What about some of the new alternatives, such as those made out of wheat and corn?**

*- Stef Gandolfi, Oakland, CA*

Traditional clay-based clumping cat litters are the most common and widely sold in supermarkets and pet supply stores. Clay litters do not biodegrade and instead pile up in landfills, producing chemicals that can potentially harm human health. According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, clay litters also produce dusts that contain silicon particles, which are known human carcinogens. In addition, the clay used for litter is obtained through strip-mining, a practice that causing adverse environmental effects on surrounding soil, water and air.

Some pet owners have reported respiratory and other health problems in their cats due to both the inhalation and ingestion of clumping clay litters. Once inside the lungs or digestive tracts, the litter can expand from moisture and cause

irritation and blockages. In the lungs this can lead to infection, and in the intestines dehydration and a decrease in nutrient absorption can result. Scientific studies and documented cases of such incidents seem to be in short supply, however, and such claims seem to only be anecdotal.

To be safe, however, there are a number of environmentally friendly alternatives that are deemed safer for people and cats alike. Recycled newspaper, for one, can be used to create cat litter in pellet form. It is biodegradable, flushable, burnable and 99 percent dust-free. It also has the advantage of not getting tracked around the house, unlike clay litters. Fibre Cycle, a company with the primary mission of finding innovative and environmentally friendly uses for recycled paper, sells such paper-based cat litter and claims it to be highly absorbent, biodegradable, long lasting, lightweight and virtually dust-free.

Plant-based litters are made from materials such as corn, corncobs, cornhusks, wheat by-products, wheat grass and beet pulp. According to Worldwise, a leading manufacturer of environmentally



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A number of green-friendly cat litters are available today that are safer for people and cats alike.

responsible pet products, plain ground corncobs are a good choice because they are made of natural, flushable biodegradable materials, have no odor, are very absorbent and don't produce the same kind or volume of dust as clay litters.

Litters made from pine and cedar saw dusts offer yet another clay-based alternative. As with the plant-based

offerings, they are made from natural scrap materials that biodegrade. They also eliminate odor naturally—due to the innate ability of both pine and cedar to absorb and neutralize ammonia—rather than cover up odors with chemicals and perfumes.

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- **transgender:** having personal characteristics such as, transsexuality or transvestism, that transcend traditional gender boundaries and corresponding sexual norms (Definition from [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com))
- **drag king:** male-bodied person dressing up as a female and singing songs performed by females
- **drag queen:** female-bodied person dressing up as a male and singing songs performed by males (As defined by Steph Turner, vice president of the OU GSA)



KARA O'CONNELL/ The Oakland Post  
Senior sociology/anthropology major Steph Turner is the vice president of the Gay Straight Alliance at Oakland University. He will be performing in the GSA's drag show Thursday.

## Vice president of GSA talks about the upcoming drag show and overcoming stage fright

By ERIN MALLARD  
You Editor

Steph Turner is a nontraditional student in more than one sense of the word. He's in his forties and about to complete a sociology/anthropology degree. He's also the president of the Native American Students Association and vice president of Oakland University's chapter of the Gay Straight Alliance. He also owns a leather mini skirt and 6-inch heels.

Turner — born Stephen — will be performing "en femme," or in female attire, in the GSA's fourth annual drag show Thursday.

"I'm transgender, so I appreciate the gender-bending. It's something I enjoy exploring," said Turner of the reason for his initial involvement in the show last year. "I took a leap of faith, and now I have no regrets."

The show will include lip-synching and dancing performances by students as well as professional drag queens and kings.

Professional drag queen performances are usually quite provocative, but Turner said that they'll be slightly toned down "from what they probably do on a Friday night at their own place" for the OU show.

"It could be called a user-friendly or a family-friendly version of a drag show," said Turner.

Turner also said he isn't as interested in the sexual part of the experience.

"For me, the whole GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning/queer) experience is...more of a spiritual experience than the whole sexual alternative because I'm asexual (Turner said in an e-mail that, to him, asexual "means not having an intense sex drive") so it really doesn't have a lot of sexuality for me in it."

"Being Native American," he said, "I don't divide the body and the spirit."

Turner said that he wanted to get involved in the GSA to see if other people might think of being transgender in the same terms. He's also planning on doing some post-graduate research in this area.

Turner felt that the show was well received by the OU community last year. He received positive feedback after the show and said it has been "very affirming for me."

But he said some people may be made uncomfortable by the level of audience participation in the show. "People have their different beliefs about what's appropriate. But when it's on stage, it's like it's at arm's distance, so it's entertainment."

Often the performers will step into the crowd during the song and may even approach individual audience members,

which makes some people uncomfortable.

"I appreciate as a transgender person that we have been acculturated to thinking how we interrelate to each other's gender is a big part of it...I know that you're female; we know there are certain rules or things I should and can't do [because of the way] we were raised. Then someone transgender comes along and all those rules are tossed out the window."

Last year Turner performed "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from the musical "Jesus Christ Super Star." But he hasn't always been so comfortable on the stage. "I had a serious case of stage fright back when I was in high school," he said.

"There was a point where I was so uneasy about my experience, their little wincing at me made me uneasy because I needed their approval to feel good about myself. But I don't need it anymore."

And why doesn't he need it? "Actually, it was ironic; what helped me overcome it was to come to terms with my identity — my gender identity and my Native American identity."

Turner said that because he can be comfortable with himself, he can help other people to become more comfortable with themselves.

Turner's "nontraditional student" status, in terms of age, sets him apart from many members of the GSA, but it also means that he's been living life as a transgender person and dealing with the issues of the GLBTQ community longer than most of them.

"I came to terms with my gender identity in the early '90s," he said. "By comparison, many of those in the GSA came to terms with their sexual orientation...within the last five years or sooner, and some of them are still in that process, so it's very tender...Some haven't even come out to their parents."

Turner's advice to drag show attendees is "not to assume that [the performers] are gay or even if they are somewhere in that spectrum that they're comfortable with it...For some of them it's a big leap of faith just being there. Some of them are very nervous being there."

So if you plan on attending the drag show for the first time, come with an open mind, and remember that the performers may be even more uncomfortable than you are. A running joke in the transgender community, said Turner, is "If it takes you a while to get used to this, it's okay. It took me a long time too."

The 4th annual GSA Drag Show takes place Thursday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. It is free to all OU students and one guest for each student.



I've been hearing about these "Pure Romance" parties all over the place. I've never been to one myself, but being your sex columnist, I think it is my responsibility to you to check one of them out. But for now, here's a little bit of information on what they actually are:

"Pure Romance is the ultimate girls' night in," says local Pure Romance consultant and OU student Aricka Shuck. "I entertain and educate in a safe environment where women can feel comfortable and ask questions."

Pure Romance (PR) is a service generally for 18 and over women, but couples and open houses are also welcome. According to PR's Web site, [www.pureromance.com](http://www.pureromance.com), its mission is to help women find "sexual solutions" and enhance intimacy in everyday relationships. Through its dedication to women's sexual health, PR educates women in an effort to "break down barriers and stereotypes surrounding sexuality as a whole," the site said.

"Not only is there not much information out there geared towards female sexuality and pleasure," said Shuck, "women have been taught to be ashamed of it."

PR "takes off the taboo" from sex, Shuck said and encourages women to explore themselves.

So what's a party like? It starts off with a hostess, someone who would like to have a party in their home, contacting a PR consultant. After setting the date, they receive a Hostess Package which includes invitations, order forms, catalogues and a free gift.

Parties have two sections: the first being an interactive tasting and evaluation of various lotions and oils, etc. The second, after a short break, the toys come out. Vibrators, dildos and the like are passed around while the consultants explain how they work. This is followed up by a Q/A session and a closing speech. Finally, guests are asked to individually enter a private room where they can order products discretely.

For more info, you can visit Shuck's personal PR page at [www.nicoleshuck.pureromance.com](http://www.nicoleshuck.pureromance.com), or an alternative party site at [www.passionparties.com](http://www.passionparties.com).

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# Save the planet, save your money

By MARIA VITALE  
Contributing Reporter

While we may not all have the time to make a huge impact on the environment, there is an easy way to do your part every day at home.

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C.M. GRASKI/ The Oakland Post

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Day  
Shania Twain - Up!  
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Jo Dee Messina - Bye Bye

## H2O Addiction

Americans buy an estimated 28 billion single-serving plastic water bottles each year. More than eight out of ten end up in a landfill or incinerator. Plastic takes 50 - 100 years to break down in a landfill. What's your level of addiction?



**"About three.  
I just fill it up  
everyday."**  
Jessica Surwicz  
H&R, freshman

**"I don't drink  
that much  
because I  
pay for it. I  
drink about  
five bottles a  
day."**

Sheila Brooks  
Accounting,  
senior



**"Juice is still  
sugar, I don't  
drink that  
stuff. I drink  
five or six a  
day."**

Chris Ormrod  
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**"Anne Klein."**  
Lauren Greiner  
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**"Oakleys. I got them at the Great Lakes Crossing Oakley Outlet"**  
Aaron Shultz  
Mechanical Engineering, sophomore



**"Mall brand from the Sunglass Hut in Great Lakes Crossing"**  
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Majoring in secondary education/history



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5. You thought that ordering a salad was "going green"
6. Recycling means regifting at Christmas ...
7. You thought "The Ozone Layer" was a band and that "The Greenhouse Effect" was the special guest

**7 select**



TEL HO/The Associated Press/Wayne County Sheriff

A 33-year-old woman from Taylor is arrested March 30 after offering her 7-year-old daughter for pornographic photos and sex.

## Innocence gone

*Local mother offers child for photos, sex*

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) — A 33-year-old mother of five faced charges Sunday after authorities said she offered to let an undercover investigator take pornographic photos of her 7-year-old daughter and have sex with the girl.

The Taylor woman was arrested Friday night after bringing the girl to a Romulus hotel, near Detroit Metro Airport, where she agreed to meet the investigator, the Wayne County sheriff's department said.

The motive, the department said, was to make money by selling the photos. Her name wasn't being released to avoid identifying the child.

"This is truly a horrifying case," Sheriff Warren Evans said in a statement. "To think that a woman would offer up her own daughter in this way is impossible to comprehend."

She was arraigned Sunday in Romulus on five charges including child sexually abusive behavior, illegal use of the Internet for child sexually abusive actions or materials and distribution of child sexually abusive material, Roach said.

A not guilty plea was entered on behalf of the

woman, who wasn't represented by a lawyer at the arraignment, Roach said. She was held in lieu of \$1 million bond, and a preliminary examination was scheduled for April 12.

If convicted, she could get up to 20 years in prison.

One of the charges in the case is a prostitution charge, since the department said she also propositioned the investigator herself. The department said the woman advertised herself online as a prostitute.

Authorities said the woman, in Internet chats, offered the investigator, who posed as a photographer when they met online, the opportunity to take photos and discussed being paid in exchange for sex with the child.

When the woman arrived at the hotel she had her daughter with her, along with several adult sex toys in a duffel bag and different dresses for the girl to wear, the department said.

At the time of the chats, the department said it was investigating her on suspicion of distributing child pornography.

The girl and the woman's four other children, ages 12, 11, 9 and 6, were all in protective custody, Roach said.

## No bullies

### *Anti-bully bills spark fights*

By DAVID EGGERT  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — De'Lea Cheatham braces for abuse every day.

The 17-year-old senior at Monroe High School says she has frequently been yelled at and shoved by other students because she's a lesbian. She doesn't want to get up some mornings because of the looming intimidation.

It began in middle school and has only gotten worse in high school, says Cheatham.

"How can people do this?" she asked last week during a day of lobbying lawmakers for bills that would require Michigan school districts to adopt anti-bullying and harassment policies. "Let me be who I want to be."

It turns out Cheatham's plea, along with a push for schools to take bullying more seriously, isn't so simple.

While the Democratic-led state House passed anti-bullying legislation the day Cheatham and 200 supporters visited the Capitol, it was opposed by Republicans and may die in the Senate, which is controlled by the GOP.

Opposition largely exists because the measure would prohibit bullying based on a victim's sexual orientation — along with a number of other characteristics such as height, weight, religion and race.

Michigan law shouldn't formally recognize homosexual behavior, conservatives say. Republicans favor a broad ban against all bullying in schools.

Gay rights groups and others respond that the bills don't single out any group and say listing why students may be harassed would keep schools from ignoring certain types of intimidation.

"We need to protect everybody, all our students," said Rep. Pam Byrnes, a Democrat from Washtenaw County's Lyndon Township and sponsor of the House legislation.

It would require school boards and charter schools to adopt anti-bullying policies and include provisions to educate students, involve parents and report, investigate and stop bullying.

The state says Michigan schools report between one and seven bullying incidents per 100 students per year.

Bullying can have psychological and social ramifications for years afterward for both bullies and their victims.

A law would send a strong message that bullying must be taken seriously, says Kevin Epling of East Lansing, whose 14-year-old son, Matt, killed himself in 2002 after being smeared with raw eggs and syrup during a hazing incident.

If the measure is enacted, it would be the first time state law separates gays and lesbians into a protected class, according to the Midland-based American Family Association of Michigan.

# 18-year-old runs for Howell school board

## Student hopes to be write-in

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOWELL, Mich. (AP) — A high school senior — four days too young to get his name on the local school board ballot — will take his chances as a write-in candidate.

Phil Nichols' 18th birthday was Feb. 17. Under state law, candidates on the ballot must be 18 or older by the filing deadline, which was Feb. 13 in the race for the Howell Public Schools Board of Education.

But the requirement doesn't apply to those running a write-in campaign, as long as they're 18 when taking the oath of office.

Nichols' slogan: "Fill in Phil N."

"There are no real younger opinions on the school board," he told the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus for a recent story.

The Genoa Township resident said his campaign budget is \$1,000. He plans to post signs, give out magnets and spread his message by word of mouth.

Nichols said he was inspired to run by his opposition to the Livingston Organization for Values in Education. The group has complained about profanity and sexual content of some books assigned to advanced English students at Howell High School.

"Books should not be banned unless the questionable content outweighs the educational or literary value," Nichols said.

Another priority, he said, would be resolving the labor dispute between the district and the teachers' union.

Nichols plans to attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall, but said he could handle his schoolwork and service on the board.

Other candidates include Jeannine Pratt, Edwin Literski, Doug Moore, Dan Fondriest and Bill Harvey.

### LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

#### \$23 million Sierra Leone fraud

DETROIT (AP) — A man was sentenced to 40 months in prison for trying to defraud the Sierra Leone government and a private military company of \$23 million for work done during the west African nation's civil war in 1995-97. Pasquale DiPofi, 36, of New Baltimore, pleaded guilty in October and was sentenced Thursday. DiPofi owned the now-defunct Executive Outcome Inc., based in Mount Clemens. His company had the same name as a South African company that did the work for Sierra Leone. Authorities said DiPofi and Christopher Belan tried to trick Sierra Leone officials into thinking DiPofi's company was the one that was owed the money. No money was paid to DiPofi's company. Belan also pleaded guilty in the case.

#### Expulsion over hair overruled

DETROIT (AP) — A 10-year-old honor roll student expelled for wearing his hair too long will be reinstated and his record cleared, a judge ruled. Circuit Judge Susan Borman ordered Old Redford Academy to return Rodell Jefferson III to his fifth-grade classroom and to remove all references to the multiple detentions, suspensions and the eventual expulsion. The boy lost 15 days

of school over the haircut dispute. "I wasn't really embarrassed but I was surprised," Rodell told The Detroit News. "For one, it wasn't that long and No. 2, it's my right to have hair and it's part of my culture, since I'm half Jamaican." The boy's father, Rodell Jefferson Jr., contacted the American Civil Liberties Union over the school's aggressive action. Rodell's hair was never longer than a half-inch.

#### Hooters offer to settle rejected

TROY, Mich. (AP) — A suburban Detroit city council rejected an offer by Hooters to end a legal tussle in exchange for a liquor license transfer to the restaurant chain's new location. The Troy City Council's 5-2 decision Monday night means the two sides will continue to fight in court. Atlanta-based Hooters of America Inc. filed a \$1 million federal lawsuit in November claiming the city discriminated against the company in June when it denied the transfer of a license belonging to an existing tavern on the new site. A federal judge in February stayed Hooters' suit, saying he would await the outcome of a similar suit pending in Michigan courts. Hooters said it wanted to move the restaurant it had operated two miles away to a larger, higher-profile spot. Some council members said at the time of the June vote that the restaurant would not be appropriate for the city's commercial corridor.

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

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- Sweet Charity
- Camelot
- Abduction From Seraglio
- Romeo and Juliet

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Bob & Jane Eberwein

Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
12:00PM - 1:30PM  
Gold Rooms, OC

Retiring faculty members who have contributed above and beyond at OU will be honored.

### OU Spring Blood Drive

TODAY- Last Day!  
9:00AM - 9:00PM  
Gold Rooms, OC

To make an appointment, go to: [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org). Fill in the requested information. When the site prompts you for the code word, it is oublood.

### Up 'Til Dawn Finale

Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00PM - 10:00PM  
Gold Rooms, OC

### Free Food, Entertainment & Games

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Up 'Til Dawn Letter Writing Event!

Student & Greek Organization

## "All That Glitters Is Gold" RECOGNITION NIGHT

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM  
Banquet Rooms, OC

### Spring Into SPRING with the Student Program Board (SPB)

#### Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### DE-STRESS ZONE

11:00AM - 3:00PM  
Gold Rooms, OC

Free massages, manicures, food, relaxation tips and much more.

#### Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### SPRINGFEST

12:00PM - 7:00PM  
Outside the OC/Bear Lake

Free Carnival games, novelty items, live entertainment and food.

#### Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> MOVIE NIGHT

8PM  
Outside the OC/Bear Lake

'Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest' & 'SAW III'

### Learn 2 Lead: Turning Organization Involvement into Resume Gold!

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00PM - 6:00PM  
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Learn to turn organization involvement into positive points on your resume.

## Not just for kicks

*Women's soccer volunteers time to help community*

By SAMANTHA FRANZ  
Sports Editor

Some people look at the idea of an offseason and think, "relaxation." The weight room is abandoned in favor of lounging in pajamas with a bowl of sugary cereal on a day which would have normally been set aside for training and practice.

But if you play for head coach Nick O'Shea's women's soccer team, you don't reward yourself by taking a off-day — you are rewarded by the appreciation of others when you give back to the community.

The Golden Grizzlies have been participating in several charity events since the season wrapped up in early November, including reading to local elementary school students and more recently, spending the day with children of special needs at Jack's Place for Autism for their Family Fun Day.

"I feel it is important to help others when possible," O'Shea said. "It is also good for the players to have interaction with the community. Events like these help with team bonding issues which bring the team closer together."

Members of the soccer team spent the day helping out with events and interacting with children and their families.

The soccer team also plans to do some work with March of Dimes, as they have the past few years.

More importantly, O'Shea hopes to open Oakland University students' eyes to helping out with their community.

"We are hoping that activities like this will help community awareness regarding Oakland University," O'Shea said. "It is up to individuals to take the initiative and reach out to others. Everyone can help in some way."

To O'Shea, it is important for student-athletes to be involved in their community, as well as the classroom.

"Sports, students and good community involvement are ways we try to help our athletes become contributing members of society," O'Shea said. "They (the players) do a tremendous job within the community. They are very good role models and it is a pleasure to see them in another environment other than as soccer players."

What can **YOU**  
do to help?

There are many charities in the Rochester area that are always looking for volunteers.

For ideas, try  
[charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org) or  
[www.charity-charities.org](http://www.charity-charities.org).



Courtesy of Oakland University Athletics  
The Oakland University women's soccer team spent Saturday interacting and playing with children of special needs and their families.



Courtesy of Oakland University Athletics  
Members of the women's soccer team take a ride down the inflated slide as part of Jack's Place for Autism Family Fun Day.

# Putting the pieces back together

## *Lacrosse back to square one after championship season*

By **BRITTANY OCHTINSKY**  
Contributing Reporter

Defending a championship isn't easy, especially when half of the current team wasn't part of the championship team the year before.

Such is the case for Oakland University's lacrosse team, who won the 2006 Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association's Division A Championship and now finds themselves out of contention for this year's playoffs.

Last season the Golden Grizzlies finished 4-1 in their division, which includes Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, Michigan and Western Michigan, and qualified for the playoffs.

The Grizzlies knocked off West Virginia and Indiana and found themselves locked up with Michigan State in the finals.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

The Golden Grizzlies lacrosse team goes to battle with the University of Michigan. OU lost 11-1 on Monday.

"It was quite a surprise," said Ron Hebert, who won the championship in his first season as the Grizzlies' head coach. "The biggest surprise, though, was MSU beating U-M, who was ranked number one nationally at the time. We lost to U-M earlier in the season, but had dominated MSU in our league contest. We had a great game plan against MSU and easily dissected them in the championship game."

With only five divisional games, there is little room for error and the Grizzlies are off to a 1-2 start.

"We are already eliminated from the playoffs, due to losing to CMU," said Hebert. "We have a ways to go before getting back to the level OU has been at for the last five years."

"This year is definitely a rebuilding year," added sophomore Jarrett Samp. "The team is mostly freshmen and sophomores. All our starting attackmen graduated and we have no returning offensive starters."

Samp was moved from a defensive starter to an offensive starter this season to compensate for the loss.

Luckily, the Grizzlies have an experienced goaltender to back them up. Junior Matt Kassa has already emerged as the team's star player, making an impressive 23 saves in Sunday's 11-1 loss to Michigan.

Oakland will meet up with Michigan State for the first time since last year's championship game when they head to East Lansing tonight.

## 2007 Schedule

April 4 @ MSU 7 p.m.

April 11 vs. U of M Dearborn 7 p.m.

April 15 @ Western Michigan 3 p.m.

April 21 @ Ball State 4 p.m.

April 22 @ Purdue 1 p.m.

CCLA League Championship

April 27-29

# Grizzlies bested by Broncos in doubleheader

By **ROB TATE**  
Senior Reporter

Not much action has happened down at the Oakland University softball field as of late.

Inclement weather decided six games in the past week, including two games that were scheduled against Central Michigan yesterday.

However, Mother Nature came through last Wednesday as the weather was good for Oakland to take on the Broncos of Western Michigan.

The only problem was the Golden Grizzlies bats didn't reflect the nice weather.

The bats were stale all afternoon as Oakland fell to Western Michigan 3-0 in the first game.

Oakland played well defensively in the second game, but took the defeat in extra innings by a score of 3-0.

Oakland had every opportunity to beat Western Michigan but it just wasn't meant to be. It took a sixth inning rally for the Broncos to capitalize on Oakland.

A wild pitch by sophomore Sarah Clark

allowed pinch runner Emma Luther to score from third and a Brittney Resist pinch hit double scored two more runs to down the Golden Grizzlies.

Besides the letdown in the sixth, Clark had a solid day of pitching. Clark pitched seven innings, allowing three earned runs while accumulating four strikeouts and four walks.

Accounting for the Golden Grizzlies, the only hits of the game were from freshman Katie Dreyer, freshman Lauren Lapine and junior Alex Perrino.

Oakland had another three-run let down in the game, as Western Michigan took home the victory in the ninth inning.

Western Michigan's Amanda Heckaman drove in two runs in the deciding inning and catcher Becky Bartosz added another RBI for good measure.

Another solid pitching performance came from sophomore Jessica Granger. Unfortunately for Granger, the bats didn't show up for her effort. Granger pitched all nine innings and fanned five batters.



BOB KNOSKA/  
The Oakland Post  
An OU catcher waits patiently for the pitch to cross the plate in their doubleheader matchup against WMU.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Outfielder Drew Jenison celebrates with a teammate after a run was scored for the Golden Grizzlies.

## Grizzlies take two

By KYLE MAGIN  
Special Projects Reporter

In a cross-town showdown last weekend, Oakland's baseball team dominated Rochester College, outscoring the Warriors 34-8 in two games.

OU defeated Rochester Saturday in the first game 16-3, thanks partially to senior Drew Jenison going 3-4 from the plate and driving in five RBIs.

Jenison added two walks, scored three runs and stole three bases to fuel the Grizzly fire.

Junior starter Matt Trauch tossed six innings, striking out three and inducing 11 ground balls. Senior reliever Adam Johnson and freshman Kasey Kearcher combined for three more strikeouts.

OU batted around in the sixth, scoring five runs, two of which came from senior Andy Shepherd's first homerun of the year. Shepherd went 2-4 at the plate, collected four RBIs and a sacrifice fly.

Later that inning, sophomore Andrew Stafford drove in another run, giving Oakland an 11-2 lead.

Taylor Traub, who entered the game as a defensive replacement in right field went 2-2 with two runs.

Sophomore center-fielder Justin Wilson added three steals and went 3-5 at the plate, driving in one run and scoring four on the way to the win.

Wilson provided more highlights Sunday, hitting two straight home runs in the third and fourth innings in an 18-5 OU win. He finished the day going 3-4, scoring five RBIs and adding a double.

Freshman starter Chad Yinger threw four strikeouts in three and one third innings. Senior Billy Schmieder, freshman Jake Arendsen and junior Mike Takashima combined for four more strikeouts in the seven-inning affair.

Oakland got the scoring going in the second inning when Stafford drove in a run on a two-out double to left, then scored a run of his own later in the inning.

Rochester College stormed back in the top of the third, scoring five runs on the strength of a two-run double and a three-run homerun.

The Grizzlies answered in the bottom of the inning, though, as they scored four runs to recapture the lead for good. Senior Kevin Carkeek hit a leadoff double and Wilson brought the both of them around with his first homerun.

Oakland's next big inning came in the fourth, as Wilson recorded his second shot of the day and the Grizzlies batted around again, running the lead to 13-5.

Wilson also finished the inning with a two out, two-run double, totaling three RBIs in the inning.

Carkeek and Traub combined for three of the five RBIs in the fifth inning, finishing Oakland's scoring for the weekend.

Oakland will host the Warriors again this weekend, with a 3 p.m. Saturday start and a 1 p.m. game Sunday.

## In Case You Missed It:

### Track finishes seventh at meet

Last Saturday, Oakland University's women's track and field team competed at the Collegiate Challenge, hosted by the University of Toledo. The Grizzlies compiled 22 points for a seventh-place finish. Junior Dayna Cline placed fifth in the 3,000 meter run. Freshman Melissa Martinez also finished fifth, clocking in at 1:01.59 in the 400 meter dash. Freshman Kayla Doan placed fourth in the 2,000 meter steeplechase, while the 4x400 relay team finished sixth. The track team will compete next at Michigan State University April 14.

### Red Wings hope to hold first place as season wraps

The NHL wraps up its regular season this Sunday. Heading into Tuesday's games, the Red Wings were sitting atop the league with 108 points, one ahead of Buffalo in the Eastern Conference. The Wings were also two points up on Dallas for the Western Conference and three points ahead of Nashville in the Central Division. Detroit is in search of its third consecutive President's Trophy, for top team in the NHL. The last team to accomplish such a feat was Montreal in 1976-1978. The Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in each of those three seasons.

### U-M hires new coach for basketball program

West Virginia men's basketball coach John Beilein has been hired to coach at Michigan. Reports have said that Beilein is under contract with WVU through 2011-2012 and it would cost the Wolverines \$2.5 million to buy him out of his contract. The announcement will be made formally public in a news conference today. Former Michigan coach Tommy Amaker was fired last month following six seasons without an appearance in the NCAA tournament.

—By Samantha Franz and Brittany Ochtinsky  
Sports Editor and Contributing Reporter

## Classifieds

### Childcare

Fulltime day nanny needed for two great kids (boy 7 and girl 4) in Beverly Hills home late June through August. Prefer education student (though not necessary), Monday through Thursday and some Fridays (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Must have a valid driver's license and car. Pay is \$10-12 per hour and one week of paid vacation (Aug 19-25). Please send resume and contact information to Laura Mahle at [lmahle@flash.net](mailto:lmahle@flash.net).

Need part time nanny for my two children ages five and three in my Rochester Hills home (very close to OU). Days flexible and I will work with your school schedule. Light housekeeping and meal preparation for children only. Opportunity for before school care 7-9am in the fall as well. Need your own transportation. Please respond to Michelle at 248 765 1655.

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Neighborhood child care center in Rochester seeking creative and experienced individuals. Contact Todd at 248.652.1132

Nanny wanted...Looking for a caregiver for our 6 yr. old son and 4 month daughter in our Cass Lake sub. Home. Hours negotiable and flexible (appx. 25 per week). Great pay. Please call Jennifer at 248-683-1531

### Services

Sunday evening Catholic Mass for Oakland University students. Across the street at St. John Fisher 3665 E. Walton Blvd. First Sunday of Each Month at 7 p.m. Social follows. All are welcome. [www.oucampusministry.com](http://www.oucampusministry.com) 248.370.2189

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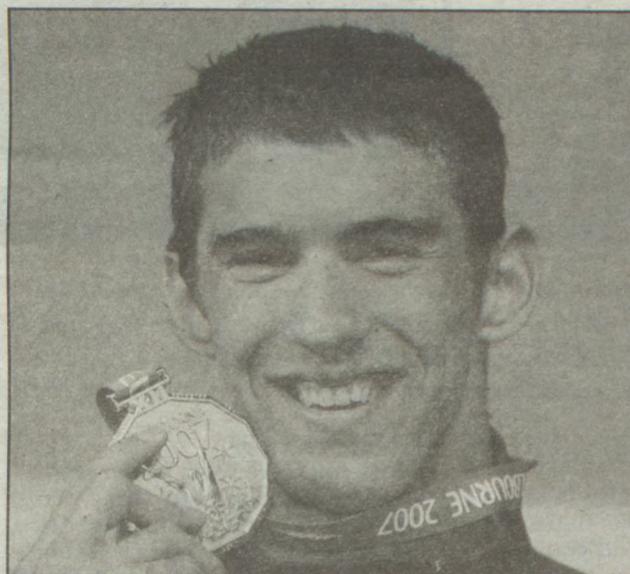
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# DID YOU SEE THAT?!



PAUL SANCYA/The Associated Press

Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge, left, and long-time front office employee Audrey Zielinski hold a replica 2006 American League Championship pennant before opening day Monday. The Tigers lost 5-3 in 10 innings.



MARK BAKER/The Associated Press

University of Michigan student Michael Phelps smiles with his gold medal during a medal ceremony for the men's 200m Individual Medley final at the World Swimming Championships in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday. He won a total of seven gold medals in Australia.



GERRY BROOME/The Associated Press

Florida's Joakim Noah cuts down the net after the Gators defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes, 84-75 in the Final Four basketball championship at Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Monday.

# The Scene

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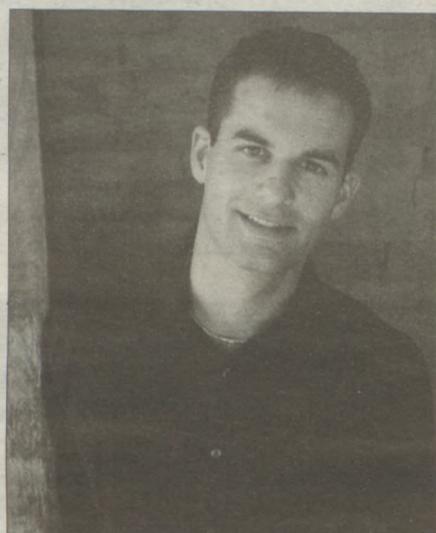
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## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



David Landau and Michael Kosta



Photos courtesy of Aspen Talent

*This Friday, the SPB hosts the final FNL of the season with a special double-feature. 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. All FNL shows are open to all OU students, faculty, staff and guests.*

Contributing Reporter HEATHER BONNER asks the kind of questions only a comedian could love.

### DAVE LANDAU

**Q:** Given the opportunity to take a bath with three famous figures of your choice, who would you share a bath with and why?

**A:** Hitler, Napoleon and Stalin, so I could pee in the tub and then drown them.

**Q:** If you were stranded on a desert island, what would be the least useful but most fun item you'd want with you?

**A:** Jet ski. I might be starving but I'd be smiling.

**Q:** What was your worst performance venue, why was it so terrible and what was its most redeeming factor?

**A:** A Holiday Inn in some hell hole where I performed to 40 drunk, undercover narcotics officers. They hated me, so I made fun of them. I called one, "Officer Pig Mullet," and I told a really fat one, "They must only give the fitness test once, huh?" Getting booted by those guys was really redeeming because I don't want a bunch of drunk cops to like my show anyway. (No offense to police, these guys

really were asses).

**Q:** If you were to go into a convenience store and buy three items, the last of which being a box of condoms, what would the other two items be if your goal was to freak out the cashier?

**A:** The biggest tub of butter I could find and a copy of "Boy's Life" or rope and an address directory.

**Q:** Which of your three favorite foods would go terribly together in a sandwich? And, if we made that sandwich for you, would you eat it?

**A:** Probably pizza, chocolate cake and hummus. No, I'd only eat it if you paid me.

**Q:** If a movie was made about your life, who would ideally play you and your parents?

**A:** David Spade would probably play me and my parents would have to be Rodney Dangerfield and Lily Tomlin.

### MICHAEL COSTA

**Q:** Given the opportunity to take a bath with three famous figures of

of your choice, who would you share a bath with and why?

**A:** I'm assuming that we're all bathing together right? OK, then I say, Justin Timberlake, Tom Brady and Britney Spears. JT because when I hear "Cry Me a River," it makes me do just that, cry him a river. TB because when I watch him, there is just something about him that makes my pants get a little tighter, if you know what I mean, and Britney Spears because it would be fun to try to drown her. Also, with her there, it's not as gay.

**Q:** If you were stranded on a desert island, what would be the least useful but most fun item you'd want with you?

**A:** Justin Timberlake... just kidding, I would have to say the E Channel. I would enjoy watching it to help pass the time, but it could never help me get off the island. And would only make me more mad that Paris Hilton is famous for no reason what so ever.

**Q:** What was your worst performance venue, why was it so terrible and what was its most redeeming factor?

**A:** I once performed at a bar in Illinois, a heckler threw a beer bottle at me and it hit me in the head. I thought the bartender would give me sympathy but afterward all he said to me was, "That guy has good aim." I heard the place went out of business last year.

**Q:** If you were to go into a convenience store and buy three items, the last of which being a box of condoms, what would the other two items be if your goal was to freak out the cashier?

**A:** An axe and a map of Oakland University's campus.

**Q:** Which of your three favorite foods would go terribly together in a sandwich? And, if we made that sandwich for you, would you eat it?

**A:** My three favorite foods are shrimp and two hot college girls. I realize that two hot college girls really aren't a food but if you are going to make me the sandwich (which I think you might) I want to have two hot college girls, plus I love shrimp. Yes, I would eat that sandwich.

**Q:** If a movie was made about your life, who would ideally play you and your parents?

**A:** In an ideal world, I would be played by Buzz Lightyear because I love his last name. My parents would be played by Rambo (not Sylvester Stallone, actually Rambo) and my mom would be played by Gov. Jennifer Granholm because I think she's secretly hot and I want to go over her "legislation".

## AMY WINEHOUSE Back to Black

By KRISTIN SIMOVSKI  
Contributing Reporter



Photos courtesy of Universal Records

Twenty-three year old soul singer and songwriter Amy Winehouse could very well be mistaken for a 50s-esque Motown soulstress if it weren't for her unapologetic demeanor and

immodest appearance.

Her tattoo-scribbled arms and lively outfits do not detract an ounce from her music - it adds more character.

Winehouse is featured as one of VHI's "You Oughta Know Artists on the Rise" this month due to the critical acclaim of her sophomore album "Back to Black," launched October 2006.

Written over the course of six months, "Back to Black" draws its to-the-point lyrics and throaty but sophisticated vocals from the simplicity of 50s and 60s girl-groups.

The album's first single, the energetic and edgy "Rehab," is a direct response to her management trying to get her to check into an alcohol rehabilitation center.

Speculations of alcohol abuse and her own admittance to having issues with anorexia and bulimia have stood out just as strongly as her singing style.

The British tabloid princess has been in the limelight since the release of her first heavily jazz-influenced album "Frank" in 2003.

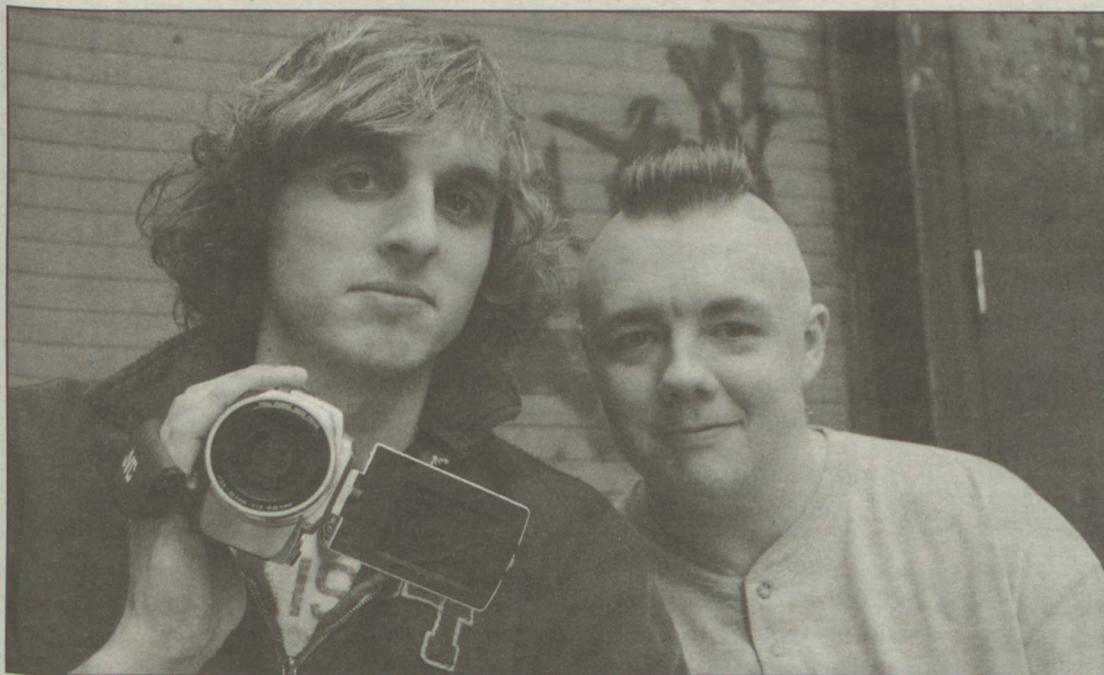
But while there is no denying the controversy, there is also no denying the raw talent of a young lady who learned how to sing by listening to soul and jazz singers Dinah Washington, Minnie Ripperton and Sarah Vaughn.

She'll be compared to other British-pop acts, like Lily Allen and Joss Stone. In the States, her efforts in reviving a genre will stand side-by-side with Christina Aguilera's newfound streak of pop dabbling in classic soul sounds.

With time, Winehouse will become one of the standards of comparison for future musicians just as she is being lined up beside her peers today.

If she's not revered for her music, her quirky unconventional style will leave a lasting impression.

# DAWN OF CONFUSION



The soon to be famous, from left to right: Ryan Falcheck and Denver Surgener KARA O'CONNELL/The Oakland Post

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**  
Senior Reporter

Mankind has advanced through the years accomplishing many great feats like landing on the moon and inventing the microwave oven. Some people are not as smart, and if those people had been in charge of our advancement, the outcome could have been disastrous—and pretty funny.

That is the premise of "Dawn of Confusion," a 25-minute film directed by OU junior Ryan Falcheck and co-written by Falcheck and Denver Surgener.

"This film is about cavemen trying to figure things out in deep confusion. We show ourselves back then trying to figure things out, messing up horribly," said Falcheck, a theater performance major. "It's sort of got a '2001: A Space Odyssey' feel to it, to the fact that it starts out with cave-men and it jump-cuts to the future, and we're just as dumb."

Theater performance major Surgener, who also plays a caveman in the movie, said the idea came to him and Falcheck during a bus trip back from Tulsa, Okla., after the 2006 Mid-Con basketball tournament.

"We figured people had to come up with stuff," said Surgener, "and were probably confused as hell — we're confused as hell; what if we came up with stuff?"

The pair pitched the idea to Andrew Tomayko and Ryan Wehner who had previously worked with Falcheck to make "The Dream," which won first place at the 2005 Grizzdance Film Festival.

Wehner and Tomayko, who together with

Falcheck make up IMEMINE Productions, attended Pacific Audio Visual Institute in Vancouver for a year before coming back to Michigan to film "Dawn."

Director of photography Wehner said the filming took about three days, but the editing has taken two weeks with about 80 hours of work per week.

The movie was made on a very low budget, "pretty much the coins in our pocket," said Falcheck.

"Grandma sent me a \$20 dollar gift card, and we spent it on the movie," said Surgener.

The only thing high-budget about the project, according to Falcheck, was some equipment provided by friend Randall Singletary. "He got us a \$4,000 camera and a really nice mic. He provided us with a nice computer to edit on."

"Dawn of Confusion" will premiere April 13 at 10 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Admission is free, and guests can expect choice seating. Falcheck guessed the hall seats at least 200. "I hope If we get 80 I would be happy," he said.

Falcheck said they've primarily used their Facebook group and event along with word-of-mouth to advertise the premiere.

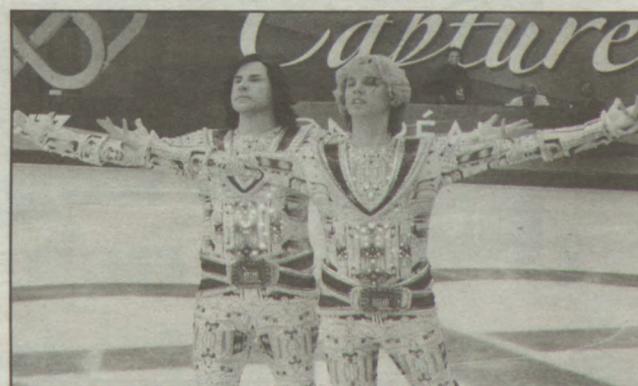
Falcheck says IMEMINE is in the "writing phase" of a few projects right now.

"We're a little low on budget, so we're kind of just waiting for the right time for them," he said. Their next prospective film is "Crawlspace", about a man who keeps waking up in strange places without any knowledge of how he got there.

Wehner said he hopes to begin work on the project this fall, if funds permit.

Surgener's grandmother could not be reached for comment.

# BLADES OF GLORY



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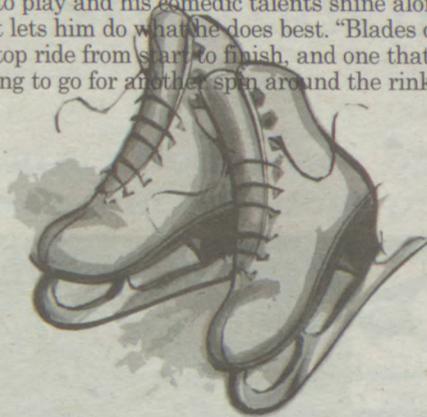
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Contributing Reporter

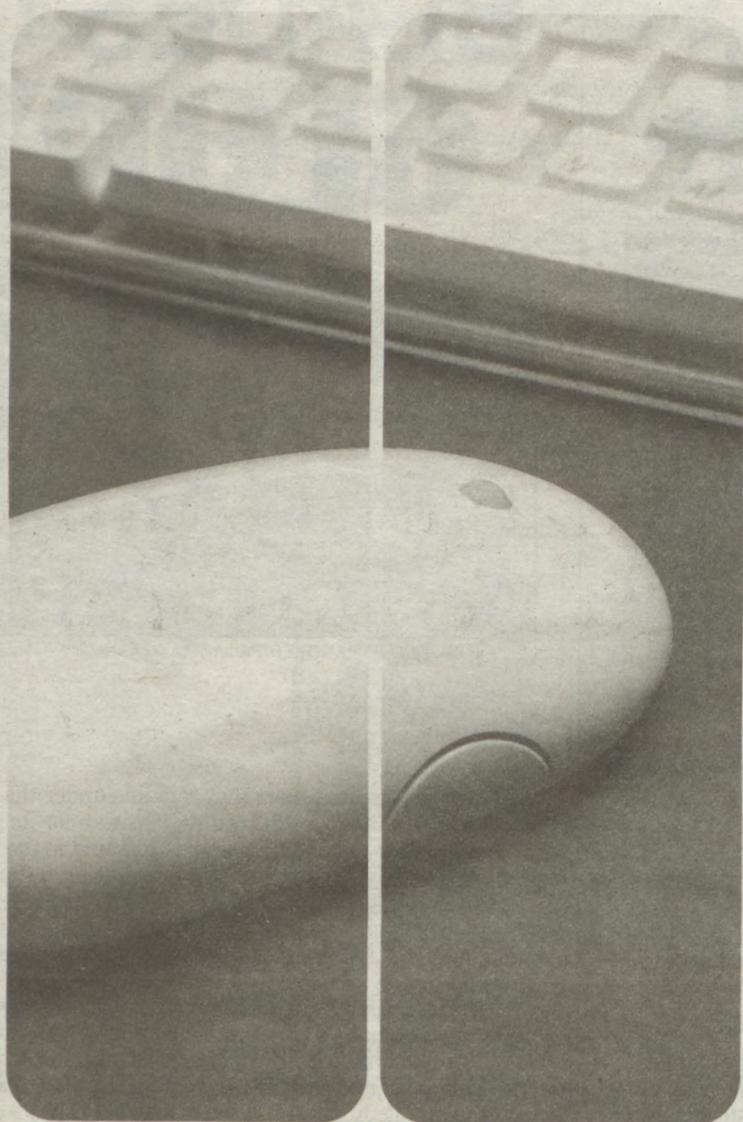
Figure skating is a sport that remains under the mainstream sports radar in this country. Known for its grace and subtlety, one wouldn't imagine that it would make for an exciting feature film subject. No one told that to Paramount Pictures, and by putting Will Ferrell and Jon Heder in a set of skates, "Blades of Glory" turns the ice rink into a laugh riot bringing more excitement than figure skating has seen since ... well ... ever.

Ferrell stars as Chazz Michael Michaels, the sport's wild child who, when he's not winning gold medals, is off collecting adult film awards. Heder takes on the roll of Jimmy MacElroy, adopted child of a corporate billionaire who spots a gift in young Jimmy at an early age. MacElroy's clean cut style and by the book actions combined with Michaels' brash theatrics and love for the spotlight make for a perfect on-screen compliment and create slapstick comedy at its best.

It's non-stop laughter from beginning to end. When the two are banned from competing individually from figure skating, they combine to try their hand at the world of pairs skating. The team's style and performances are enough to turn the skating world on its head and keep the audience doubled over in hysterics.

The film doesn't try to be anything that it's not, and by doing so, it keeps the focus on the over-the-top antics of the characters and lets the audience have fun with the exaggerated story. Chazz Michael Michaels is the character Will Ferrell was born to play and his comedic talents shine along with a script that lets him do what he does best. "Blades of Glory" is a non-stop ride from start to finish, and one that will leave you wanting to go for another spin around the rink.





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After weeks of training, she was able to navigate downtown Kalamazoo on her own.

However, it wasn't easy for Ann to be "broken down and rebuilt," as she put it. "I was a wreck when I first got there."

Her first night there she placed a desperate phone call to her good friend back home.

"She was hysterical!" White said. "She kept saying how much she hated it there and how much she wanted to go home."

White calmed her down, reassured her it was for her own good and convinced her to stay.

Petrous can now distinguish sounds and "define noises" in her head.

Ann learned to cross the street by the sound of traffic.

"I can tell the difference between car, truck and bus engines and tell if they're moving toward or away from me," she said.

"When I came home, I had so much confidence and I realized that I was going to be fine."

#### A unique OU experience

When it comes to classes, both students sing the praises of the university and its faculty.

"The professors have been great," Petrous said. "They usually approach me before I go up to them."

"The professors have been pretty accommodating and genuinely care," added White.

During class, Ann and Laura record lectures and then take notes after listening to them at home. Some professors will e-mail them notes from lectures.

With the help of JAWS (Job Access with Speech), a screen-reading program for the visually impaired designed to read content on a computer, Petrous and White are able to read and send e-mail, surf the net, navigate Web sites and read their textbooks.

The Disability Support Services office has also helped to accommodate their needs.

When the two girls needed brail installed on the microwaves in the

Pioneer Food Court, the DSS lobbied on their behalf and made it happen.

Additionally, the DSS has provided faculty members who have had White and Petrous in their classes with tips and information that help make the learning experience all that it should be.

All of their tests are taken in the DSS office, under the supervision of a professor, where exams can be formatted for JAWS.

#### An occasionally difficult road...

"Some days I'm OK with it, but some days I'm not," said White. "It's hard sometimes. It makes me sad that I can't open a photo album from high school and say, 'Oh my God, what was I wearing!' I mean I can remember things, but I'm sure seeing it brings back other memories. And I won't be able to physically watch my kids take their first steps," she added. "Sometimes stuff like that makes me cry, because it's sad."

Petrous also realizes there are things that she'll never be able to do.

"I know that I won't ever drive a car. And I'll never be able to see what a rainbow looks like. I'll never be able to watch a hockey game on TV without relying on the commentators," Petrous said.

Although life can be challenging at times, both women seem to focus more on what they can do, instead of what they can't.

White loves horseback riding and skiing. She also participated in gymnastics, until a knee injury forced her to quit several years ago.

Petrous loves going to clubs, the movies and concerts with her friends.

"I'd love to profile different bands or do concert reviews for Rolling Stone some day," Petrous said. "I think I'd be able to provide readers with a different perspective on things."

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## The Bush-Halliburton complex: Iraq is for sale

*Iraqi war zone becomes free enterprise for companies with the right connections*

By ALEX CHREUP  
Guest Columnist

*"But one thing that is certain  
Life is good at Halliburton  
If you're really so astute  
You should invest at Brown & Root"  
-The Rolling Stones, "Sweet Neo-Con."*

We are at war. We are on a college campus. Unlike past wars, the political waters on campus are not churning. The Vietnam era has come and gone, and with it has gone war discussions.

On April 9, this will change when film director Robert Greenwald visits Oakland University to speak at the second annual Global Security Forum, after a viewing of his film "Iraq for Sale." This work of new media is aimed to alert the public. The topic of the film: military privatization—a subject all should be concerned with.

Here is some background on military privatization, a very real problem occurring as I write and you read. Military

privatization is the military's use of outside corporations to conduct services on behalf of military—for pay, of course. Originally given duties of food and communications, these outside private military companies are now involved in interrogations and even mercenary war fighting.

Military privatization, overall, causes major trepidation over control and liability.

If you are, in fact, a patriot American, you should be concerned with military privatization. For those who truly support our troops, one should speak out against this corruption.

Now, Blackwater and Halliburton do the laundry for the troops and much more. The success is questionable. There are complaints that the laundry is done so poorly that the clothes come out dirtier than before. Of course, it's clean for Halliburton, considering the dirt they're used to.

Some troops found it more efficient to wash clothes in their sink, however were



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forced into having the corporations do it. We can't even trust these people to wash a load of whites—how can we expect them to become involved in armed security and interrogations?

No-bid contracts are given to friends of government officials, while taxpayers fund a good sale for Halliburton. Free enterprise has taken a vacation, and we are stuck with some conglomeration of an economic philosophy. What is this new philosophy called? Corruption—the only word possible. Crony capitalism is too nice, it's an insult to cronies who actually have souls. Even most money hungry, dollar demented, Euro engulfing, peso piggish fiends view this as wrong.

Look, even a guy who charges \$400 to see him in concert views this as objectionable (see quote above). And no offense, Mick. Everyone loves you.

It is not a stretch to say that the killing of Americans and Iraqis is making huge bucks for these corporations. And there is no accountability. Violations of similar caliber to the travesties at Abu Ghraib or Haditha are committed by these private military corporations. But really, what do you expect from a company whose former CEO shot an old man while hunting quail? We can say Cheney had a no bid contract on that guy's face.

As just-war theorist and Professor Dr. Mark Rigstad says, "When it comes to the regulation of PMCs [private military companies], military law is silent. It

doesn't regulate the activities of mercenaries, because it strictly forbids nations from employing them. U.S. domestic law is at best playing catch up."

Scooter Libby is just the first step on a very long staircase—at least we get to step on him, though.

So the warning still rings true from as far back as 1961, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex." Yeah, the military-industrial complex. If Eisenhower were around today, I'm sure he'd amend the speech to "guard against the Bush-Halliburton complex." Of course, this is followed by "America, how the hell did you allow this to happen?"

A question I can only answer by blushing and shrugging my shoulders like a schoolgirl with a sub par public education. This is only because in lieu of helping said schoolgirl with more education funding, we're spending tax dollars on a pointless war, in the process, fattening Halliburton's wallet so they can move headquarters to Dubai. A true American company—now they don't actually have to see the people they are screwing. Good luck Dubai, I hope you don't have too much dirty laundry.

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## Who doesn't love a good party?

*Opening day is great, but it's the party that brings out the crowds*

By ROBERT M. PYLAR  
Guest Columnist

Detroit is an old-school, four-sport town, and as a result, its teams and traditions are revered and respected. In recent years we've witnessed several banner-raising and celebrations when opening the Red Wings' and Pistons' seasons, and the general hype surrounding the NFL gets us excited at the thought of another year of the Lions' special brand of "entertainment" down at Ford Field. As a fan, the opening of these seasons means the beginning of something special.

And yet, they pale in comparison to the Detroit Tigers and the spectacle that is opening day.

I'll freely admit that when it comes to the Tigers, I have zero in terms of journalistic credibility. I'm utterly biased and like FOX News, unfair and unbalanced. Baseball is my game and the Tigers are my team. Favoritism aside, however, I'll tell you that the opening of no other sport's season competes with opening day in Major League Baseball. And I'm not talking about the competition on the field; I'm talking about the party.

Ah, the party! I mean, isn't that the real reason these events become larger than life? Of course it is. Who runs loose on St. Patrick's Day to glorify ol' Pat for bringing Christianity to Ireland? Is it that girl in the "Spank me I'm Irish" baby-tee, or the guy who passed out in



the bushes after the shots of Bushmills? Sure.

And the opening rounds of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament are two of the most unproductive work days of the year not because of the absenteeism, the drinking, the TV watching and the gambling but rather out of the respect we bestow on the "student-athlete" and our institutions of higher learning. (And real quick while I'm here, a big thank you to North Carolina for phoning it in down the stretch and blowing that Georgetown game, ruining my bracket and depriving me of my shot at a few hundred bucks—I mean, depriving me of my "bragging rights for entertainment purposes" throughout the year. Well done!)

But I digress. We here in America love a good party. More importantly, Corporate America loves a good party (especially if that party represents a positive effect on balance sheets and shareholder earnings), and a good party requires broad-spectrum appeal and diversity. If big business can hijack Christmas and sell it to **non-believers**,

they can turn anything into a good time. Personally, I am waiting for the day they abscond with Kwanza and Karl Rove takes the stage for his next rap gig wearing a "Kiss me, I'm Black" tank-top—a sure sign, indeed, that the apocalypse is upon us.

Those interests have made opening day the event that it has become. Not that it needed the help in my eyes,



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After partying prior to the game, fans packed Comerica Park for opening day of the 2007 season.

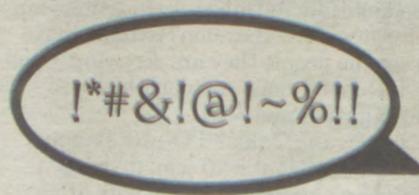
mind you, but they have definitely taken it beyond the sole interest of baseball fans and brought it to the people. You don't need to be a fan to partake in the day. The mass appeal of the party and the sheer number of revelers is what separates the Tigers' opener from all others. Who gets fired up about the Wings opener? Wings fans, and well...

Wings fans. Are you excited to see hoops return to The Palace each fall? Perhaps, but more than likely, only if you have a ticket. I will say that Lion Sundays could have more of a downtown draw if a large segment of the population wasn't already recovering from Friday and Saturday. However, they still don't match the happenings of opening day. Male and female, young and old, fan and non-fan—in part because of the tradition, but more so because of the theory that "nothing

attracts a crowd like a crowd." Like the movie "Field of Dreams," build it and they will come.

The purists will want their say and I, of course, will hear them out. Tell me about the passing of winter and how "Hope Springs Eternal." I get that. Drone on about baseball being our national pastime and how it's a game passed on from father to son and I'll totally agree. I too, admire the history and traditions of the game, as they were passed down to me from my father and grandfather. But we're talking about mass appeal here. History doesn't fill every bar within two miles of Comerica Park, family traditions don't put up keg tents and live bands in parking lots, and nostalgia, as far I'm concerned, doesn't make the guy in the Tiger costume **urinate on the St. Louis Cardinals hat.**

A good party, however, does. GO TIGERS!!!!



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