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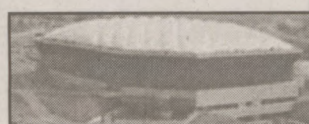
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Students' choice

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Polls close at 10 tonight for the 2004 OU Student Congress (OUSC) general elections. The ballot includes two presidential candidates and eight hopeful legislators, and possible write-ins, all vying to lead OU through the 2004-05 school year.

Even a giant bunny got in the mix, campaigning for candidates around the OC. Last year, voter turnout was small. Less than 5 percent of the student population, only 730 students, both-

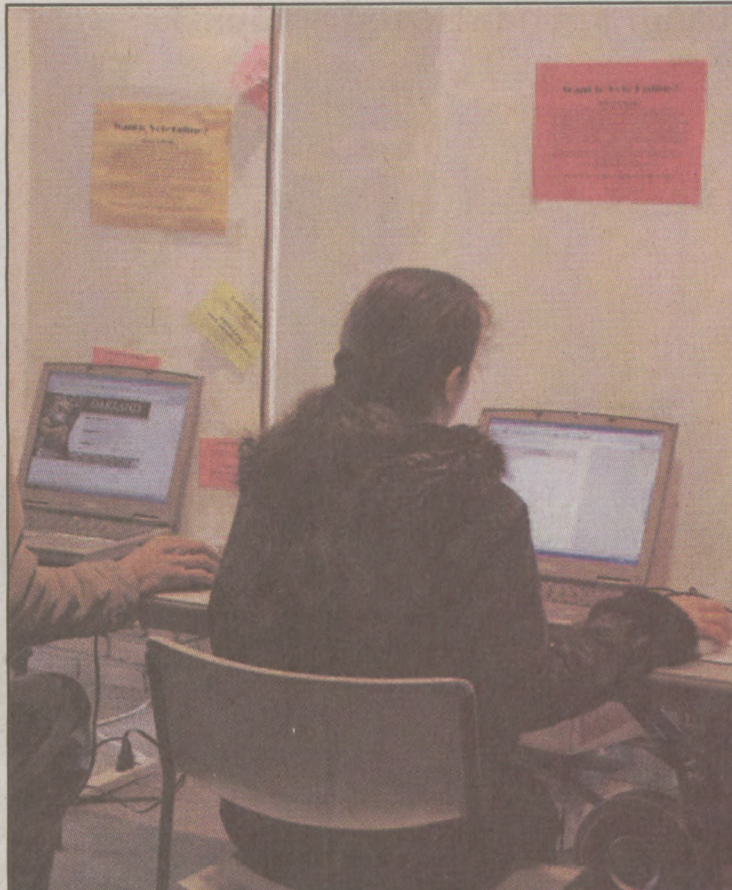
ered to make it to the polls. Senior Shaquonda Binion, administrative assistant and Elections Commission chair of OUSC is confident that turnout will exceed last years'.

Decision 2004-OU

Coverage continues on B5 with an outline of the candidates. Check out next week's edition for the results.

She said that there are balloons, scantrons, blue books and candy near the voting stations to make them more attractive to students.

She also said having voting stations set up in different parts of campus during peak hours for those areas should make the election more accessible to students. Also, students can vote from any computer with access to the Internet. "Those candidates will soon



A student votes in the OUSC elections on Tuesday. Polls close for the 2004 elections tonight at 10 p.m.

represent their voice to the BOT (board of trustees), the president's office as well as other offices around campus," she said.

Binion was the first to vote

on Monday night, as she was the one who opened the browser, and encourages everyone to get out and vote today.

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Words rule at Festival

BY ALICIA SOSSI
THE OAKLAND POST

Students will be able to share and view others' work, during OU's third annual Festival of Writing.

The festival is an opportunity for all OU students to share a wide variety of written work.

Students may present their work individually, as a class or group. Reports and presentations, PowerPoint or CD displays, Web sites or web-zines, three-dimensional formats that incorporate art work, photographs and videos are all acceptable.

The event, which includes refreshments and door prizes, is a way "to try and show (students) that writing can be appreciated by a wide audience," said Anne Becker, coordinator of the festival and special instructor of the rhetoric program in the department of rhetoric, communication and journalism.

Becker said she believes the festival is a fun way to promote interest in the work of fellow students.

The third annual Festival of Writing will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

To participate, students should fill out a proposal form, which is available at www2.oakland.edu/rht, and submit it to the rhetoric department, 316 Wilson Hall. The deadline is today, but Becker said the deadline could be extended if needed. For more information, call her at (248) 370-4125 or e-mail abecker@oakland.edu.

Senate approves gen ed renovation

BY LAURA ANGUS
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OU's Senate voted on Thursday to approve a proposal that will renew general education at OU.

The approval was greeted by applause from the senators, after more than 30 members of the senate spent nearly four years developing this proposal.

"This is literally a historic day," said Virinder Moudgil, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

He also thanked the members of the senate that put countless hours into developing the proposal.

"I personally do not remember another issue that took so long to develop," he said.

The proposed revision to the general education requirements first came about in a response to "significant changes in the way people live and carry out their careers," according to its introduction.

The proposal would require students to complete a minimum of 40 credits with at least three credits in each of the 10 general education

areas, as well as a capstone course. In the proposal, the 10 general education areas are broken into three sections.

The Foundations Knowledge Areas would include writing and formal reasoning courses.

The Explorations Knowledge Areas would include arts, foreign language and culture, global perspective, literature, natural science and technology, social science and western civilization.

Finally, the Integration Knowledge Areas would include knowledge applications, which is one course outside of the student's major. This course would "encourage students to explore the ways in which knowledge can be applied in areas outside their own field of study," according to the proposal.

The Integration Knowledge Areas also includes a capstone experience, which would create a link between general education and the student's major or between general education components.

Moudgil said after the approval, budget issues, resources for the

new program and other concerns will be addressed before taking it to a future board of trustees meeting.

For a complete look at this proposal, check out <http://www.oakland.edu/senate/gened-prorev31204.doc>.

In other business:

- The library's revised constitution was approved and will be taken to the president and board of trustees for approval.

- The senate approved recommendations for criteria for establishing academic calendars.

The criteria includes 14 weeks of classes for each semester, fall commencements held after final exams, one or more study days between the end of classes and the start of finals and new student convocation held in the evening on the day that classes start.

- The general education committee membership was increased from six members to nine, to get more representatives from different academic areas.

General Requirements Proposal

Foundations Knowledge

Areas:

Writing

- 1 course equivalent to RHT 160. Requirement also includes an intensive writing component in one general education course outside of RHT 150-160 and an intensive writing component in one course in the major.

Formal Reasoning

- 1 course

Exploration Knowledge Areas:

Arts

- 1 course

Foreign Language

- 1 course

Global Perspective

- 1 course

Literature

- 1 course

Natural Science and Technology

- 1 course with lab experiment

Social Science

- 1 course

Western Civilization

- 1 course

Integration Knowledge Areas:

Knowledge Applications

- 1 course must be in a course outside of major

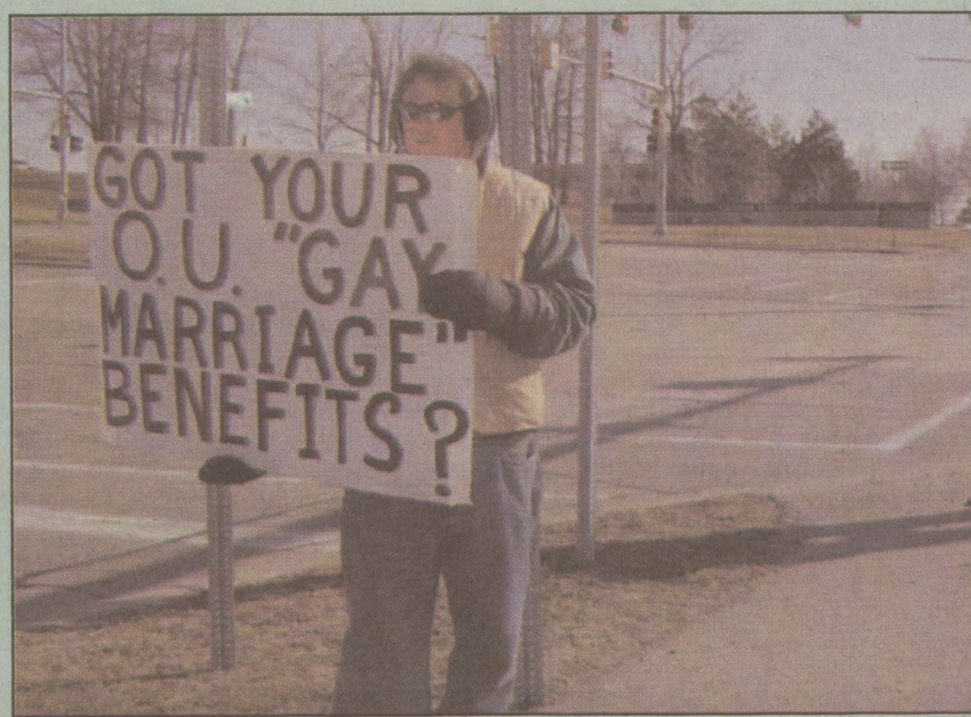
Capstone Experience

Capstone requirement can be met by:

- 1) a capstone course in the major that makes explicit the connection between the major and general education or
 - 2) a capstone course outside of the major that relates general education areas or
 - 3) a second knowledge applications course that applies knowledge from a general education area already taken. (This temporary alternative is for 5 years.)
- The capstone is interdisciplinary.

Information taken from Senate documents.

Benefits for all



Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post

George Stephens, OU alum, is protesting the benefits OU grants to same-sex couples on the corner of University and Squirrel, Monday morning. He is protesting OU's stance of not providing unmarried heterosexual couples with those benefits. Read more about the issue is next week's Oakland Post.

Network stable again

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU's wireless network was unavailable for part of the day on Friday. According to Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president of University Technology Services (UTS), users were unable to login to the GrizzNet, the wireless and wired network in the OC and the Kresge Library, and RESnet, the wireless and wired access in the resident halls and student apartments.

Rowe said after analyzing

the network, it was determined software had failed on the authentication server for the networks.

GrizzNet services were restored around 11 a.m., said Rowe.

Vendor support for the RESnet was called and worked with OU's UTS team to get the network up and running by 3 p.m. with full functionality by 4 p.m., Rowe said. She said this is within the UTS target window for returning service after a system failure.

Mario Hagar, president of the Residence Halls Council, said he was alerted by students that the system was unavailable. He said he verified the outage with a technician in the dorms.

"Residence Halls students were a little upset about the Internet being down," Hagar said.

According to Hagar, while he was told the outage would last potentially for days, it was restored Friday afternoon.

OUSC hears Post matter

OU Student Congress (OUSC) listened to requests from students demanding accountability and responsibility from The Oakland Post during Monday's meeting.

OU student Lashawnda James said The Post should be a voice for the entire student body and should be held accountable for its actions. She was concerned about the credibility of last week's editorial.

"I do have a problem that nothing was based upon facts," James said. "Something should be done so that this doesn't happen again."

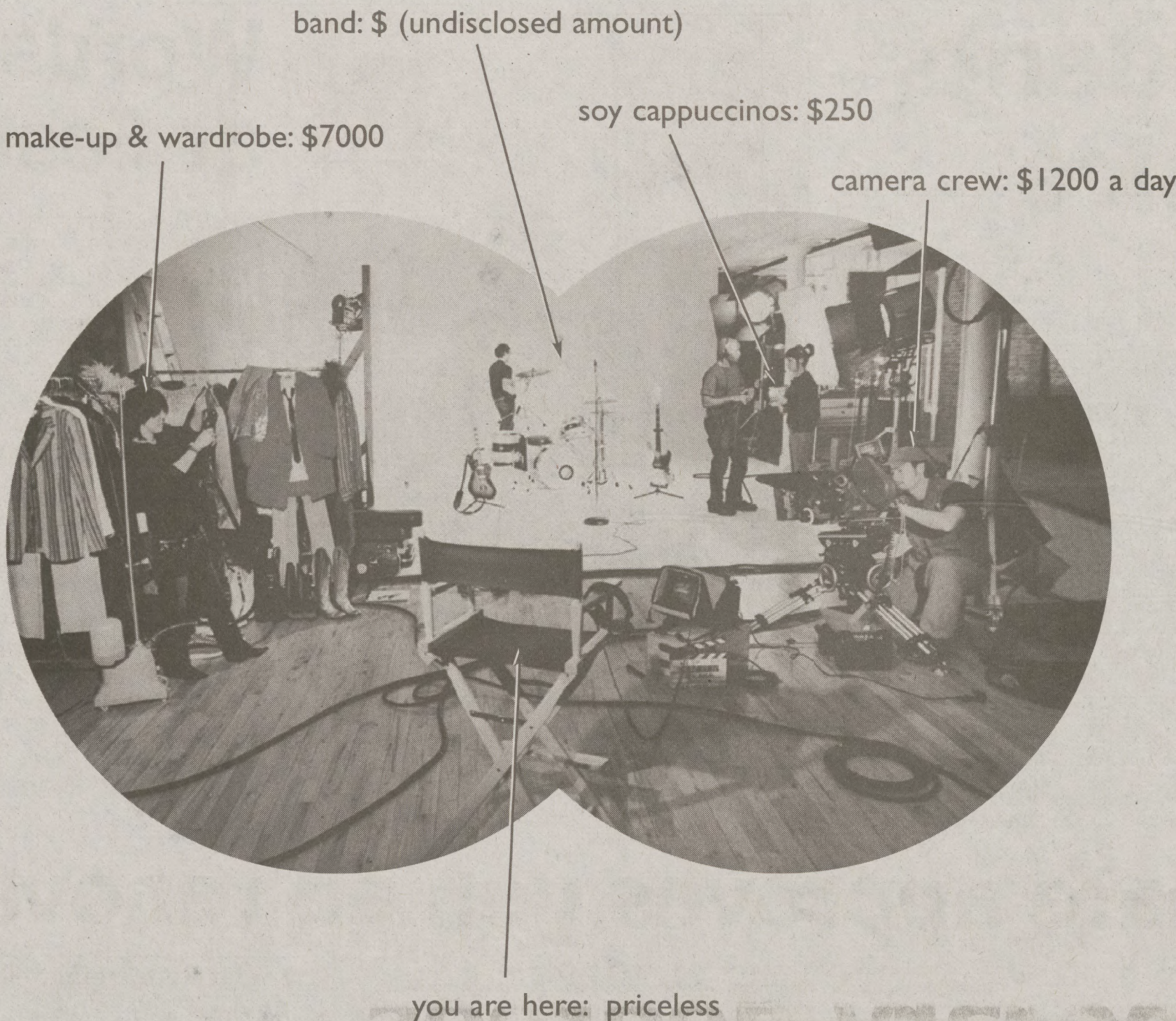
OUSC legislators said they are willing to work with students like James who have similar concerns with The Post.

In other business:

- SAFFB Chair Michael McGuinness said the opportunity for additional allocations is still available.

- Congress approved the elections commission validations guidelines and the validations committee.

BY LIBBY BAKER
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Entrant is responsible for properly protecting videotape for mailing. Noncompliance with any of the foregoing may result in disqualification and awarding of prize to the runner-up. **Finalist Selection:** A total of (16) Finalists will be selected from the (48) Semifinalist video entries submitted. Video entries will be judged based on the following criteria: 1) Presence On-Screen: 0-40 points; 2) Creative Execution: 0-30 points; and 3) Originality: 0-30 points. In the event of a tie, the entrant with the highest score in Presence On-Screen will be declared the potential Finalist. If a tie still exists, from among the remaining pool of tied entrants, the entrant with the highest score in Creative Execution will be declared the potential Finalist, and so forth. **Tiebreakers:** will continue backwards in this manner until the tie among the remaining tied entrants is broken. Finalists will be selected by judges on or about 8/24/04 and will be notified by telephone and/or mail. If any Finalist notification letter is returned as undeliverable, the runner-up may be selected. The likelihood of winning a prize will depend on the quality of each entrant's submission as compared to the quality of all other entrants' submissions as judged in accordance with the aforementioned criteria. **Prizes:** (48) Semifinalist Prize: \$100 MasterCard Gift Card (Approximate Retail Value "ARV" \$100); (16) Finalist Prize: Opportunity to attend the MasterCard® Priceless Experience™ '04 Music Internship ("Internship") between 6/15/04 and 7/15/04 consisting of (but not limited to) participation in a four week internship in Los Angeles, California with access to select Music & Entertainment industry experts designated by Sponsor, specialized curricula, and the chance to assist in the production of a music video developed for an artist/group managed by Universal Music Group) to be designated solely by Sponsor. 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Instruction aids success

By DAN AGAUAS
THE OAKLAND POST

In class today you just find out that, surprise, there's an upcoming test. Beads of sweat form on your forehead. Your sweaty palms tightly grip an already chewed apart pencil. Although the professor does a good job of teaching the class, the concepts are still murky and the homework is slightly harder than filing income tax returns.

Rather than panic, the Academic Skills Center (ASC) provides Supplemental Instructions (SI) for selected courses in the math, statistics, biology, chemistry and accounting fields.

According to the ASC Web site, SIs are organized study sessions aimed to help students prepare for tests, grasp concepts and understand class lectures.

Each SI leader is a student who has successfully passed his or her assigned course and has been trained by Tutor Coordinator Beth DeVerna.

SIs are generally connected to the class lecture and attendance, though voluntary, may help dry up those beads of sweat.

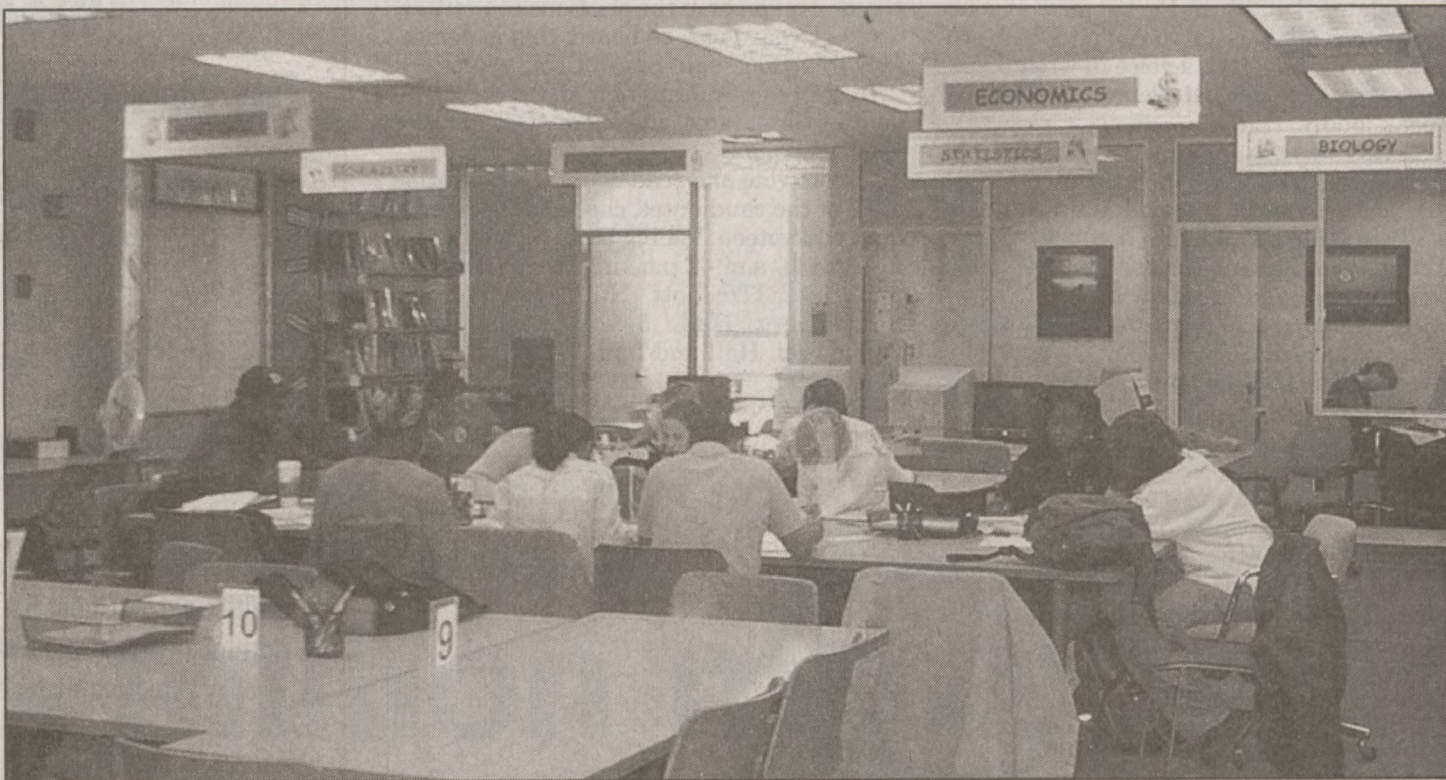
"There is a combination of reasons why SIs are helpful for students," DeVerna said. "For one, the environment is comfortable. It provides a chance for them (the students) to ask questions without feeling embarrassed. Plus, it's a guaranteed review of the material at least twice a week."

Destiny Chamarro has been a SI leader for accounting 200 for the last two years. In each SI session, her goal is to properly equip the students to think independently and perform well on the exams.

"I clarify anything they have questions on," Chamarro said. "Then we start working on problems related to their lecture material. The advantage is that they know how to actually solve the problems instead of memorizing it; to solve similar problems if the material varies."

Chamarro's ideology can also be found in other SIs. Several students taking general chemistry find the SI, led by Bernard Aho, to be extremely relevant and helpful.

Megan Anderson believes that the general chemistry SI



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Students study in the Academic Skills Center. Besides tutoring, the center also provides Supplemental Instruction courses for math and science classes, which can improve student grades.

Average grades for SI and non-SI Math Students

	Non-SI math students	SI Math students	Total
Number of students	466	479	973*
Average grade	1.74	2.40	2.13

* An additional 28 students attended SI but were not registered for a course offering SI
Information from the Academic Skills Center Web site

Please see SI on A6.

Senator, actress earn honorary degrees

By JUSTIN MULARSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

The bestowing of honorary degrees to politicians, entertainers, professionals and other luminaries is a tradition of college commencement festivities.

The ceremony at OU this spring will be no different, with Sen. Carl Levin and former Ziegfeld Follies girl Doris Eaton Travis being given the honors pending approval of the board of trustees (BOT) at the April meeting.

According to Ronald Sudol, associate provost and professor of rhetoric, the awards are being

given in recognition of Levin's and Travis' "accomplishments and service within the scope of the arts, sciences, professions and public service as recognized and supported by the university."

Levin, a native Detroit and graduate of Harvard Law School, serves on the Armed Services and Governmental Affairs committees in the Senate. First elected in 1978, he is the longest serving Michigan Senator in history, currently in his fifth term in Washington.

While many political figures have been considered and honored in the past, the selection process remains bipartisan.

Sudol said Levin is being honored not for his Democratic politics, but for remaining "quietly dignified during his long career" and for his effective service to his constituents in important areas like consumer protection.

Travis, whose story Sudol described as "extraordinarily interesting" and who he said has "mastered everything she's ever



Photos courtesy of Oakland University

(left) Former Ziegfeld Follies girl Doris Eaton Travis (right) Senator Carl Levin

undertaken," first gained fame through her work as a dancer

Please see DEGREES on A6.

Congress heads to capitol

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU students will be trekking to Michigan's capitol next week to learn how the state government works.

During the trip, which is sponsored by OU's Student Congress (OUSC), students will watch the House of Representatives or Senate meet and have lunch with about 25 state congresspeople.

OUSC president Jonathan Parks, senior, said during the lunch, students can talk to the representatives about tuition and other concerns.

Right now, more than 40 students have signed up for the free, day-long trip, and the limit is 44.

Jim Gammicchia, senior and director of financial affairs, said students should keep signing up if interested, because if someone backs out, he'll be calling the people on the waiting list. He said two people have already dropped out of the trip.

Gammicchia encourages students to attend because they will be able to learn about the government process.

"You get to watch the House or Senate in session," he said.

Students will benefit from seeing what's going on with tuition and the state budget, Gammicchia said. Also, they will be able to make their presence known and voices heard in Lansing.

Parks said he is glad that so many OU students want to go to Lansing.

"If you can't go, send a letter to the congress office" to voice concerns about tuition, Parks said.

Students can sign up in the Center for Student Activities window in the basement of the OC.

Cooley sets enrollment record

OU credited with adding to increase

By KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND POST

Applicants and enrollment are up – again – at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. More than 5,100 prospective students applied to Cooley in 2003, an increase of more than 2,200 since 2000.

Part of the increase is because of the addition of the satellite program at OU. It allows students to complete the first two years of the law program without having to travel to the main campus in Lansing.

According to Stephanie Gregg, assistant dean of admissions, Cooley applications have benefited greatly from the OU branch.

"It has helped because people who live and work in the area see it as an opportunity to go to law school, without selling their home

or quitting their job," Gregg said.

The size of Cooley allows it to offer students more than other law schools. Classes start three times per year, in January, May and September. Cooley also offers evening and weekend classes to further accommodate students.

Philip Vera, a first year student at the OU branch of Cooley, was happy that he didn't have to go far for law school.

"I did my undergrad at OU," Vera said, and "the program is getting a lot of attention and has connections with the Oakland County Law Association."

Enrollment in the Cooley program at OU is also up this year. There are 119 current students, up from 32 in the fall of 2002.

The large number of students at Cooley is one of the original goals of the school.

President and Dean Don LeDuc said in a statement that bigger is better for a multitude of reasons. These include more scheduling flexibility, lower tuition and more diversity. Cooley currently has one of the highest minority enrollments of the nation's law schools.

Cooley Law School was founded in 1972. It is an independent graduate school of law fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the American Bar Association. The main campus is located in Lansing, with satellite programs at OU and Western Michigan University.

Plans are currently underway to expand the OU and WMU programs to the full three-year program. Currently, students must complete their last year in Lansing.

Police Beat

- A student living in the University Student Apartments said she has been receiving strange phone calls on her apartment line and her cell phone since early January. She said the phone would ring and when she answered, there would be no response, just silence. The girl has requested the university

give her caller ID. There are no suspects at this time.

- A fire alarm was pulled on the second floor of Fitzgerald, Tuesday, March 16. The responding officer was pointed in the direction of a trash can in a closet that had been on fire a few minutes before. The fire was put out by the time the officer

arrived and the hallway was vented of the smoke in the air.

- MedTrac called OUPD after one of their patients felt ill in the Science and Engineering Building, Thursday, March 18. The patient has Type 1 diabetes and was having a reaction to high blood sugar, and used

an epi-pen before the Auburn Hills Fire Department was called. The patient was taken to Crittenton Hospital to be checked out and the Dean of Engineering has been notified of the situation.

- An instructor's chair has been missing since November 2003. Faculty

and staff had noticed the missing chair, but figured someone had borrowed it. There have been no efforts to locate the missing chair yet.

- A woman's purse was stolen in the Shotwell Pavilion, Saturday, March 20. The purse was a black Guess bag and it contained

a baby blue Coach wallet. The purse is still missing, and there are no suspects.

- There was a car accident at about 4:30 p.m. on March 20 in the P36 parking lot.

A silver Dodge rolled into a Pontiac causing damage to the car. No one was injured in the crash.

VOTE

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“Congress is looking to represent the voices of the students,” she said. “To do that, we need to hear the voices of the students.”

What students are saying about voting:

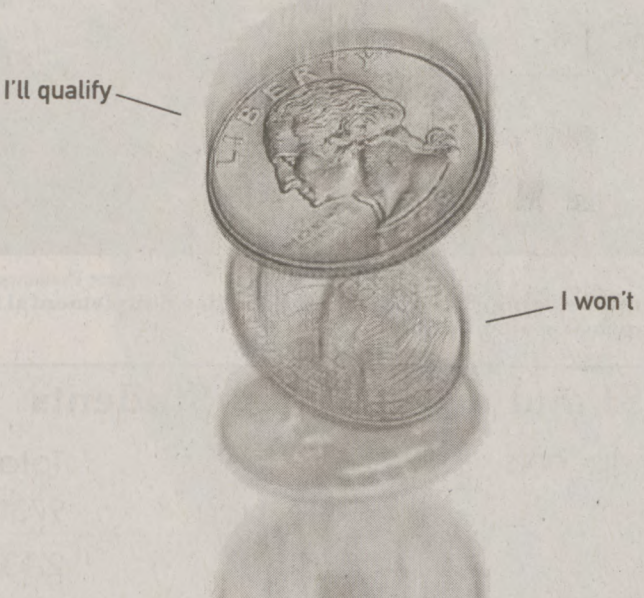
- OUSC legislator James Ellout, sophomore, said it’s important to vote.
- “Whoever gets in office will represent 16,000,” he said.
- Student body president, and incumbent candidate, Jonathan Parks said it only takes five seconds to vote, and when students vote, they have a voice in what occurs next year. He urges students to speak and speak loudly.
- “Whether they vote, or they don’t vote, they’ll feel the affects,” he said.
- Matt Edwards, presidential candidate, said students should vote because this is a student election and the outcome will affect the university and student life.
- “Your leaders are going to decide how the university is run,” he said.
- Edwards added he voted at 12:01 a.m. on

Monday night, right after the polls opened.

- Senior Scott Czasak said he did vote on Monday.
- “I think it’s important that we know in which direction Congress goes,” he said. He added that whoever gets in office needs to make Congress relevant to students again.
- “Student Congress makes decisions that affect all of us,” said junior George Dayis, a member of the elections committee.
- “Let your voice be heard; this is democracy in action,” said Sarah Cook, senior.

To see more information about the presidential candidates, check out “Get out and vote” on page B5.


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Wednesday, March 31


On the Campus of Oakland University

"The Clothesline Project" & Sexual Assault Awareness Table
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center

"Sexual Assault Awareness & The Law"
Presented by Carol Hackett Garagiola, J.D., Legal and Policy Director, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Judge Lisa L. Asadoorian, 52-3 District Court, and Cheryl Matthews, Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor
Noon - Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center


"Take Back the Night" Rally and March
With Special Guest Speakers, Lynne Schaefer, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Oakland University, and Carol Hackett Garagiola, J.D., Legal and Policy Director, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
6:00 p.m. – Rally in front of Kresge Library
6:30 p.m. – March through Oakland University's Campus

"Take Back the Night" Speak Out
Survivors can share their stories of strength and survival.
(Not recommended for small children)
7:00 p.m. – Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center



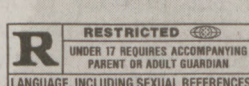



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Local News

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Coming up:
The city of Sterling Heights
has reached an agreement
with Freedom Hill.

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Proposal A turns 10

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Michigan was faced with a problem 10 years ago; how to fix the disparity of funding in public schools.

Schools in areas with high property values were able to get more money, while other areas struggled.

The solution from former Gov. John Engler's administration was Proposal A. The proposal, which was passed in March 1994, raised the sales tax from four to six percent, decreased property taxes and put a cap on assessments. It was also designed to bring public schools to balanced funding levels, according to Douglas Robert, former state treasurer under Engler and interim director of the Institute for Public

Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University.

According to Don Tignanelli, director of community relations for Rochester Community Schools (RCS), 85 percent of the school operating dollars of RCS's operating budget came from property taxes before Proposal A was passed.

"Now 85 percent of our operating dollars comes from the state," Tignanelli said. He said for every dollar, RCS gets \$.63 from the state.

The amount each district gets per student was based on what the district was spending in 1994.

RCS ranks 14th of the 28 school districts in Oakland County when it comes to funding, right between Pontiac and the Clawson districts, yet Tignanelli said the district is

often compared to those who get more funding.

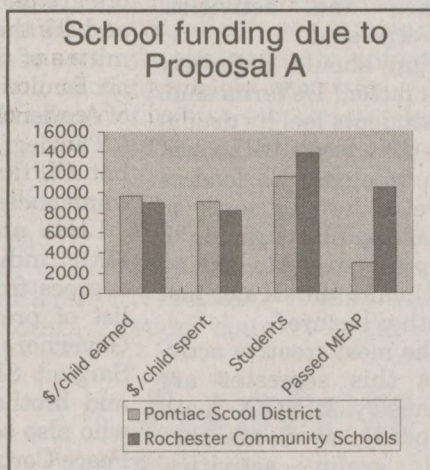
RCS has had to cut \$15 million from the budget over the past three years, Tignanelli said. He said the district is really torn because it can't go to the public to provide more money for additional programs. In the last two years, funding from the state has been frozen, yet costs for the district are up.

RCS is worried about the future for the children in the district, said to Tignanelli.

"We are trying to keep this as far away from the classroom as possible as we cut," Tignanelli said. "There comes a point when you've taken everything from the outside and you will get to the classroom."

Tignanelli said the district would

like the state legislator to take a look at the proposal and possibly revise it so RCS can find "some relief. Please see PROP A on A6.



Global Glance

•A five-year-old boy tried to spice up a friend's school lunch Monday in Miami, Fla. The student took a bag of marijuana to school and sprinkled it onto a friend's lasagna. A lunch monitor saw and took the plate before either boy had a chance to eat it. Police say it is unclear if the child knew what the substance was. Welfare authorities are investigating the boy's family.

•Five months after the murder of Sweden's Foreign Minister, Anna Lindh, the confessed killer, Mijailo Mijailovic, was sentenced to life in prison. Mijailovic confessed to stabbing Lindh with a utility knife while shopping in Stockholm last September. The court rejected earlier arguments that Mijailovic had serious mental illness. Sweden does not have the death penalty and according to officials, life sentences usually translate into prison terms of about 15 years.

•Former Hamas spokesman Abdul Aziz Rantisi was named today to replace Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who was killed in an Israeli missile strike. As head of the Palestinian militant group in Gaza, Rantisi said he will not give in to what he called "Israeli terror." Other militant groups such as the Islamic Jihad, and the Aqsa Martyrs Brigades have also pledged revenge on the Israelis.

•Republican lawmakers trying to win votes for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages said they are willing to compromise and change the language to ensure states can recognize civil unions. The changes will make it clear that states will allow civil unions for homosexuals while reserving marriage for heterosexuals.

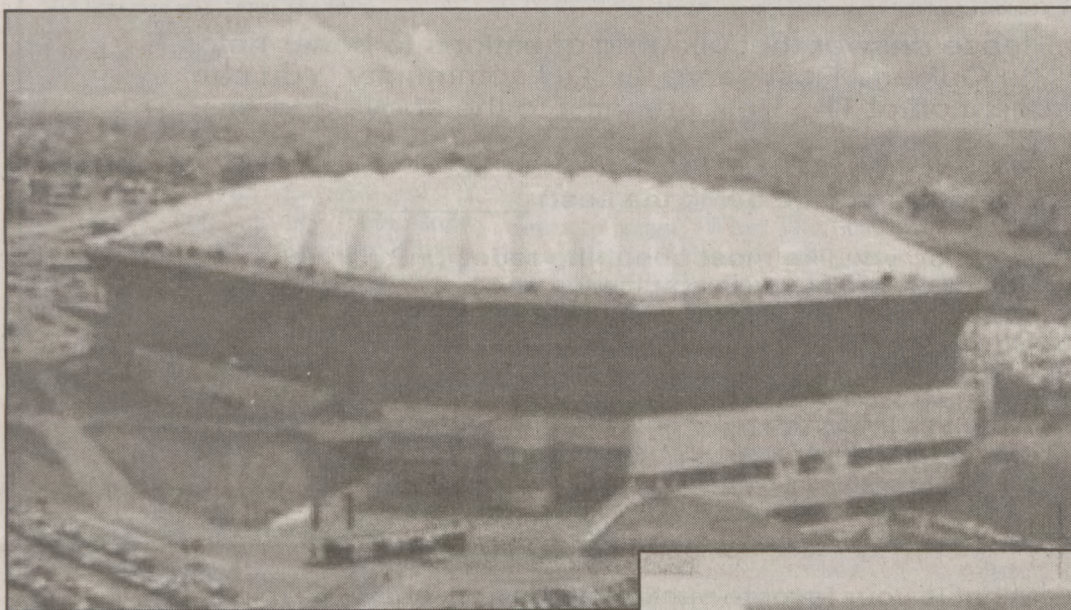
Global goof

•A woman accused of causing a fatal car crash is blowing the top off the prosecutor's argument. The woman, Heather Specyski, was charged with second-degree manslaughter in an accident that killed the other person in the car. Specyski now claims that she couldn't have been driving because she was performing a sex act on the driver at the time. Her attorney also noted the fact that the victim's pants were down when he was thrown from the car. Prosecutors argue this is circumstantial evidence because his pants could have been down for a number of reasons, such as mooning the car next to him or urinating out the window.

—Compiled by
Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Lion's \$25 million move helps Silverdome city



Photos courtesy of the City of Pontiac
Money from the Lions leaving the Silverdome will be used to help Pontiac by fixing up the Phoenix Plaza, the Strand Theater and other areas.

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The city of Pontiac is getting an \$8 million boost thanks to the Detroit Lions.

The Lions, who moved to their new home at Ford Field in 2002, breached their lease agreement with the Pontiac Stadium Building Authority, by leaving the Silverdome early to move to the new facility in Detroit.

According to Tim Kozub, general counsel for the stadium authority, the Stadium Authority filed a lawsuit for the breach of the agreement and the issue was settled through mediation in December of 2001.

Subsequently, the Pontiac Stadium Building Authority and the city of Pontiac were awarded \$26.5 million.

Over the past few years, the money has been used to cover litigation costs and Silverdome expenses.

Any money above operating expenses was available to be used by the city for recreation purposes, according to Sandy-Michael McDonald, Downtown Development Authority Director.

"We want to attract our

community to our downtown, as well as make it attractive to our neighbors in the county. We would like to make downtown Pontiac a destination point," McDonald said. "All of these will go toward kick starting our economic revitalization of downtown Pontiac."

Anita Bilford, junior and Pontiac resident, thinks the funds will greatly help the city.

"The money should go to help the residents since we're the ones who need it and it really does belong to the city of Pontiac," Bilford said.

The city will use the \$8 million for three projects they are currently working on; \$2 million will go to complete renovations to the Phoenix Plaza including a rooftop amphitheater, \$4 million will go to the city's Strand Theater, and the remaining \$2 million will go to Parks and Recreation facilities throughout the city.

Kozub said the stadium authority has no plans currently for the remaining money, but said, "If we (the Silverdome) were to cease or close, everything would be transferred to the city."

Historic makeover

By NOAH PURCELL
THE OAKLAND POST

The Birmingham Historical Museum is in the final planning stages of nearly \$1 million in upgrades and refurbishments to their site.

The first phase of the project focuses on adding a brick entryway onto the preexisting structure to create a new visitor orientation space that is central on the grounds and is accessible to all.

"We want to create a more welcoming entrance to the museum," said William McElhone, director of the Birmingham Historical Museum.

The renovation plan's first phase would also feature improvements to the pond area and to the trails that circulate through the historic park.

"The two words that are key to this project are access and awareness," said McElhone.

The cost for phase one is estimated at \$315,000 and goes under the final review

of the city commission on Mar. 29. The funds for the project will be derived from a park bond issue that would not lead to new taxes with the other half being paid for by donations to the museum.

"Ultimately it comes down to the choice of the community," said McElhone, but also stated that he was optimistic that the project would be approved.

Down the road, the museum will begin phase two, which entails the historically accurate recreation of a barn that existed on the museum grounds from 1870 to 1926. The barn will link the different elevations of the museum's grounds as well as provide more storage and exhibition space.

"We want to move beyond the four walls of the museum to take advantage of the space we have," said McElhone.

The current layout of the museum features two houses; the John West Hunter house, built in 1822, and the Allen house, built in 1826, that will accommodate the

Please see ART on A6.



The Easter bunny is the special guest at the annual Bunny Breakfast.

Spring into Easter

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Egg hunts, candy and bunnies are all symbols of Easter. To get in the spirit, Henry Ford II High School (HFII) is hosting the eighth annual Bunny Breakfast to bring Easter cheer to local children.

The breakfast will be held April 3, from 9 a.m.-noon in the commons area at HFII in Sterling Heights.

The price is \$5 per person at the door and there will be fresh pancakes, bacon, sausage, milk and coffee.

The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance to take pictures with the kids and to provide entertainment.

The event began in 1996 to raise money for the high school concert, jazz, symphony and marching bands and each year the band boosters have been able to raise enough money to buy instruments and music and other things the band director needs.

Volunteers will take shifts acting as the Easter Bunny, cooking food and monitoring all the needed areas to provide a successful

breakfast for the public.

"We are always very excited and we're looking forward to having a wonderful time," said Ann Gray, chairperson for the Band Boosters.

"The event is about the children and to see the smiles on their faces."

Gray said the band members are always very appreciative and thankful that people volunteer to help them out when needed.

The breakfast is open to the public and anyone who has children or just wants a good breakfast is welcome to come, said Gray.

Reservations are preferred for the breakfast, but walk-ins are not turned away.

Last year, 300 people signed up for the breakfast, and currently there are 164 on Gray's list.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook," she said. "We're hoping to at least meet last year's record."

For more information on the Easter Bunny Breakfast at HFII, contact Ann Gray at (586) 254-3835.

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is more personal and can answer individual concerns.

"Sometimes you don't understand the lecture and there are 70 people in the class," Anderson said. "With SI, it is more one-on-one. I have a lot of questions I can bug the crud out of him (Acho) with, as opposed to in class where we only have an hour."

Amy Fedon also enjoys the luxury of Acho's SI.

"Basically, I'm a marketing business major, so I don't have a strong science background," Fedon said. "I come to reinforce the ideas. He (Acho) does an awesome job helping me."

Around campus, students are not the only ones impressed by SIs. Many professors also strongly support the program.

Darrell Schmidt, math professor, teaches Calculus I and has a SI following his lecture. He discovered that students who faithfully attend the SI are more likely to perform better on homework and group projects.

"You see the full spectrum of students who make use of it (SI)," Schmidt said. "I'm actually quite proud that OU has invested in SIs."

Although the strongest students do not always attend, "those who do attend religiously tend to do better," he said.

Statistics support Schmidt's observations.

According to the ASC Web site, students who regularly attend SI sessions earn one-half to a full grade higher than students who do not go to SI.

To receive such high results, SI leaders are expected to arrive with thoughtfully planned out agendas. Some of the best activities include group exercises, practice exams, short quizzes, warm-ups, games and activities, DeVerna said.

"Fun should definitely be a factor," DeVerna said. "If students feel its drudgery, they won't be hooked into coming. SI leaders have to have a sense of humor and be engaging to keep the students coming and make the SI not just another lecture."

The most creative activities this semester are chemistry BINGO, math Jeopardy, word searches and group activities, DeVerna said.

DeVerna said that SIs are geared for as much the struggling student as the 4.0 student.

"I think that there are questions being asked in SI that might be something the 4.0 students didn't think of asking," she said. "All the SI leaders are in close contact with the professors and may have information regarding test material."

For more scheduling information, check out the SI Web site at www.3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc.

DEGREES

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and actress. It was earning a degree in history in 1992 from the University of Oklahoma, at age 88, that re-ignited the national media's interest in her colorful life.

Travis' connection to OU runs deep. Along with her husband, she established the Doris and Paul Travis Professor Program, which awards a faculty member from the music, theatre, dance and art or art history department with an annual salary supplement and development fund.

Both Levin and Travis were selected for honorary degrees through a process that occurs twice yearly. Candidates for the honors are nominated by OU faculty and staff, and are then considered by a standing committee of the OU Senate, which consists of six faculty members and the Vice President of Academic Affairs or their designee.

The degrees can be given out at any time, but OU hasn't awarded any outside of a commencement ceremony in several years.

Levin and Travis will be the 59th and 60th individuals to receive honorary degrees from Oakland. The distinguished list of previous recipients include former Governors Blanchard and Engler, R. Sargent Shriver, father of Maria Shriver and brother-in-law of President Kennedy who also served as the first director of the Peace Corps and ran for vice president with George McGovern in 1972, UAW leader Walter P. Reuther and OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson.

Interestingly, Travis was a friend of Wilson and her husband Alfred, visiting them often while in Michigan.

Levin and Travis will receive the honors at different commencement ceremonies scheduled for May 1.

Levin will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree during the School of Engineering and Computer Science ceremony. Travis will be awarded a doctor of humanities degree during the commencement for the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Sciences and General Studies.

PROP A

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in certain areas."

According to Roberts, when Proposal A was passed, the goal of the proposal was twofold; to reduce property taxes and to reduce the disparity between high and low spending districts.

"It was absolutely thought of at the time and I think it's doing absolutely what it's supposed to do," Roberts said.

Roberts said under Proposal A, the higher spending school districts can't be constitutionally cut from what they had in 1994, but they also can't grow more than other school districts.

According to Roberts, major attempts were made in 1972 to fix the problem of spending disparities in schools. Proposal A finally found a way to fix the problem, just in time because things were getting worse.

"The plan was in serious trouble of crashing," Roberts said.

He said the "genius aspect" of Proposal A is that it leverages equity by using time. He said the problem

was not fixed immediately, but 10 years later the gap is closing.

Roberts said regardless of the districts, each child is guaranteed a basic education under proposal A.

Roberts said Proposal A passed because 60 percent of citizens were fed up with the property tax which he said was high. He said if the citizens had voted down Proposal A, there was a backup school finance reform that would have gone into place immediately, which would have raised income tax.

However, Roberts agrees there is one aspect of Proposal A that needs to be revised. He said the school districts in certain communities are able to pass millages for new buildings and remodeling, but there are communities that cannot.

He said if there is going to be an attempt for fair education, why shouldn't there be fair structures for learning.

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new orientation center. Behind the houses is the hill that the barn will be built into leading to the pond and historic park.

"I think it is nice that an institution like that

will be able to grow... I think it is important for the community," said Ben Frank, junior, who lives in West Bloomfield.

The second phase of the project is estimated

to cost \$625,000 and would be split between public and private funds. According to McElhone, construction would not start until next spring or summer.



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- Questions: Call 248-370-3218

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Tickets for the BUSINESS ETIQUETTE DINNER on Thursday, March 25, 2004 from 5-7 PM in the OC Banquet Rooms are SOLD OUT! If you have purchased a ticket for the dinner, please bring your ticket stub to the event and you will receive your \$5 refund. Please remember, professional dress is strongly encouraged. Questions? Contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250.

Attention All OU Students
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The Department of Learning Resources is hiring for its KCP Extended College Day Program at OU during the summer. Extended College Day is a residential summer program for high school students interested in higher education, namely Oakland University. For four weeks during the summer we host high school students and allow them "a taste of college life." The following positions are available: Peer Mentor (7 positions available), and Nightwatch Person (2 positions available, 1 male, 1 female).

Qualifications include a minimum 2.5 GPA and sophomore class standing by the end of spring semester. Applicants must agree to a background check and commit to all 4 weeks of the program, plus training.

Applications and detailed job descriptions are available in 103 North Foundation Hall. Interested persons should speak with Candace Rogers.

Saturday Night Sounds Presents Jason Levasseur
Saturday - March 27, 2004 @ 8 p.m.

Jason's style fuses together numerous styles, creating a 'charismatic propulsive acoustic pop' sound. With his gritty, soulful voice and trusty acoustic guitar, he covers a spectrum of music from sentimental ballads to straight ahead rock strumming to pensive pop. Jason has shared the stage with the likes of the Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer, The Wallflowers, the Barenaked Ladies, Widespread Panic, and Vertical Horizon. Event in Vandenberg Dining Hall and Free admission and refreshments.

Campus Rec Happenings

Employment—Looking for summer and fall employment? Stop by the front desk for an application.

Coming Soon—Spring and Summer IM Sports

Upcoming Intramural Sports—B-Ball Extravaganza II, 4/14, 6 PM (Dunk contest, free throw competition, 3-point shootout and more)
OU vs. OCC (all stars), 4/14, 8 PM
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Scuba—Scuba classes begin again in April (17 and 24). Call 248-370-4534 for further information.

Saturday Night Sounds Presents John Heffron
Saturday - April 2, 2004 @ 8 p.m.

John recently made his late night television network debut on NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Late Late Show, and also shot the pilot show for "Last Comic Standing." Last year he landed the lead role in the VH1 sitcom Smash. John performed at the Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, NBO/Aspen Comedy Festival and on NBC's Late Friday and Comedy Centrals Premium Blend. Event in Vandenberg Dining Hall and Free admission and refreshments.

Perspectives

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Editorial at a glance

The Issue: It has been one year since the start of the war in Iraq.

Editorial stance: It's not over and we have to keep fighting terrorism so one day the world will be safe.

A year ago, network television stations were bombarding us with live coverage of the "shock and awe campaign." Embedded reporters were giving us an up close and personal look at the way the war was playing out.

Today, we still get the daily reports of the fighting in Iraq and the loss of life, but most people have moved on with their daily lives and forgotten that there are still two wars being fought.

The United States has

engaged in two wars, one in Afghanistan, as we try to find Osama Bin Laden and leaders of Al-Qaeda, and the war in Iraq, as we try to overthrow the Iraqi regime. Yet a year after the second war began, we are still a long way from being safe and terror-free.

Just two weeks ago, a train in Madrid, Spain was bombed. It was the second worst terrorism attack in Europe since World War II, only surpassed by the Lockerbie airplane tragedy in

1988. Now France is fretting. It too has a mass transit system that has been threatened. Meanwhile, here at home, we're far from out of danger. We are reminded by our color-coded terror alert system that tragedy could be around the corner.

It's still not safe. But for the safety of future generations, it's important for the U.S. to continue to fight the war on terrorism and evil. That way our children and grandchildren will be able to say our

generation made a difference by helping make the world a safer place. They can visit other countries and the U.S. without feeling like they may be a victim of terrorism.

While the other countries don't see it now, the only way to defeat terrorism is to join together over the grief of those killed in these attacks and fight the war together.

We as citizens cannot just be victims to acts of terrorism. It may take every country in the

world being affected for those who don't support our wars to see it.

We aren't the government and can't make crucial decisions, but we are the citizens and the voters and we can support the troops and understand what's going on. Take an interest in the war like we did a year ago. The troops are still there fighting for those of us here. The least we can do is care about what they are fighting for.

One year later war still wages on

Talk Back

OU responds to The Post and events around campus

DEAR EDITOR,

It was thoughtful of Justin Mularski to mention (Oakland Post, 10 March 2004, p. A3) the prints in the current exhibition in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. The gift to which he referred was not made by me alone.

It was made jointly by my wife, Anna M. Barnes, and myself.

CARL F. BARNES, JR.,
PROFESSOR EMERITUS
ART HISTORY

DEAR EDITOR,

Speaking of violently ill, I was disheartened to read the editorial on March 17, 2004. Every Wednesday for almost the last three years I have faithfully read the Oakland Post. This year's Oakland University Student Congress happenings, and the 2004-2005 elections have demonstrated the bias mentality of some of the Oakland Post staff. In last week's editorial, the editor Rebecca Wyatt, endorsed Edwards-Hagar as The

Oakland Post's choice for President/Vice President. I would have appreciated more information to support that, in hopes that personal feelings did not influence that decision.

Any true leader knows that change can take time, but one must be willing to face the controversy and work hard regardless in order to see positive changes. Parks-McGuinness have demonstrated that they are dedicated to the needs of Oakland students. How did The Post make a decision on their endorsement? Ms. Wyatt needs to start asking questions instead of making assumptions. It is vital that The Post "thrusters [leaders] into plain view for the students to judge." What The Post must recognize is if they are not providing all of the information, isn't The Post judging rather than the students? I encourage students to talk to current legislators and members of the Executive Board who care about the happenings of Oakland to get the facts, because The Post has failed the students as a student run organization.

STEFANIE MARSHALL
JUNIOR, BIOLOGY
OOSC LEGISLATOR

DEAR EDITOR,

There has been recent talk on campus to make an effort to make all of the students organizations equal. The talk is of putting caps on the amount of money any one of the 150 student groups can receive. This is a proposal that is being strongly supported by Mr. Parks, who is running for reelection as OU president.

Equality is a great thing. I believe more should be done at OU to make all 150 organizations equal. I think it's unfair that the Association of Black Students have the biggest and nicest office of all the student orgs at Oakland. A couple Organization have small offices, while the vast majority on campus if there lucky even have little cubby holes that dont even resemble half the size of the cubicles from the movie Office Space.

To make things more equal for all of the 150 groups on campus OU should pass the huge office the ABS has sole possession, as well as the couple other offices other student groups have. Every student organization should have access to the resources at Oakland University, not just a select few groups.

CRAIG NELSON
COMMUNICATIONS

Please see LETTERS on A8.

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



Should immigrants be permitted to be President?

YES

BY KRISTEN HERLIHY
THE OAKLAND POST

It's not about Arnold. It's about policy. A constitutional amendment allowing immigrants who have been citizens for at least 20 years to become president is long overdue.

When the Constitution was written in 1787, our forefathers had reason to exclude unnatural citizens of the United States from becoming president — we were a newly independent country.

Barely on our feet as a nation, we needed to foster an American culture under a leader with an inborn sense of what America was. The founders wanted to make the U.S. presidential office distinctly "American" and different from any institution known at that time.

With a legitimate threat from European monarchical rulers and loyalists who may sabotage democracy, it made sense to reserve the presidency for "natural born citizen," as Article II reads.

Senator Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, has stepped up to the Senate and declared that those times have long expired. In 2004, we should support the "Equal Opportunity to Govern" amendment because it's the American thing to do.

We are a melting pot now more than ever, and it's time we change with the times and let this proposed

amendment become a reality.

Immigrant Americans are hardworking patriots who don't deserve a second-class status amongst their countrymen. These people are our neighbors. They're paying taxes and cleaning streets. They're teaching children and governing cities. They are miles away defending American liberties and freedoms. It's time they receive all the privileges and benefits we enjoy as Americans—including the right to run for our highest office.

Immigrants have long served the nation in other capacities.

Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State under Clinton, became a citizen in 1957. Forty-seven years later, she's still ineligible for the presidency.

America is in the midst of a world that is changing drastically and our government is certainly busy with making necessary adjustments, but this issue deserves their attention. The most powerful nation in the world will always be able to find an excuse to not seriously consider such an amendment. We need to support this initiative, not because it's convenient, but because it's the right thing to do.

NO

BY VIRGINIE PEROV
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

As California elected Austrian born Arnold Schwarzenegger as its governor a few months ago, and as Canadian born Jennifer Granholm continues her fight to bring Michigan to a better place, the question arises: should these individuals be allowed to reach the highest governmental position in the U.S.?

The president of the United States theoretically represents the American people. He is given more than a political role as he is expected to impersonate perfection. Once again, this is all very theoretical. The president is also supposed to represent the best of American values and American heritage.

But how could an immigrant embody the U.S. nation's heritage? Heritage is passed from generation to generation and nothing but time can build it. It is therefore impossible for a first generation immigrant to symbolize the American heritage.

Another problem with this concept is that first generation immigrants, who come to the U.S. under

auspicious circumstances, tend to keep a certain loyalty to their country of origin. This being said, let's keep in mind that the president has the constitutional responsibilities for the conduct of U.S. foreign relations. Wouldn't there be a tremendous conflict of interest for an immigrant to assume this duty?

Before worrying about allowing immigrants to become president, I think different amendments should be added to the Constitution. The fact that the President is sworn in, using the King James Bible, is the first obstacle to creating "a single nation of justice and opportunity," as President Bush said in his inauguration speech.

Americans constitute a real patchwork of diverse religions, sub-cultures and alternative ways of life. When the president of the United States strives to dictate the standards of the American family, excluding, for instance, homosexuals or people with same sex partners from the picture, it would seem absurd and ridiculous for his administration to play the fake card of open-mindedness by trying to broaden the constitutional requirements to become President.

Finally, as long as the concept of individual nations exists, I think that American presidents should continue being natural-born citizens.

Listen to your heart and vote



KANIQUA S. DANIEL
Campus News Editor

This is my senior year, my last semester, and I come to you as a student who has never voted on any issue pertaining to OU's student body.

Don't be so quick to judge my actions. I'm not alone in the non-voting pool.

Why is it that such a pitiful amount of students choose to vote year after year?

Is it the belief that nothing ever gets done anyhow, so why even care? Or is it the fact that we're so busy pointing fingers and criticizing student leaders who are trying to get involved, that we forget to get involved ourselves.

Why won't students step up to the plate and fill all those Congressional seats?

Oh, I forgot, Parks is a horrible leader who doesn't get anything done. Yes, many students say Parks has done nothing, but I wonder if these very students have checked the records to see what he actually has accomplished?

"And Edwards will only support the hockey team and Sigma Pi," they say.

Are these the only organizations Edwards seem to take interest in?

Has he proved to the OU community that he will be diverse in his leadership role, or that he has the experience and skill to be the next Student Body President?

Do he and running mate Hagar really have what it takes? Do Parks and McGuinness?

These are all questions stu-

dents need to ask before they point to the better man for the job.

And how ridiculous is it that when a group of students do attempt to get involved, they are suspects of racism or intimidation?

So what if ABS comes to a debate and shows support for a candidate. Isn't that what all voters do one way or the other, support one candidate?

The simple-minded individuals who deem this to be absurd must have never witnessed a professional debate before.

Political organizations and candidates support one another in every election. Did someone forget, this is supposedly the land of the free, you can support whomever you wish.

Instances such as this are only an attempt to sway uneducated voters. So, maybe it's time to educate ourselves on what our future leaders are all about.

On page B-4, each candidate gives their stance on being the next Student Congress President/Vice President.

What do they stand for? Find out the truth; don't be persuaded by anyone or anything.

So much controversy has risen over this one "little" debate, I've come to the conclusion that it must not be so little.

This is serious, to some more than others. So let's try something different this time. Stop making assumptions, stop pointing the finger and stop demonizing those who disagree with you.

Everyone has a different opinion on who's qualified to lead our student body. Make your opinion known, and vote.

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LETTERS

Continued from A7

The letters section has been expanded for this week only to accommodate responses to the OU Student Congress elections.

DEAR EDITOR

In just a short period of time Miguel Elliot changed my life. His involvement in Glorify God Campus Ministry affected every member. He recently transferred to Oakland from Alabama State in January and I remember the first time I met him. It was the first Glorify God Campus Ministry meeting after break and I remember him being so cool. He was always smiling and I was just happy to be around him even though we hadn't shared a conversation. At the end of the night Miguel walked me to my dorm and for some reason I felt special. He was a gentleman, always opening doors for me.

All he ever talked about was God. He loved Jesus Christ and wasn't ashamed to tell you. It was important to him to be a role model for Christian rappers. I remember him saying, "Man I gotta be like Jay-Z. I gotta be the example". I only knew him for a few months before he passed and in that time I have many great memories of him. The best thing about Miguel was his dedication to bringing God's message to the world. As you read this don't feel sad. Be inspired to accept Jesus as your personal savior. Come out to Glorify God Campus Ministry on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. You never know who you'll run into. It only takes an instant for your whole life to change.

ALEXIS HOSEY
ENGLISH

DEAR EDITOR

Our media society has become too straight-laced without taking time to see the lighter side of news. Not every story needs to be about what shenanigans OUSC is attempting to pull off or how much tuition is going to cost next semester.

Even though these stories are important, it is nice to see the lighter side of news like how an OUSC member punches a wall during a meeting or how a student was arrested for a minor in possession of alcohol charge after passing out in his dorm hallway.

These stories are funny, but are too few and far between. What I really enjoy reading is the Global Goof column in the Local News section. The little brief in the bottom left corner of A5 was created two years ago to expose funny events that happen all the time, but might have been forgotten about or pushed to the side.

It is great to see a funny (and usually strange) story week after week hitting the press without getting edited or looked down upon. The majority of the content usually exposes a hilarious sex-related topic.

Having a whole town in New Jersey shut down because horny salamanders clog the streets? (March 10 Global Goof) This is the type of story college students, and many other people around the world, like to read about as a break from the high stress of the real world.

I often visit the The Oakland Post Web site not to just see what is going on with my former university, but to also enjoy our first amendment right about free speech and reporting on any event.

The Oakland Post editors and staff should be recognized and commended for going against the grain and publishing information many media companies wouldn't dare touch because of what people may think.

Hopefully OU faculty and students appreciate what The Oakland Post is doing for its community. My hat is off to Local News Editor Elizabeth Gorecki for continuing to give the OU community a chuckle every Wednesday morning.

ADAM L. NEAL
OU ALUM

DEAR EDITOR

I am writing this as an active student and paying customer of Oakland University. The events of this past academic year revolving around Student Congress, coupled with the continuously biased and under-researched empty rhetoric of the Oakland Post, have shown me not only the true colors of this "independent, student-run" newspaper, but those of many students and faculty throughout this campus.

I am quite aware of the fact that newspa-

pers endorse candidates all of the time. But publications such as this one also have a responsibility to their surrounding student community. That responsibility seriously comes into question when an editor endorses a candidate who knows next to nothing about certain campus organizations and expects to be the voice of the students.

I am also infuriated at the fact that this same editor and newspaper do not consider the under-representation of minority in the faculty "a real issue". As both a student of Marketing in the School of Business and a black man, I see the improvement of the overall situation of African Americans and other "minorities" on this campus as more than a real issue, but an unavoidable truth.

As for the issue of removing or not removing caps, it is undeniable that certain student organizations receive favor over others for the wrong reasons; I know this because I have held executive positions in several student organizations. Someone please tell me this: If inequalities exist when it comes to student organization funding with caps already in place, is it not common sense to think that without these caps, certain organizations will be able to get even more money, while others will have to work twice as hard just to get less than half as much?

In closing, I am not opposed to any person, publication or candidate doing their job or expressing what they feel is important. But when such an agenda includes undermining me, my community and those that I support, I cannot and will not stay silent. As long as such "journalistic" and "political" actions on the part of the Oakland Post continue, do not expect that this will be the last time a letter like this is written.

RONALD ANTHONY GRANT, SENIOR
MARKETING
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Editor's Note:
The Post's stories about minority faculty ran in the Jan. 14 and Mar. 3 issues.

DEAR EDITOR

Here we go again! Last week's paper angered, disgusted and made me wonder about the state of this campus. First off, as an executive board member of ABS, I admit I am Flattered that everyone thinks of ABS as a trouble making organization. Every African-American student that attends this University is not apart of our organization, so stop labeling every African-American as a member. ABS is not on this campus for intimidation purposes and anyone who feels that we are obviously needs to confront their own insecurities.

Secondly, I find the Post to be blatantly disrespectful to not only ABS but to Mr. Parks as well. Laura Angus's article on the Presidential debate, not only showed the Post's bias support of Candidate Edwards, but also tried to make the debate seem equal, when President Parks was clearly the victor. Edwards is no competition to Mr. Parks and is the reason why Mr. Parks won the debate. Edwards was inconsistent in his answers and failed to fully answer the questions he was asked. It is clear that Edwards does not have what it takes to be President of the student body at Oakland University. Also, can someone please explain to me, how is it that a letter to the editor was not only turned in well after the deadline (which is Sunday), but was also, the first letter featured in the editorial section. How did this happen? By seeing this it is no surprise to me that the Post endorses Matt Edwards and Mario Hagar (who is a member of ABS), because the Post breaks their own rules and Matt Edwards breaks Congress rules.

Additionally, To Grant Allen who surprisingly is a member of Sigma Pi, had so much to say about an organization he knows little about. I found your so called "apology letter" to be insincere, pitiful, disrespectful and poorly written. It's funny that you found questions from concerned students to be violently ill, well I found Edwards' responses to those questions to be violently ill!

Last but certainly not least; I am fed up with people (i.e. certain members of Sigma Pi and the Post) "winning" about African-American's attendance and participation at

OUSC meetings, Presidential debates and other campus events. The decisions made on this campus effects everyone.

JAMAR LOCKHART
SENIOR
COMMUNICATION

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing in response to last week's comments in the editorial. A student, with misguided information, said that the debate held last Monday had attendance from a majority of the members of ABS. Now, I don't know how he came to that conclusion seeing as how nobody was branded with name tags and organization affiliation. I would say he was misguided, because he assumed that all African American students are members of ABS and also to say that they were there to support Mr. Parks is an assumption. I was in attendance of the debate and heard the questions that were being asked. The reason for the flood of questions toward the other candidate was because Mr. Edwards is the new candidate and why not learn about what the new person has in store?? Mr. Parks has been student body president for one year now....we know what he is about.

As an African American student and a proud member of the Association of Black Student (ABS) I am hurt and disappointed by the comments made last week in the editorial by a misguided, misinformed, and ignorant member of the Oakland community. I also wanted to point out the fact that if the student was in attendance to the debate on Monday and all letters should be submitted on Sunday before publication...how did they forecast what was going to happen or be said? I guess it must be nice to have Psychic abilities!!!!

SHERRI WILLIAMS
JUNIOR
PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Editor's Note:
The Post encourages a Sunday deadline for the Talk Back section but accepts letters after the deadline if space is available. Two letters in last week's issue were received after the deadline.

DEAR EDITOR,

In last week's edition of the Oakland Post there were a couple of comments made pertaining to the Presidential debates and ABS (Association of Black Students) that I would like to address.

First of all, it was said that Mr. Parks (Current Student Body President) had his organization attend the meeting and attack Mr. Edwards. There are a couple of facts that need to be stated. One, Mr. Parks is President of Student Congress, not ABS. As a matter of fact, Mr. Parks does not even sit on the executive board of ABS. In other words, ABS is not his own personal organization. Another point I would like to make clear is that the debate itself was open for any and everybody to attend. Students who were a part of ABS were not the only people who were present.

There were students of various ethnic backgrounds as well as faculty who attended the debates. As far as the question and answer period that was labeled as being "disgusting" because people were attacking Mr. Edwards, I also have some things to say. There were white students who asked questions directed at Mr. Edwards also, but only the black students with questions were reported. Also, in my personal opinion, what was disgusting was when a student had a question for Mr. Edwards about a particular student organization and Mr. Edwards responded by saying that he didn't know anything about them so he couldn't reply. It is true that Mr. Edwards was asked if he was a racist, what is not true is that he was asked that question because of the color of his skin. He was asked that question because it was reported that he destroyed property of a black sorority. That is not an accusation, but it was reported, and was asked of Mr. Edwards for clarification purposes.

There is another area I would like to draw attention to. The Oakland Post states that

articles that would like to be submitted for the Talk Back section are due on Sunday, the Sunday of the week the paper is coming out. The Presidential debate took place on a Monday, an entire day after the deadline. So how did the article that I am responding to get through after the deadline?

As for the horribly constructed apology that was issued by the student who wrote in about ABS, your apology was neither requested, or respected.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS

DEAR EDITOR,

Did I read an item right in the March 18 issue where it was reported that OUSC had to take a vote in favor of behaving in a professional manner during meetings? This is just one more example of members of the OUSC putting themselves on too high of a pedestal and being too involved in their own personal, petty bickering to pay any attention to the issues that really matter to the student body.

In what can not be a coincidence, current President Jonathan Parks also apologized for his behavior from a few meetings prior where he abruptly left the meeting, punching a door on his way out. Behavior that, in my own opinion, would be 'unprofessional.'

So now we have the student congress, which we pay for in our tuition taking votes to see if the president needs to act in a professional manner. To me, the actions of Mr. Parks all school year, and especially this past month makes my mind clearly up, and I hope it does the same for the rest of the student body. It's time for a change, I'm voting for Matt Edwards for the next OUSC president. The doors of the Oakland Center hope that you do too.

RANDY S. DUDEK
JUNIOR
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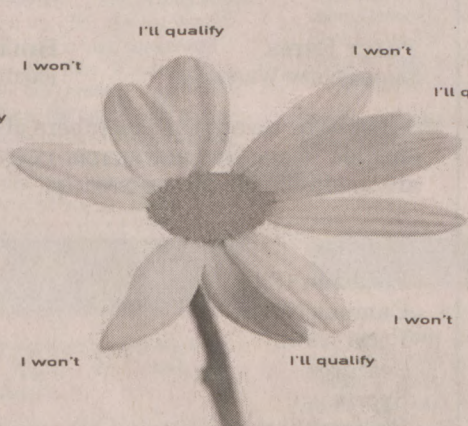
TO THE OU COMMUNITY,

In last week's edition of "The Oakland Post," education major Grant H. Allen stated that he became "violently ill" at the Student Congress Debates because "a large number of the Association of Black Students (ABS) were in attendance of this function." False, every African-American student is not associated with ABS. ABS has over 200 members; mathematically speaking 10 members of our organization is not a large representation. Throughout Grant's letter I kept reading false information, Matt Edwards was never accused of being a "racist because of the color of his skin." I will admit there were questions in the debate about rumors of someone ripping down and writing ethnic slurs on Black student organizations' advertisements. Questioning these actions is not playing "the race card". Also there weren't "negative questions" towards Matt Edwards but questions of concerns by Blacks and other students.

So why wouldn't Grant come to me, the President of ABS to ask questions? According to that it seems as though someone has some type of prejudice towards African-Americans on this campus and it needs to be addressed. Eventually I saw Grant in the Oakland Center and after speaking with him I left feeling disturbed about his views dealing with certain groups on campus. I encourage students to enquire about Grant's (the education major) views themselves.

I would like Grant and others who feel the same as he does to know that The Association of Black Students has contributed greatly to Oakland University. We are Keeper of the Dream, Wade Mcree, Compact, and Human Relations scholarship winners. We are Mentors, tutors, and Americorps volunteers. We are presidents of organizations, Board of Trustees Liaisons, and we are guests of President George Bush at The State of the Union Address. What more can I say?

STEFEN J. WELCH
ABS PRESIDENT



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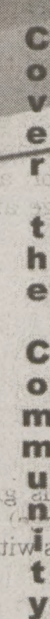
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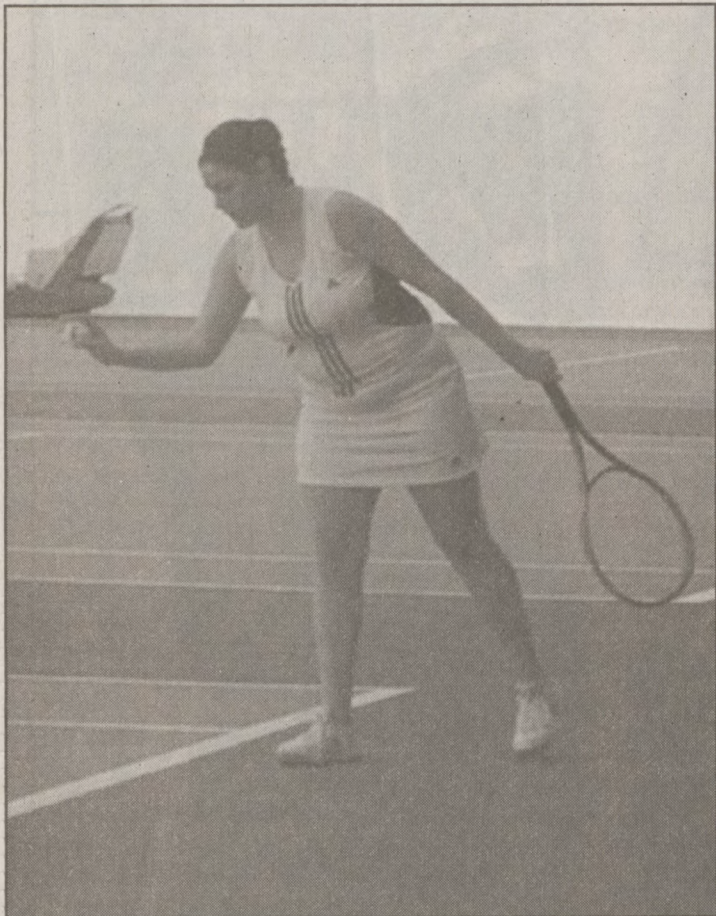
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Freshman Lauren Sanchez-Murphy gets ready to serve.

Indoor defeat

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's tennis team came close, but couldn't overcome the University of Detroit (UD-M) Tuesday, losing 5-2.

To open the match, the Golden Grizzlies dropped the doubles point, losing the one and two doubles matches.

In college tennis, the doubles point is earned by the team that wins two of the three doubles matches.

The duo of freshman Lauren Sanchez-Murphy and sophomore Emily Kahanak won their third doubles match.

Sanchez-Murphy and Kahanak lead the entire match, but had to withstand a late rally to seal the win.

"We really wanted to pull it out," Sanchez-Murphy said. "We got our butts in

gear and finished it off."

It was an impressive win for the duo, considering it was their first match together.

"We are both very strong at the net, and we were both doubles players in high school, which is an advantage," Kahanak said. "Most girls in college tennis played singles throughout their entire high school careers."

Sanchez-Murphy said playing UD-M is always an important match for OU.

"They are a pretty big school for tennis and they've beat us the last two times we've played them," she said. "So we wanted to get them back."

In singles play, senior Brittany Maxey was victorious in the one singles slot, picking up one of the Grizzlies' two points.

Maxey won the match 6-2, 6-1, in her second singles

win of the season.

Freshman Stephanie Potiris won the fifth singles match, 6-2, 6-2.

The contest against UD-M marked the official beginning of the spring tennis season for OU.

The Grizzlies are 3-5 overall, with one meet remaining before Mid-Con action begins in April.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, OU will play its final home match of the season.

Cleveland State University will come to town to take on the Grizzlies at Lifetime Fitness in Rochester Hills.

April 9-11, OU will play five matches in three days in a Mid-Con cluster, hosted by Chicago State University.

The Grizzlies will wrap up the regular season the following weekend at a conference cluster hosted by Southern Utah University.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

Out of sight, but not out of mind

Tuesday afternoon, I witnessed a display of true competition.

One of OU's teams gave its University of Detroit-Mercy foes a run for its money.

The Golden Grizzlies came up short, but it was still fun to watch.

Confused? Want to know what I'm talking about?

"Basketball season is over, right?" you say.

It is indeed.

"Was there a baseball or softball game yesterday?" you ask yourself.

Nope, sorry.

"Am I crazy?," you finally conclude.

Yes, but that doesn't matter right now.

I was at an OU women's tennis meet.

Surprised, aren't you.

The reason many of you may not know what I was talking about is that it is a few miles away — at Lifetime Fitness in Rochester Hills.

A great facility, yes.

Part of OU's campus, no.

With the exception of the cross country squad, no other OU team has to travel off campus to compete with home field advantage on its side.

And no other team has to practice off campus.

That's the battle of the women's tennis squad.

Those student-athletes practice as early as 6 a.m. some days, and can't practice everyday.

Not only have they showed passion on the court, competing hard for themselves and for the university, but they show passion off the court, too.

A couple weeks ago, senior Brittany Maxey wrote this publication with valid concerns and constructive criticism.

First of all, thank you to her for having the heart to support her team in such a way.

But shame on us for not doing the same thing a long time ago.

As a student body, we should be appalled by the lack of facilities for tennis on campus.

In this area of Michigan, tennis is a highly competitive sport with much active participation by students.

At the high school level, anyway.

Why shouldn't that transfer to this campus?

I am not saying that every student who played tennis in high school should try out for the team.

But I do think that there are a few of us, and that includes me, who would like to have the capability to play every once in awhile.

I don't think it's necessary to add a multi-million dollar tennis complex to the university. Although that would be sweet, wouldn't it?

It would be appropriate, however, to add maybe just a few courts. Hey, it's a start.

The only way any changes are going to happen are if we as a student body make it an issue.

The athletes can't do it themselves. At least pretend you care.

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All-American honor

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

In the past, there was only one female swimmer at OU to achieve All-American honors.

Senior Tanya Korniyenko changed all of that this weekend.

Korniyenko placed 15th in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 1:00.12 and received All-American Honorable Mention.

Korniyenko and senior Oksana Strelets returned Sunday after having an eventful weekend at College Station, Texas where they competed in the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championship.

"March is a fun time of year with both the men's and women's NCAA Championships," said OU head coach Pete Hovland.

"The girls swam well and it was a great reward to end their great careers."

Korniyenko, along with swimming the 100-meter butterfly, also swam the 200-meter butterfly receiving 23rd place, which was just out of reach to be in the finals.

Strelets swam the 100-meter freestyle and finished 55 out of a pool of 77 swimmers.

"This was a very exciting meet and with it being one of the fastest swim meets in the world made it that much more exciting," said Korniyenko.

"It was always a dream of mine to participate in the NCAAs, so being able to compete in them was a good way to end the season" she said.

Hovland said the meet was even more competitive than usual this year.

"This meet was very exciting especially with it being an Olympic year," said Hovland.

"Most of the best swimmers in the country swim at the NCAAs with about 25 being the fastest in the world."

With this being an Olympic year, it not only affects the competition, but also the style of the races.

Instead of being swam in meters, the NCAAs will be swam in yards.

Both Strelets and Korniyenko have also earned another great honor; receiving All-Academic Honors for having GPAs above 3.5.

Hovland said that not only shows dedication in the water, but also in the classroom.

"This meet was a good way for them to show off their hard work and end their swimming careers on a good note," said Hovland.

Auburn University won the championship and set a new record for the amount of points earned.

The University of Georgia finished second and the University of Arizona received third.

"The competition was very tight especially when swimming against some of the best swimmers in the world," said Hovland.

Three world records were broken during the championship, as well as 11 American records and 17 NCAA records.

Now that the NCAAs are over, the swimming careers of these great athletes are over, as well.

Both have been trend setters at OU, and have been leaders in the transition from Division II to Division I by qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

The men's NCAAs are Thursday-Saturday in Long Island, N.Y. in the Nassau County Swim Complex.

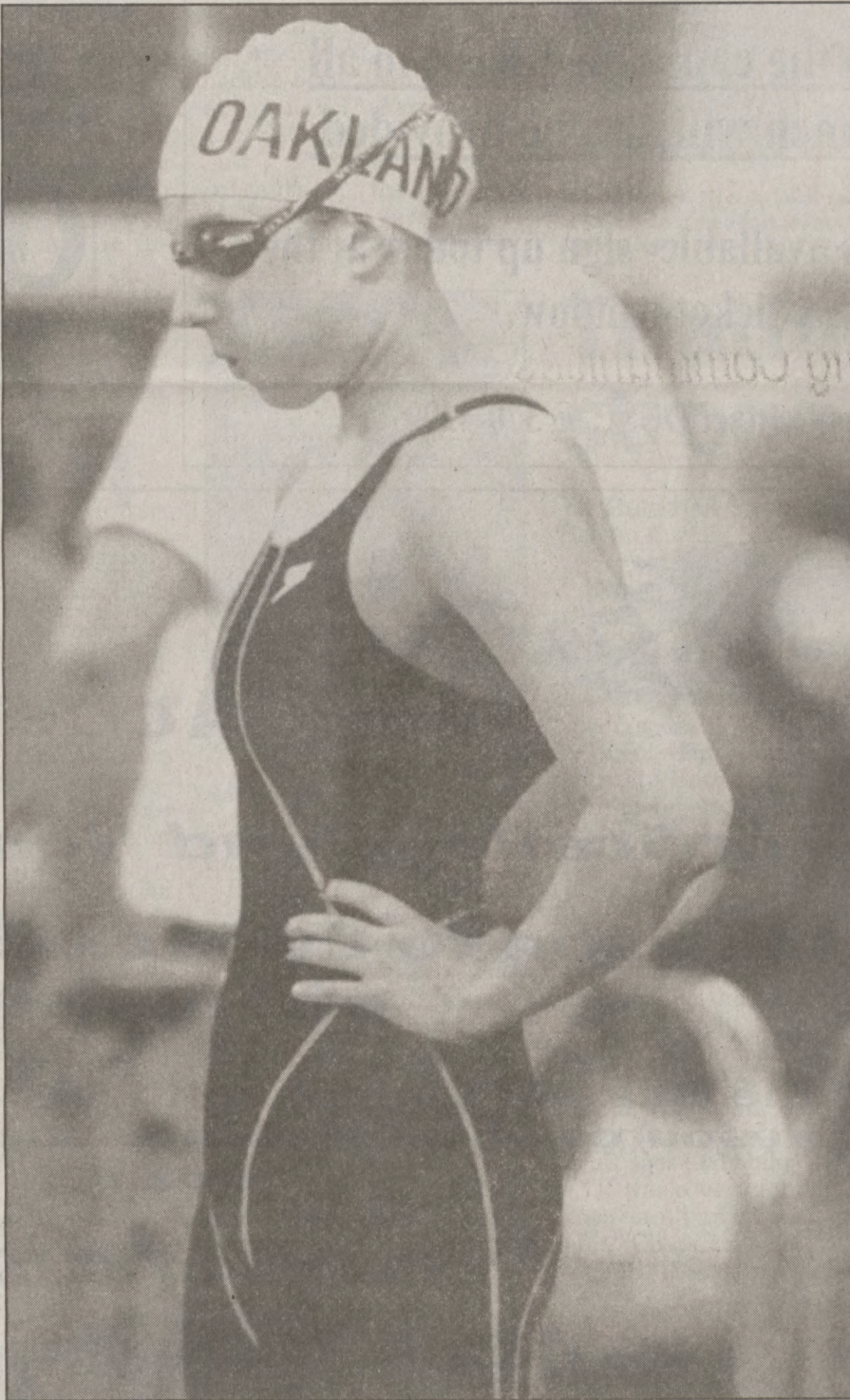
Freshman Hunor Ma'te will be swimming on Friday while junior Chris Sullivan is swimming in at least one event each day.

Ma'te will be swimming in the 100-meter breaststroke and missed the qualifying time for the 200-meter breaststroke by one tenth of a second.

Sullivan will be returning to the NCAAs for the third year in a row.

He will be swimming the 100-meter freestyle, the 50-meter free and the 100-meter butterfly.

Each of his times are in the top 25 in the country and his 50-yard freestyle time is the 20th fastest in the nation.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Senior swimmer Tanya Korniyenko prepares for an event in a meet earlier this season. Korniyenko became just the second female OU senior to earn All-American honors after competing in the NCAA Championships.

Baseball extends win streak to four

By DAVE PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

As the weather improves, slightly, so has the OU baseball team's performance and record.

After starting the season with eight consecutive losses, the Golden Grizzlies have won their last five contests.

"We played really well even the four games before we started winning," OU head coach Mark Avery said. "We started playing well in Eastern Kentucky (March 5-7). I think our pitching has been the total difference. We have put ourselves in a position to win the last six games."

OU won both games of a doubleheader against Ohio

University on Sunday to sweep the three-game series after defeating the Bobcats on Friday.

Ohio struck first in game one of Sunday's doubleheader, scoring two runs in the first.

The Grizzlies came back to score five runs in the next three innings to take a 5-2 lead.

Ohio could not overcome OU's lead, losing 6-4.

Senior pitcher Dominic Carosino pitched six innings, allowing two runs and striking out six to get his first win of the season. Junior pitcher Kyle Boehm earned his second save of the season.

Senior shortstop Ryan Freiburger went 3-4 with two runs and senior desig-

nated hitter Michael Trosen went 2-4 with an RBI and a run.

In game two, neither team scored until Trosen hit a three-run home run in the fourth.

OU added four more runs off four hits in the fifth, including a two-run double by Trosen.

Ohio scored its only run in the bottom of the fifth.

Grizzly junior catcher John Sullivan homered in the top of the seventh and OU went on to win 8-1.

Sophomore pitcher Billy Schneider allowed one run in five innings, striking out four to get the win.

Trosen went 2-4 with 5 RBIs. Junior first baseman Ty Herriott went 2-4 with an RBI and two runs.

In the first game of the series on Friday, OU's pitching staff did not give up a run, giving the Grizzlies a 2-0 victory. Herriott hit a solo home run in the second, and Sullivan tripled in the eighth then scored on a wild pitch to give OU its runs.

Senior pitcher Steve Kniebbe earned his first win of the season. Kniebbe pitched four scoreless innings, allowing only one hit, with six strikeouts.

Boehm pitched three scoreless innings to get his first save of the season.

Avery was impressed, but also expectant, by the success of the pitching this weekend.

"We knew our strength was going to be our pitching staff," Avery said. "They're

just going out there and doing what they can. Overall, our pitching is going to be our strength and they're getting it done."

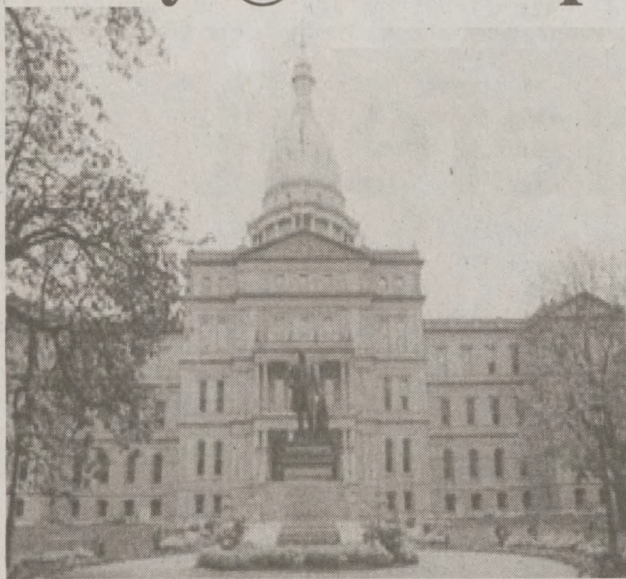
OU will look to extend its winning streak at 11 a.m. Friday against the University of Detroit-Mercy (UD-M) in the opening game of the Michigan Invitational Tournament, hosted by the University of Michigan (U-M).

OU will then face the host U-M at 3 p.m. later that day.

The Grizzlies will have rematches with both teams, facing U-M at 3 p.m. Saturday and UD-M at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The week will wrap up with a 2 p.m. Tuesday road contest against the University of Toledo.

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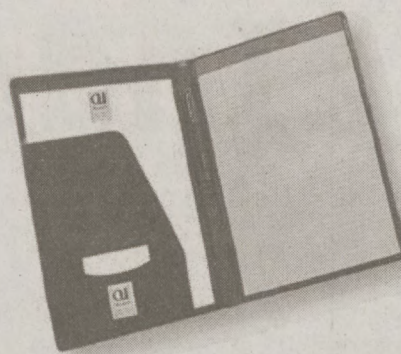
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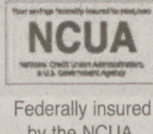
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@ Lifetime Fitness)
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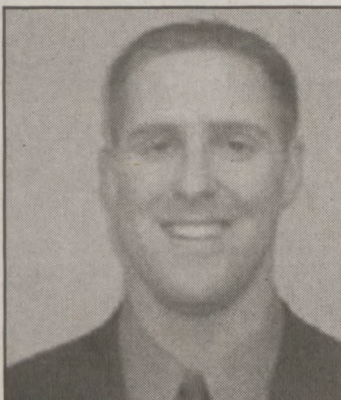
Mon-Tue March 22-23
Butler Invitational
Fri-Sat March 26-27
Eastern Kentucky
Invitational

Rugby Club

Sat March 27, TBA
vs. Grand Rapids
@ Clarkston)



Sports Spotlight



Michael Trosen Senior, First Base/DH

After hitting .500 for the week with one home run, one double, two runs scored and six RBIs, Trosen was named Mid-Con Player of the Week. Trosen's performance helped push the OU baseball team's win streak to four games.

BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Extreme weekend

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

It was feast or famine for the OU women's softball at the Ohio State Buckeye Invitational this weekend.

The Golden Grizzlies opened the three-day trip with a 2-0 victory over Loyola University-Chicago Friday, but split their doubleheader Saturday, losing 10-0 to Michigan State University and defeating Northern Illinois University, 2-0.

OU's game against host Ohio State was canceled due to the cold and windy conditions.

Sophomore pitcher Nicole Marzano picked up both the Grizzlies' shutout victories, raising her record to 7-4 overall.

"She's become more of a pitcher," OU head coach Mike Tomlinson said. "She's begun to utilize other pitches to keep things off balance. She's developing into that."

Against Loyola-Chicago, OU was held hitless for the entire game, except for the sixth inning. In that inning, the Grizzlies had four hits and scored the only two runs of the game.

Freshman first baseman Maria Benza broke OU's hitless drought with a double in the sixth inning.

Another single by freshman third baseman Dana Blugerman looked to be the start of a rally, but Benza was picked off at third, seemingly ending the Grizzlies' outburst.

But junior outfielder Toni

Salo kept the rally alive with a single, putting runners on first and second.

Sophomore shortstop Camie Knorr put OU ahead for good with a double that cleared the bases, giving her team the 2-0 lead.

Marzano pitched all seven innings for the Grizzlies, giving up four hits, striking out two batters and walking one.

Ramblers' sophomore pitcher Lindsey LaChiana held OU's offense in check for most of the game, recording 14 strikeouts along the way.

Saturday morning, senior Michigan State pitcher Jessica Beech had complete control of the game, pitching a perfect five-inning game en route to a 10-0 Spartan win.

"That was just one, when you play a good team like that, they're going to hit the ball and put the ball in play. We just didn't do our jobs," Tomlinson said. "You just try to keep your heads above water, but as soon as you start sinking, you're done. Michigan State had all sides covered."

Beech recorded nine strikeouts while holding the Grizzlies hitless and walking no batters, for a flawless victory.

Michigan State used five-run outbursts in the third and fifth innings to claim the 10-run win.

OU rediscovered its winning ways later that afternoon in a 2-0 win over Northern Illinois, with Marzano making an impact on the mound and at the

plate.

With the game scoreless in the fourth inning, Marzano helped her own cause, hitting a solo home run to give the Grizzlies a one-run lead.

Marzano kept Northern Illinois off the board while OU clung its slim advantage, until the top of the seventh inning when Marzano scored on a single by Blugerman to seal the win.

In the win, Marzano allowed three hits, struck out three and walked five. She also had her 10th wild pitch of the season and hit a batter in her third pitching appearance of the weekend. "Marzano did a great job throwing (against Northern Illinois)," Tomlinson said. "She had nine 1-3s, which are nine balls back to her. Her speed was a big factor there."

For the first time this season, OU will experience home field advantage. At 3 p.m., the Grizzlies will square off against Eastern Michigan University in a doubleheader on the Lower Fields.

OU will have another first this weekend when it opens up Mid-Con play. The Grizzlies will travel to Shreveport, La. to take on the Ladies of Centenary College, a new member to the conference, for the first time.

The Grizzlies will square off against the Ladies in back-to-back doubleheaders at 5 p.m. (EST) Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday.

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, intrastate foe Western Michigan University will host OU in a pair of games.



Bob Knoska/File Photo
Sophomore Nicole Marzano goes through her wind up in a game last season. Marzano recorded both the OU softball team's wins this weekend.

Golfers tee it off again

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

A winter off hasn't slowed down senior Mara Mazzoni.

Mazzoni led the field by six strokes after the first day of competition at the Butler Invitational, firing an opening round 81.

The top finish helped give the OU women's golf squad the team lead after Monday's round, with a score of 344, in the team's first spring event.

Host school Butler University trailed by Mazzoni's led, six strokes.

Three other women placed in the top 10 for OU.

Freshman Christina Cibrario was tied for fourth after the first round with a score of 87.

Just one stroke back, and tied for seventh place were

sophomore Patricia Ellsworth and junior Leigh Gulbransen.

Freshman Stacey Goins was not far out of the top 10, placing in 13th with an opening round score of 93.

Mid-Con foe Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) placed fourth out of four teams after the first day.

In the men's competition at the Butler Invitational, OU placed third after the first round, trailing leader IUPUI by 12 strokes with a score of 326.

Junior Brian Stuard led the Grizzlies after placing third overall with a round of 77.

Senior Ryan Yelen was also in the top 10 after day one, shooting an 80 to finish in a tie for eighth.

Sophomore Jonathon Pauli was just one stroke



Photo courtesy OU Athletics
Senior Mara Mazzoni

back of Yelen, putting him in a tie for 13th place.

Results from Tuesday's final round were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

This weekend, both squads will be in competition in Kentucky, but in different regions.

The women's team will take part in the Northern Kentucky Invitational on Saturday and Sunday.

Friday and Saturday, the men will compete in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational.

Triathlon has strong showing

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Now, the OU Triathlon Club is running downhill.

At its first-ever indoor triathlon, the Triathlon Club had an overwhelmingly positive response.

Twenty-four competitors, both students and community members, competed in the event.

The participants were placed in four groups by gender and affiliation.

Male and female students competed in two of the races, while the community members split into male and female competitions.

The club's Vice President, Sarah Chapman, said the event featured participants of all ages and ability levels. "It was a very fun experience for all who were a part of it," Chapman said.

Club Secretary Kevin

Boose said the event had many helpers, including 14 volunteer staff.

Boose said the club also received fruit and gift cards from Kroger, and Moosejaw gave the club some shirts and a sweatshirt to auction off at the triathlon.

The club also handed out water bottles.

Both Boose and Chapman said due to this year's success, they would like to hold more indoor triathlons in the future.

"I would definitely like to see this happen again," Boose said. "And I am sure we could make it better."

Chapman said the club's officers weren't the only ones interested in another triathlon.

"People were asking when the next indoor triathlon will be," she said. "We are thinking we might want to have another one in the fall."

Just take your bracket and toss it in the trash

BY BLAIR KERKHOFF
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

You had Vanderbilt and Alabama as the last Southeastern Conference teams standing, right?

This doesn't usually happen, but we know less about the NCAA Tournament than before the thing started.

Upsets happen. Last-second hits and misses are part of the event's charm. But when they happen in bunches like in the tournament's second round the bracket is thrown into chaos.

Stanford? Gone.

Kentucky? Stunningly gone.

Mississippi State and Gonzaga? No bite in these Bulldogs.

Down came the giants on Saturday and Sunday. It was easier to see some coming than others. Stanford's been underachieving as a favorite for years. Gonzaga couldn't handle its role as the hunted.

And as good a coach as Tubby Smith seems to be, it's now five years since Kentucky's last Final Four appearance. The last two years, the Wildcats were bounced as a No. 1 seed.

The last time a tournament

unfolded like this, really the only time it's happened in the seeding era, was in 2000. That's when a pair of No. 8 seeds reached the Final Four. Only two No. 1s and one No. 2 got to the Sweet 16. This year beats that total by one. There have been six ones and twos through in each of the previous three years.

The problem with 2000 was the Final Four was horrible. Michigan State beat Wisconsin in a scrum that looked like one of those games on black-and-white film. Florida played for the championship, and the Gators never had a chance.

We'll know more about this Final Four in a week. For now, this thing is so bizarre Georgia Tech is now a regional favorite based on seed, and the Yellow Jackets had to sweat out Northern Iowa in the opening round.

Wouldn't you know that the only regional in which form held was in the East, where St. Joseph's, Oklahoma State, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest pushed through, just as the selection committee envisioned.

This was the bracket where the overrated Hawks were expected to fall in the second round, Oklahoma State got miscast as a No. 2, and Pittsburgh was under seeded as No. 3. But the East Rutherford bunch all

got it right.

Suddenly, the Meadowlands owns the power bracket.

Phoenix is so odd there's no team within 1,000 miles of the America West Center. The NCAA is at the mercy of Connecticut and Syracuse snowbirds to sell tickets there. You've got to love the idea of those teams meeting for the regional title, two time zones away from home.

Then there's Atlanta, where only the odd-number seeds survived. But this could be as entertaining as any of them with favorites Duke and Texas, meeting Illinois and Xavier, which played as well as any teams this weekend.

St. Louis lost about 20,000 tickets when Gerald Fitch's potential game-winning shot rimmed off, giving Alabama-Birmingham its victory over Kentucky. Not since the Blazers toppled Ralph Sampson and Virginia in 1982 has the program, the state, had a bigger basketball moment.

Kansas-UAB, Georgia Tech-Nevada. A hearty salute to whoever predicted these matchups.

Duke and Connecticut stand as the favorites but they can't meet for the national title because the Atlanta and Phoenix bracket win-

ners meet in the semifinals. But can any team feel confident?

The list of impressive winners this weekend starts with Duke, but just as strong were teams like Illinois, Xavier and Nevada. Alabama-Birmingham, with its high volume offense can't be dismissed, and the Blazers get another shot at a blue blood this week against the Jayhawks.

The tournament lost plenty of star power over the weekend. Kentucky is always a huge draw. Stanford was the best of the West, and Gonzaga had become America's underdog.

But now a new crop emerges, and with it an opportunity for other teams to develop a luster. Xavier, Nevada and UAB become the long-shot darlings. Kansas and Syracuse join Duke and UConn as the establishment.

And another crazy weekend awaits.

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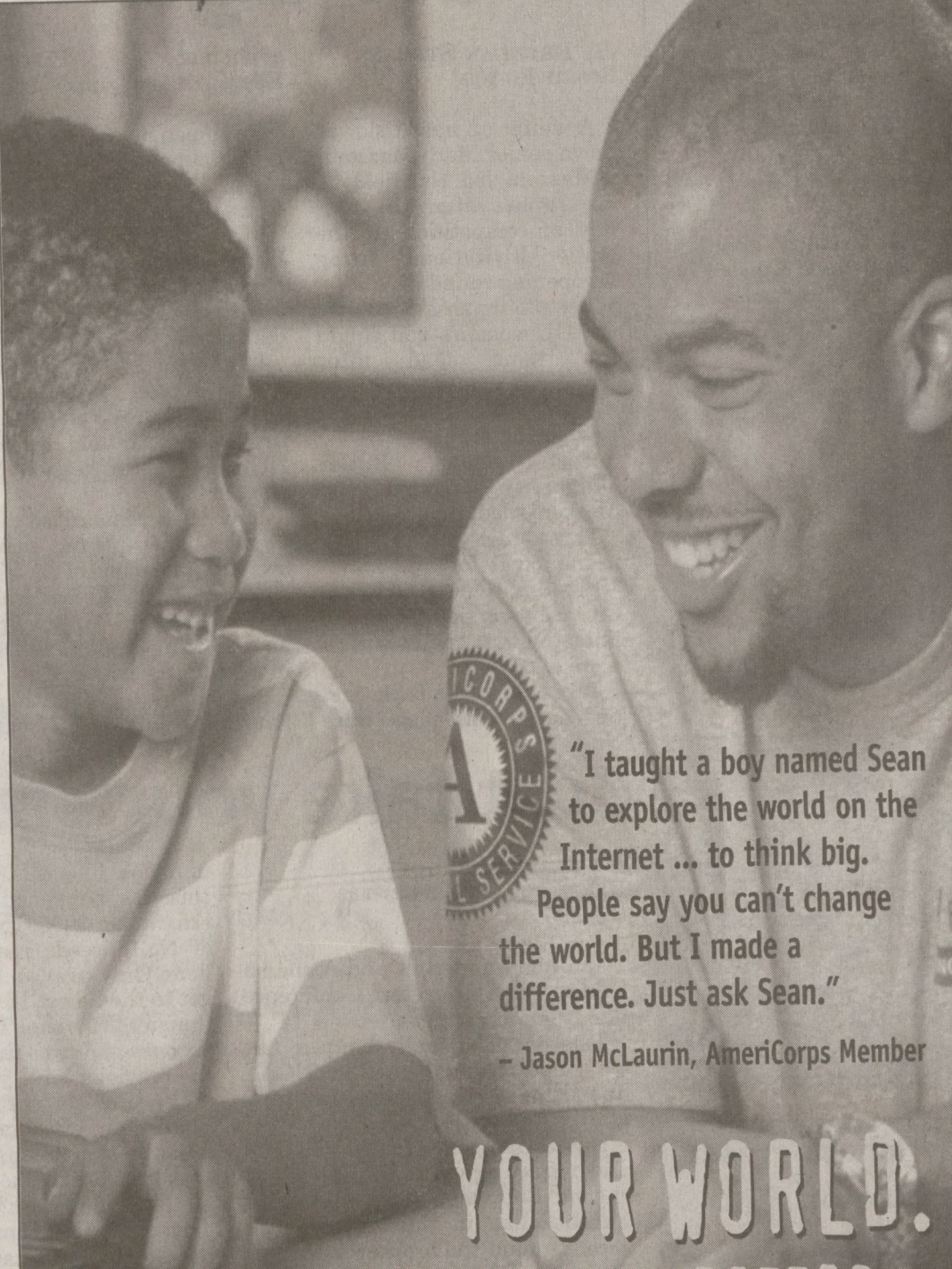
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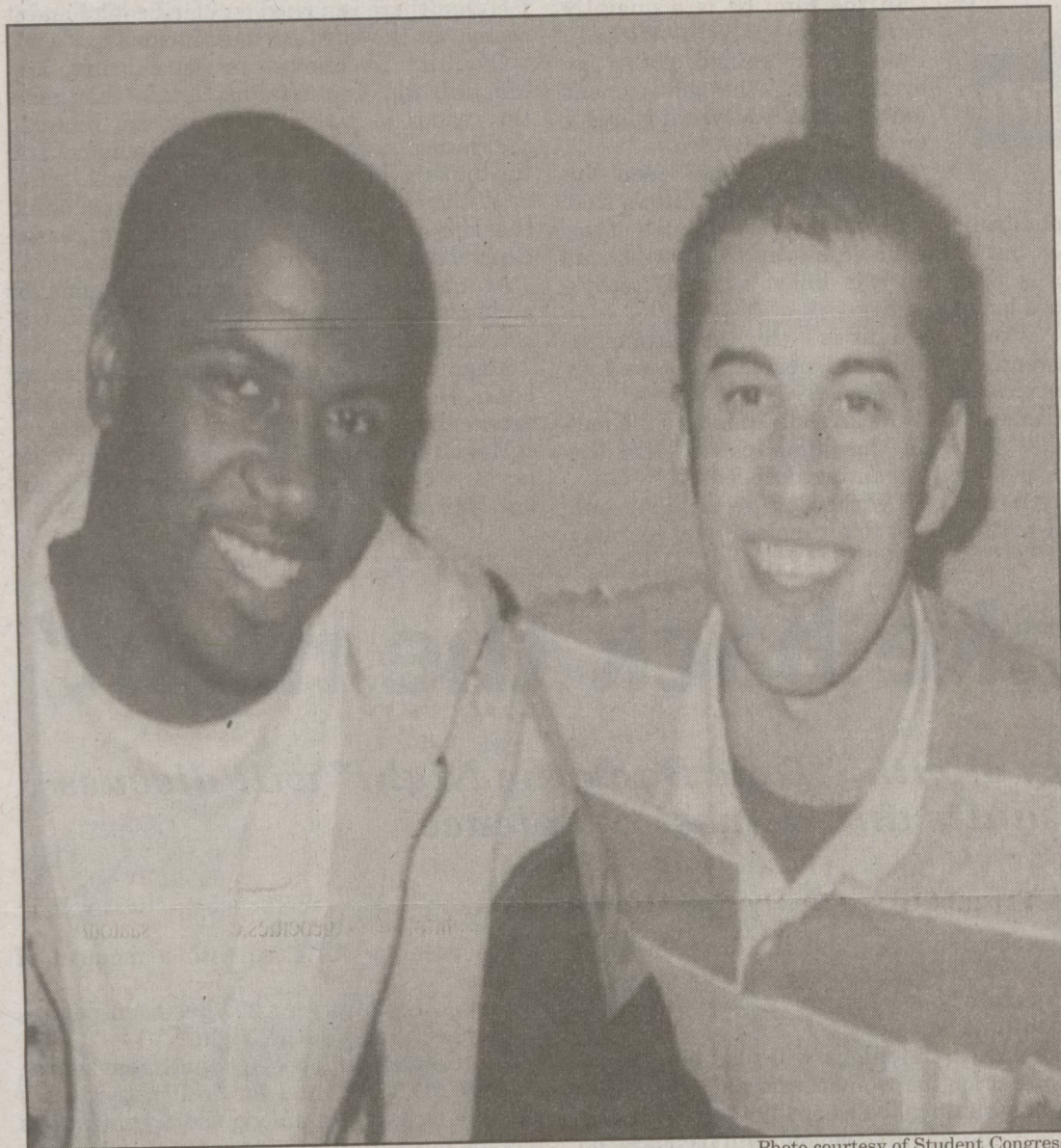


Photo courtesy of Student Congress
Parks and McGuinness discuss student issues during a Congress meeting.



Photo courtesy of Student Congress
Edwards and Hagar campaign to become the next OUSC leaders.

Jonathan Parks and Michael McGuinness

KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

As current OUSC president and SAFB chair, Jonathan Parks and Michael McGuinness feel they exemplify the "strong, experienced leadership" that OU students need.

Prior to being elected president, Parks served as a Student Congress legislator, scholarship committee chair and student mentor for the King-Parks-Chavez College Day Program.

He currently sits on the Student Life Lecture Board, is a member of the Association of Black Students, where he assisted the president last year and has put in countless hours with the Center for Multicultural Initiatives.

"I ask the students to just be honest with yourselves, to find out the truth when choosing the best candidate," Parks says. "I am passionate about what I do, regardless of another man's passion, and I will continue fighting for fairness for all students."

McGuinness has served as an AmeriCorps Oakland Service Member and Student Congress Legislator.

He is a current member of the Oakland University

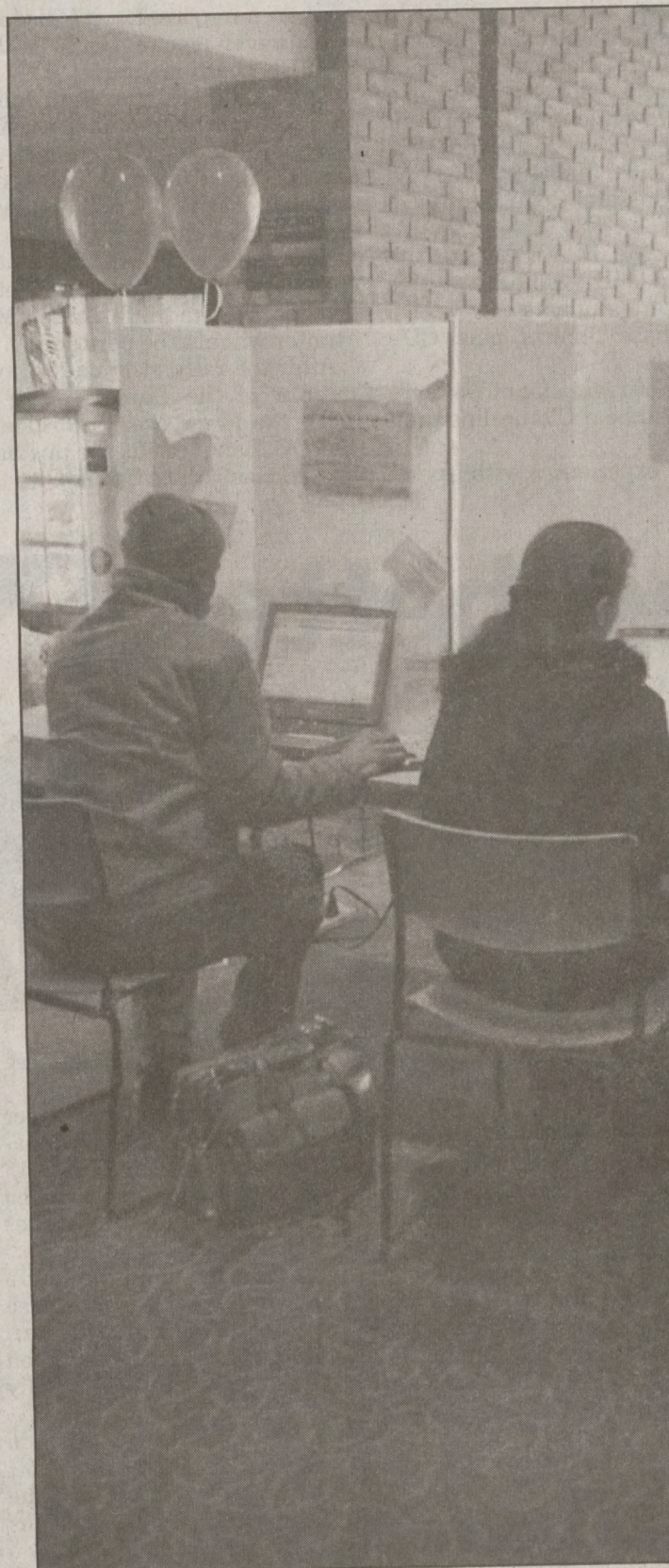
Leadership Institute, former president of the Gay/Straight Alliance and sits on the university Academic Conduct Committee.

Having served a variety of individuals in the OU community, both candidates agree they are the perfect team to get the job done.

"The vision we have guarantees congress can move forward and step up to benefit the entire student body," McGuinness said. "We have been fighting for all students, and we will continue that fight."

Goals for the 2004-2005 academic school year:

- Focus on the academic success of all students
- Improve student life by providing quality, affordable events
- Bring stability to SAFB so it is fair and manageable for everyone
- Raise awareness on local and state governmental relations
- Promote a team that supports every organization, not selective groups
- Raise awareness on scholarship opportunities presented by Student Congress and provide more for all students
- Increase the diversity of programming, as well as the times they are offered



Magaret Pasikowski/Oakland Post
Students at the OC voting polls aren't wasting any time choosing future OUSC leaders.

Matthew Edwards and Mario Hagar

KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

As Matthew Edwards and Mario Hagar join the race to lead OU's student body, each candidate feels their past leadership roles outline reasons as to why they should be the next president and vice-president of Student Congress.

Edwards is a member of the Judo Club, Sigma Pi, College Republicans and the Pre-Med Society.

As a student congress legislator and past vice-president of Phi Alpha Delta, Edwards says being on so many different committees gives him a sense of what Congress has to offer students.

"I feel as though what I've done in the past has proven leadership skills and has given me the opportunity to give back," Edwards said. "I enjoy that, and I want to do more."

During his time at OU, Hagar has worked for the Rec Center and participated in intramural and coed sports.

He is the current Residence Halls Council president, building manager of the OC and member of the Association of Black Students, the African-American Celebration Committee and the

Chaldean-American Student Association.

Last year, he was a student mentor and hopes to become an Orientation Group Leader in the summer.

"I am actually involved with the students and I'm approachable," Hagar said. "Those jobs alone give me an idea of what students want and need."

Both feel that because their backgrounds are different, "that shows how two students can view an issue differently and still come together to make the right changes."

Goals for the 2004-2005 academic school year:

- Place more money into SAFB to better it
- Make sure there are no caps imposed on organizations attempting to collect funding from SAFB
- Ensure Congress has a full representing body throughout the entire year
- Accommodate more student involvement on campus, especially with incoming freshman
- Implement more commuter directed programs to keep students at OU
- Work together to have a unified voice
- Have governing bodies come together when deciding student issues

OU males compete in beauty pageant

By VERA MARZOUQ
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will be hosting its annual Mr. Phisignificant male beauty pageant at 7 p.m. this Friday in 201 Dodge Hall.

Held annually at OU for four years, Mr. Phisignificant will consist of three rounds: OU/Campus wear, beach wear and formal wear.

Nearly 30 male contestants from multiple organizations will participate.

Some include Alpha Sigma Epsilon fraternity, the OU's men soccer team, the Gay-Straight Alliance, SAFE, Student Congress and various other organizations.

Each contestant will be asked questions ranging from their best pick up lines to their future goals after graduation.

"We have an extremely diverse group representing various organizations that we are very proud of," said Clarice Zuccaro, head coordinator for the event.

Prizes will be given to the top three contestants but only one lucky participant will walk away with the crown.

All contestants will receive a free shirt upon entering.

"I had a really great experience as king and enjoyed it tremendously," said James Haney, last year's winner. "My most prominent memory as Mr. Phisignificant was when I helped raise money for a philanthropy event that the Phi Sigs had for a child with Muscular Dystrophy. It felt good to help make a difference."

Having won Best on Campus Event for two years in a row, Mr. Phisignificant is sure to please any audience.

Students are encouraged to attend and are guaranteed a good time as they watch OU's fine men compete for the title of Mr. Phisignificant.

Adam Mager, Sigma Alpha Epsilon member, will play music throughout the night. Food and drinks will be on hand as well.

"The event is a really great time and a great chance to meet new people," said Zuccaro. "And people, the Phi Sigs especially, look forward to it every year."

The event is free to all OU students with an OU ID and \$3 for non-OU students. Proceeds will benefit Phi Sigma Sigma's national philanthropic cause, the National Kidney Foundation.

Tickets will be sold at the door. You must be at least 17 years old to attend.

'Oz' revisited

The life of the Wicked Witch of the West is portrayed in Maguire's novel "Wicked"

By SARA WEIGOLD
COPY EDITOR

When Dorothy liquefied the Wicked Witch of the West in "The Wizard of Oz," everyone cheered and sang, "ding dong the witch is dead."

But in the classic film, we only hear Dorothy's side of the story. We never learn who the witch was or how she came to be viewed as wicked before the arrival of Dorothy.

In Gregory Maguire's cleverly crafted novel, "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West," we learn that there is much more to this tale and you will never watch "Oz" in the same way again.

"Wicked" is the narrative of the life of Elphalba, better known as the Wicked Witch of the West.

Dorothy is only briefly mentioned and she is seen as a homely, well-intentioned girl with an irritating, yapping dog.

Elphalba's story begins when she is born to Munchkinlander parents, who are shocked to learn that their daughter has green skin and razor sharp teeth.

They don't know quite how to deal with this oddity and deny Elphalba the care and nurturing a young child needs from her parents.

The Land of Oz presented by Maguire is different from what is seen in the movie.

There are animals that speak and are educated, as well many diverse racial and cultural groups.

Although many would think this is a more in-depth prequel to a much-loved fairy tale, it actually delves deeply into age-old questions concerning politics and the nature of evil.

"Wicked" follows Elphalba as she travels to college in the northern part of Oz and becomes friends with Glinda, the "good witch of the north."

It is here that she becomes an assistant to a goat and joins the movement to ensure Animal rights.

"Wicked" seems to allude to historical periods of political unrest in our own country.

For example, Elphalba's political activism is much like the equal rights movement.

Maguire also portrays the Wizard of Oz much differently.

In the film, he is a quaintly neurotic old man. In "Wicked," the Wizard gained power by overthrowing the government and is actually a tyrant ruling a dictatorship.

Everyone who has seen the "The Wizard of Oz" knows that Elphalba had a sister, the Wicked Witch of the East, but in the movie, all that is known about her is that she was killed when Dorothy's house landed on her.

"Wicked" examines this relationship between Elphalba and her sister as well as other friends and family.

Also, we meet the love of Elphalba's life and realize the pain this affair caused and the effects of it on her future decisions.

Even though "Wicked" is a brilliant and well-written twist to a timeless tale, you may



Photo courtesy of Amazon.com

feel that there is a need for clarification and it seems, for the most part, unfinished.

Overall, the novel is fascinating and Maguire adds in numerous details that allow the reader to make the connection between the young, naive and hopeful Elphalba and the bitter, evil woman she will become.

"Wicked" also explores the meaning behind the ruby slippers and the touching reason Elphalba is so desperate to have them.

At the end of this novel, you'll be hoping for a change in this classic tale of evil. You will actually want the "wicked witch" to live.

Maguire has devised an innovative idea for books. He takes fairy tales and their evil characters and gives them a family and a history.

Maguire continues this theme in two other novels: "Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister" and "Mirror, Mirror."

Students 'take back the night'

As part of Women's History Month, "Take Back the Night" will discuss sexual assaults and domestic violence.

By LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

The celebration of Women's History Month continues with "Take Back the Night," an event giving everyone the chance to take a stance against sexual assault.

Sponsored by OU and HAVEN, a non-profit organization against sexual assault and domestic violence, Take Back the Night will begin at noon in the Fireside Lounge of the OC March 31.

Three guest speakers will lecture for 10-15 minutes on sexual assault until about 1 p.m.

The speakers are Carol Hackett Garagiola, legal and policy director for the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, the Honorable Lisa L. Asadoorian, 52nd 3rd District Court Judge and Cheryl Matthes, assistant Oakland County prosecutor.

Throughout the day, HAVEN and the Women's Issue Forum (WIF) will have a table set up in the OC where students can receive information or purchase T-shirts, pins, CD's and stickers.

Suzanne Spencer-Wood, director of Women's Studies, said there will be a Clothesline project directed by the WIF.

Women write their experiences with sexual

assault or violence on T-shirts and hang them on a clothesline for everyone to read.

"It's about hanging out the dirty laundry," Spencer-Wood said. "There are a lot of stories of women who experience violence that doesn't get into the news."

Take Back the Night will also be doing a memorial for the women who have died from sexual assault called Silent Witness.

The names of these women will be placed on wooden statutes around the campus.

"There are a lot of sexual assault stories that go unreported ... it's also for the women who never spoke out," said Lori Mello, HAVEN board member.

The Take Back the Night rally will kick off at 6 p.m. on the front steps of Kresge Library.

Lynn Schaefer, vice president of Finance and Administration at OU, and also a board member of HAVEN, will do the welcoming on behalf of the university.

The rally will last 20 minutes and will include lectures from Hackett, Garagiola, Asadoorian and Matthes. Musician Lisa Hunter will also be performing.

After the rally, everyone will walk from the interior of the campus going around Beer Lake, the dorms, over the bridge and ending in the OC Banquet Rooms upstairs, where the last portion will be Speak Out.

Survivors will share their stories with everyone from 7-10 p.m.

The evening will close with a moment of silence.

This is the third year OU has been participating in Take Back the Night.

Nan Gelman, OU police department officer, said OUPD, the Center for Student Activities and the Greeks are among the organizations helping out with the event.

"Everyone is kind of playing a role in this, it's a collaboration of many different organizations on campus," Gelman said. "This is the first year it is going to be an all day event."

Gelman also said the purpose of Take Back the Night is to demonstrate support that no one should feel unsafe to walk at night, everyone should have the freedom to go anywhere, at any time.

According to the Web site, the message of Take Back the Night is women walking through the night and reclaiming the streets.

The event is an international tradition and cities around the world have been participating since 1973.

"It's helping to support women who have survived rape ... it's for a good cause," said Susann Kamrud, freshman.

For more information, e-mail Wood at Spencerw@oakland.edu.

'Taking Lives' better off taken away

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Movie reviews shouldn't normally give away major plots twists. But to understand just how bad "Taking Lives" is, it is necessary to disclose certain things. Consider this your warning not to read further if you

want to be surprised.

"Taking Lives" follows FBI Investigator Illena Scott (Angelina Jolie) as she assists the Montreal Police search for a man named Martin Asher, who for the last 20 years, was believed to be dead.

After Asher's mother (Gena Rowlands) sees him

in public, and a new body is discovered, the case is reopened.

Artist James Costa (Ethan Hawke) is found trying to revive the most recent victim and says he can identify Asher by sight. The police don't trust Costa completely, but agent Scott is drawn to Costa and keeps him around as "bait."

Even from the opening credits, this movie has problems. A scattered montage of the killer changing his physical appearance will make the audience think they are watching "Seven" and give them the false impression that the movie will actually delve into how a psychotic killer could assume the identities of his victims.

This major plot point, which is supposed to separate "Taking Lives" from other thrillers, is never explored in detail and only

mentioned in passing.

Do not let the fact that Kiefer Sutherland's name is in bold on the poster trick you into thinking he plays a large part in this film.

Sutherland, whose career has experienced rejuvenation since the success of "24," has little more than a cameo in the film as a drug dealer who Costa owes money.

Members of Sutherland's newly expanded fan base will be disappointed to learn that the scenes shown on commercials are the only ones he is in.

For what seems like no reason at all, agent Scott becomes attracted to the high-strung and suspicious acting Costa and the two become intimately involved.

Their short-lived romance comes to a screeching halt

when, to no one's surprise, Costa turns out to be Asher.

This ridiculously predictable twist comes about halfway through the movie, and the second half drags on even more than the first.

The only thing more asinine than Ethan Hawke trying to convince the audience he's a psychopath is agent Scott's elaborate plan to catch him.

Using herself as bait this time, Scott's plan boils down to her hoping Asher will try to stab her in the stomach.

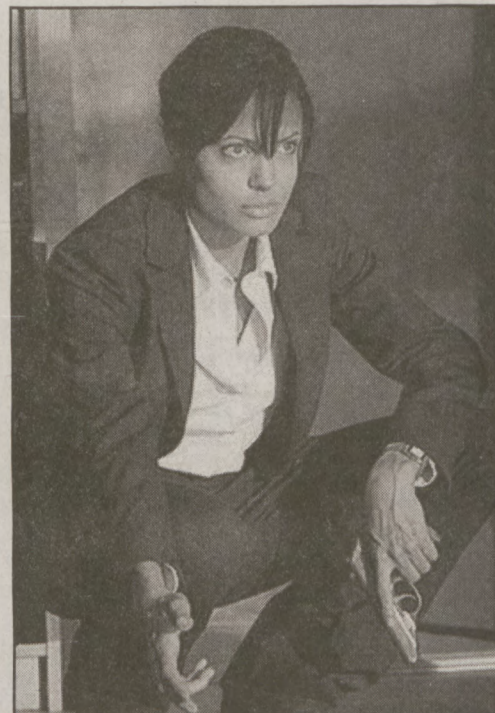


Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

Angelina Jolie plays FBI Investigator Illena Scott.

There is only one instance in the two hours of the movie that could make you jump, but only if you've never seen the TV commercial.

While some critics claim "Taking Lives" is the next "Silence of the Lambs," it doesn't even deserve to be on the same shelf at Blockbuster.



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.
Angelina Jolie, Tchéky Karyo, Jean-Hugues Anglade and Olivier Martinez in "Taking Lives."

Levasseur wraps up SNS series

Acoustic artist Jason Levasseur will perform for the final Saturday Night Sounds series of the semester.

By Andrew DuPont
The Oakland Post

With his acoustic-style guitar, pop vocals and funny life stories, Jason Levasseur will give the final performance for this semester's "Saturday Night Sounds" (SNS). The show begins at 7 p.m. this Saturday in the Vandenberg cafeteria. As always, SNS is free of charge.

With his unique style of music and hearty performances, Levasseur has gained a lot of recognition on college campuses.

Born in the U.S., Levasseur grew up in Mexico and Belgium before he came back home for college and took his act on the road.

Campus Activities magazine named Levasseur, "Best Small Venue Performer" in 2002 and "Best Musical Performer" in 2004.

Cornerband.com lists Levasseur as one the 30 "Best Emerging Artists in the World."

In the past, Levasseur has played on stage with several bands like Vertical Horizon, Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer and The Wallflowers.

Levasseur's debut album, "Watching the Girls Go By," was independently released in 2002 and was quickly followed by the live album "The Opening Guy."

As an example of his personal performing style, Levasseur recorded "The Opening Guy" in one day in his friend's attic.

Before going solo with his act, Levasseur was a



Jason Levasseur.

Photo courtesy of www.levasseur.com

member of the duo, "Life in General" with friend Jerry Chapman, which released five albums.

Anyone interested in listening to Levasseur's music can easily do so.

Levasseur has promoted several of his songs by releasing them on free downloading networks like MP3.com and Kazaa. All of Levasseur's albums can be purchased online as well.

As Levasseur's performance wraps up the SNS program, which was new to OU this year, Dave Moroz, assistant director of program services, is happy with the turnout for the program. "We've had approximately 100 students attend each of the first two concerts," Moroz

said. "J Chris Newberg and his band were hilarious and totally rocked. Tamara Bedricky did an incredible job."

Two SNS acts are already scheduled for Fall 2004 semester following the success of this semester's events.

On Sept. 25, hip-hop artist Krisagong will perform. On Oct. 9, Seth Horan, former bass player for Vertical Horizon, will bring his solo act to OU.

Two more fall dates are set for performances but no acts have been signed as of yet.

For more information on Saturday Night Sounds and future programmings, contact David Moroz at (248) 370-3570 or moroz@oakland.edu.

Jason Levasseur
Saturday,
March 27, 2004
8 p.m.

Vandenberg Dining Center



HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (March 24). Ask top dollar - you're liable to get it. Of course, this also means you'll have to produce top quality and be totally reliable. Not a problem, right? Make that your motto this year.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Money might be at the root of all evil, but it doesn't make the bad things happen all by itself. You can do lots of good with it, too. Make that your objective today.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - The love you experience doesn't need to be talked about. Words are a pretty puny way to express yourself. Share the whole picture.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You generally talk about everything that passes through your brain, but that's not a good idea right now. Keep a romantic matter confidential.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You have the kind of friends who are there for you in good times and bad. Remembering something

that one of your friends likes and then providing it will be great fun for you both.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Accepting more authority means you'll also get more money. Taking responsibility can mean you'll have more headaches, too. Don't make promises you don't intend to keep - it's a sure bet somebody will hold you to them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - A visit with somebody you love would be good for you both. If you can't get there and back on a weeknight, allow yourselves to chat for hours. Ain't technology grand?

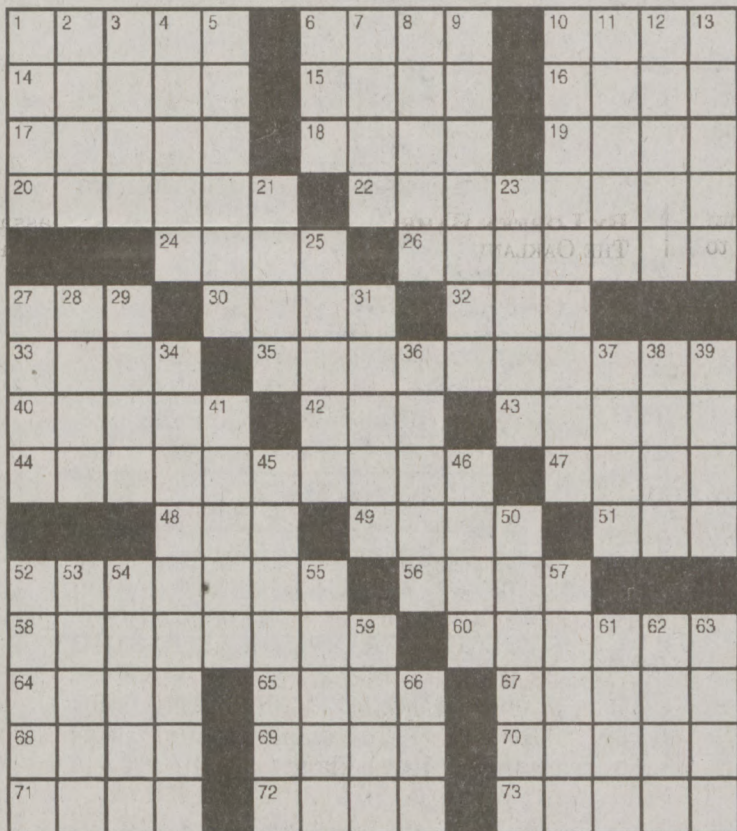
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You may have more than you realize. How long has it been since you had your resources appraised? They may have appreciated.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - True love always involves commitment, as you well know. The

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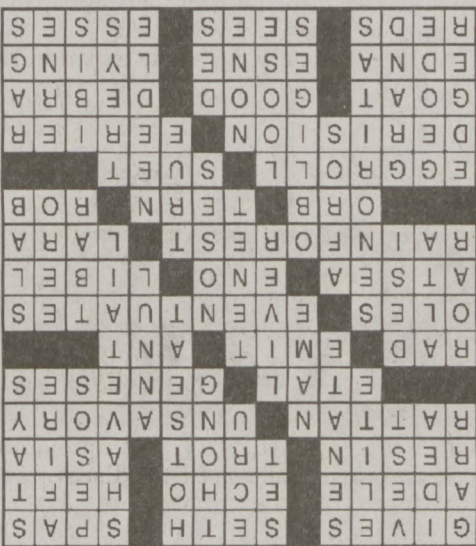


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truest love develops after the commitment has been made for years. Enjoy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - They say that if you do what you love, the money will surely follow. Go ahead and get involved in something you enjoy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - How many ways do you have to explain all the love that you feel deep inside? Your actions often speak louder than words, and

they can also express your love quite fluently.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - An argument could turn into a valuable learning experience. Don't assume you have all the answers. You're the student as well as the teacher.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Love is the key to your success and your cheerful attitude. If you focus on someone you love, everything else will fall into place.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, March 24

The College of Arts and Sciences will present the production "Into the Woods" at 10 a.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre. Also performing March 25, 26, 27 and 28.

There will be a Sports Media Conversation with Rob Parker from the Detroit News at noon in Lake Superior Room A of the OC.

Kresge Library will host a diversity film series where the movie "Ma Vie en Rose" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in the library and admission is free.

The New Student Programs will host an Express Orientation and Registration from 5-9 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.

The College of Arts and Sciences will host a Music Composers' Forum at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

Thursday, March 25

The Social Work Club will present Sarah Triano as the speaker of the Jacqueline Scherer Lecture Series at 11:30 a.m. in Lake Superior Room of the OC.

The Physics Department will present its Physics Colloquium from noon-1 p.m. in 372 Science and Engineering Building.

Career Services will host a Business Etiquette Dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

"The Ring" will be shown during the March Movie Marathon at 7 p.m. at the Shotwell Pavilion.

Friday, March 26

The chemistry department will host the 2004 Metropolitan Detroit American Chemical Society Meeting at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

The Honors College will host a Noah R. Lakin euchre tournament from 4-10 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC. The event is open to everyone.

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority will host its annual Mr. PhiSignificant Male Beauty Pageant at 7 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall.

The CSA will host International Night 2004 from 7-11 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

The College of Arts and Sciences will present the Saint Louis Brass Quintet at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

Monday, March 29

SAIL registration begins and will continue through April 2.

The Phyllis Law Googasian Award Luncheon will take place from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. The keynote address will be given by Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Tuesday, March 30

The Bookstore will host a Grad Fair from 11-6 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

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March 2004: Women's History Month

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Wednesday, March 24

"Ma Vie en Rose" ("My Life in Pink")
1:30 PM --- Student Lounge, Kresge Library

Dating Violence Workshop
8 PM --- Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

Thursday, March 25

Meet Leora Tanenbaum, author of *Cat Fight & Slut*
Noon-1 PM --- Pioneer Room, RAC

Monday, March 29

The Phyllis Law Googasian Award Luncheon with Keynote Speaker, Senator Debbie Stabenow
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM --- Gold Rooms, OC

Wednesday, March 31

"The Clothesline Project" & Sexual Assault Awareness Table
9 AM - 9 PM --- Exhibit Lounge, OC

Wednesday, March 31 (continued)

Kickoff of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month with Carol Hackett Garagiola, JD, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
Noon-1 PM --- Fireside Lounge, OC

"Take Back the Night" Rally and March
6 PM --- Front of Kresge Library

"Take Back the Night" Speak Out
6:45 PM --- Banquet Rooms, OC

Thursday, April 1

Ending at Our Beginnings: "OU's Phenomenal Women Present Selected Readings By and About Phenomenal Women Who Have Influenced Our Lives"
Noon-1 PM --- Fireside Lounge, OC

"Drag Show"

8-11 PM --- Banquet Rooms, OC

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

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

- Monk Presents "Monk on Monk Too" (Apr. 8)
- Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors (Apr. 9)
- Perlman's "Fantastic Symphony" (Apr. 18)
- The Magic Flute (Apr. 28, 30)
- The Pirates of Penzance (May 12, 14)
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