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## Parks named president

By GAYLE ISSA  
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Following their landslide victory, juniors Jonathan Parks and Kenton Lewis will lead as next year's OU Student Congress president and vice president.

Of the 730 students who voted in last week's election, 424 votes went to Parks and Lewis. Only 268 of the votes went to their opposition, sophomore Mike McGuinness and junior Sarah Cook.

Voter turnout was well below 10 percent.

More than 1,250 students cast votes in last year's election, which was about 10 percent of

the full time registered student population.

Parks, OU's first black president in eight years, said, "I feel delighted that the students are confident enough to believe in our vision."

However, last Thursday's election validation meeting did not go so smoothly.

Jenn Evans, elections supervisor, received an anonymous written complaint accusing both Parks and Lewis of violating the elections' guidelines.

The person who filed the complaint accused Parks of campaigning in the OU Student Congress office, which is prohibited. It also accused Lewis of using the photocopier in the office to

make campaign flyers.

Both Parks and Lewis deny the accusations, insisting that they did not violate any election guidelines and that the accusations are false.

Parks said his first order of business is to "hit students hard" in order to motivate them and recruit for next year's Student Congress body. Parks and Lewis are also working on setting up next week's interviews for their new Executive Board.

During the election, 12 current OUSC members were voted in as legislators for the 2003/2004 academic year, leaving 13 positions unfilled.

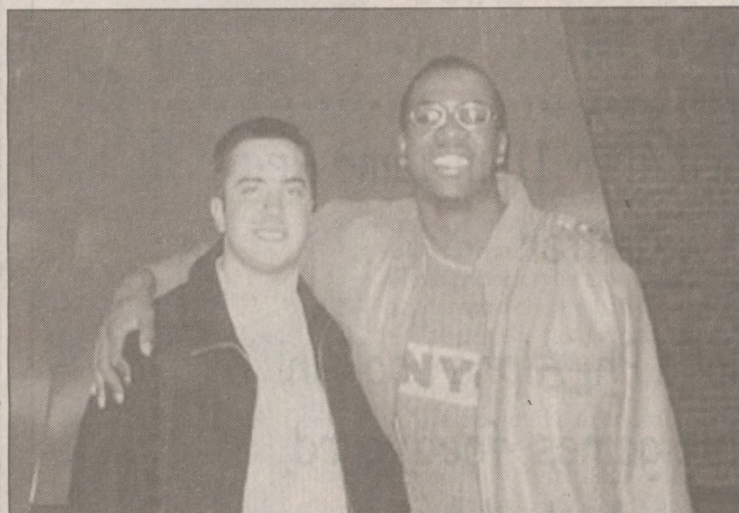


Photo courtesy of OU Student Congress  
Vice President-elect Kenton Lewis and President-elect Jonathan Parks won the recent OUSC election.

## Pay off overdue fines, help Food Bank

By DERRICK SOBODASH  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students who have been accumulating astronomical library fines during this semester can find relief in a new program Kresge Library is running to celebrate National Library Week.

For each canned good students bring to the library during the week of April 7, \$1 of his or her fine will be excused. There is a \$10 limit on the amount excused.

Students who want to donate cans can bring them to the circulation desk where they would normally pay their fines.

The staff at the desk will collect the cans and credit the amount against the fines.

"There were a couple of us — librarians and staff members — who wanted to do something to celebrate National Library Week," Julie Voelck, Kresge's associate dean, said. "We thought this would be a neat way to celebrate."

The cans will be donated to The Food Bank of Oakland County.

"The need of our community is greater than it has ever been in the history of this county," said Helen Hicks, executive director of the Food Bank.

According to Hicks, recent layoffs have put some community members in the position where they can no longer afford food for the month.

"Any amount of food we can get will certainly help," she said.

For students with books currently collecting fines, the library offers online and phone renewals.

Online renewals can be made from the "Your Library Information" section of the Voyager Catalog (sailaway.kl.oakland.edu/).

Students can call (248) 370-2450 to renew by phone.

Late books are charged \$0.25 per day with a \$10 limit. After that, the book is assumed lost and the student will be billed a lost fee and a replacement charge.

## Students take affirmative action support to D.C.

By GAYLE ISSA  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Exhausted but resolute, 27 of OU's affirmative action supporters joined thousands in the nation's capital yesterday to fight for the cause.

Their hopes were the same — that the U.S. Supreme Court justices will decide in favor of the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policies in June.

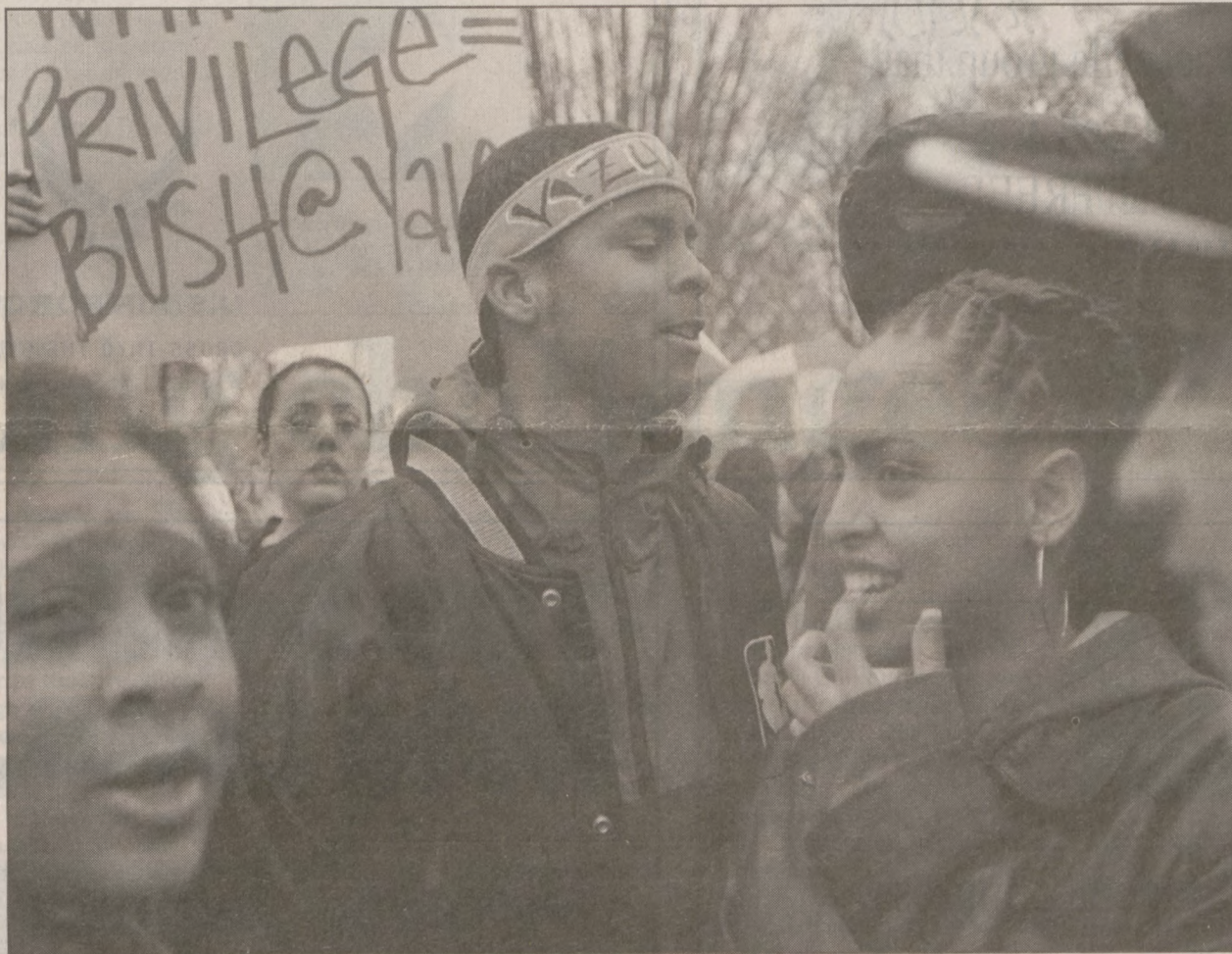
In two separate cases, students are suing U-M and its law school on the basis that they were unconstitutionally turned down because they were white.

Contested for years, the Supreme Court started hearing oral arguments on both cases yesterday. How the high court rules could set a precedent determining how much race and gender can be factored into acceptance decisions at universities and elsewhere.

Although OU cancelled funding for two buses six days before the civil rights march began, the Vice President of OU's branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sophomore Shemeka Pearson, pulled off a last minute solution by asking Michigan's NAACP chapter to provide a bus.

Led by her example, students followed suit.

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Protesters join in a rally on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday as arguments were heard in two cases challenging the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policies. Twenty-seven members of the OU community rode a bus to the capitol to join in the demonstrations.

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## Former employee files suit against OU

By RANDY DUDEK  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU and two of its administrators are being sued by a fired employee who claims that they violated a federal family medical leave law. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court on Jan. 28.

Among the charges filed against OU, Interim Vice Provost of Research and Graduate Studies Ranald Hansen and Assistant Interim Vice Provost of Research and Graduate Studies Patricia Beaver are a violation of the

Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and pregnancy discrimination in violation of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

"We are trying to reach a settlement with the university," said Jamil Akhtar, attorney for the Kristine and Scott Liebold. "So far we have not come to an agreement."

"We have given the university two weeks to answer our settlement, then we'll go from there."

Kristine Liebold had her grant writing position with OU terminated along with her medical benefits on April 1,

2002. The news came 45 days after being advised by her doctor that she was to go on bed rest for the safety of her pregnancy and 19 days after she had surgery in order to save the life of her unborn child.

Liebold delivered her child more than nine weeks premature on May 7, 2002 and was medically cleared to return to work on Nov. 1.

Section 825.302 of the FMLA states that a change in circumstances, or an

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## Russi addresses Congress

By DERRICK SOBODASH  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

President Gary Russi made a speech in the face of proposed budget cuts presented by Governor Jennifer Granholm in a OU Student Congress session on Monday. "State funding will not support OU," Russi said.

In December 2002, then Governor John Engler issued an executive order that took 2 percent from OU's state funding for the year. In January, Granholm realized further cuts would be necessary to

balance Michigan's fragile budget and proposed new cuts that would total 10 percent.

For 2003, OU enrollment fell short of projections made when the budget was planned, according to Michelle Piskulich, associate professor and chair of Political Science. This put the budget in a deficit.

OU weathered its enrollment shortcomings and the initial budget reductions, managing to cut as much as \$2.4 million from divisions across the university, according to a letter from Russi to the

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## Most university boards favor openness

By REBECCA WYATT  
& ANN ZANIEWSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Board of Trustees has been in the hot seat for the past two months after Post editors were not allowed into a meeting held Jan. 15 in the Oakland Center.

Victor Zambardi, the Board's lawyer, argued it has a right to keep people out of some meetings

because it is not subject to the Open Meetings Act, a law that says public bodies that use taxpayer money must hold their meetings in public.

The Post contacted the other 14 public universities in Michigan to determine how their governing boards operate. Seven responded, and officials from six said that their boards are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Wayne State University, the

only university that responded and agreed with OU's position, said university boards do not have to follow the OMA because of a decision known as Federated Publications v. The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University. In 1999, a majority of the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that constitutionally created universities do not have to let the public in on preliminary meetings related to the selection

of a new university president.

However, Michigan's two largest universities — Michigan State University and the University of Michigan — were both constitutionally created and still believe they are bound by the Open Meetings Act.

Sue Carter, secretary to the Board at MSU, said the school abides by the OMA. While she said she wasn't the secretary to the BOT when the Federated ver-

dict came down, she said it didn't have a big impact on how the board there operates.

"My sense is that there really have been no substantial changes," Carter said. "I don't think Federated changed things very much."

Nancy Asin, assistant to the vice president and secretary of U-M, agreed that state universities are subject to the OMA.

"All public institutions are sub-

ject to it," she said.

Betty Kocher, secretary to the BOT at Western Michigan University, said the Board there is subject to the OMA.

She said it only closes meetings for the reasons listed as possible exemptions under the law, including sessions to discuss personnel matters or the purchase of property.

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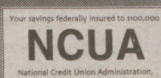
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## OU bleeds to save lives

### Blood donations may go to Iraq

BY DANA LACKEY  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Center for Student Activities will sponsor the Spring Blood Drive next week with the help of the American Red Cross.

From 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, students, staff, faculty and off-campus residents are asked to donate blood in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

According to Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs, the American Red Cross has plans to ship blood from the United States to Iraq.

"The amount of blood that can be shipped has to do a lot with the amount of blood that is collected because the local areas need to have minimum requirements," said Franklin. "The more blood that's given, the more blood that is probably shipped to Iraq."

The goal of the Spring Blood Drive is to collect 250 pints of blood, according to Carol Furlong, research representative of Donor Research for the American Red Cross. Last year, Furlong said 600 units were collected from OU.

"One pint saves three lives," said Furlong. "We're barely

meeting the needs of our patients. We are asking for increased donations."

The blood type O-negative is what is needed the most at the blood drive, she said.

"It is universal because everyone can use it," said Furlong. She said all blood types are needed, though.

Furlong also said that during this time of year, blood donations are critical. During the holidays, more blood is needed because people tend to donate less. Since Easter is right around the corner, more blood is needed.

Junior Tamika Jones said she feels it's important to donate blood.

"I think it's something that we need to do because it will benefit children and adults who are in need of a donation," she said.

According to Franklin, walk-ins are welcome, but it will help if an appointment is made by tomorrow.

To make an appointment, students can visit the OU website, click on to Current Students, Center for Student Activities and then click on 2003 Spring Blood Drive. To make an appointment by phone or for more information call CSA at (248) 370-2400.



A student gives blood during the blood drive held in January. Students will also be able to sign up for the bone marrow registry during the spring drive held April 7-9.

### Red Cross seeks donors for bone marrow registry

BY REBECCA WYATT  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Blood isn't the only thing that can be donated during the Spring Blood Drive. The Golden Key Honour Society is also looking for students to donate bone marrow.

The drive is taking place from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday in the Gold Rooms.

"We would like to educate the OU campus and surrounding community as to the need for individuals to join the bone marrow registry, what a commitment to join the registry entails and the process of donation if you are selected to be a donor," said Emily Fulton, senior, president of the Golden Key Honour Society.

According to Maureen Phelps, manager of the Red Cross bone marrow program, through the National Marrow Drive Program, patients with life threaten disease are provided with marrow and blood stem cell transplants. More than 1,400 patients receive transplants through this program every year.

Phelps said it is important for people to join the registry because it gives a better chance of finding donors. It is in particular need of minority donors.

Fulton said an information table will be in the hallway of the Oakland Center today to answer any questions donors may have and to sign up anyone who wish-

es to join the registry. The drive will be held April 7-9.

She said it costs \$65 to join the registry. The fee covers lab costs to type the person's tissue. However, Fulton said the fee for students will be covered.

"We are accepting donations during the information tables and at the actual drive itself in order to cover this expense," Fulton said. "The Red Cross is also trying to secure us funds for the drive so that we can type as many individuals as possible."

The regulations for donating bone marrow, according to Fulton, are not as strict as donating blood, but it requires a bigger commitment. According to Phelps, donors are asked to commit until age 61, unless they develop health problems.

Fulton said bone marrow will not actually be taken during the drive, students will be asked to submit to a finger prick to fill a small vial with blood.

Students who want to join the registry can also donate blood.

"An individual can also give blood and have the extra vial of blood taken for the registry," Fulton said.

She said once a person is on the registry he or she will be contacted when a matching recipient is located.

"This may never happen, or may happen some years down

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## Defeating challenges

BY REBECCA WYATT  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives program was so successful in its debut that it is moving into the Pontiac Schools.

The program, an idea by senior and Golden Key Honour Society president Emily Fulton, was originally designed to show students and future students that people can overcome obstacles.

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives was held on March 21 at OU, and Fulton said it was very successful.

"The event was planned for 60 freshmen and sophomore high

school students from Pontiac Central High School," Fulton said. "However, 66 showed up. Over 150 students turned in permission slips to attend out event, and amount unheard for other field trips that are offered through PCHS."

Fulton said more than 30 OU students, faculty and staff also attended.

Part of the project included speeches from Sommer Stark, the regional student representative for Golden Key, Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs, junior Lenny Compton, an AmeriCorps volunteer who was recently recognized by President George W. Bush,

Tmarshal, motivational speaker, Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne and Fulton.

According to Fulton, Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives was not a one-time event.

"Pontiac Northern has just contacted us because they would like us to do a similar program for their school," Fulton said. "This summer we will be developing additional workshops and programs focused on different themes to be launched at Pontiac Central High School later this year."

In order to do this, Fulton said a foundation will be started, and she is already laying the groundwork for it.

She said the goal of the foundation would be to help students from disadvantaged areas get the opportunity to afford college.

Fulton has experience with overcoming obstacles. Her mother, Martha Gail Fulton, was the victim of a murder in 1999. She was killed by hit men hired by the woman with whom her father had an affair. The woman was trying to stop Fulton's father and mother from reconciling, according to Court TV.

She said the idea of Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives came to her about a year ago as part of her healing process, but it didn't happen right away.

"When I first had the idea, I



Emily Fulton, president of Golden Key, speaks about overcoming obstacles in her life during the Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives program on March 21.

took it to my GK officers and they thought it would be too involved a project and did not want to support it, so I let the idea be placed on hold," Fulton

said. However, Fulton decided to revive the idea when she teamed up with Lisa Mah and Andre

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## BOT Spotlight

BY DERRICK SOBODASH  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Although in his second term on the university's Board of Trustees, Dennis Pawley's experience with OU goes back even further than his first appointment in 1996.

Pawley's history with OU began as a member of its original class in 1959. While he only attended two years before leaving the university, he returned to complete his Bachelor's of Science degree in human resources development in 1982.

Pawley chose to step down during his last term on the Board after retiring from Chrysler in 1999. He moved to Las Vegas and returned to Michigan in 2002.

During that summer, then governor John Engler called Pawley and told him he'd like to reappoint him.

Aside from his work with the BOT, Pawley owns an independent management consulting firm called Pawley Enterprises in Farmington Hills. He also co-founded the Lean Learning Center in Novi to assist with the development of lean operating systems within companies.

He said he brings that knowledge to the BOT.

"You can't continue to put increasing costs of running the university on the backs of the students," he said, adding that he wants to look deep into the university to find costs that can be cut.

"I want to hold student tuition down as low as we can possibly hold it," he said. "We can have a chance of attracting the best and the brightest and producing the best students we can."

Pawley said one of the greatest challenges of being a mem-



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Dennis Pawley, member of the Board of Trustees, is communication, something he feels is critical for the university to realize its 2010 vision.

"For sure, the Board of Trustees can't do it all by themselves, and the faculty can't do it all by themselves and the student body can't," he said. "It's a tremendous task to make that vision happen and all three segments of the university will have to pull together to make it happen."

Pawley currently lives in Waterford.

## Walking for kids

### Club holds walk/run/skate for disabled kids

BY ELISSA HUMMEL  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Pre-Physical Therapy Club is hosting the seventh annual 5K walk/run at 11 a.m. on April 12. The event will raise money to send children with muscular dystrophy to summer camp.

The walk will start near South Foundation Hall and follows predetermined markers around campus.

Jennifer Drake, president of the PT Club, said the walk will take approximately 1-2 hours. Participants can choose whether to walk, run or in-line skate.

"We have the walk to raise money for the camp so that the kids' parents don't have to pay," said Drake.

According to Beverly Weingarten, the district director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, last year's walk raised \$1,580 from the efforts of more than 50 participants. That sent three children to the two-week summer camp in Lexington, Mich. The camp costs \$525 per camper.

All of the proceeds from the walk will go to the MDA. The MDA supports more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

The MDA website states that muscular dystrophy is "a group of hereditary muscle-destroying disorders" that effect more than one million Americans.

Many of the PT Club members also volunteer at the MDA camp. Kelly Andorfer, the PT Club member and an attendant at the

camp, said, "We work one on one with a camper, and we assist them with their activities and games. These kids think it's the world."

The camp is fully funded by the MDA and is for anyone 6-21 years old, said Weingarten. She explained the activities, including horseback riding, swimming and other various sports are all adapted to meet the needs of those with MD.

There is a \$10 registration fee to participate in the walk, which includes a free T-shirt. Participants need to collect sponsors prior to the walk.

To register for the walk or for more information, email the PT Club at jndrake21@yahoo.com or call the MDA at (586) 246-4822.

## Crime Watch

• A \$70 box of zip disks was stolen between noon, March 20 and 11 a.m. March 21, from 307 Wilson Hall. The door was reportedly left open all day.

• An OU student had \$60 stolen from his Anibal House dorm room while down the hall showering between noon-2 p.m. March 22. The student said his door was shut but unlocked when the money was stolen.

• A laptop computer was stolen from the IT Helpdesk between March 21-March 25. The laptop was a Gateway valued at \$995 and the property of OU. It was secured to a desk with a security cable. The staff member who reported the theft believes there was enough slack in the cable for someone to have removed the computer.

• A blue book-bag containing

books for a Human Nature and Culture class was reported stolen from the Anibal House main lobby between 12:30-12:35 p.m. on March 27. The student left the bag unattended on a table for five minutes. When she returned it was missing. The value of the books is unknown.

• Four 55-gallon drums of Neogard, a weather proofing, valued at \$4000 were allegedly

stolen during the construction of the parking structure last year. Western Waterproofing was contracted by OU to handle the job. The company subcontracted S&B Roofing & Waterproofing using Western Waterproofing's materials. After the work was done, its inventory showed a large number of materials missing totaling \$45,000. The drums were apparently stolen during the fall 2002

construction of the Parking Structure.

• Skateboarders allegedly ransacked the second floor of O'Dowd Hall between 5 p.m. last Friday, and 5:35 a.m. Monday. Last week, all the painting equipment was rearranged to build what appeared to be skateboard-jumps. This week, the new paint job was found covered in dirty handprints with gouges

over the lower part of the walls. The responding OUPD officer found several of the metal railings scratched and gouged. A bench from the first floor was carried to the second floor as well. The officer found more benches and file cabinets moved around on the first floor, which he believed had a consistent placement with last week's damage.



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## Country urged to snooze

### Sleep Awareness Month promotes rest

BY CASEY CURTIS  
THE OAKLAND POST

**D**rowsy and fatigued driving is the primary cause of 100,000 car crashes per year, which is one of the reasons National Sleep Awareness Week began, according to Anne Readett, public information specialist for Michigan's Office of Highway and Safety Planning. Sponsored by the National

Sleep Foundation and established in 1990, the week's purpose is to promote the importance of quality sleep to health, productivity and safety.

The campaign happens right before some of the country sets clocks forward one hour losing an hour of sleep during daylight saving time.

According to the NSF's website, www.sleepfoundation.org, American polls show "springing

forward" is an hour of sleep that most Americans can't afford to lose.

Poll results show that while many Americans enjoy the benefits of sufficient sleep, as many as 47 million adults may be putting themselves at risk for injury, health and behavior problems because they aren't meeting their minimum sleep need in order to be fully alert the next day.

The poll also revealed that half of all American adult drivers, particularly young males, admit driving drowsy in the past year, and almost one in five admit to having fallen asleep behind the wheel.

Readett said with these statistics it was necessary for them to get involved.

"We joined with the National Sleep Foundation to draw attention to some of the things that

some people may not be aware of (like) lack of sleep and how it can effect them. From our standpoint, how it can impair someone's driving," she said.

Readett said most adults need between seven and nine hours of sleep each night for optimum performance, health and safety.

People who receive fewer than six hours of sleep per night, are awake for 20 hours or longer, or  
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## GLOBAL GLANCE

● As the U.S. armed forces continue their march to Baghdad, ground troops have engaged combat with some of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's "most prized forces" a Marine official said. The targeted Republican guard division, while defending the Iraqi capital, was hit Monday with air attacks from the U.S. With more than 3,000 precision-guided munitions being dropped in the past three days, it brings the grand total of more than 8,000 since Operation Iraqi Freedom started March 19.

● A van carrying up to 15 civilians failed to stop at a U.S. checkpoint when military fire forced the vehicle to halt. The Marines are investigating the shooting in southern Iraq that killed seven women and children and wounded two others. This happened just two days after a suicide bomber killed four soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division at another checkpoint. This incident led to the military stopping and checking every vehicle at checkpoints and forcing any others to halt if needed. The investigation is still underway.

● The U.S. Supreme Court heard opening arguments yesterday on what is said to be the most significant affirmative action case in the past 25 years. Two white females who did not get accepted to the university's undergraduate and law program are suing the University of Michigan. This case may determine if the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment forbids giving one ethnic group or minority special advantages over another. It will also decide whether a state has a "compelling interest" to promote a diverse student body in accordance with the affirmative action program that was set in 1978. The Bush administration has openly opposed U-M's policy, where dozens of top corporations support the school. A decision will most likely come before June 30.

● A quiet Sunday mass turned into a deadly shooting Sunday in Rochester Hills, MI, when a man stood up and shot and killed another man sitting in front of him. Gjon Pepaj, 38, was taken into custody Sunday after he yelled, "Yes, I am here" and shot Gjell Sufaj, 38, in the back of the head. Pepaj reportedly shot Sufaj several more times thereafter. At least seven people had minor injuries as they tried to escape from St. Paul's Albanian Church by jumping out of windows and stampeding out of the doors. Witnesses said the shooting was a result of at least a six year long feud between the two men. This was the third killing between the two families, according to Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorycyca.

## Global goof

● The Transportation Security Administration has made a list of seized weapons that have been banned since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Just in the past 12 months, airline passengers boarding at U.S. airports have been caught with 4.8 million prohibited items, including 1.4 million knives, 1,100 guns, 125,000 incendiary items and 40,000 box-cutters. The most recent uproar came from a 45-year-old Japanese tourist who attempted to carry on a canister of gas, two boxes of matches and a barbecue grill. He was taken into custody at Miami International Airport after he refused to give up the items.

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## Hussein was once given key to Detroit

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Long before the war with Iraq, Saddam Hussein was actually a friend of the United States, not its enemy.

In fact, in 1980 he was made an honorary citizen of Detroit and was given a key to the city.

According to Reverend Jacob Yasso of the Chaldean Sacred Heart Church in Detroit, Hussein has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to churches in Detroit and all across the U.S.

The Chaldean Center, which was built with money donated by Hussein, is a school that teaches English, among other things, to Arab-Americans.

Yasso said in 1979 when Hussein became the Iraqi President, his church, Sacred Heart, congratulated him and in return Hussein donated \$250,000 to the church.

He said he remembered that Hussein was very supportive of the Chaldean churches.

In 1980, Yasso was among a group of about 25 people who traveled to Baghdad as guests of the Iraqi government and were invited to the Presidential Palace to meet Hussein. In fact, Yasso has pictures of the meeting in his church.

Then-mayor of Detroit Coleman Young gave Yasso a key to Detroit to present to Hussein to thank him for his support of Detroit area churches.

"I presented him with the key of the mayor and said 'Mr. President, you are now officially honorary citizen of Detroit,'" Reverend Yasso said.

Senior Devin Gross joked about the matter.

"Time to change the locks," Gross said.

If this isn't surprising enough, Yasso said Hussein then asked more about the church.

"He looked at me and said, 'You have got a debt on your church? How much is it?' I replied, '\$170,000.' He said, 'We will pay it off for you.' Then he turned to someone on his left and said, 'Give him \$200,000.'"

According to Yasso, the money has helped build the Chaldean Center of America next to Sacred Heart Church.

Tessa Thatcher, freshman, said she thinks it is ironic.

"It's strange to think that someone who is such an enemy of Americans today once donated so much money toward Christian churches. It's hard to believe that a dictator like him gave money that now helps Arab-Americans learn English and become citizens," she said.

Yasso said the center helps improve the lives of the Chaldean community in Detroit and the Iraqi donations have helped it become the establishment it is today.

"We seek to reach out to those folks and give them an alternative perspective on life in general and cater systematically for the needs of the rapidly

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Courtesy of the Helm family

Daniel Flanders (left) took his medical training to another level to help deliver Rusty and Lenise Helm's baby.

## OU student helps deliver new baby

### Luck of the Irish brought baby girl on St. Patrick's Day

BY KAKELA BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Some OU students were getting ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by drinking green beer and dancing.

Daniel Flanders ended up celebrating a different way, by delivering a stranger's baby.

"This will be a day I will never forget," said Flanders, a junior nursing student and Lake Orion firefighter/paramedic.

Flanders said he would remember this day because it was the first time he brought a life into the Earth, and it wasn't even in any of his nursing classes at OU.

Early in the morning on March 17, the Lake Orion Township Fire Department received an emergency call from Helm. His wife was in labor and they couldn't make it to the hospital because there was heavy traffic. Instead of Helm fighting the traffic, he pulled into the Lake Orion substation on Joslyn

Road.

"As soon as we put Mrs. Helm in the ambulance, I delivered her baby right away because her water already broke," Flanders said.

Ashlyn Rose Danielle Helm was born in the ambulance at 8:49 a.m. between 1-75 and M-59.

"I was happy to bring joy to the Helm family," he said. To honor and show respect for what Flanders did, the Helms incorporated his first name as part of the baby's middle name.

"I came up with my baby's middle name after Daniel told me his name. The first thing to pop in my head was the name Danielle," Mrs. Helm said. "I am a Christian, and I think it is more than a coincidence that we met Daniel because we have a lot in common. We will keep in contact with him for a very long time."

This is the Helm's second child, but the first child to turn a total stranger into a friend for life.

The Helms gave Flanders their

email address and phone number and asked him to keep in contact with them because he brought a miracle to their lives.

"Although this is the first baby I delivered, I have had prior training on how to deliver a baby from nursing classes at Oakland University as well as training at the fire department," Flanders said.

Flanders said he is a very busy man. Besides being a full time nursing student specializing in anesthesia at OU and a pilot, he also works at Lake Orion Township substation fire department where he is an on call firefighter/paramedic. Flanders has worked as a firefighter for six years and a paramedic for two years.

"As a child I always wanted to be a fireman. I just love to help people," he said. "As I got older I decided to go to school and I took a lot of health classes, so I decided to major in nursing and that is how I became a firefighter/paramedic."

## Penny drive's goal to stretch 500 miles



Courtesy of Promise Village  
Children and young adults pick teams on the facility basketball court.

BY CASEY CURTIS  
THE OAKLAND POST

A penny saved is a penny earned. That's why Promise Village Home for Children started a fundraiser called Pennies of Promise.

The campaign is to help raise money for the program, to hire new staff members and to enable more children to join.

Promise Village, a 70-acre ranch located in Davisburg, counsels abused and neglected boys 7-17 years old with one-on-one counseling and animal-assisted therapy.

Pennies of Promise began collecting funds last week and has set a goal of 500 miles of pennies, or \$422,200, by July 4.

"We started this campaign because anyone can be involved," said Chris Brennan, Promise Village's director of development. "Churches, businesses, kids, adults ... anyone."

Brennan said one mile of pennies is

84,480 pennies laid end-to-end. He said this fundraiser is also a fun way to get more kids involved to help other kids, which is what Brennan said Promise Village is all about.

"We're helping kids before they become a serious risk," he said.

The program is not state or federally funded at all, so money is raised by donations from private organizations, businesses and fundraisers like Pennies of Promise, Brennan said.

Even though the fundraiser has practically just begun, Brennan said there has already been a huge response.

"We've had 13 miles collected to already," he said.

Also, businesses can match a mile, which Brennan said would do wonders.

"Right now there are 215 kids on our waiting list until we get enough money to provide for more," Brennan said.

The more people that are involved, the better, he said.

Brennan also said any involvement from OU students would be beneficial, which is something senior Lauren Taylor said she would like to see done.

"Even if (Promise Village) set up a table in the OC, I'm sure a lot of people would be willing to donate to it," she said.

Promise Village is endorsed by county Prosecutor David Gorycyca and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, among others.

Two honorary board members are broadcast journalist Mort Crim and television and radio personality Art Linkletter.

"Pennies of Promise is really gaining a lot of momentum," Brennan said. "It's really neat to see people making so much effort."

For more details, visit www.promisevillage.com and download the special packet, or call (877) A-PROMISE for more information.



## Editorial

### Openness, perseverance pay off

If all OU students had the passion of those who bused to Washington D.C. two days ago, our campus would be more active.

And if all OU administrators were as dedicated to students as Dean and Assistant Dean of Students, Glenn McIntosh and Karen Lloyd, our campus would be more unified.

Last week, McIntosh and Lloyd had a difficult announcement to make – administrators had cancelled the financial support of the buses taking OU's affirmative action supporters to Washington D.C. to rally during the start of the University of Michigan's U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Despite students' disappointment, they didn't give up. Some found an alternative way to get down to D.C. to fight for a cause they believe in so deeply. The rest started planning an impressive series of events designed to educate the campus community on affirmative action and promote the cause right here at home.

Another display of perseverance was seen on McIntosh's and Lloyd's parts. They had a tough call to make and, though many disagreed with it, students' safety in light of the ongoing war was the primary concern.

But they took responsibility for being the bearers of bad news. At the two-hour meeting (which started after office hours), they faced students' accusations, fury, disappointment, tears and pleas. They then engaged in open and sincere discussion with a group of more than 40 emotionally charged students.

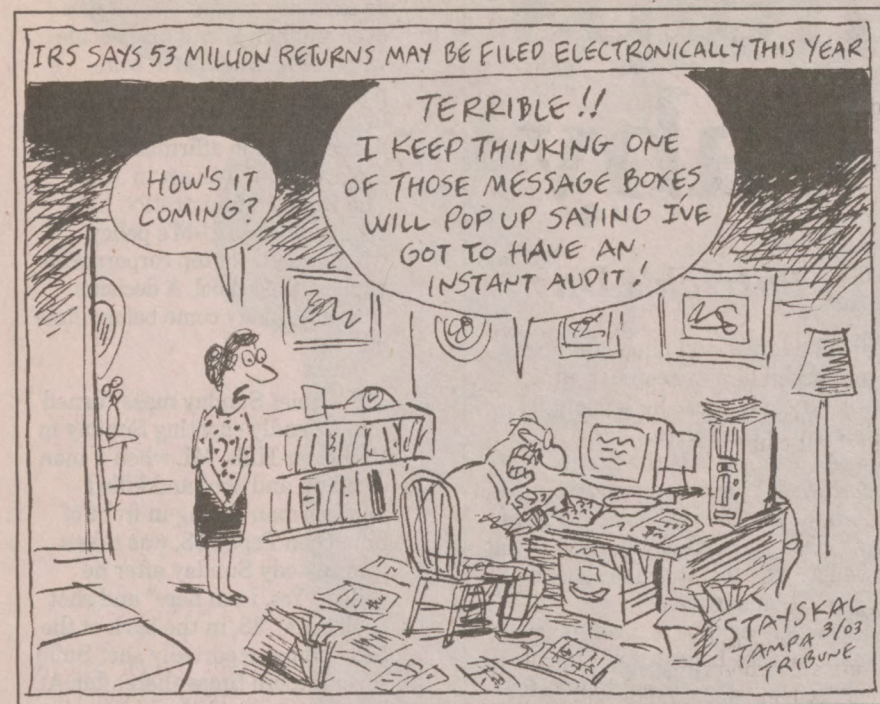
Their patience and willingness to listen to students' feedback and work together with them reaped good results. With their leadership and encouragement students began to think of alternative transportation solutions and ideas for a local effort.

Currently, our mindsets are occupied with the ongoing war in Iraq. But as one student rightly pointed out, long after that is over, affirmative action will still be an issue that needs our attention.

Regardless of your current opinion on the debate, it's critical to re-evaluate your stance on affirmative action because the U.S. Supreme Court's June decision will shape race relations and college admissions for years to come.

In the meanwhile, all students can learn from the example of the NAACP and ABS members and other affirmative action supporters. Their initiative and activism produced real results.

And all administrators can learn from McIntosh's and Lloyd's attitudes and willingness to connect with students in their time of need.



## Letters to the editor

### Student has problem with online voting system

Dear Editor,

I would like to voice a complaint about the online voting procedure for the OU Student Congress. Having it as a viable option for student voting is spectacular, and I believe an increase in student votes has coincided with its implementation.

However, I found flaws with the system. Primarily, I feel the "You must vote in each category in order for your vote to be processed," requirement should not be mandated. Shouldn't we be able to not vote for a category, if we choose?

Kerry Cutler

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Dear Editor,

Openness has been mentioned throughout the conflicts between the student body and the BOT. The closed meeting really calls for students to take a look at the interaction between students and the entire administration.

Administrators are here to educate, inspire and equip students for success. Yet walls have been built up between the administration and students. Students are inhibited from receiving all the administration should be here to give.

OU is not a business or a corporation. The economics of education has fogged up the real reason for this university. No one should ever focus on the economics of an education so much that the students are merely customers of the university.

The BOT's closed meeting damaged the relationship between students and the administration. To heal that damage, all administrators must be willing to establish relationships with students so they can effectively serve them.

You can never be too busy for the real purpose of your jobs. Open your doors.

James Ellout  
Freshman

Dear Editor,

To protesters of the war: Once we are at war, it is pointless to continue to protest. That's like standing on the dock, yelling at a ship to come back once it has sailed. The focus should be on supporting our military. You may disagree with the government's decision, but at least respect the soldiers who are putting their lives on the line, fighting and dying to bring freedom to the oppressed, who so desperately need and want it. Imagine if you had lived back in the days of the American Revolution, or Germany's Hitler – I wonder if you would have protested a war back then. As history proves, you would have been wrong.

I had a discussion with a student, because he wore a flag upside down on his jacket. A lesson on flag etiquette:  
1. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.  
2. Never display the flag with the union down. It is only to be displayed this way, as a sign of dire distress, in instances of extreme danger to life or property. And no, displaying it that way for personal grievances is not appropriate.  
3. It should never be used as apparel, bedding or drapery. It should always fall free.

4. It should never touch the ground or anything below it.  
5. It should be displayed daily in or near the main administration building of every public institution.  
6. When the flag passes by in a parade, every (non-military) person is supposed to face the flag and place your hand over your heart. This is a sign of respect for your country.

I had a student tell me the flag was just a flag, and that the country was just land. Are they taught nothing about history or patriotism? No one wants war, or to go to war. The ultimate sacrifice was made for every American, so that you have the freedom to protest, or disrespect

your country. I find it ironic, that some protesters choose violence. Hmmm, protesting for peace, while choosing violence?

Alice Carleton  
Athletics Department  
Veteran

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Dear Editor,

On March 17, 2003, my balcony mate, suitemate and I were written up for violating residence halls' policies. The description of the incident was as follows: "At approximately 4 p.m. I witnessed several men on the balcony of 4 East Vandenberg. Several of the men threw a stack of papers off of the balcony. I recognized one of the individuals as Mario Hagar. At that point I told the men that one of them needs to come down and pick up the papers. None of them complied with my request. After 10 minutes, I again asked them to pick up the papers, at this point one of them did ..."

We didn't throw papers off the balcony. My suitemate was enjoying the weather and doing his homework on the balcony.

If the person who wrote the referral found out what really happened instead of mistreating hall residents and jumping to conclusions, he would have clearly seen that a referral was unnecessary.

Mario Hagar  
Freshman

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### FEATURED COLUMNISTS

## 'Winter doldrums' nearly over



YIANNIS ROUSSOS

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Have you been feeling down lately? Experiencing a lack of energy? Sleeping and eating more? Does the occasional sunny day really cheer you up?

Then you may be one of millions who suffer from winter doldrums, a sub-clinical form of Seasonal Affective Depression (SAD). Some of the most common symptoms of SAD (and its sub-clinical counterpart) are depression, fatigue, lack of energy, sleeping more than usual, difficulty waking up, increased appetite, weight gain and

reduced work productivity. For a college student, it can be difficult to cope with.

In my personal experience, even the sub-clinical version – winter doldrums – although not severe enough to keep one bed-ridden, can make for a really, really bad semester. Getting out of bed to go to class is a formidable challenge, staying through an entire lecture is even harder. Interpersonal conflicts seem more dramatic and self-esteem tends to hit an all-time low. No wonder there's a trend of grades dipping during winter semester. So after researching and monitoring myself here's what I learned:

1. It's not as bad as you think. Really.
2. You're just having a rough winter like another 10 percent of people around you.
3. Sunlight helps. If the sun

isn't visible, make it a point to spend at least half an hour a day in a brightly lit room. Artificial light can combat the worst of the symptoms of winter doldrums. In fact, length of the day and exposure to sunlight are the main determinants of both conditions. Recent studies conducted by Columbia University indicate that SAD affects less than 1 percent of the population of Florida, and as much as 10 percent of the population of Alaska. Furthermore, winter doldrums affect five times more people than SAD does.

4. My natural reaction was to isolate myself, which was the worst thing I could do. It just compounded my negative feelings. So you might try staying active and hanging out with your friends even when you feel down.

5. If you even think you

may be suffering from SAD, as opposed to the sub-clinical version, seek professional advice. The people at Graham Health Center are always willing to help, and if you go in for counseling, the first six appointments are free to all OU students.

Even though temperatures aren't completely spring-like yet, I bet you've already noticed an improvement in your mood and a feeling that consistent warm weather is just around the corner. This is because the days are getting longer. So get excited ...

And next year, find a bright light (e.x. fluorescent light) and spend 30 minutes in front of it every day, starting in September or October and you'll feel the difference.

Happy spring everybody.

## Point / Counterpoint

### Now that the war started, should people still protest?

#### Yes

JUSTIN MULARSKI  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

At the Oscar awards, activist Michael Moore was greeted by a chorus of boos when he spoke out against the current situation in Iraq and the president himself. While most of the audience probably agreed with what Moore was saying, the A-list crowd sat silent and let Moore be jeered by a loud group of stagehands. The camera panned the faces of the A-list front row as they sat in bemused but uncomfortable silence.

For months these stars have spoken out against the war in loud and large numbers. Why then did none of them come to Moore's rescue?

They were probably afraid.

For celebrities and everyone else, speaking out against decisions made by the government has become equated with un-Americanism. Even worse, speaking out against war now means that you also don't support American troops.

This kind of thinking is nothing short of stupid. Homogenous thought has never been what the U.S. stands for. There is no use in fighting a war

called "Operation Iraqi Freedom" if we are going to pick and choose which freedoms we extend to our own citizens.

It would be difficult to find anyone who does not respect and admire our troops. But there are those who believe Americans should show their gratitude by stifling the beliefs of select groups of citizens. It is those individuals who exercise their right to free speech, regardless of class, race, sex or career, who truly understand what America's troops have fought for. They will insure that when our soldiers come home, it is to an example of democracy worthy of their protection. Not a reflection of the regime they were called on to dismantle.

Political columnist Jan Herman called the following quote, spoken by Nazi commander Hermann Goering during the Nuremberg trials in 1946, "words of warning:"

"Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

It's scary that some are allowing it to work in America.

#### No

JIM GAMMICCHIA  
ADVERTISING ASSISTANT

War protesting is a way to exercise your freedom of speech. This is a statement that I cannot and will not try to argue. Rather, I ask all Americans ... where did this freedom come from?

Need I remind all Americans that this freedom, and all other freedoms that we experience, are ones that were fought for in war?

This freedom was not given as a gift, but was the result of a war in which many Americans lost their lives. I find it hard to believe that some people would actually use this liberty to criticize this nation and these freedoms that we have fought for and with which we have been so blessed.

I also find it hard to believe that it took catastrophes like those experienced on Sept. 11, 2001 for all of us to realize how truly privileged we are as Americans to have the independence that we have.

All of a sudden, we donned our American flags via bumper stickers, pins and the like in order to show our

true patriotism. Now, a true biological and nuclear terror is at our doorstep, and we cry that the fight for our security and welfare is wrong. Where did all the patriotism and support of our nation go? More importantly, when will it all revisit us?

War is a terrible thing, but if one looks at the purpose of this war, it is to liberate another country and present them with the same freedoms that have been provided us through the toil and suffering of our ancestors. These, in addition to protecting our own well being, are the reasons that we fight this fight.

This is not to say that I am for or against the war. The truth of the matter is that the war is well under way, and it is time to decide whether we will stand with or against our country and our president, the commander-in-chief, who has been elected by and for the people. I hope that we always bear in mind and appreciate our freedoms, and what it took for us to achieve them.

May God bless our troops, our country, and all those who aspire for the freedoms that we have been so blessed with.

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MARCH

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Senior Erica Whitfield ran to her 4 p.m. Monday class (the time the OU bus was scheduled to depart), explained to her professor why she wouldn't be in class and hastily packed her belongings for the trip.

"I was down for the cause all the way," she said.

The NAACP and an organization that fights for equality called BAMN (By Any Means Necessary) sponsored the march, which began next to the Supreme Court steps.

The march pulled supporters from universities and colleges around the country, from Princeton to Ohio State University, from Harvard to U-M.

"This is unbelievable," Pearson said, staring at the Supreme Court almost speechless. This was her first visit to Washington, D.C.

Certainly the sea of maze and blue did not go unnoticed, as several demonstrators showed their support of U-M's stance.

Freshman Jackie Claiborne said, "In my personal life, this means my children will be able to go to a prestigious college through a system put in place to alleviate inequalities in K-12."

Many OU students in attendance said they recognized that this is a cause that touches each of them personally and is of critical importance to the entire county.

"It's not even about being an African American, it's bigger than that," junior Nikita Thomas said. "I'm a double minority so it really affects me. It's my small way of being a rebel."

Junior LaShawnda James echoed Thomas' sentiments

"I enjoyed seeing the unity among all cultures - whites, blacks, Latinos ... I was surprised to see so many white males there," she said. "Everyone was out for the cause, not for themselves."

James explained the direct influence that affirmative action has had on her life.

"... The school system that I came up in (Detroit Public Schools) and my socio-economic background is different to someone from Bloomfield or Farmington," she said. "My qualifications are just as good as theirs, but affirmative action allows me to be here. Everybody deserves the opportunity to better themselves."

The march down Constitution Avenue from the Supreme Court to the Lincoln Memorial was junior Montrell Porter's favorite part of the day.

"This is the first time I've had the opportunity to see so many people come together for a cause," he said.

Affirmative action centers on issues that many people do not fully understand.

"Some people think it's a different form of discrimination, and it's not," said junior Stefan Welch. "You have to have a system like this to ensure diversity."

Junior Keelin Robinson knows from very recent experience that affirmative action is still widely misunderstood.

At a rest stop in Pennsylvania just hours before the rally started, he overheard two men saying that they didn't understand the purpose of the D.C. march.

He said that the mens' comments implied that they thought affirmative action wasn't important and shouldn't exist.

"If this case goes the other way, not only will it effect me, but my kids and my kids' kids," he said.

Some students felt the only downer about the trip was that 114 people were signed up to go before OU pulled sponsorship, citing safety concerns because of the threat of terrorism with the ongoing war with Iraq. Only 27 ended up making it to the capital.

Welch said that was "sad and unacceptable that OU did not put out numbers that other schools did."

Kaoru Sawada, a guest student from Japan, studies American history with emphasis on the civil rights movement. She said she went to the march to educate herself further on affirmative action.

Mitch Hollins, junior, carried a sign that read, "Save affirmative action."

He said that the march was "inspirational and broke down color barriers."

"This is a step toward the future. We will fight for what's right," he said.

Rochelle Black, director of government relations, and Helen Ellison, assistant director for Diversity and Compliance, joined the students on the trip.

RUSSI

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faculty.

In 2004, OU's revenue short-fall and fixed cost increases will total nearly \$13 million according to the letter from Russi.

"We had to move forward with a planned 10 percent cut for 2004," Russi said. "We don't know what the final expectations of the state will be."

According to Russi, OU administrators are wasting no time in starting on cuts that will be necessary.

A reorganization of OU's Information Technology department was already announced by Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president of Academic Affairs and provost. The reorganization will save some \$140,000 in funding annually.

Further crunching led to the closure of the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute two weeks ago. The Institute had accumulated as much as \$400,000 in debt the past several years.

Russi said it was unable to compete with "more mainstream" health care providers.

While not a cut, Meadow Brook Theatre will be changing

its operational approach. The theatre has run a deficit the past several years despite good box office sales, according to Russi. From now on, all productions will require a sponsor before they can be staged, he said.

Future cuts have not been finalized yet and will not be until the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for June, he said.

"In some cases, (cuts) might impact a student service," Russi said.

But currently, the size of the cuts the legislature will pass is still unknown. Russi said they could be lower than the expected 10 percent, or they could be higher.

"If (Granholt's) budget recommendations don't hold, (the cuts) could be a multi-year deal," Russi said.

He added that if the statewide cuts manage to kill the deficit in one stroke, the cuts could be temporary.

"It's important for students to be involved in the process. Call your legislators," Russi said. "In the end, it works for you."

DRIVE

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the road after you have decided to become part of the registry," Fulton said.

Once the match is made, the donor must go through counseling to be informed about bone marrow collection and make sure this is still something he or she wants to do. Once some physical evaluations are completed, the marrow collection takes place, she said.

"Usually, they perform an outpatient procedure where they collect the bone marrow from your hip or pelvic bone," Fulton said. "Patient may experience some soreness in the collection site and will need to take it easy for awhile."

The Red Cross said the marrow will be replaced by the donor's body within four to six weeks.

According to Phelps, there is no cost associated with additional blood tests, donation procedure, hospital stay or travel for the donor. Recipients or their insurance covers those costs.

For more information, visit the table in the OC today or contact a local donor center at [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org) or (800) MARROW2.

FEATS

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Vygnanski, seniors, as part of their Management 435 class, where they had to put on an event. Golden Key then offered support along with Students in Free Enterprise including the Oakland Community College chapter, King/Chavez/Parks mentors, The GEAR Up Project, Office of Equity, Student Affairs, Target and Borders.

Fulton said she believes this program is important.

"As students, we have the opportunity to help other students realize that they are not alone in their sufferings, educate them as to where and how they can receive hold and inspire change within their own lives so that they too can be successful," Fulton said.

Compton was asked to speak because he is from Pontiac, and he said many people see that as an obstacle to overcome. He said he was surprised by some of the reactions he received from the students.

"A few students approached me after the event and told me that I did inspire them," he said. "I did not expect this, and I genuinely feel that once the students are exposed to some of their barriers, rather known or unknown, they need to hear from people who have overcome similar feats."

SLEEP

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work more than one job and/or night shifts are prime candidates for unsuccessful sleep patterns, she said.

The general rule is one hour of sleep for every two hours awake, according to the website.

Sophomore Julie Asner said she believes the National Sleep Awareness Week is a good idea. She also said she knows first hand of the problems of sleep deprivation.

"It's like no matter how much I sleep, it's never enough," she said.

According to Readett, some warning signs of sleep deprivation while driving are eyes that close by themselves, yawn-

ing a lot and having trouble paying attention.

She said if any of these occur, pull over to take a nap or call someone to come pick you up.

Readett also said promotion of this week will undoubtedly help save lives.

"Hopefully, people will become a little more attuned to the importance of getting enough sleep, especially when they're going to be driving," she said.

National Sleep Awareness Week began Monday, and ends April 6. For more information on this event, visit [www.nsaw.org](http://www.nsaw.org).

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Roberta Dessellier, staff associate to the president of Michigan Technological University, said the board there also only closes meetings when they fall under one of the Open Meetings Act exemptions.

"We've been open for years and years," she said. "We follow the Open Meetings Act."

Many of the universities that do not consider themselves subject to OMA still uphold its principles.

Louis Lessem, vice president and general counsel for the Board of Governors at Wayne State University, said WSU is not governed by the OMA because of the ruling that came out of the Federated case.

However, he said the Board tries to be as open as possible.

"Wayne has always been careful to try to be transparent in its board activities," Lessem said.

The assistant to the Board of Trustees at Central Michigan University said all university boards should be subject to the OMA. She said all actions of the

CMU board are taken at formal sessions.

"The Board must have a formal meeting to conduct business and to make decisions," she said.

Carol Alexander, executive secretary to the Board of Trustees at Lake Superior State University, said LSSU is also subject to the OMA.

Like at MSU, she said the Federated case really did not change the way the board operates.

"They did have a meeting about the case," she said. "But things are still pretty much the same."

The three universities in Michigan created by the Constitution have elected governing boards. The remaining 12 have trustees appointed by the governor in staggered eight-year terms.

OU was created by an act of the legislature in 1970. As part of the legislation, OU's board was required to follow the OMA.

The Post filed suit against OU's board last week for its apparent violation of the OMA.

SUIT

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emergency will allow for protection under the law. The section specifically mentions a health condition relating to the birth of a child as a given example.

According to the court filings, Liebold's lawsuit claims that under the FMLA, she should have been protected as of Feb. 18, 2002, three days after an ultrasound caused her doctor to order her on bed rest.

Under the terms of the FMLA, both Liebold's salary and medical benefits had to be continued during the time she was on medical leave, the lawsuit says.

Section 202 of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act states that an employer cannot discharge an employee because of sex, which includes pregnancy, childbirth or a medical condition relating to pregnancy or

childbirth.

Akhtar believes that OU was unjust in terminating Liebold's employment and is looking for back pay or damages for lost earnings, in addition to compensatory damages for mental anguish and damage to her professional reputation.

At this time, Liebold is still unemployed. She directed any comments on the case to Akhtar.

"She is still looking for a new job, but the market for a person writing grants is not too exciting at this time," said Akhtar. "Pretty much the same as a person looking for a newspaper job right now."

According to an OU media relations official, the university won't comment on pending litigation.

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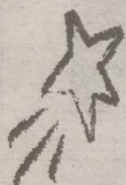
expanding population of Chaldeans as a result of immigration through educationally-oriented programs," he said.

When asked about his opinion of Saddam Hussein now, Yasso simply replied, "He is a very different person now."

He said he believes all of the money and power that Hussein has received over the last 20 years has changed him.

Yasso said he has no regrets about accepting the donations from Hussein, although he did receive some disapproval from his congregation. He is thankful for the gift and is glad he could use it to better the lives of those in the Chaldean community of Detroit.

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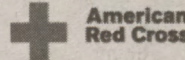
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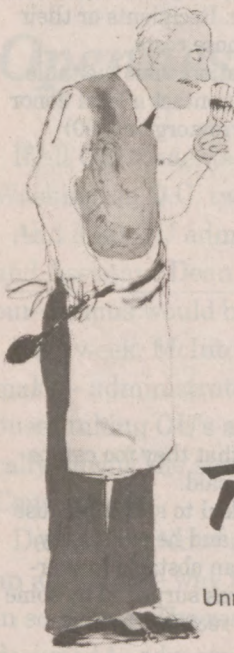
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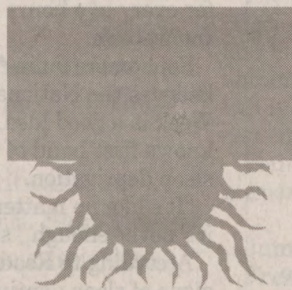
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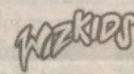
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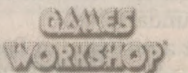
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## Websites give students sneak peek at professors

By ANN ZANIEWSKI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Just about every student has taken a class and later thought to themselves "If I had only known..."

Enrolling in classes without knowing a professor's teaching style is a crapshoot and can lead to a disastrous or, if a student gets lucky, wonderful semester.

The results of OU professor evaluations filled out by students are kept private, but thanks to two popular websites, students can get a heads-up on a particular professor before they sign up for his or her class.

Ratemyprofessors.com and professorperformance.com include student comments about thousands of instructors, including several from OU.

Visitors to the sites can read the evaluations and post feedback for free.

At professorperformance.com, students give professors letter grades in the categories of coolness, ease and worth, and the average is totaled to determine the final rating.

Kasey Kerber, founder and president of professorperformance.com, said he created the site after taking a college course that was based solely on one professor's "rambling" lectures and a textbook that was "about as understandable as a VCR manual written in Japanese."

The site debuted in 2001 and now gets between 500-1,700 hits daily.

Kerber said he thinks the rating system is very accurate.

"Most students see the need to be honest in evaluations, in order to better help future students who are considering taking that professor for a course," he said.

"The fact that 60-70 percent of all evaluations are positive shows that our site

is not used by students as a 'slamming board,' but as an outlet that allows students to show one another which professors are worth missing and which ones you'd be a fool to miss."

While website rating systems seem like they could be magnets for hate-inspired messages posted by angry students who have personal beefs with professors, Kerber said his site has safeguards in place to prevent that from happening.

Before posting ratings at professorperformance.com, all students must read a legal disclaimer that explains that no slanderous or defamatory messages are allowed. There is a keyword filter in place that flags potentially damaging words (like "racist," for example) and sends those messages directly to an administrative database instead of the website.

Ratemyprofessors.com is set up similarly to professorperformance.com.

Professors are judged on a scale from 1-5 on easiness, helpfulness and clarity. A chili pepper is assigned to teachers who scored favorably on a "hotness" scale.

John Swapceinski founded Ratemyprofessors.com in 1999. The site currently has ratings for professors at 89 universities, colleges and community colleges across Michigan.

The site also provides a list of the funniest comments ever posted, including "Emotional scarring may fade away, but that big fat F on your transcript won't," "The movies he shows are so bad even he has to leave the room," and "Bring a pillow," followed by "Your pillow will need a pillow."

Swapceinski said while student feedback is almost universally positive, most

professors aren't very enthusiastic about the site.

"I get threatened with legal action on a weekly basis," he said. "Unfortunately, many professors don't quite get the concept of the First Amendment."

OU Student Congress used to post professor evaluations on its website.

Sophomore Christiana Paige said she checked the evaluations once before enrolling in classes.

She has never visited professorperformance.com or ratemyprofessors.com, but said she thinks online professor rating systems are helpful.

"I think it's good so students know what they're getting into before they enter the class," she said.

## OUPD calls on cadets' help

By LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

When the OU community needs assistance, students in the OUPD cadet program sometimes heed the call for help.

Thanks to the program, which has been around for roughly 20 years, 8-10 students a year get to experience law enforcement in a unique way. Also, the OUPD has helped with making its presence known on campus.

"They are our eyes and ears," said Sgt. A. Steele, the officer in charge of the cadets.

Once they are on the job, cadets help citizens of the community, lock buildings at night and keep an eye on things, said cadet Brent Toth, junior.

Steele said students interested in becoming a cadet need to go through the student employment office.

Applicants will have to go through background checks and driving record checks.

Students then spend a week to 10 days training for the position, said Steele.

He said a senior cadet shows students around and tells them the "dos and don'ts" of the job. They are also given a list of rules and regulations.

Toth said he got involved with the program when he first came to OU. He saw an ad on the OUPD website, and decided to apply.

"It's a great job," he said. "They are very receptive to the fact that you are a student."

Toth is unsure of whether he will go into law enforcement. He is a biology major, but is thinking

about engineering or becoming a police officer.

"It's interesting to see from the other side," Toth said. "You get to see their attitude. They really care about what they are doing."

Toth said some police officers have bad reputations, but most stories aren't true.

Toth said one of the most interesting things he has done has been assisting evidence technicians with an on-campus crime investigation.

Junior Jessica Kronberger said she got involved with the program because she needed a good on-campus job.

She said she knew some people in OUPD and they told her to come in.

She said a typical day of work consists of driving around campus, walking through buildings and "just making the police department's presence known."

She said she also runs errands for the OUPD and gives jump starts to people stuck in the parking lots.

Although Kronberger is not going to go into law enforcement, she said she still likes the job.

"I like helping people out," she said. "It's nice when they are so grateful."

She said she would encourage students to apply for cadet positions.

"It's low stress," she said. "I like almost all of the people I work with. I think any job you have at all will help you in the future."

Interested students should call the OU student employment office at (248) 370-3370 or stop in 120 North Foundation Hall.



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OUPD cadet Jessica Kronberger, junior, patrols around campus to assist the police department as part of its cadet program. Cadets act as the "eyes and ears" of the OUPD and assist members of the OU community with car battery jumps and other services.

## Putting on dancing shoes



The student dance companies from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company present Young Choreographers Forum at 8 p.m. on April 3, 4 and 5, at Varner Studio Theatre. Performers include (clockwise from left) Angela Repp, Kristen Zajac, Mary Bischoff (middle), Carrie Hercula, Jacque' Phaneuf and Angela Gary (front). There will be an additional 2 p.m. matinee on April 5. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students.

## Rec locks in

By SANDARELLA BATRES  
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

If students are looking for a party that lasts all night, then this year's lock-in is where they need to be.

The lock-in is being sponsored by the Student Program Board and Alpha Phi Alpha, and it will be held from 11 p.m.- 5 a.m. April 4 in the Rec. Center.

Alpha Phi Alpha started the event last year and chose to expand it this year to attract more students.

"My goal is to promote diversity and unity on campus," said Ricky Williams, Alpha Phi Alpha president.

The lock-in is an opportunity for students to have some wholesome fun, Williams said.

Last year, around 200 students attended the event. The sponsors are hoping for a bigger turnout this year.

Admission is free and food is provided.

Students will be allowed to bring one guest.

"Once a student comes in, if they leave, they can't get back in," said

sophomore Erin Jenkins, SPB Recreation and Leisure chair.

Some of the events that will be available during the night include laser tag, inflatable games, like a bungee run, and an M4 motion theater.

*"There's going to be a lot of activities, you'll never go bored."*

Erin Jenkins  
Sophomore

"There's going to be a lot of activities, you'll never go bored," said Jenkins.

The winners of the three on three basketball tournament and card games will be awarded certificate prizes of \$100.

Additional prizes will be raffled off at the end of the night.

Besides the pool, which will be open from 11 p.m.- 1 a.m., all other events are

continuous.

"Once an event starts, it doesn't stop until the end of the night," said Jenkins.

During the lock-in, there will be character sketch artists and entertainer Travelin' Max.

SPB and Alpha Phi Alpha came together to bring in a different variety of people, said Jenkins.



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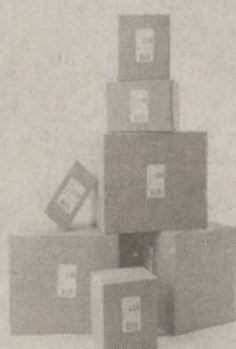
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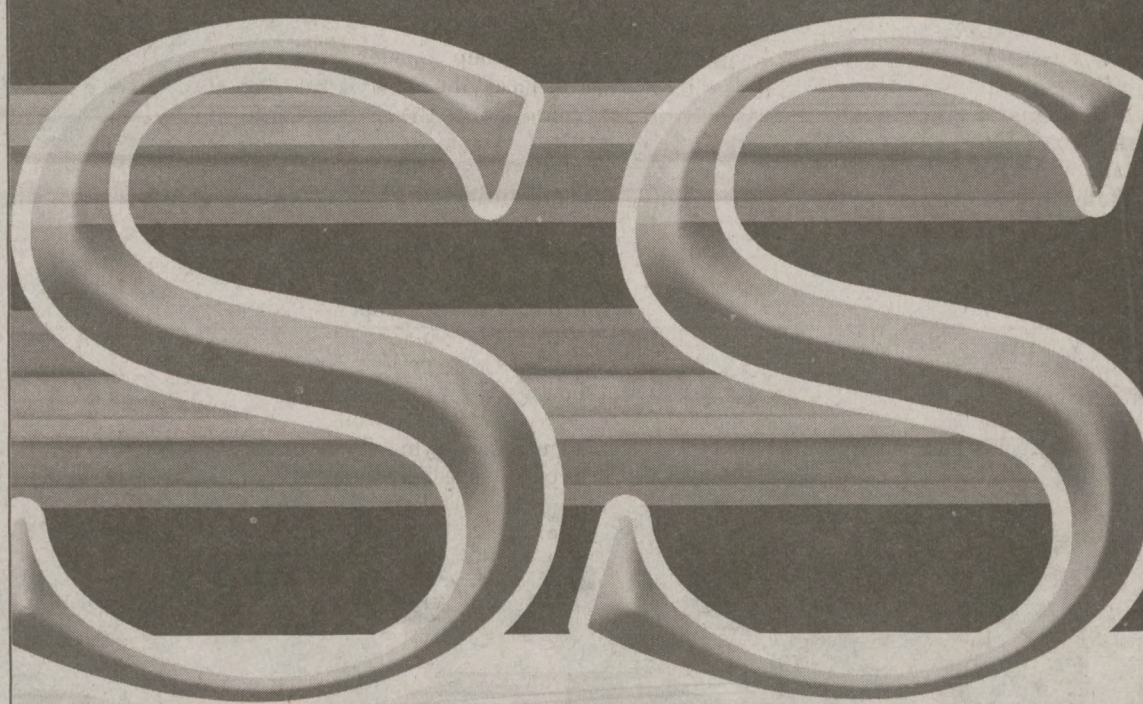
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# Moving day nears

By LISA ZITZMANN  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Residence Halls close their doors at 8 p.m. on April 25, and all students and their belongings must be out by the deadline.

Rooms must be clean, all beds and desks must be properly assembled, the rooms must be inspected by an RA, and students need to turn in keys and inventory sheets.

Students will be charged for anything beyond normal wear and tear and \$25 for each closing procedure not followed.

But don't expect any help from the Department of University Housing.

Although the dorms are equipped with dollies to assist with boxes and crates, students are on their own when it comes to packing up and moving out.

"We don't get involved in moving in or moving out," said Roxanne Fisher, an office assistant in the Student Housing Office in Hamlin Hall.

Students can purchase cardboard boxes, tape and labeling supplies at Mailboxes Etc., Staples and Office Depot. Boxes are also sometimes available at stores for free, such as Gordon Food Service, Farmer Jack and L&L.

Students who plan on moving around a lot during their college careers might want to invest in plastic storage crates, bins and trunks.

These boxes are available in all sizes and colors and can make staying organized easy. Think really big Tupperware.

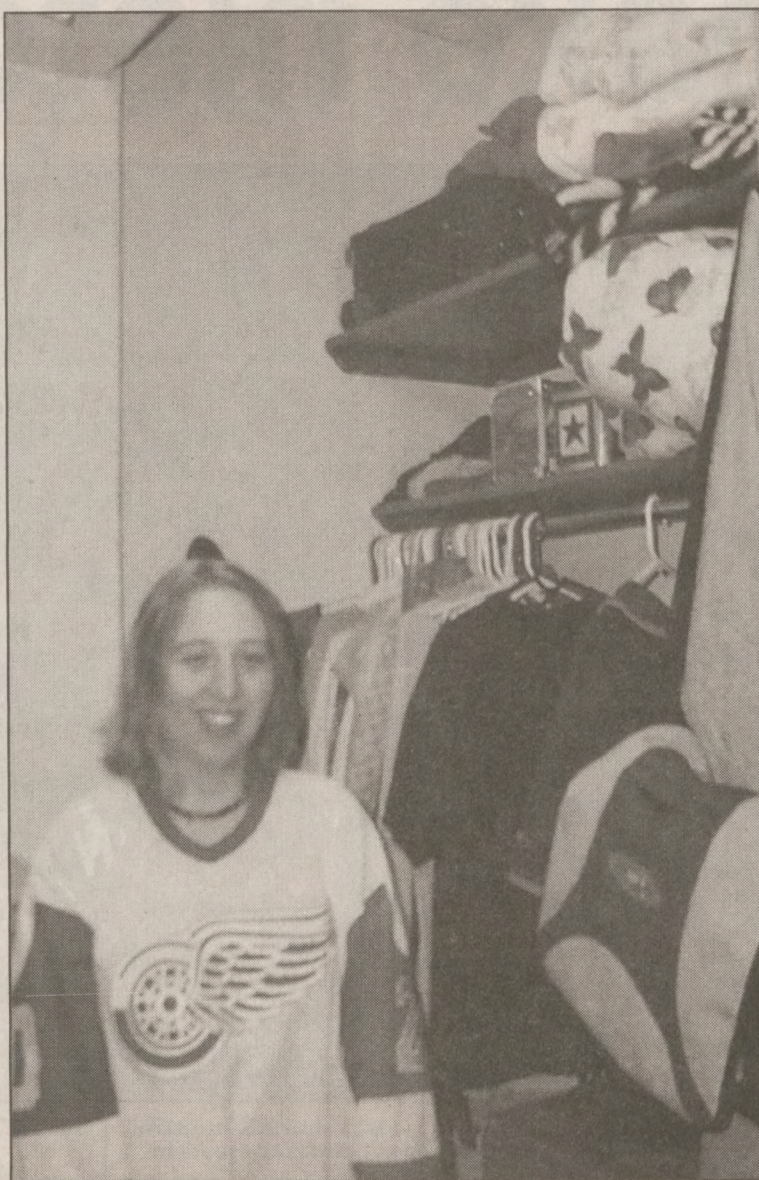
When packing, students should try to pack things that are only needed for school, such as desk lamps, rugs, bedding, towels, pictures and other decorative items in the same box. That way they will be packed up and ready to go when moving in again next year.

Many students keep clothes they never wear, but it's easy to donate them to someone who will. Students can get a large donation together and call charities like St. Vincent DePaul or the Purple Heart to come pick it up.

The Salvation Army has locations in Pontiac and Rochester Hills and is always taking donations.

Many students who have moved out of the dorms in the past say that moving doesn't have to be scary.

"It's easy if you plan it well, but if you don't then you're stuck with everyone else," said sophomore Roxana Zuniga. "If you have everything packed and ready to go you'll be fine."



Freshman Robin Brownheim has a lot of stuff she's going to have to move out of her dorm room in North Hamlin Hall at the end of the month.

By LISA ZITZMANN  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students have a lot of options for housing, both on and off-campus.

Apartments in the area are convenient for students looking for more space and amenities while staying within walking distance of campus.

When searching for apartments, students need to consider what they can afford. Most off-campus apartments have income requirements, usually at least three times the rent amount per month, and parents are usually not allowed to co-sign.

Many complexes offer units with two, three or four bedrooms. Living with roommates is an option to minimize rent and living expenses.

The closest apartment complex to OU is Beacon Hill, located off Walton Blvd. north of Squirrel Road. Beacon Hill is a large, gated property that is student friendly. It offers up to three bedroom apartments and some have lofts. Each unit has a private entrance, patio or balcony, washer and dryer, storage and gas fireplace.

The units range in price from \$750 a month for an 845-square foot apartment to \$1,250 for 1,500-square foot apartments with lofts and three full bathrooms. The application fee is \$100 and the security deposit is equal to one month's rent.

Just next door to Beacon Hill is The Boulevard. Also gated, The Boulevard caters to short-term executives, but also offers luxury apartment living with a 12-month lease. The prices start at \$850 for a basic, first floor, one bedroom, 853-square foot unit with a patio and storage, to \$1,150 for a 1,140-square foot unit with fireplace and vaulted ceiling.

Right around the corner, off Squirrel, is Knollwood Place Apartments. Many students are

attracted to Knollwood's lower prices, which start at \$680 for a starter one bedroom/bath unit to \$850 for a 1,020-square foot "Dorchester" unit with two bedrooms and two baths.

Shirley Gutierrez, Property Manager of Knollwood Place, said students and professors like the fact that the apartments are within walking distance of OU and local restaurants.

All three apartment complexes offer resident swimming facilities and workout rooms.

Off-campus living is an attractive solution for students wishing to be on their own, but for some, the University Student Apartments on campus are the best option.

While pricier than some off-campus apartments (a full year runs from \$6,680 for four bedrooms to \$7,015 for two bedrooms) the student apartments include all utilities, basic cable television service, university phone services and furniture.

However, for those considering the university apartments, certain requirements do apply. Students must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or better, and priority goes to upper level students with at least two years of OU dorm experience before international, commuter, graduate or transfer students are considered.

For more information on the student housing, call the University Housing Department at (248) 370-2581, or visit its website at [www2.oakland.edu/oakland/housing](http://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/housing).

For information or to take a walk-through at any of the mentioned off-campus apartments, simply walk into the leasing office and bring a state-issued ID.

# OU rapper in limelight

By KAKELA BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

What ever happen to Motown?

Detroit used to be known for famous artists, and in the early 60s Detroit had new artists coming out all the time.

Detroit was the place to be with the legendary Berry Gordy, who started Motown Records in 1964. Motown had artists and groups like Dianna Ross, The Supremes, The Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and many more.

Well that was then and this is now, and now it is all about hip-hop and pop music.

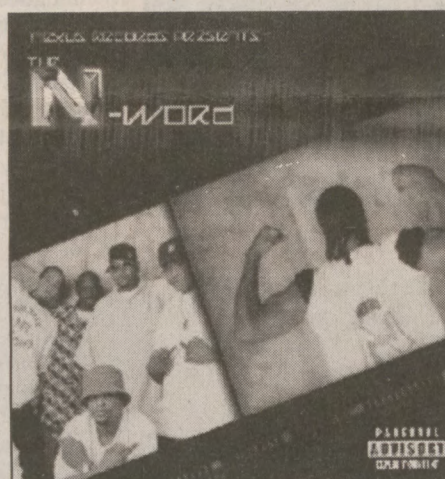
There is a hot new hip-hop group called Nexus on the market from Detroit. This hot new group can help put Detroit back on the map.

OU junior David Hall, a.k.a D- strong, is a member of Nexus. The Detroit native is a junior and an economics major.

"I picked economics as my major because I always have money on my mind," said Hall.

Hall is a full-time student and an artist with a dream of being a well-known rapper someday.

"I started rapping with my boy J-Con. He really influenced me to rap along with Plan B," Hall said.



In spite of the success of his career, Hall has not lost sight of the importance of his education.

"Regardless of how big I make it I'm going to finish school," Hall added.

This will not be Hall's first time in the spotlight. In January 2000 he appeared in a music video.

"I believe with the exception of Eminem, Detroit has been over

looked. Nexus Records is about to bring Detroit back," Hall said.

His new group is under the Nexus Records label. The hot entourage brings a different flavor to the rap and hip-hop industry.

Nexus Records was incorporated in Michigan during the summer of 2001. Nexus artists include Plan B, Johnny Rocco, D- Strong, Savish and many more.

Although this company is only 1 year old, the fledgling record company has produced and released four underground projects and its members have performed at more than 80 shows.

The record label is not only about making money, it is also trying to make changes in urban cities, especially in Detroit.

Artists under Nexus Records have performed at the Westin Hotel for the National Society of Black Engineers and the State Theatre for the Gilbert Brown Celebrity Jam at the River Rock in Detroit.

They also sponsored a "Get Out To Vote" hip-hop rally.

CEO and founder Mr. Shane came up with the name Nexus because his daughter's name is Lexus and he wanted something to remind him of his daughter.

"Nexus" means connection, link or tie.

Shane said, "The three major qualities that my artists must have are desire, the look and the right personality. All of my artist have these qualities."

"Before we do a show I ask my artists 'Are you a team member?' and 'How bad do you want it (fame)?'" Shane said.

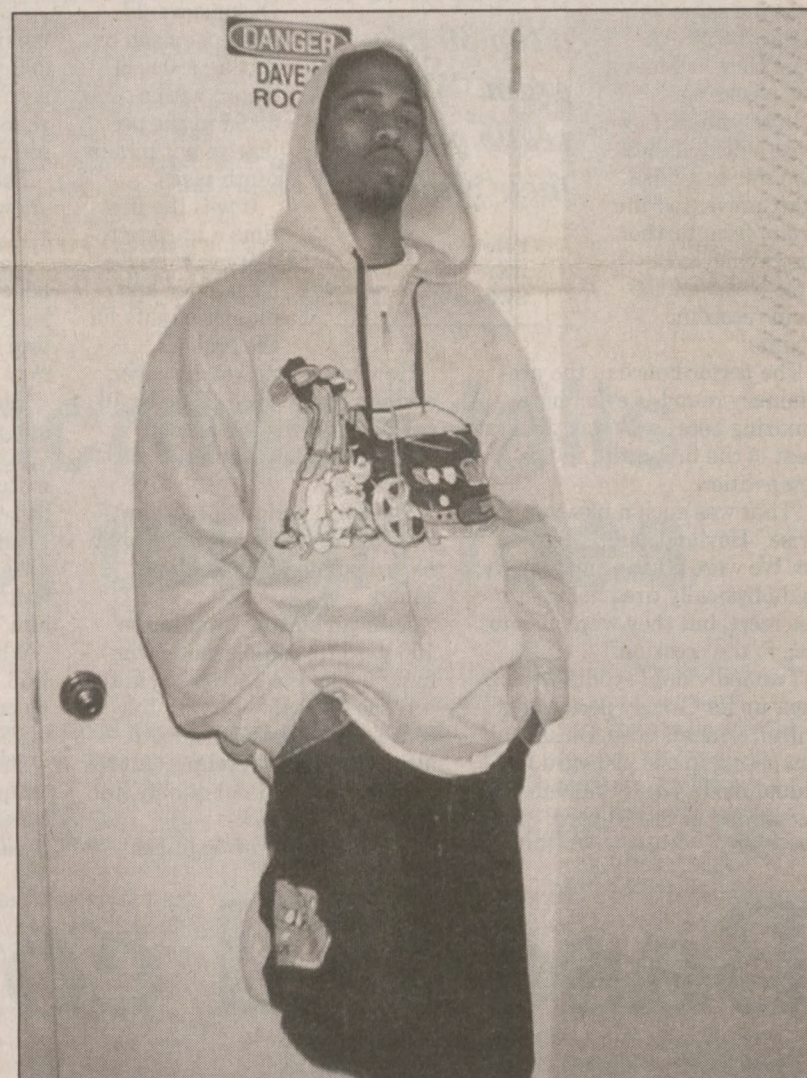
Nexus Records has a great variety of talent but they also keep their ears and eyes open for new talent.

"Musically, Detroit has a lot of talent, some known more than others. Detroit will be the next major city to have numerous amounts of talent rising," said Shane.

Hall agrees with supporting Detroit.

"We are trying to take metro Detroit with us," he said.

Nexus will release its album on April 29. CDs will be able to be purchased online at [www.nexusrecordsinc.com](http://www.nexusrecordsinc.com). Also, check out the site to get a listing of stores that will be selling the CD, to drop one of the artists an email or find out where shows will be this summer.



David Hall, junior, is a member of new hip-hop group "Nexus," which will release its debut record on April 29.

# Rock OU's socks

By KAKELA BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

The rocks in front of the Oakland Center's north entrance are becoming more and more popular around campus.

The rocks are mainly used by the Greek organizations or student organizations to promote themselves. But lately, some students have used the rocks to express their feelings toward the war.

About a week ago, students covered the rocks with anti-war sentiments.

Other students painted over the rock and covered it with pro-war messages to support the troops fighting in Iraq.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said "We don't mind students expressing themselves on the rocks. As long as Greeks and other student organizations respect each other messages. Usually we tell organizations do not paint over messages for at least 24 hours."

Any student can paint on the rocks.

"Anyone can paint the spirit rocks located in front of the Oakland Center. They are there for anyone to express their feelings, of course with guidelines (prohibiting) racial comments or discriminating comments to anyone or other Greeks," Miller added.

The rocks have been around OU as long as the school been in existence.

Most Greek organizations have been around more than 20 years, and the Greek students were the first to paint the rocks.

"I paint the rocks on my anniversary day as a Sigma and on our Founder's Day," said Calvin Gilbert of Phi Beta Sigma. "I paint the rocks because it shows recognition to my fraternity."

Tonya Vereen of Delta Sigma Beta said "It is better to paint the rocks in the spring time because it attracts students' attention, and besides it is really cold in the fall."

April Payne of Delta Sigma Beta said, "I remember last year after 9/11 some one painted a flag

on the rock, it took a really long time before any one painted over it."

"The rocks are a part of Oakland University culture," Miller said.

Most Greek students agree that the rocks are important because they are symbols to let them express their feelings and promote their sorority or fraternity.

Another Greek student, Adam Krikorian, said, "My fraternity paints the rock to get our name out. We like for people to see our name and other than banners in the OC, this is the best way to promote your organization."

He added that, "It would be nice if there were more rocks for us to paint on around the campus," Krikorian said.

Miller said although there are rocks by the lake and the University's Student Apartments, but no one can paint them. If students paint on those rocks, their organization will be fined.

# 'Monologues' return

By ANASTASIA STANECKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

A controversy is returning to campus.

The Women's Issues Forum is putting on a performance entitled "Vagina Monologues" for the second year in a row.

Due to sold out shows last year, they have added a third performance to this year's show.

Eve Ensler, the author, wrote this controversial play as a way to help stop violence against women.

She uses it as a way to raise money to help local, national and international efforts. Vagina Monologues features women who literally represent vaginas that speak out in a series of monologues from more than 200 interviews that Ensler conducted with women and girls about their vaginas.

There is only one rehearsal for the show and the monologues are read from a script.

"Every single person involved is part of the OU community," Lindsay Hyland said.

Hyland graduated in December but has remained active in the organization because of how important it has become to her.

"It is a very diverse and cultural show," Sarah Buckland, president of Women's Issues Forum said. "The show is not just for women, men are very much involved too."

Hyland said, "Men could actually benefit

more from the show because they know less about vaginas than women."

Calling it an important play "that brings a lot of awareness to certain issues involving women," Buckland said it can be a great eye-opener for OU students.

The show's success last year helped draw a lot of young women in to join the organization and build a strong foundation for the fairly new organization.

"This project helped build a strong feminist community," Suzanne Spencer-Wood, the academic advisor for Women's Issues Forum and chair of the Women's Studies program said. "They're really doing this all on their own. It is a very empowering process to work on doing this."

Many of the people involved are all thrilled about the upcoming performance.

"There's a real feeling of excitement," Hyland said. "This is a play made up stories that can expand consciousness."

Tickets are available in the CCA office (370-2400) for \$10 each, cash or check only. All of the proceeds will be donated to violence against women organizations.

Last year the ticket sales raised \$6,000.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. on April 11 and 12 and at 3 p.m. on April 13 in 201 Dodge Hall.



# Grizzlies make history

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

When the spotlight is shining, the best athletes and competitors rise to the occasion. And those men representing the OU swimming and diving program did just that at this weekend's NCAA championship.

For the first time in the men's Division I history, the men scored points at the national competition, racking up a total of 17 points for a 27th place finish at the three-day competition held in Austin, Texas.

"We're extremely excited about everything that happened," head swimming and diving coach Pete Hovland said. "Our expectations all along have been to be a top 30 program. We're really proud of their efforts."

In the process of making history, the team also set three school records.

The championship began with the 200-yard freestyle relay. The Grizzly foursome of sophomore Chris Sullivan, senior Doug Drazin, freshman Eric Lynn and junior Sean Broadbent competed in the event.

The group placed 11th in the preliminary round with a time of 1:19.47, breaking the school record of 1:19.63 that the same four set at the NCAA Last Chance Meet a few weeks ago.

In the finals, however, a disqualification due to a false start prevented the group from further improving on its time and kept OU from recording points.

The performance in the preliminary round is even more amazing because it was the first heat of the first event in the competition.

"That was such a pleasant surprise," Hovland said. "It says a lot. We were a little emotionally and physically tired going into the meet, but they were able to rise to the occasion."

Two individual events were next up for Grizzly performers with freshman Scott Dickens competing in the 200-yard individual medley and Sullivan swimming in the 50-yard freestyle.

Dickens hit the wall with a time of 1:50.71 to place him 40th, and Sullivan followed in the very next event with an 18th place finish and a time of 19.81, two one-hundredths of a second out of qualifying for the consolation finals in the evening.

OU's final event of the first-day of competition was the 400-yard medley relay, which gathered Lynn, Dickens, Sullivan and Broadbent together to race.

In the preliminary round, the team recorded a time of 3:18.74 to place 16th and capture the final slot in the evening's consolation finals. The team improved on its time by nearly a second with a 3:17.76 in the finals, giving OU its first ever points in NCAA Division I championship competition.

Grizzly swimmers competed in three events on the second day of the competition, qualifying for the finals twice.

Lynn, Dickens, Sullivan and Broadbent teamed up in the 200-yard medley relay prelims for a time of 1:29.69 to place 15th. In the finals, the foursome slowed down slightly, 1:29.85, but still swam to 15th place.

Sullivan was up next for OU swimming in the 100-yard but-

terfly where he stopped the timer at 48.41 to place him in 30th.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Dickens would make a splash by setting a school record with a 53.95 in the prelims to put him in ninth place.

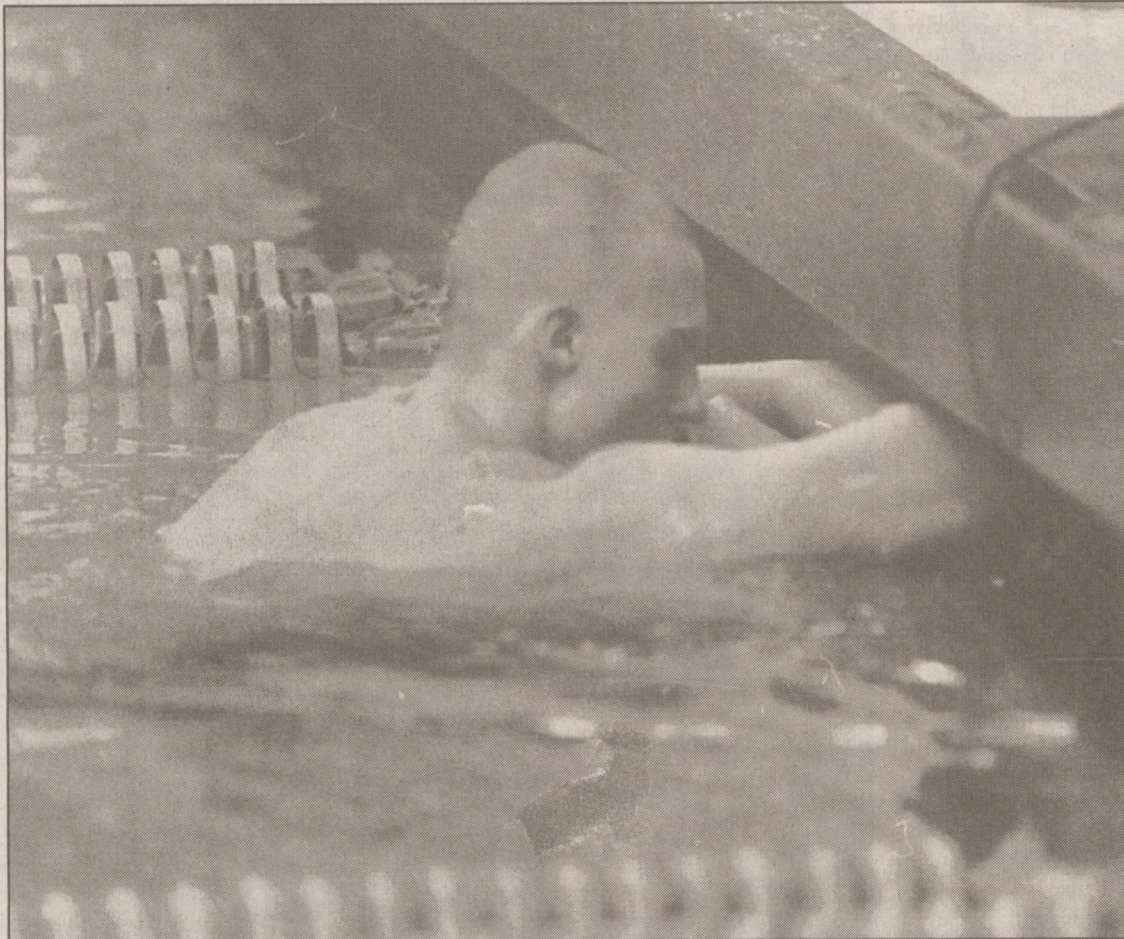
It was the first time a breaststroke swimmer swam under 54 seconds and did not qualify for the finals.

He wasn't done yet, however, and improved on his time by 16 one-hundredths of a second, 53.79, to place 10th in the consolation finals.

The third and final day saw Sullivan and Dickens once again record points for the Grizzly squad.

Sullivan started it off in the 100-yard freestyle event, swimming a 43.64 to 14th place in the prelims to qualify him for the consolation finals. Broadbent also swam in the prelims, but his time of 45.57 did not qualify him for the next round.

In the 100-yard free finals,



Top: Freshman Scott Dickens rests after one of his many events in a competition earlier this season.

Right: Senior Doug Drazin prepares to compete in an event in a meet earlier this season.

Sullivan's time slowed down but he still finished 15th with a time of 43.96.

Dickens was up to his history-making ways once again in the 200-yard breaststroke when he swam a 1:57.62, breaking a 16-year-old record of 1:58.77, in the prelims.

The time placed him 16th and allowed him to compete in the evening's consolation finals.

Hovland has said that he believed Dickens would be the best breaststroke swimmer in school history, and at just 18 years old may already be there.

"He's going to get a lot bigger and stronger," Hovland said.

"The physical and emotional maturation just continues to get better as each year proceeds. Even with all that he's accomplished, there's still potential written in capital letters all over him."

While his time slowed to 1:58.18 in the finals, he moved up one slot on the leader board to 15th.

The preliminary competition wrapped up with the 400-yard freestyle relay, where Sullivan, Broadbent, Dickens and Drazin,

in his last event as a Grizzly, placed 19th with a time of 3:02.16.

All five of the men who made the trip to Austin qualified for the consolation finals in at least one event, earning all five of them Honorable Mention All-American honors.

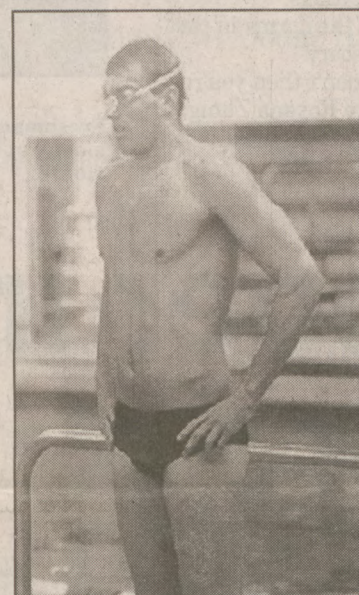
With Drazin being the only senior on the men's squad this season, expectations continue to grow for the program.

"I firmly believe that we're capable of being top 20," Hovland said. "It's definitely something I think we're capable of, and I think this weekend reinforced that."

The meet as a whole saw its share of history when Auburn University accomplished feats few schools can ever dream of.

After winning the NCAA women's championship two weeks ago, the men's squad followed suit by defeating its nearest competitor by 196.5 points, becoming the first program to capture the men's and women's titles in the same year.

By recording 609.5 total points, the men's team was also just the second team in NCAA



history to break the 600-point barrier.

"I know Dave Marsh (Auburn's head coach) personally, he's a friend," Hovland said.

"He actually came up and congratulated me before I had a chance to congratulate him. Even with all that was going on."

While coaches are noticing OU's growing success, Hovland acknowledges that it may spread into recruiting, as well.

"It (the success) can only help us," Hovland said. "We have the tradition. We have the facility. Now we've got the proof."

**"Our expectations all along have been to be a top 30 program. We're really proud of their efforts."**

Pete Hovland  
Head coach  
Swimming and diving

## Baseball continues to win Pitching carries men in sweep

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

What was supposed to be a busy week of action for the OU baseball squad turned into a rather normal week due to the weather.

The Grizzlies were scheduled to play six games but only three actually took place.

A three-game weekend series against the University of Detroit-Mercy was cancelled.

OU (12-7) will make up one of the three games today at 3 p.m. on the Lower Fields.

The Grizzlies' matchup against Eastern Michigan University on Tuesday went on as scheduled.

Before the weather limited outdoor activity, OU was able to sweep Siena Heights, defeating the Saints 3-2 and 1-0.

"Our pitchers threw unbelievably," head coach Mark Avery said. "Our defense was good. It wasn't great, but it was good. We don't understand where our offense is."

Siena started the scoring in the opening game with a run in the top of the first inning.

After striking out the first batter, senior left-handed pitcher Brent Brown gave up a home run to Saints' senior centerfielder Matt Louisignau.

The Grizzlies would not trail for long, however.

Junior Michael Trosen, the designated hitter for the game, hit a ground ball to the middle of the

infield that allowed junior shortstop Ryan Freiburger to score.

Brown continued to dominate on the mound, striking out at least one batter in each of the next six innings, including the fourth, when he struck out the side.

He had 12 strikeouts total in six and one-third innings of work.

The tie was not broken until the top of the eighth inning.

After a Saints' runner advanced to second on a wild pitch, a single and an error allowed him to score.

Once again, however, OU would not stay down long.

Freshman second baseman Gerry Dufour started off the bottom of the eighth inning with a double.

Two batters later, senior first baseman Peter Varon hit a two-out double that drove in Dufour.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Kyle Boehm shut down Siena in the top of the ninth inning to give the Grizzlies a chance to win.

Junior catcher Tony Marulli, who was substituted in for Varon at first base in the top of the inning, started off the bottom of the ninth with a double.

After a pitching change, a sacrifice moved Marulli to third base where he was replaced by a pinch runner, freshman Paul Phillips.

Junior outfielder Josh Patton hit a one-out single to right field that drove in Phillips for the win.

Boehm (3-1) picked up the win in his two and two-thirds innings.

In the nightcap, Phillips (1-0) got

the nod as the starting pitcher.

He struck out seven and allowed two hits in seven innings.

Junior right-handed pitcher Steve Kniebke added two innings and picked up his third save of the season, to team with Phillips for a three-hit shutout.

The Grizzlies one run came in the bottom of the fourth inning.

After doubling down the right field line, Varon advanced to third on a wild pitch where he was driven in by a sacrifice fly by sophomore John Sullivan.

Pitching was the difference in both games.

"Those four guys probably ran it out there as well as the Tigers' guys did Monday," Avery said.

"(Tigers' pitcher Mike ) Maroth doesn't throw any harder than Brown. Phillips was running up 93, Boehm was running up 92 and Kniebke hit 90. When you do that, you're going to be in games."

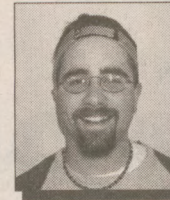
Results and stats for Tuesday's home-contest against EMU were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

OU is once again scheduled to be busy this week.

In addition to the game against UD-M, the Grizzlies will take on Bowling Green University in back-to-back noon doubleheaders.

The teams will play two at BGU Saturday and two at OU Sunday.

The Grizzlies finish up the week with a 3 p.m. home game on Tuesday against the University of Toledo.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

**Temperature,  
not expectations,  
rising**

Ahhh ... spring is in the air. The weather is heating up, sporadically. Flowers are close to blooming, but are getting covered in a layer of frost.

Daylight-saving time begins Sunday.

What does all this mean? "Detroit Red Wing playoffs!"

you say? Wrong.

"The NBA postseason?!" you try? Still wrong.

It's time for Detroit Tigers baseball!

Ok, I forgive you for not getting excited.

But I must say, this year's team does have the talent to compete. It's just that by "competing" I mean trying not to have the worst record in baseball.

This year's squad resembles an only slightly glorified minor league team, which inspires something less than confidence in even the most diehard fans.

Looking at the Tigers' depth chart for this season triggers a series of emotions.

First, there is mass confusion — Who are these guys?

Even the "well-known" players aren't all that recognizable to Tigers' fans. Third baseman/designated hitter Dean Palmer has played just more than 60 games in the last two seasons.

But, hey, he did have a hit and a RBI in Monday's opener, a 3-1 loss to the Minnesota Twins.

I guess that's encouraging.

To put the Tigers' "rebuilding" into perspective, one need only look at the opening day starting pitcher — Mike Maroth.

Maroth started 21 games for Detroit last season, his first in the major leagues, and compiled a 6-10 record and posted an ERA of 4.48.

This year, Maroth is the Tigers' most experienced starting pitcher.

The remaining four members of the opening day rotation have a combined 35 starts in seven years of total experience.

Add to that, 20-year-old rookie Jeremy Bonderman is filling the second slot in the rotation.

That means the second-best starting pitcher has never thrown an inning in the big show. That's comforting.

Also, the release of Damion Easley, rather than trading him, leaves the Tigers with three shortstops and no true second baseman on the roster.

Yes, Easley was definitely overpaid. And there was more than likely no trade value for an aging infielder whose production has dwindled steadily since 1998.

Still, it was a move that appears to be done for the benefit of owner Mike Ilitch's pocket-book, not for the good of the team or the fans.

It seems as though the big wigs in the Tigers' organization are trying to distract fans from what is going to be a truly horrible product on the field by using old-time Tigers on the coaching staff.

There is a chance that this team could blossom under the new management, or that these kids, because that is what they are, could be as good as those in control think they are.

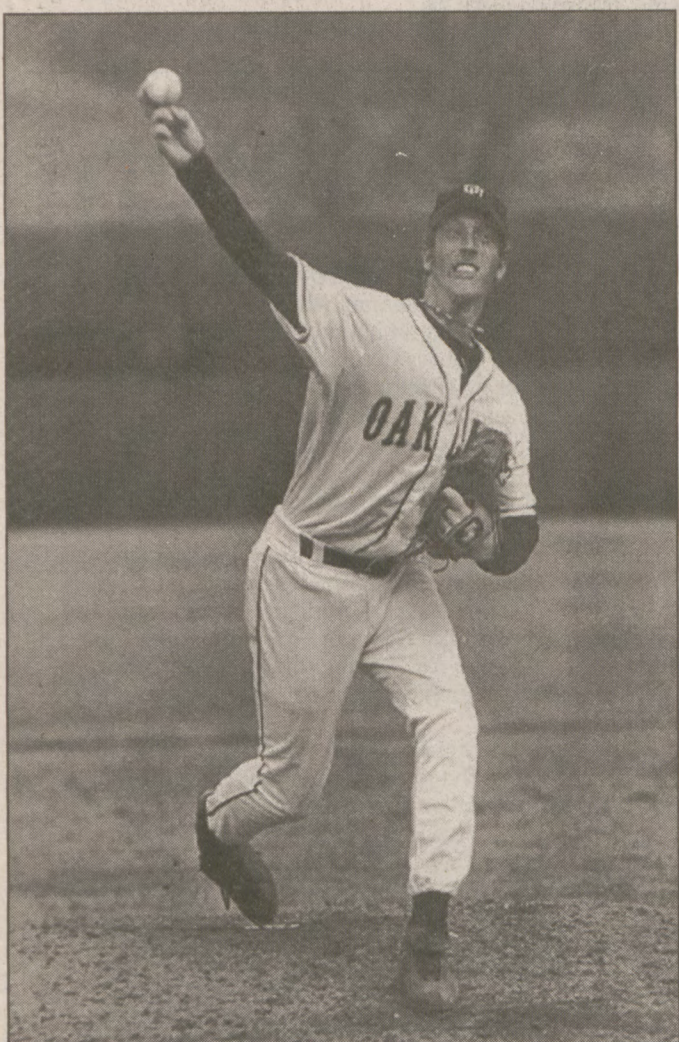
But, having lived as a Tigers fan for the greater part of my life, I know that's not very likely.

So, I don't blame anyone who is looking forward to the one remaining week of March Madness, the upcoming Red Wings' Stanley Cup run or the Pistons' hopes of conquering the Western Conference, for now.

But where will all of us be when the Madness stops, the Wings win or lose and the Pistons fall to one of the many teams in the West?

I'll be in the stands at Comerica Park at least once, hoping for a win and dreaming of what could be, just like every other Detroit sports fan.

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Junior right-handed pitcher Kyle Boehm goes through his windup in the first game of a sweep of Siena Heights University on Thursday.



# Women's club hockey finishes year in fourth

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into this weekend's Central Collegiate Women's Hockey League tournament, the OU women's club team ranked fourth in the league.

After playing four games in a span of just three days, the Grizzlies finished right where they started, although that's not where the league predicted them to end up.

"I'm very proud of the team," head coach Shana Osler said. "All you can ask for, as a coach, is that they play their heart out and play to the best of their ability, and they did that."

OU opened up the tournament with a convincing 5-1 win over the University of Notre Dame on Friday evening.

The Grizzlies continued tournament play with a Saturday morning 6-0 loss to Michigan State University.

As the second seed in the Blue Division, OU was given the opportunity to take on the first seed from the Red Division, the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, in the semifinals.

If the Grizzlies had prevailed against the Wolverines, they would have qualified to play in the tournament championship game.

But it was not to be, as U-M edged OU, 5-3, and advanced to the finals against MSU, which defeated Northern Michigan University in the other semifinal contest that was decided by a shootout.

The Grizzlies then faced NMU in the third-fourth place consolation game, but fell to the Wildcats, 4-0.

The Spartans defeated the Wolverines in the championship contest, 1-0, to add a CCHA title to its national crown.

Western Michigan University fell to ND, 4-2, in the fifth-sixth place consolation game.

All six members of the All Tournament First Team were from the U-M, NMU and MSU squads, but senior defenseman Rebecca Kelly was recognized by being named to the All Tournament Second Team.

The strong fourth place finish defied



Junior goaltender Jane Lemaux sets herself for an oncoming shot in a game against the University of Michigan earlier this season. Junior defenseman Erin Gleason (8) and junior forward Melissa Orr (9) prepare to clean up the rebound.

Brendan Stevens/The Oakland Post

many expectations around the CCHA for the team.

At the beginning of the year, much of the league had OU finishing in fifth place behind WMU, the team the Grizzlies beat in the fifth-sixth consolation game last year.

At best, OU was expected to tie with the Broncos for fourth in the league.

OU proved its critics wrong with a veteran lineup that showed bursts of offensive explosiveness and improved defensive play.

"That was really motivation for us," Osler said. "They went out there this year trying to prove themselves."

After losing games by double-digit margins at some points last season, the Grizzlies competed in every game they played in this time.

The most difficult part of this season may be ahead for the Grizzlies: replacing the seniors on the team.

Along with Kelly, senior defenseman Laura Cuniffe will be leaving a corps that helped backstop OU's defense.

Along with the defensive losses, the Grizzlies will suffer a brutal blow with the moving on of senior forward Laura Owczarski, one of the team's most dangerous offensive weapons.

Junior forward Erin Gleason may also

be transferring and junior goaltender Jane Lemaux's return is uncertain.

Recruiting will now become a priority for OU if the squad wants to continue its rise towards recognition.

"It's definitely a concern," Osler said. "We'll have the core group back, but when you lose four of five girls from a small team it becomes an issue."

Osler said she and the returning players would be meeting with high school hockey players, possible recruits.

She also said the Grizzlies might form a spring league team where the returning players and prospects can get some practice time in.

## OU tennis shutout at cluster

With the Mid-Con spring season underway, the OU tennis team is having some trouble finding its swing.

After falling to the University of Detroit-Mercy to open the season on March 18, the squad returned to action in a Mid-Con cluster this weekend, hosted by Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

OU lost all four of its meets, winning a total of four matches.

The cluster began with a contest against the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Friday, which the Grizzlies lost 4-1.

Senior Jennifer Herrera picked up OU's lone victory in her fourth-singles match, winning 6-1, 6-4.

The sixth-singles match and all of the doubles matches were cancelled due to the weather.

Later that day, OU took on Southern Utah University but fell to the Thunderbirds, 6-1.

The Grizzlies one point came from senior Kelly Cole who won her sixth-singles match, 6-4, 6-4.

Saturday, the cluster continued for OU with a 7-0 loss to host ORU.

In that contest, the Grizzlies were held gameless in nine out of 15 sets.

OU wrapped up its competition in the cluster with a 5-2 loss to Chicago State University on Sunday.

Freshman Lisa Pellafone captured the first-singles match with a dominating 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Cole picked up her second win of the cluster at the sixth-singles slot due to a default.

OU returns to action this weekend when the Grizzlies host a Mid-Con cluster at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester.

The cluster will take place over four days with one meet each day for OU.

\* UMKC, Western Illinois University, Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis and Valparaiso University will also be competing in the event.

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Sports Editor



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Senior Towbey Kassa takes a shot in an earlier season contest against the University of Michigan.

## Men notch two

By ADAM SPINDLER  
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Following last week's tough loss to the University of Michigan, the OU men's club lacrosse team got back on track with two home wins this past weekend.

The Grizzlies did so by beating 25th-ranked Buffalo University, 18-7, on Saturday before routing Purdue University, 19-6, on Sunday.

"We're coming together as a team," said head coach Dwayne Hicks. "We're beginning to feel each other on the field, anticipate where each other are going to be. Everyone knows their position and is dominating that position."

Against Buffalo, senior attacker and team captain Towbey Kassa led the way with five goals and three assists. He was joined on the stat sheet by sophomore attacker Billy Binge, who had three goals and three assists. Junior midfielder Jeff Serra added three goals and an assist for OU.

In a dominant performance against Purdue, Kassa had six goals and an assist, and Binge added two goals and six helpers.

Senior attacker Jonathan Machak contributed four goals, and freshman midfielder Matt Lindsay notched his first goal of the season.

Not to be overlooked in OU's offensive explosion was freshman goalie Chris Wood, whose 22 saves elicited a heap of praise from his coach.

"Chris played an incredible game," said Hicks.

The Grizzlies were looking to send a message after their rally against highly-ranked Michigan fell short, 14-10. Despite the loss, OU moved up two spots, to number 14, in the newest rankings by the United States Lacrosse Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

"We took the Michigan game as a positive," said Kassa. "We wanted to prove a point to the USLIA that we can compete against highly-ranked teams."

Next up for the Grizzlies, today, is rival Michigan State, a team OU has had success against in recent years.

"When we play MSU, it's not about ranking anymore, it's about rivalry," said Kassa. "We gotta take it to them pretty hard and prove we belong."

Hicks called OU-MSU "one of the best rivalries in the mid-west," adding, "a lot of the kids know each other from high school - but this won't be casual. This is the real deal."

OU was scheduled to play MSU earlier this month, but the match was postponed due to snow on the playing field. The Grizzlies had planned for that contest to be a tune-up for the Michigan game, but beating MSU anytime of year is fine with Kassa and his teammates.

"Beating MSU now would cement our status as the second-best team in the state, as well as the conference," said Kassa. "It's really important for everyone from the seniors down to the freshmen to experience the feeling of playing MSU. The feeling of winning against a big school is a huge boost."

This weekend the Grizzlies hit the road to take on Pittsburgh University on Saturday, followed by North Carolina State University on Wednesday.

"We're right where we want to be," said Hicks. "Even with only 17 guys at our disposal, we are always in the hunt against any team."

## Club lacrosse falls against tough foes

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two games against interstate competition have led to two lopsided defeats for the OU women's club lacrosse team.

The squad opened up its season on March 7 with a 17-0 loss to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Against Michigan State University on Thursday, the Grizzlies faced a similar fate but were able to tally a goal, losing to the Spartans, 12-1.

Nadia Simionescu recorded OU's lone goal when she converted on a fast break opportunity.

Club president Bethany Ode, who can't play due to a stress fracture, said that although the scores may be similar, the team's performance against MSU was much better.

"We played a hundred times better," Ode said. "After practicing for a couple weeks we improved a lot. You can tell from just standing on the sidelines that the team worked better together."

Taking on teams like U-M and MSU also present a challenge to OU (0-2) because the Wolverines and Spartans squads field three times as many players.

"They have at least three strings and every time they scored a goal they sent out a whole new team of girls," Ode said. "That's the most difficult part because we only have like four substitutes for the entire game. They know that, and they'll run us to the floor."

The losses might discourage some teams, but Ode says that the team realizes the conditions that are against it.

Some of the adversary the club must attempt to overcome is high turnover and little time to prac-

tice.

"It's difficult when they come and play, and you teach them everything last year, and they don't come back," Ode said. "It's difficult but we do what we can."

Due to Women's College Lacrosse League rules, the team is not allowed to practice until six weeks before the season begins, which is essentially right after the holiday term.

Put the short amount of practice time together with high turnover and the need to teach some of the newer players the more detailed aspects of the game, and Ode said she understands why the team struggles.

When the team does get into the practice season, it gets together four times a week, three times in a nearby golf dome and one night in the Rec Center.

Unfortunately, on many occasions the whole team is unable to get together for the practices and even games, Ode said, which she believes only complicates an already difficult situation.

Still, Ode believes that the club is growing, much like the sport of women's lacrosse.

"It's very popular out east and I think it (women's lacrosse) is beginning to move out here more," Ode said. "There are a lot of colleges out here that now have varsity teams."

In its third year of existence, OU women's club lacrosse now has its largest roster ever, with 23 players.

"I think it's grown a lot," Ode said. "We're doing a lot better this year, and I think with the officers we have this year, it will be even better next year."

Ode said she and her officers, Megan Postlewait, Jessica Ramsey and Julie Caleo are beginning to realize what it takes to help the club grow.

## Grizzlies finish eighth

With an eighth-place finish and 684 shot total in this week's Northern Kentucky Invitational, the OU women's golf squad has continued its steady improvement throughout the spring.

The women began the second half of the season with a two-round total of 786 in the Blade Sportswear Intercollegiate and shot a 376 over 18 holes in the Butler Spring Invitational.

At the rain-shortened BSI, the women finished in seventh place, six strokes behind Mid-Con foe Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis.

OU's third-place men's finish was also one behind IUPUI, trail-

ing the Jaguars by 11 strokes.

That trend of improvement continued with the 684 two-round total in the NKI in Florence, Ky.

Senior Emily Minnich led the Grizzlies with a 156 (79-77), her best score of the spring season, placing her in a tie for third.

Her total, second-round score and third-place finish were all team bests this spring.

Also firing her best score of the spring was fellow-senior Jennifer Quinn, who shot a 168 (82-86) and placed in a tie for 21st.

Junior Mara Mazzoni finished in a tie for 28th with a 173 (85-88), junior Sara Stark fired a 187

(93-94) and sophomore Sarah Laird shot 203 (98-105) to round out OU's participants.

This week, both squads return to action on Monday and Tuesday but compete in different event.

The women will look to keep up their streak of lower scores in Belmont Lady Bruin Invitational, which will take place in Dickson, Tenn.

On the men's side, the Grizzlies will travel to Pittsburgh, Pa. to compete in the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational.

-Brendan Stevens  
Sports Editor

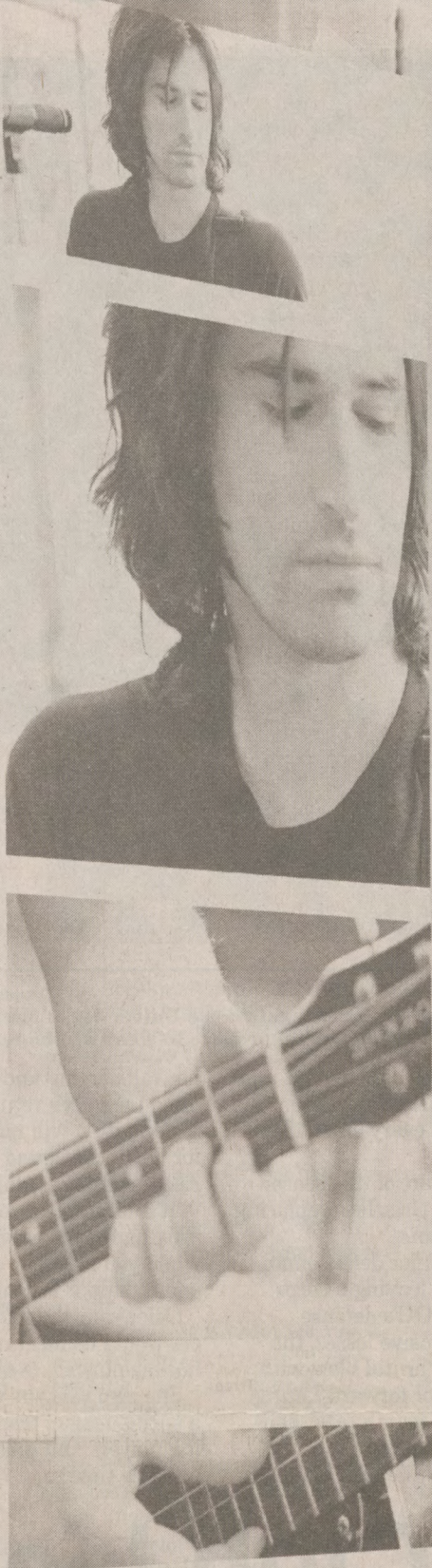
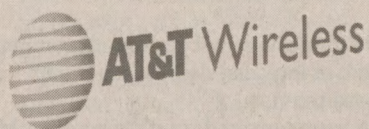


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# Student Spotlight

## Jonathan Parks

By LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

New student body president, junior Jonathan Parks, is preparing to take office in April after last week's election.

Because of the announcement, Parks stepped down from his role as assistant to the president of the Association of Black Students.

"It would be selfish to try to keep both," he said. "I want to try to do one job effectively."

Going into the election, Parks said he was not too nervous.

"I'm always confident in myself," he said.

He said he felt proud after he found out he won the election.

Parks said got his start in OU politics when Derek Dickow, former president of OUSC sat him down last year and told him how to get involved.

He said Dickow explained how OUSC works, and how it could work with a good leader.

"He said it gives you the chance to help your fellow students," said Parks.

Parks was involved in many things on campus, including being the emcee for several organizations' events.

"I was very active," he said. "I was guy who would never say 'no.'"

He said it was this involvement that opened the doors for him in Student Congress and with ABS.

Parks said during his campaign for the position, he focused on his experience with the OUSC and other leadership positions.

Besides his role in ABS, Parks has been a King Chavez Park mentor and a legisla-

tor in Student Congress.

One thing Parks is hoping for during his time in office is to work with OUTV to get better publicity for the organizations on campus.

He also plans on working to improve the Student Allocations Funding Board.

"That's something I am very passionate about," he said.

He said he will also strive to create more student involvement on campus.

"I'll be attacking freshmen the first week," he laughed. "Get 'em while they are young."

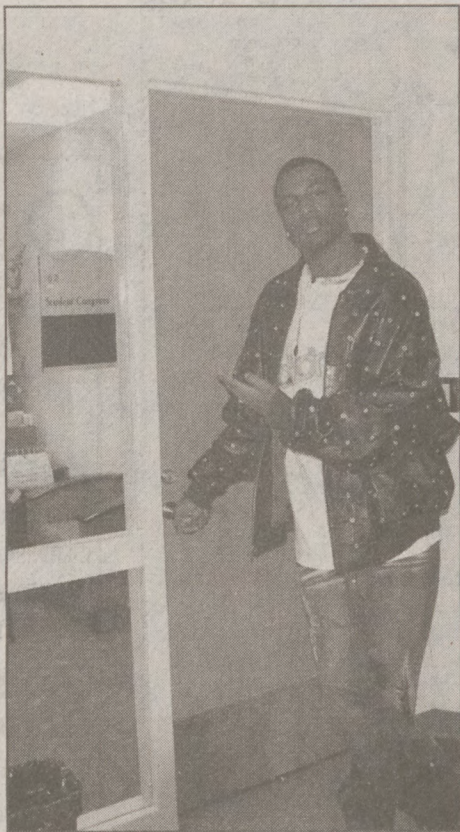
He said one challenge he faced during the election was proving people wrong about whether an African American man could make a good president.

"Ethnicity and background have nothing to do with it," he said.

Parks has been active in OUSC, pushing bills to give money to the club hockey team, Students in Free Enterprise and the affirmative action buses.

"You wish you could help everyone," he said.

Although Parks has been successful, he



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Junior Jonathan Parks is the president-elect of OU's Student Congress.

has not lost sight of his friends and family. He has a long list of thank you-s.

"I want to thank God and everyone who's in support of me," he said.

## THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, April 2

The Center for Student Activities and Women's Issues Forum will be sponsoring "That Women's Show," from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Friday, April 4

The Student Program Board will be presenting Friday Night Live Comedy at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Monday, April 7

The Student Program Board will be sponsoring a night of ballroom dancing lessons at 8 p.m. in Room 119 in Vandenberg Hall.

Monday-Wednesday, April 7-9

The annual spring blood drive will be held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the OC.

Tuesday, April 8

"Senior Send-Off" will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Wednesday, April 9

The Social Work Club and HAVEN will be presenting, "Take Back the Night," a rally, march, speak out and candlelight vigil, at 6:30 p.m. on the steps of Kresge Library.

The Student Program Board will be sponsoring a "Stress Free Zone" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

The Student Program Board will be presenting a lecture by Rebekka Armstrong at 8 p.m. in Pioneer Food Court, in the OC.

Friday, April 11

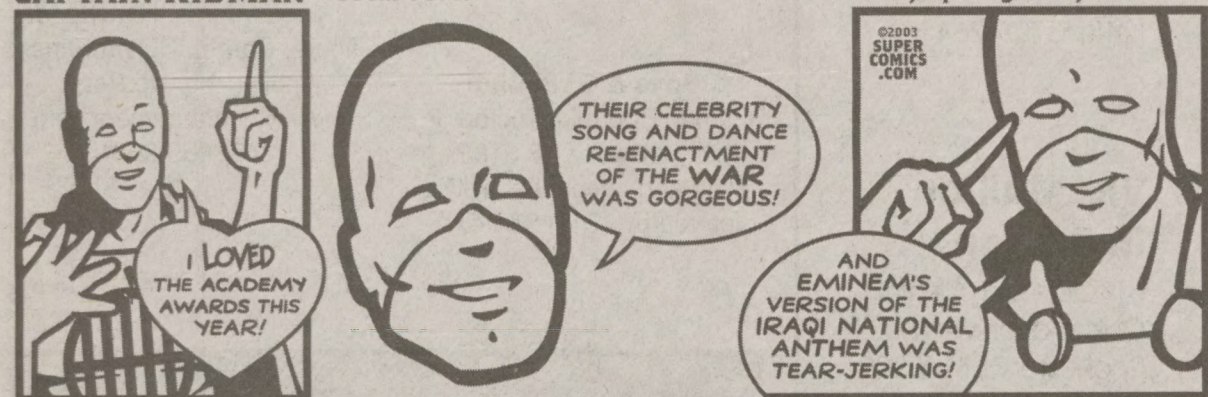
The Women's Issues Forum will be presenting "Vagina Monologues" at 7 p.m. in room 201 Dodge Hall.

This year's International Night will be held at 7 p.m. in Pioneer Food Court, Fireside Lounge, Exhibit Lounge and the Main Hallway in the OC.

Sunday, April 13

The Women's Issue Forum will be presenting "Vagina Monologues" at 3 p.m. in room 201 Dodge Hall.

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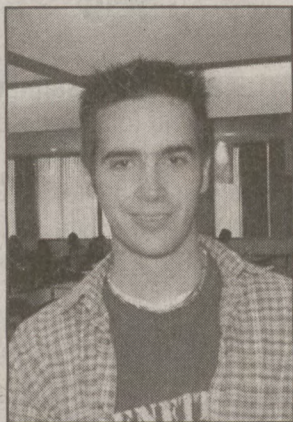
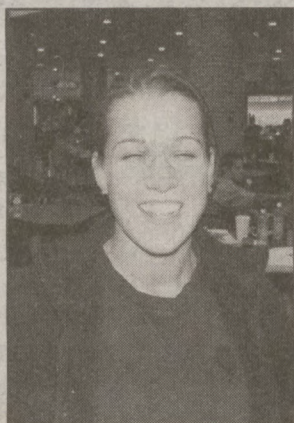
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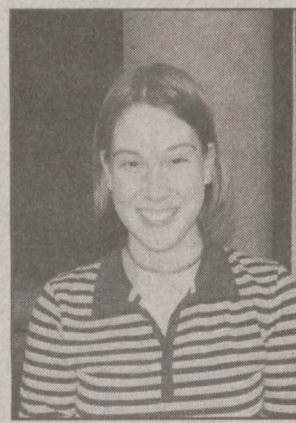
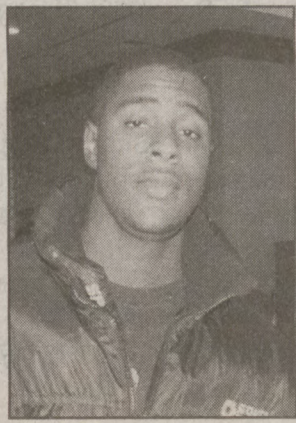


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Updating OU

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## CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Senior Send-Off—4:53:30 PM, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center. Graduating seniors are invited to attend a brief ceremony in the lounge of the Oakland Center. OU President Gary Russi will present seniors with an OU lapel pin. Seniors are also encouraged to bring a favorite professor along.

### Tuesday, April 29, 2003

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### Wednesday, April 30, 2003

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

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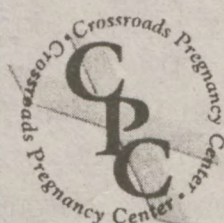
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