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## State lifts funding by 8.6%, tuition rollback possible

By SHAJAN KAY &  
JENN MADJAREV  
OAKLAND POST STAFF

An 8.6 percent boost in state allocations may lead to a second rollback of tuition later this summer.

OU budgeted for an 8.1 percent increase from the state in general fund appropriations for the 1999-2000 fiscal year which begins July 1. The state gave OU and three other universities an additional .5% in funding.

At last week's board meeting, trustees Rex Schlaybaugh and Louis Grech-Cumbo indicated they would consider passing on increases above the projected 8.1% back to the students.

OU Board Member Rex Schlaybaugh said Tuesday, "My hope is that the money that the university keeps will be used to benefit students."

Historically, OU has been at or near the bottom of the list when it came to state funding. According to Pat Nicosia, Director of Budget and Financial

Planning "Even with an 8.6 percent increase, OU is still second from the bottom in state funding. Governor Engler's Press Secretary, John Truscott said, "Oakland has a certain amount of catching up to do. We're being generous this time around, and we expect to continue to do so in the future."

Truscott said the Governor hopes that this increase will create more equity among Michigan's colleges and universities.

According to Truscott, "The challenge on the university's part is to constrain costs and operate as efficiently as possible. That will keep the cost of tuition down."

This issue was argued at length during last week's Board meeting. The trustees expressed concerns that OU was continually receiving more money and raising tuition, but no one really knew how the allocated money was being spent.

Louis Esposito, OU's newly hired Provost and Vice-President

for Academic Affairs volunteered to take up the task of analyzing how OU spends its money.

Student Body President Nick Mitchell addressed the Board on the proposed tuition increase. Mitchell argued that instead of lowering the tuition hike from the proposed 3.9 to 2.9 percent, it should be lowered even further to just a 2.4 percent increase.

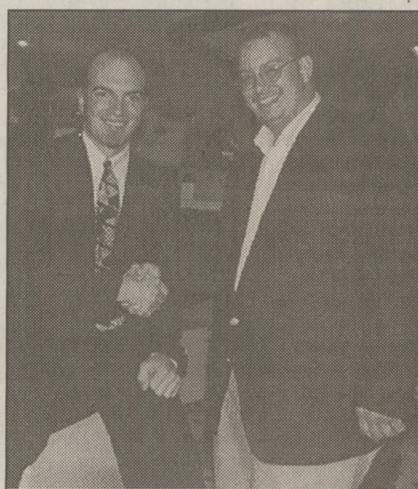
Mitchell offered several arguments for the reduction including a tax credit for students. He said that OU students have not been able to claim a federal tax credit for the tuition paid because due to OU continually hiked its tuition above the rate of inflation.

His second reason was that the increase in funding was meant to benefit the students.

Last year, the board approved a conditional tuition increase of 3.9 percent. However, the state promised to give colleges and

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## Piecing Congress Back Together



Post Photo/Reena Sibayan

LEADING THE WAY: New Student Body President, Nick Mitchell and Vice President Rob Filer team up for a new year full of new promises.

By KIM LACEY  
OAKLAND POST SPECIAL WRITER

With a dozen election charges against him dismissed, senior Nick Mitchell is Oakland's new Student Body President after an elongated election process.

Elected to represent the 14,000 students at Oakland, the 21-years-old political science major Mitchell feels it will be difficult to burst the barrier between the students and Congress due to last year's complications with the immediate past President Scott Andrews.

"I am working uphill," said Mitchell.

To overcome this, he wishes to ease the communication between students and Congress while creating opportunities for Oakland's educational community. In a presentation delivered to the Board of Trustees on June 8th, Mitchell addressed many of his administration's goals.

"Reinstating the credibility of Student Congress to the student body, the administration, the faculty and to the Board of Trustees" is a goal that was a major part of the presentation. Mitchell admitted that errors were made by Congress in the past but quickly moved on to highlight his many other goals.

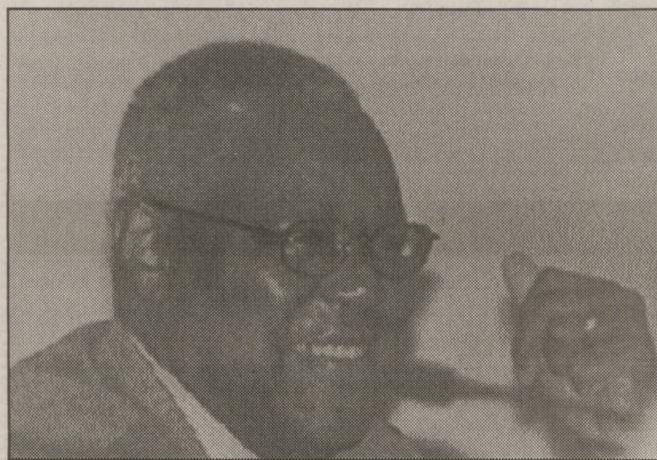
Among the initiatives, a twenty-four hour computer lab for student use. Mitchell and Vice President Rob Filer were the only ticket promising the lab on their platform. With hopes of being open come fall, according to Mitchell, the new Dodge Hall computer lab is currently pending approval due to safety issues.

Mitchell and Filer are also promising to address the rising costs of tuition. Mitchell argued that

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## Oakland loses 'A Friend Of The People'

Trustee Sharp moves on to sunnier skies after eleven years



HONORED: Trustee James A. Sharp Jr. was commended for his eleven years of service to Oakland.

By SHAJAN KAY  
OAKLAND POST NEWS EDITOR

Eleven year veteran trustee James A. Sharp Jr., long regarded by many on campus as one of the only student-oriented board members, attended his last formal meeting Tuesday, June 8. Sharp, who was formally honored at Tuesday's board meeting, will

be moving with his wife, Tessie Baltrip Sharp, to Arizona. His resignation will be effective July 2.

His successor has not yet been named by Governor John Engler.

Sharp, a long time Democrat and the former mayor of Flint, was first appointed to the board by Governor James Blanchard in 1998. Engler reappointed him in 1992. He was the only Democratic board member to be reappointed by the Republican Engler.

In his decade plus of service, Sharp was chairperson and vice chairperson of the board, chairperson and member of the University Affairs Committee and Investment Committee, among others. He was also one of two board members on a Presidential Search Committee.

This year's one percent rollback of a planned 3.9% increase to 2.9% was in part the direct result of Sharp's insistence last year that a proposed two year tuition hike be conditional.

Sharp and former trustee Howard Sims were also responsible for pushing the board to create an Academic Success Fund.

Sharp put up his own money to help student in 1994 when he and his wife created an endowed emergency loan fund to provide interest-free loans to students who were dealing with unexpected prob-

**"He has given countless hours of fine service to the university, and for his care and wisdom we are very much better."**

David Disend  
Vice-President of University

lems.

He himself considers the most important legacies of his term on the Board the creation of the Trustees Academic Success Fund and public debate on tuition are some of the most important.

Sharp added that the Academic Success Fund helps to create diversity and doesn't turn away students who want to continue their education.

"Jim has been an exemplary volunteer. He has given countless hours of fine service to the university, and for his care and wisdom we are very much better. Jim has long been an advocate for students," said David Disend, Vice-President of University Relations.

Disend's comments were echoed by others. Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing said, "Sharp has been a positive, fair, and visionary advocate for students and the entire university community..."

Dean of Students David Herman added "He (Sharp) also helped the campus address a wide range of diversity issues included in the Operation Graduation plan. He and his wife personally contributed funds to begin the emergency student loan fund in the Office of Equity."

Sharp's presence on the Board will be missed. The other trustees respect him for his knowledge and experience on the board and how Oakland works. His perspective was persuasive on a board where he was the minority representative politically and literally.

Vice-President of Student Affairs, Mary Beth Snyder summed up, what many are thinking, "I hope he always has a spot in his heart for Oakland and wish him a good beginning in his new role."

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## FAST facts

- OU's Department of Counseling is providing free personal and career counseling for OU employees, students, and individuals from the surrounding community. Master's level students are supervised by Licensed Professional Counselors, and can also assist in writing resumes or interviewing skills. Couple and family counseling is also available May 9 through July 30. This service is available to couples, families and their children five years of age and older. For additional information or to make an appointment call (248) 370-4187.

- The School of Education and Human Services has extended its office hours to Walk-ins 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment 4 p.m.-7 p.m. New office locations include Gretchen Parks 139 ODH, New Advisor 137 ODH, Sherrill Karpinen 147A ODH, and Jan Melcher 141 ODH. Students can be admitted into the Education program at any time and should speak with an advisor to ensure all qualifications are met. Upcoming Student Teachers should also make an appointment with their advisor to verify that all paperwork is in place.

- The Music, Theatre and Dance department is holding several summer youth art camps. July 6-16 and July 19-30 are both Art camps for elementary children.

- The Oakland Post will be relocating to its new office in 61 Oakland Center in July. Come check us out. We'll love to see you!!

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### EDITOR'S VIEW

## Watch what you (bleepin') say

I have a confession to make. I swear. I cuss. I use profanity. I have heard all the nasty words in the English language and I have used most of them in a sentence at one time or another.

I have been using foul language as long as I can remember. I usually spit out the bad language when I am angry. (Which would be mostly when I am driving.)

I am not proud of the fact that four letter words seem to roll off my tongue, (usually when some blankity-blank cuts me off in traffic). I am trying to stop myself from using profanity so much, but it is hard to break such a bad habit.

I try to control my mouth when I am around women and children, but sometimes I slip and out comes a sentence laced with foul expletives.

Until recently, I did not know I was breaking a 102-year-old Michigan law that prohibits swearing in front of women and children.

Timothy Boomer of Roseville learned of the century old law the hard way. He fell out of a canoe, spewed a few foul words in front of a woman and her children and was convicted of breaking the foul language law. Now Boomer faces the possibility of 90 days in jail and up to \$100 in fines.

Boomer is appealing his conviction with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU claims that Michigan's ban on profanity is unconstitutional because it violates the First Amendment guarantee of free speech.

While I am glad the ACLU stands up for the Constitution and helps out the average citizen in court cases that involve civil liberties, I don't think this is that kind of case.

Yes, free speech is a sacred right in our country, but guaranteeing the right to say whatever you want does not absolve you of responsibility of what you say, especially when children are involved.

The Michigan law is outdated and needs to be removed because women are not frail creatures who cannot bear to hear a few bad words, (in fact, profanity in our society is and equal opportunity language) but children do deserve some protection from foul-mouth adults.

I am not abdicating severe punishment for people who curse in front of children, but adults need to understand that children are easily influenced. They do not need to be exposed to every nasty word in the book.

Many people argue that children cuss worse than most adults. It is true that many young people know words that would make a sailor blush, but these children had to learn these words from someone.

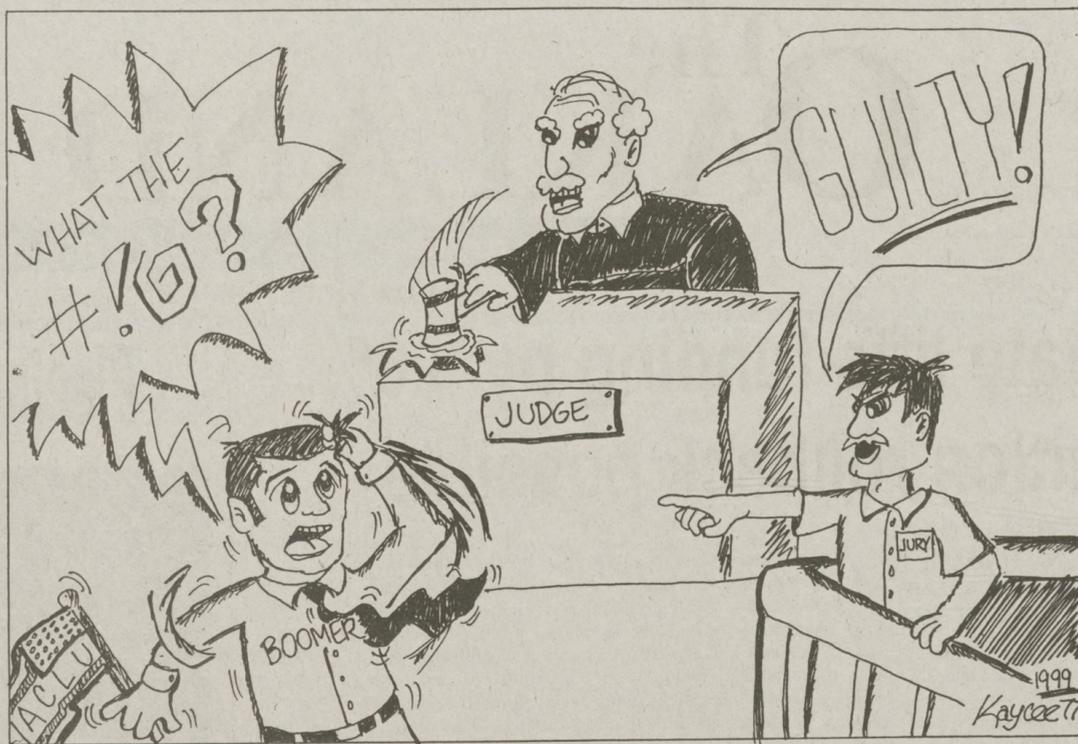
So next time you feel the urge to go on a profanity laced tirade, remember there may be children listening. Also, remember it is illegal.

I know I will. I'll swear to it.

JOE GRAY

If you wish to comment on this editorial or any story in this issue send a letter to the editor, c/o The Oakland Post, 61 O.C., Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309 or e-mail us at oakpost@oakland.edu.

# PERSPECTIVES



### GUEST OPINION

## New student president speaks out; wants trustees to lower tuition hike

Dear Editor,

**Tuition:** a word that strikes fear in the souls of students around the nation.  
**Increase:** even worse.

As I sat listening to the debate around the table at last Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting about the proposed tuition increase, I thought to myself, "maybe they do care." Maybe these same people who tore down hundreds of acres of natural habitat to build a luxurious golf course, for constituents outside this university, actually do care about our fees. Maybe they understand the difficulty in working your way through school. Maybe they understand that college costs several times more than when they went to school. Maybe they understand us.

And then they voted.

As President of the Student Body and chief spokesperson for the 14,000+ students attending Oakland, I felt it necessary to share some comments with the Board before they decided our tuition increase. Of course, they did not allow me to speak until they were ready to vote, but they did let me speak. Were they listening? Well, that's a different story. It became evident that Oakland University was going

to receive 1.5% more from the state than the previous number projected. Therefore, the tuition increase was lowered from 3.9% to 2.9%. Now I don't pretend to be a math major, but it seems that .5% of the allocated funds from the state are missing. It was decided that 2/3 of the increase from the state would go directly back to the students, and 2/3 was ok.

No. Two-thirds of the additional funds is not ok. The extra money from the state was a direct result of our student's lobbying efforts in Lansing, so why should that money go anywhere else? Their justification was that we needed to hire more faculty to keep up with the growth of enrollment for the past several years, and I would agree that we need more faculty. But why can't they just budget THEIR money better and stop taking ours? I told them that through conservative budgeting and careful planning, it is easily possible to make successful cuts without sacrificing quality. Unfortunately they did not see it that way.

I don't want to make the meeting sound entirely bad though. After all, they didn't pass any more golf courses.

Sincerely,  
 Nick Mitchell

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Teacher responds to sexist words; gives "man" a whole new meaning

Dear Editor,

As a writing teacher, I am in total agreement with those who wish to eliminate sexist words from our language, and I certainly would concur with those who were critical of Jeff Burhan's in urging that more be done in the interests of political correctness. I would therefore, propose the additional reforms which follow.

First and foremost, take "man" out of "manure" and "men" out of "excrement". We could just call it crap or dung. And while we're at it, all men are not subject to "mania" or "menstruation". Nor are we "menial" or "mendacious" or "menacing". And why is that machine which measures gas pressure called a "manometer"? Why are beggars called "mendicant"? Why do "manual" laborers work in "manholes"? Why are unfulfilled people called "manque"? Why

are there diseases called "meningitis," "mange," and "meningioma"? Do men get "manicures"? Why do men get "hernias" instead "hisnias"? If we change "history" to "herstory" do we need to change "heritage" to "hisitage"? No, I don't think the words "man" or "men" are in any danger of disappearing from the language any time soon, despite Mr. Burhan's concerns in that regard. For better or worse, there are still "many" "mannerisms" to abolish from "manuscripts".

Sincerely,  
 Arthur Orme  
 Dept. of Rhetoric

Editor's Note: this letter is in response to Jeff Burhan's March 17 letter to the Editor.

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# ON CAMPUS

## OU prepares for Y2K

*Project teams take necessary steps to ensure smooth sailing*

By JEREMY SARNOVSKY  
OAKLAND POST SPECIAL WRITER

No doubt you've heard the buzz about Y2K. You may have even started storing food and weapons in anticipation of mass hysteria. But have you thought about how the millennium bug might effect your life at OU?

While many people are concerned about the repercussions that may happen in many different facets of their life, few students have taken the time to think about what problems it might cause here.

According to Randy Hansen, Project Leader for OU's Y2K Assessment Group, the main concern is the university's main network.

"The backbone of the different phases of testing is the network," said Hansen, "It can effect everything from ordering supplies to ordering food, to student's grades to university paychecks."

The Millennium Bug refers to the possibility that date controlled devices may malfunction when the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, 1999. The reason for this anticipated malfunction is the fact that the computer cannot distinguish 2000 from the year 1900.

To save space, computer programmers used the short hand notation 06-15-99 rather than 06-15-1999 to save memory space. As desktops emerged, the computer programmers worked with it. Now the only computers that are Y2K compliant are new Apple computers, however some software being run on Apple's might not be compliant.

Oakland's Y2K Technical Assessment Program began looking at possible instances of non-compliance in February of this year, when President Gary Russi appointed Hansen to spearhead the university's Y2K compliance program.

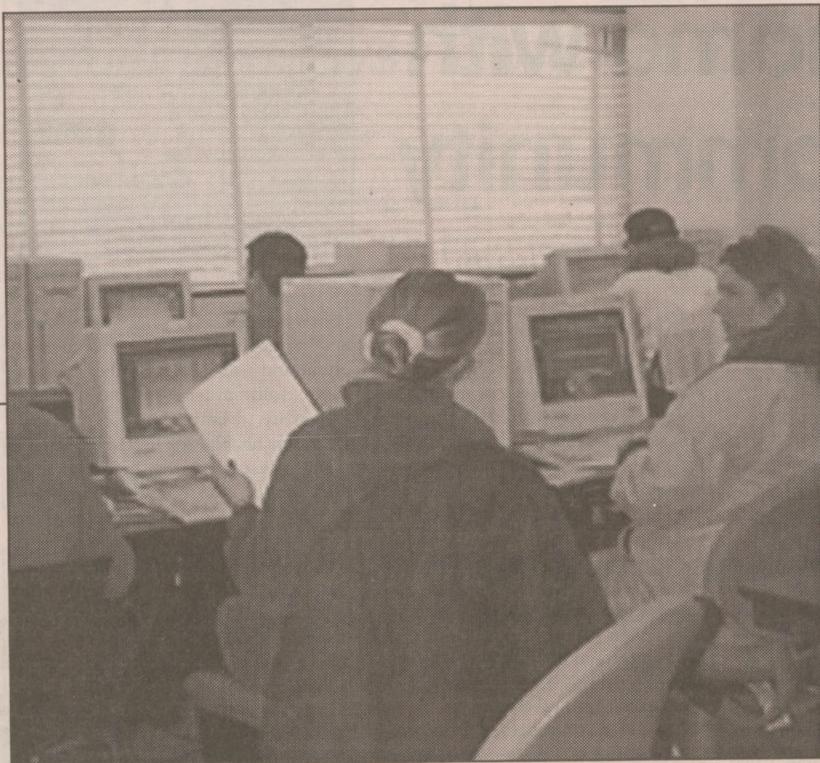
In March, Russi addressed a letter to the campus community saying that universities are at a great risk because of the many different facets of work done through computers, from administrative work to classroom work.

"If utilities and other external systems fail, we must have a contingency plan that protects our students and employees," said Russi.

According to Hansen, Oakland University purchased a software package called Banner 2000 from a company called SCT that will run on all of the major systems in the network, thus helping to identify and eliminate potential problems.

"The two largest problems are in the areas of distributed computing and embedded chips," said Hansen.

Distributed computing refers to all of the software programs that are on the desktops of computers throughout the university. This has proved bothersome because it requires that the Y2K Project



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

**Y2K Compatible:** Students continue to use on campus computers, while the Y2K Technical Assessment Teams evaluate their futures.

Team discover all of the potential software problems.

"Problems with distributed computing are mainly problems of inconvenience," said Hansen.

Embedded chips cause an even greater headache for the Y2K compliance team, since they exist in an array of different instruments outside of personal computers. Electronics such as microwaves with built in clocks, ovens, calculators, and cars could very well suffer from the same Y2K disease as the personal computer suffers from. According to Hansen, the team is in the process of discovering and inventorying these embedded chips.

Through the course of locating these specific problems, the Y2K Technical Assessment Group has begun putting stickers on items that it has checked. These stickers include a code that tells them if and where there is a non-compliance issue.

The main goal of the Y2K Project Team is to take the necessary steps to make sure that Oakland University reaches its goals with respect to the millennium bug by December 31.

"We anticipate no major problems," said Hansen, "and we expect to be finished by the end of the year."

So, some students might be hoping for a delayed start to the winter semester because of the dreaded Millennium Bug, they got it. OU has delayed the start of the winter 2000 semester because of concerns arising from Y2K concerns.

For more information on the Year 2000 Bug, you can check out Oakland University's Y2K Internet site at [www.oakland.edu/y2k](http://www.oakland.edu/y2k).

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## Rough Waters

*Water main break in Auburn Hills shuts OU down and sends students upstream*

BY PAM HENDRIX & OLIVIA L. LUTHER  
OAKLAND POST OUTSIDE OAKLAND EDITOR AND ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A major water main break on Tuesday about a mile from campus in Auburn Hills closed down the campus Friday through Sunday causing classes to be cancelled.

President of OU Dr. Gary Russi called the order to close the University on June 11 and to cancel classes for all students.

Several scheduled activities did run as scheduled despite the shutdown including the MCAT reviews for medical school, ACT testing for high school students and CPE weekend. The Meadow Brook Music Festival and the Katke-Cousins Golf Course also remained open for business.

Employees and students living in the residence halls were restricted from water usage on campus, with the exception of bathroom facilities.

"Students were encouraged to bring their own bottled water, but bottled gallon jugs were available at no charge," said Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynn Schaefer.

Packaged food was available and fresh water was offered at the Pioneer Food court in the OC throughout the week. Supervisors who purchased water off-site for their employees were reimbursed by the University.

Classes and activities on-campus resumed normal operations on Monday. Crews worked 24 hours a day in sweltering 90 degree heat until water was restored late Friday.

The mayors of both Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills declared water emergencies.

Thousands of homes and businesses were without water forcing businesses including Great Lakes Crossing, DaimlerChrysler and other companies and businesses to give employees unscheduled days off.

The break occurred when Corby Energy Services drilling company laying cable ruptured a main Detroit water artery on

Squirrel Road south of Hamlin Rd. Work crews shut down the road as crews dug out the pipe.

A preliminary investigation is under way, and finger pointing is going on by both sides. According to statements issued by both Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills residents should continue boiling drinking water to avoid contamination.

The Corby Energy Services is reportedly blaming Detroit Sewer and Water for not correctly marking the location of the underwater lines.

"Detroit Water and Sewer people say they marked the correct spot, while the drilling company says they didn't," said Stephanie Schlegel, Administrative assistant for the City Manager of Auburn Hills.

The logical question to this is if the Water and Sewer people didn't mark the spot, how did the drilling company know where to drill?

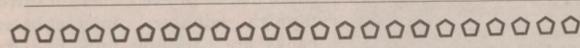
"That's a good question. We are also investigating whether or not the correct permits were issued on this project," said Schlegel.

The pipe was repaired on June 10, but pressure remained low as water routed back into the pipe. Time was also needed to test the water for any harmful contaminants that may have accumulated during the shutdown.

"This water main supplies over 50% of the Rochester Hills water supply," said Alisa Headly, coordinator Office of the Mayor Rochester Hills.

An Odd/Even restriction was implemented by Rochester Hills Mayor Kenneth D. Snell June 11 in hopes that the water pressure would "rebalance" and restore normal water service to all city residence.

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OU President Gary Russi and Women's Basketball coach Beekie Francis tied the knot in May.

They honeymooned in Hawaii.

Francis refused to comment on the wedding which was held out of state

Aloha honeymooners!!



## Esposito fits OU qualifications

*New VPAA brings commitment and leadership to Oakland*

By JAMIE GROBAR  
OAKLAND POST SPECIAL WRITER

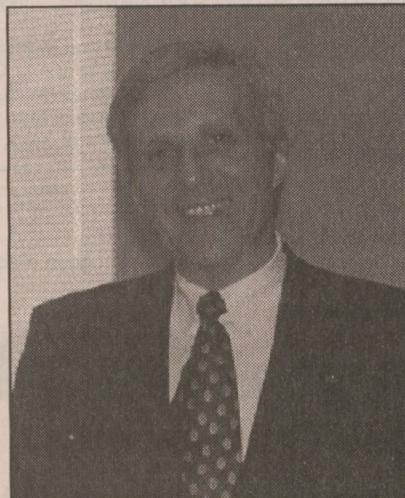
Louis Esposito, the new Vice President of Academic Affairs at Oakland University, commented on his plans for academic life at OU. "The biggest thing I want to improve is the overall quality of academic programs," said Esposito. "I want to increase the range of programs and studies available to students."

According to the OU web page, the search committee was looking for an individual who could provide strong leadership for research, instruction, and innovative activities in all undergraduate and graduate programs. In order to qualify for the vice-president position, applicants needed successful records in teaching research, and governance at the senior level.

Esposito was an undergraduate at St. Peters College in Jersey City, New Jersey for four years. He attended graduate school at Boston College in Massachusetts, where he received his doctoral degree in economics in 1968.

From 1967-99, Esposito worked at the University of Massachusetts. He was a faculty member, then became chair of the economics department, and later advanced to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Esposito said that OU has many good things to offer, including great cultural and academic programs.



Welcome Aboard:

New VPAA Louis Esposito has been getting in touch with OU during his first two weeks in his new position.

Post Photo/Reena Sibayan

"I came to Oakland, because it is outstanding," Esposito said, "and it has no place to go but up."

Esposito is committed to enrich the learning environment of OU students with technology, establish collegial decisions, as well as offer significant leadership to academic development at OU.

Jamie Grobar is a student in JRN 200. She is an OAKLAND POST special writer.

# OUTSIDE OAKLAND

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FESTIVALS & SHOWS

• **Fireworks Display**  
June 30. free fireworks spectacular on the banks of the Detroit River. Action starts at dark, near 10 p.m. Best spots to view display are Hart Plaza, Chene Park and lots of spots on Jefferson Ave. Come early to get best spots. Call (313) 877-8077 for information.

• **Canton Libertyfest "99"**  
At Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 20. 100 vendors. Free admission. (734)453-3710.

• **Northville Art in the Sun**  
12th Annual Art Show, Main and Center streets. Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 100 vendors. Free admission. call 248/349-7640.

• **Ribs and Soul Festival**  
June 16, 17 and 18. Admission and entertainment at Hart Plaza is free. Food will vary in cost with each vendor.

• **Ann Arbor Art Fair**  
Wed. July 21-24 in the streets of Ann Arbor. Admission free. There will be over 1,000 vendors.

### LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

• **"Learning to use perennials"**  
Learn how to use perennials in your garden at a two-session class. Class is offered at the Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The two-session class will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wed. June 21 and Friday June 23. Tuition is \$26. Call (248)644-5832

• **"Winter-Hardy Rock Gardening"**  
Rock gardening will be discussed at the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society meeting at 2 p.m. Sun. June 18. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell, Royal Oak. Admission is free. For information call (248)524-0227.

### OF INTEREST TO ALL

• **"Find a perfect Feline"**  
The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) during "Adopt-A-Cat Month" will help reduce stress, make you smile and save a cat, all in one day. More than 23,000 cats annually end up at the three MHS shelters. Most must be euthanized. To help with feline placements, MHS offers a reduced fee for cat adoption for eligible adopters over the age of 60. Also during the month of June the MHS will waive one adoption fee when two cats are adopted together. For shelter hours call:  
• MHS Detroit Shelter (313) 872-3400  
• MHS Westland (734) 721-7300  
• MHS Rochester (248) 852-7420

• **Wallace's Bookstore Opens**  
Barnes & Noble is out and Wallace's is in. The new bookstore vendor opened its doors June 14, in the OC and will be ready to serve student needs. For most students the change will be virtually unnoticed. The store will stock summer and fall books, supplies and OU related clothing items. Summer term hours are: For questions call 370-3318.

• **Cranbrook Museum-Observatory**  
Visit the museum and observatory this week-end. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The observatory is open Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. weather permitting.

Let us know about upcoming community events. Call Outside Oakland Editor Pam Hendrix at (248) 370-4267 or fax events to (248) 370-4264.

## NATO bombing hits home with OU community

*Anger, fear and despair highlight emotions over Yugoslavian conflict*

By MIKE HOBAN & PAM HENDRIX  
OAKLAND POST STAFF WRITERS

Fear and despair grip two students connected with OU. As U.S. planes drop bombs on Kosovo each hopes that their family members will be safe.

A 19-year-old OU sophomore from Sterling Heights, who is Serbian, has an 18-year-old cousin, an uncle and a grandmother living in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

This student who requested he not be identified says he "fears reprisals from local Albanians." He keeps in contact with his family by phone when the lines haven't been destroyed by U.S. air strikes. "The last time I talked to my family they were low on food and needed to go to the market."

He is worried about his family and he is angry with the U.S. for the bombings that have continued for the past two months. He feels the U.S. is trying

to prevent the ethnic cleansing of Albanians. "If Milosevic wanted to kill everyone nobody would have gotten out. I feel betrayed by my own country; my taxes are going to pay for more bombing. More people are dying now than before the U.S. got involved."

This OU student does not condone the violence and suffering Milosevic has caused, but he also believes other countries do not have the right to bomb a sovereign nation. "If the U.S. would have stayed out of it, the Serbian Army generals would have gotten rid of Milosevic themselves."

He says the question isn't "Will there be peace, but will Kosovo be independent. My people will never give up Kosovo."

The second person fearing for relatives in Yugoslavia is Lidija Milic, a recent OU graduate and former Oakland Post news editor.

The Milic family lives in central Serbia. Homes in their area remain



undamaged. They are thankful only military targets have been hit. Milic has been able to contact her family by phone and e-mail. Her brother Lazar, a 22-year-old music student at the University in Belgrade, must spend 1 1/2 hours hitchhiking to school. NATO bombs destroyed the highway and most public transportation including the train he used to take on his commute. Milic's mother, Borka, is a nurse who works 12 hours a day. Her father, Zoran, must find part-time jobs and do what he can to support the family. The bombing has destroyed many jobs.

Her family has lived in fear ever since the bombs started dropping. "My family feels a sense of hopelessness because they are the target. They struggle with the knowledge that a bomb could hit them anytime. Not knowing what is happening, and the powerlessness they feel because they have no say, that is what creates that sense of helplessness," said Milic.

Serbian-Americans can be treated

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### AUTOMATION ALLEY

## University gets high tech help

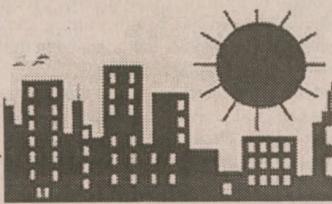
By Marianne DiDonato  
Special Writer

Students at Oakland University have more job opportunities today because of L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive. Patterson developed a consortium of high technology companies that are located along the I-75 and I-696 freeways in Oakland County.

"I believe it's time to leverage the economic strength built by the private sector in Oakland County and bring the high-tech image of Automation Alley (AA) into the national spotlight," said L. Brooks Patterson in an article published by the Oakland Focus Newsletter.

The purpose of AA is "to retain and recruit workers to this area. We want the area to be technology based. WE want to keep our graduates here, and attract others to Oakland County," said Jeff Kaczmarek, director development.

OU will benefit directly because "it is a key four year institution, and foundation member of AA. OU will get exposure resulting from the spotlight focusing on AA, and they will be given the opportunity to participate in research



Karen Dedischew

projects for the consortium of companies that will form AA," said Kaczmarek.

As member companies increase so will the job opportunities for OU students. The student will have access to a diverse group of businesses, all of which are in a short distance of each other. These businesses will include consumer products, industrial processes, automotive suppliers, telecommunications, design and engineering, computer software/hardware and information services. Because of so many jobs occurring within a confined area OU students will be able to explore jobs in specific fields of interest.

Karen Dedischew contributed to this story.

**WHAT IS IT?**  
"Automation Alley" refers to an area where many high technology businesses are located and operate.

**WHERE IS IT?**  
High-tech firms line about 70 miles between the I-75 and I-696 corridors in Oakland County.

**WHY IS IT?**  
Automation Alley is designed to leverage the combined strength of the high-tech firms in the area and attract highly skilled employees and businesses to the area.

**WHO IS IT?**  
A concentration of some 120 high-tech companies, including:  
DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
Delphi Automotive Systems  
EDS Corporation  
General Motors  
Kelly Services  
Lear Corporation  
Sequoia Diversified Products

**WHO STARTED IT?**  
L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, nicknamed the area and is responsible for launching Automation Alley.

Source: First Class Magazine

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE

Be familiar with computers. Get a degree in engineering or computer science. Be a good communicator.

### HOW CAN YOU GET THERE

Get good grades, be hard working and reliable, and learn to express your ideas clearly and logically.

Michael P. Polis Dean of the School of Engineering

### YOUR FOUR DAY FORECAST

Thursday



Showers  
High - 67°  
Low - 47°

Friday



Partly Cloudy  
High - 72°  
Low - 45°

Saturday



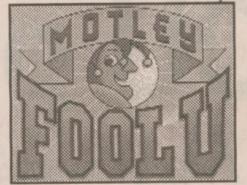
Isolated Storms  
High - 76°  
Low - 49°

Sunday



Partly Sunny  
High - 77°  
Low - 62°

Forecast courtesy of The Weather Channel (www.weather.com).



### How to Save Like a Fool

**Q:** Everyone tells me to have three to six months of my salary saved before I start investing. But in two years, I am not even close to saving more than one month's salary. What should I do? And where should I put my savings? — M.K., via the Internet

**A:** Any money that you're investing in the stock market should be money that you're willing to live without for a minimum of five years — preferably longer. Since emergencies can and do pop up, you certainly don't want to have to suddenly dip into any money that you've committed to the stock market, especially if the stock market is not doing well at that time. Therefore, you need to be able at all times to pay the bills for a couple of months without dipping into your stock holdings.

Three to six months of your salary is a bit more than you really need to have sitting in the bank before you start investing. But it is a good idea not to commit any money to the stock market before you have three or four months worth of expenses saved up and ready for an emergency.

Does that mean that you have to settle for the typical 1 percent (or less!) interest rates provided by standard checking accounts while you're saving up? Hardly. Make sure that you keep your short-term savings in an account providing an annual interest rate in the range of 4 percent or higher. To do that, in all likelihood you're probably best off looking for a new bank.

Currently, the largest national banks are offering interest rates on their checking accounts that are about one-quarter the rate that can be found at smaller regional banks or through Internet-based banks. According to a recent report by Bank Rate Monitor, none of the 50 largest banks in the country make it onto the list of the best checking accounts. Essentially that's because these banks have an awful lot of huge "brick-and-mortar" storefronts that they have to keep well-maintained. Actually, in the case of banks, the "brick-and-mortar" often comes in the form of marble-and-brass, but you get the picture.

Try checking out the interest rates of banks that have no bricks, mortar, brass, marble or even tellers or drive-through windows. Internet-based banks are currently providing the highest interest rates around — currently around 4 percent in checking accounts.

Even better than a checking account for your short-term savings would be a money market account. These accounts offer some of the advantages of checking accounts in that you can write three checks or so per month from them. Money market accounts also offer slightly higher interest rates than your typical checking account. With a tiny bit of research you can find money market accounts providing interest rates above 5 percent.

### What Now?

To learn more about the best interest rates available throughout the land, check out Bank Rate Monitor at [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com).

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# SPORTS

## Basketball jumps into action Division I recruiting draws new Grizzlies to the court

By RAMEZ KHURI  
OAKLAND POST ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The success of both the men's and women's basketball teams last season may have been a surprise to some, but for Men's Head Coach Greg Kampe and Women's Head Coach Beckie Francis, it was simply a reflection of all the hard work and dedication they put into their respective teams.

To ensure the winning ways continue for the upcoming season, both teams have made some improvements.

Although there were no new recruits signed, the men's team has almost everyone back, plus Sebastian Bellin and Steve Houston, who sat out last season. Two players who aren't coming back are Ryan Hiller and Sean Carlson. Both have transferred to other schools. "We are going to go about it a little differently this

year. Last year was a big surprise, we weren't sure what was going to happen," Kampe said. "We thought we could do well, but we didn't realize we could do

**"...we are going to do the best we can to try to win a league championship in our first year."**

Greg Kampe  
Men's Head  
Basketball Coach

titles last season, but this year could be different. "This year we are eligible for the league title and for

that well. I think now we are going to try to compete for the league championship."

The transition period of moving into Division I held the team back from winning

an NCAA bid, we are going to do the best we can to try to win a league championship in our first year," Kampe said. "That would be quite an accomplishment."

The women's team has seen many more changes than the men's, with six new recruits to the Golden Grizzlies squad.

Among these women is Christina Blanford who transferred from Bowling Green. Other women new to the team are Romica Clay, freshman point guard; Jessica King from Howell, MI; Katerina Miffcova, who joins the Golden Grizzlies from the Czech Republic; Heather Wooldrik from Kirkwood Community College; and Beth Zeone.

Francis said, "My staff and I are having a basketball off campus seminar, where the coaches are getting together for two days straight just to set goals and to talk about our strategy and what to expect."

### ON THE EDGE OF SPORTS

#### WRAP UP OF OU BASEBALL

•The Golden Grizzlies baseball team's overall record was 17-25. The team's conference record was 9-11.

•Eric Paul finished with a batting average of .374.

•Pitcher Adam Sokoll finished with a record of 3-0 and an earned run average of 2.45.

•Erik Crossley finished with a team-high 3 home runs.

•Eric Paul finished the season with 31 RBI.

•The Grizzlies had three shut outs during the season, against Hartford University, IUPUI and Valparaiso.

•The Grizzlies had their highest scoring game against Siena Heights University on April 7. The final score was 15-10.

#### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

•Ford Motor Company will be sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit the OU Athletic Department. The event will take place on June 28 at Katke-Cousins Golf Course. The cost to enter is \$135 per person, which includes green fees and cart, and lunch at Meadow Brook Hall at 1:30 p.m. Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. For more information please call (248)370-4034.

•The Black Bears Hockey Club is hosting its First Annual Scramble Golf Tournament at Faulkwood Shores Golf on July 30. Fees for the tournament will be \$85 per individual and \$300 for each foursome. For more information visit [www.oakland.edu/org/hockey](http://www.oakland.edu/org/hockey).

#### NEWS FLASH

•OU's Anita Rapp was one of 21 players named to the Norwegian National Soccer team. Rapp is currently a junior at OU who led the Grizzlies with 11 goals four of which were game winners. Besides playing for the Grizzlies Rapp also played for Norway's under 21 team for two years and helped her team win the Nordic Cup in August of 1998. They defeated the United States 2-1. Norway will begin preliminary rounds of the Women's World Cup on June 20 vs. Russia. The Women's World Cup Finals will be held at the RoseBowl on July 10.

#### PALACE ACTIVITIES

•The Detroit Shock vs. Orlando Miracle on June 17 at 7:30 p.m.

•The Detroit Shock vs. Charlotte Sting on June 22 at 7:30 p.m.

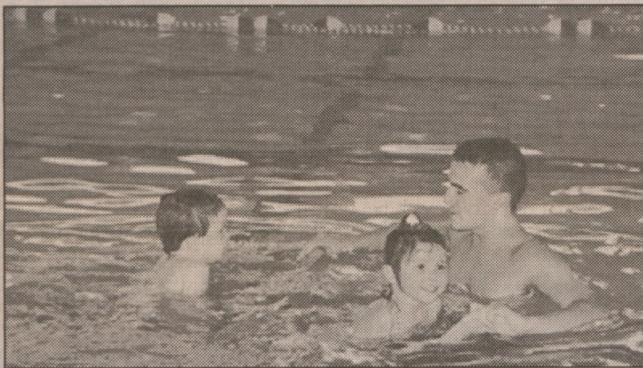
•The Detroit Shock vs. Houston Comets on June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

•World Confederation of Wrestling featuring Goldberg, "Diamond Dallas" Page, Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flare, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Georgeous George" Charles Robinson, "Bam Bam" Bigelow and Hak on June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

•The Detroit Shock vs. Phoenix Mercury on June 26 at 4 p.m.

•The Detroit Shock vs. New York Liberty on June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

### "Learning to swim" makes a splash



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

**HANGING ON:** Jason Kepsel, sophomore Computer Engineering major, lends a hand in the pool to help the children gain confidence in the water.



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

**SMILE PRETTY:** Four-year-old C.J. Karas is a student at the "Learning To Swim" class which meets everyday during the week. The class is for children as well as adults. It is held in the rec center pool.

### Camps teach skills, fun

*Hoopsters become mentors for young players*

By JON CHAMPAGNE  
OAKLAND POST SPECIAL WRITER

Summer is here and once again OU is rearing up for basketball camps. With a fresh new look and the same winning attitude, the Golden Grizzlies are ready to get back in the swing of things after missing a summer due to construction.

With new Division I status the Grizzlies have a new \$37 million arena equipped with a new floor, air conditioning and an Olympic size swimming pool.

Camps are designed for the kids to learn fundamentals and teamwork, but most of all to have fun.

The OU Hoopsters run the camps tending to everything from running drills to getting the campers up for breakfast. Hoopsters work two weeks of camps and endure 15 hour days.

However, it is not all work, the players get a chance to jump into their mentors'

shoes and coach the kids. Hoopsters are appointed a team and remain with it for the entire week. The games have often become competitive, most of all

**"No one wants to lose so sometimes coaches can get pretty intense."**

Myke Thom  
Senior Guard

between the coaches.

"No one wants to lose, so sometimes coaches can get pretty intense," said guard Myke Thom. As the Hoopsters yell out

plays and ride the officials for calls, Head Basketball coach Greg Kampe watches from the bench.

"It is a good chance for these guys to see what a coach goes through during a game, they have fun with it," Kampe said.

Kampe has been running basketball

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Kelli Petrove

*We want the cup, gotta have the cup...back*

Soon Hockeytown will bid farewell to a piece of history. The Stanley Cup will go to a new home, a new team and a new sea of fans. Dallas and Buffalo are fighting to take away Stanley, the pride and joy of Hockeytown.

For the past two years Stanley has called Detroit its home and brought joy and tears to the millions of Red Wing fans. But in the next two weeks our back to back years of glory will be over. A new team will skate around the arena with "The Cup," our cup.

As they say, all good things must come to an end, but even as the end is near, Hockeytown will not lose its pride, its hope and its pure love for anything hockey.

Sitting right now in The Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto is a piece of Detroit history. Our beloved Red Wings' names are permanently engraved on the Stanley Cup. They will soon be joined by new names of either Dallas or Buffalo team members.

I'm not cheering for Dallas or for Buffalo, because personally if the Red Wings aren't playing it's not hockey. I don't want to cheer for the team that will take away our cup. So really, I don't care who wins the championship. What I do care about is next year's hockey season, and our chance to get Stanley back.

Detroiters deserve the cup. Bottom line we are the best fans ever. Red Wing flags cover the roads in such large numbers that cars without them are a minority. We wear our jerseys and T-shirts and sometimes even have our cars detailed with Red Wing logos.

Sell out crowds at home games, and Joe Vision attendance should show the world that we love our Red Wings.

And even if we do have to say goodbye to the cup, I don't love them any less. I love them more for their pure dedication and hard work. And that's why we are the best fans. Because even when we aren't winning, we still show up to support them and to occasionally throw random octopi on the ice. (Not that I would ever partake in that, well maybe).

So now as Buffalo and Dallas duke it out to take the cup to their home towns, notice not to their HOCKEYTOWNS, let's just remember that every time they read their names off the cup, they won't be able to help themselves from admiring our two years of glory right next to theirs.

And you better believe that next year, Detroiters will be right back at the Joe in full force, dressed in red and white to show the world that the cup is ready to come home to HockeyTown. The real HockeyTown.

We have shared years of laughter and shouts as well as times of sadness when we lost Konstantinov, who we all know will always be a Red Wing in our hearts. We don't let bad times get us down, we use them as fuel for our fire and come back stronger than ever.

The hockey world better watch out next season when we return with a vengeance.

Our mission. Make it to the playoffs and become Stanley Cup Champions, again. Mission will be accomplished, because we have faith in our champions.

Senior Kelli Petrove is a journalism major and Sports Editor for THE OAKLAND POST.

### OU athletes go golfing for cash

*Black Bears shoot for a hole-in-one*

By KELLY THERRIAN  
OAKLAND POST SPECIAL WRITER

The Black Bears, OU's club hockey team, will be hosting its First Annual Slapshot Scramble Golf Tournament on July 30, at Faulkwood Shores Golf Club in Howell, MI.

The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the team. The team hopes to raise enough money to cover costs for the season, including the expensive tab for ice time.

"OU donates about 1/6 of the total costs for the team, so we are hoping to raise a lot of money through hosting this fun event," said Black Bear treasurer, Jeremy Sarnovsky.

Fees for the tournament will be \$85 per individual and \$300 per foursome. This will include the greens fee, a power golf cart, a picnic dinner follow-

ing the event and door prizes. Although plans are still pending, Sarnovsky hopes to have a brand new car donated and offered as a grand prize for the first person to shoot a hole-in-one.

"I think that the golf tournament is a great way for the team to raise money," said the Black Bears forward and secretary John Hendley. "Most of our income comes from outside sources such as the team selling ads, local sponsors and events such as the golf tournament, this will help lower the costs on the players' behalf."

"In order to build a successful program, you need a strong foundation and good financial supporters. After all, the club is what the players make of it," said coach Tom Ricketts.

This will be the first year for the team to be a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The team kicks off its upcoming season in October against Ferris State. The team is also scheduled to play Ohio State, Bowling Green and Grand Valley.

# LIFE

## Austin Powers gets Shagged reviews

By JOE GRAY  
OAKLAND POST MANAGING EDITOR



New Line Cinemas

The people who do not like "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" will say the picture relies too much on jokes about male anatomy and human waste.

The people who like Mike Myers' second installment of the spy parody will contend that you should not take the movie too seriously, and even though there are a lot crude jokes, they are funny.

Either you think a grown man getting bit in the "privates" by a three foot tall Dr. Evil clone (Verne Troyer) is funny or you don't.

The plot of the movie revolves around Dr. Evil's plan to go back to 1969 to steal Austin's mojo (mojo is what makes Austin Powers a groovy swinger). While in the past, Dr. Evil, also played by Myers, decides to hold America hostage with a laser he installed on the moon.

Austin follows Dr. Evil back in time to foil the deadly scheme and get back his mojo. The secret agent is helped by Felicity Shagwell (Heather Graham). Graham fills the role of sexy sidekick that Elizabeth Hurley played so

well in the original movie.

Despite the fact that Graham fits as well into the role of a sexy super-spy as she does into all those super-tight 60s costumes, her chemistry with Myers is terrible, as was the job she did convincing the audience she falls for Austin.

Myers picks up the mantle of a new character in the Austin Powers' rogues gallery of villains. He plays Dr. Evil's new hired thug, Fat Bastard. He lives up to the name because he weighs a ton and has a taste for babies. By the way, he drools, and that is his most endearing quality.

Seth Green is back as Dr. Evil's son Scott. They continue their dysfunctional father/son relationship on the "Jerry Springer Show."

Rob Lowe joins the cast as a young Number Two. He has a small role, but he is wonderful in his imitation of Robert Wagner, who played Number Two in 1999.

The movie becomes distracting when the audience is beat over the head with shameless product plugs.

The movie opens with a giant Big Boy statue floating in space. From there we get Dr. Evil's hideout at Starbuck headquarters and the new VW Beetle is Austin's time machine.



New Line Cinemas

The products are placed in scenes that are meant to be funny, but with corporate America infringing on the entertainment industry, these little intrusions are just annoying.

A note to Myers: Austin Powers' catch lines like "Shag-a-delic" and "Yeah baby" are getting a little tired because of all the imitators. So, try to come up with some new ones for the next movie.

After \$50 million in ticket sales for the first picture and expected sales of near \$100 million for the sequel, Austin will be throwing around some more mojo.

## Summer fun the safe way

By MARK HACKEL  
OAKLAND POST SPECIAL WRITER

OU students are among the many boaters who will be out enjoying the waterways this summer on personal watercrafts (PWC).

Officials from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office are asking all boaters, especially those operating PWCs, to be aware of the new laws and to use caution while operating their vessels.

Lieutenant Don McLellan, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Marine Division, said, "Although personal watercrafts account for only 10% of registered boats, they are involved in 45-50% of the reported accidents."

McLellan believes education plays a major role in reducing the number of boating related incidents.

Heather McDonald, a junior at OU, feels safer operating a PWC than any other type of boat.

"I'm not aware of all the rules or the laws about boating," said McDonald. "I rely upon my common sense and good



Post Photo/Lisa Borich

**JET SET:** Boaters using PWC's this summer need to follow new laws intended to reduce the number of accidents.

judgement."

Although she has never taken a boater's safety course, McDonald agrees that taking a course would help her feel more secure on the water.

"Many boaters feel common sense is enough to get them by. However, an overwhelming percentage of boating accidents are attributed to operators recklessness or negligence," said McLellan.

Kelly Therrian, another junior at OU, feels you don't need a boater's safety course to operate a personal watercraft

if you have a drivers license.

"Personal watercrafts are smaller and easier to maneuver," said Therrian. "You have more control over these (PWC's) than power boats.

No matter what your personal opinion is regarding the operational requirements of personal watercrafts, new laws have taken effect and will be strictly enforced by the Oakland County Sheriff's Marine Division in order to ensure that everyone enjoys a safe boating season.



Lisa Borich

He's in Kansas, and she's here. She just graduated from U-M with a degree in Economics.

The problem...I think they're too young to get hitched. But who am I to say what's right. I'm with

the ONE, but we're taking our time. After all, what's the hurry.

Now granted, I'm going through the long distance thing too, but again what's the hurry.

It seems like people who are getting married young are in a hurry and eager to get married. I don't understand. It's not like it's 1920 and people wait to have sex. God knows they aren't now. When we have movies out with titles like, "The Spy Who SHAGGED me," you know society has taken the road to the "one track minds".

Yes, the long distance thing is tough, but that's what makes people stronger and the relationship solid. If both of you can survive the long distance thing, you

can get through anything.

So why are guys running to the jewelry stores buying diamonds they can't afford? What happened to financial stability and women starting their careers before tying the knot. Has all that gone out the door?

Yes, we can say that a woman can be married and have a career at the same time, but in a few years a bouncing bundle of joy is going to be the new addition to the family and many women choose to stay home to take care of them.

After that child is old enough to go to school, BANG another one pops out. The woman will then end up dedicating her life to raising children and not building up her career.

Which is fine, but why spend thousands of dollars on an education when the only conversations you have are either with yourself or talking to a baby with that goes GOO GOO GAA GAA.

The thought that I would like to leave you with is, don't be in a hurry, you have the rest of your life to do the marriage thing.

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## LIFE ON THE EDGE

### CONCERTS

• Tonight SARAH BRIGHTMAN'S ONE NIGHT IN EDEN tour is at Pine Knob at 7:30 p.m. Tickets run \$27.50-\$45.

• TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS perform at Pine Knob on June 18 and 19. Tickets run \$22-\$49.50

• NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT MUSIC & MORE tour comes to Pine Knob with 98 DEGREES, MONICA, and more. Doors open at 3 p.m. with the show starting at 4:30 p.m. Tickets run \$20.00 for lawn and \$28.50 for pavilion.

• ANI DI FRANCO with MACEO PARKER comes to Meadowbrook on June 25. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. for lawn and pavilion.

• VONDA SHEPARD preforms at the Royal Oak Music Theater on June 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

### FILM

• THE GENERALS DAUGHTER starring JOHN TRAVOLTA and JAMES CROMWELL opens Friday.

• DISNEY'S TARZAN hits theaters nationwide on Friday featuring stars like MINNIE DRIVER, GLENN CLOSE and ROSIE O'DONNELL.

### ON SALE

• Tickets go on sale Friday at 10:00 a.m. for the ALANIS MORISSETTE/TORI AMOS concert at Pine Knob on September 12.

• The artist formally known as GINGER SPICE, Geri Halliwell's debt album SCHIZONPHONIC is now on sale.

• Sarah McLaughlan's follow-up album to Surfacing, MIRROR BELL ORBITAL'S MIDDLE OF NOWHERE is now on sale.

• EDWIN MCCAIN's follow-up to his debut album, MESSENGER is now on sale.

### COMING SOON

• JENNIFER LOPEZ's debut album, ON THE 6 goes on sale June 22.

• MISSY ELLIOT's, DA REAL WORLD album goes on sale June 22.

• K-Ci & JOJO's, It's REAL album goes on sale June 22.

## Old ways are here to stay with young couples

I was thinking, now that I'm the new Life Editor that I would love to spice up the section a little more. After I finally hit the nail on the head, I thought, instead of writing a column each week on things that students can not really relate to, maybe it would be better to hear from the student body what life is throwing them.

Bear with me here, I'm not talking about things like 'I hate my classes' and 'my life sucks.' Instead, I'd like to hear things like 'I had a wake up call and this is what I learned.' I think it's easier for students to relate with their peers if we include things that happen to real people.

To explore this more, I'll go first and see what bites.

My best friend is getting married. She's 21 years old, and her wedding is in one month. She and her fiancé have been going out for about two years and have been engaged for one. I can't see her with anyone else.

## TUITION

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universities a 1.5 percent bonus if they kept their tuition increases under 3 percent. In response to this OU lowered its increase to 2.99 percent.

OU also received a special \$870,000 allocation from the state—sort of a bonus to be used for one time expenses or improvements such as equipment, roads, snow removal or supplement deferred maintenance, according to Nicosia.

He said OU has "a tremendous

backlog of deferred needs which is in the millions." Nicosia sited the parking lot across from Wilson, North and South Foundation Halls which will cost an estimated \$3 million to rebuild and move to expand parking.

Last year, OU received \$863,000 in special one time allocations, according to Nicosia. He did not have specifics of how the money was spent readily available.

## CONGRESS

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year after year Oakland students are not able to receive tuition tax credits because O.U. raises its tuition at a rate above that allowed by the tax law.

Another goal of Mitchell's is to increase school spirit, one of his ideas is to set up two recliner chairs in the arena during basketball games. Students who win the right to sit in the chairs would be "served refreshments by congress members while they

enjoyed the game in luxury."

While headaches have accompanied the position, Mitchell views himself as a spokesperson and representative for the students.

He governs the Congress, Cabinet, Student Program Board and Student Activities Funding Board.

Mitchell asked students to call him at (248)370-4290 regarding any questions or suggestions.

## KOSOVO

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unfairly. "We are sometimes labeled with genocide. Even though we only have a passport that identifies us as part of Milosevic's country, we have done nothing. People in the U.S. have not experienced a dictator, they don't understand we have no control over what he does." This perception is widely held abroad and is generated at home by the American media.

"It was not the U.S. that was bombing Kosovo, it was NATO. It is important to keep that straight. My family is against the violence created by both sides. We can't see how this destruction can make things better," said Milic.

"Milosevic is a dictator, those who run against him may disappear. No one knows exactly what he is doing. He is so powerful. If he wanted to ethnically cleanse the area he would find a way,"

said Milic. To some he is a hero he negotiates for peace. To others they would like to see him disappear. He only won the election by a couple hundred votes. "The people asked for a recount but they didn't get it," said Milic.

Peace has been negotiated, the Serb troops are pulling out and the NATO bombings have stopped. Now the Yugoslavs can begin rebuilding while their families in America rest a little easier.

But, will there be peace? "It is unimaginable to me what the refugees will do when they return. You can't purge bad blood. What worries me most is all the hatred expressed by both sides," said Milic.

Already NATO peacekeeping forces have discovered several mass graves. Returning refugees also face the real threat of landmines.

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## CAMPS

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camp for 16 years at OU, and knows the importance of making it fun for the players who run it. "If the counselors are enthusiastic and are having fun, then it runs off on the kids," Kampe added.

Team records are posted nightly and it is of interest to both players and coaches.

"It is bragging rights for the rest of the year. No matter how good your team is you can always say you coached them,"

forward Dan Champagne said.

When asked if any of his players had a future in coaching, Kampe said, "Maybe, but most of these guys just do a lot of yelling, I don't know where they get it from."

OU basketball camps will be putting on sessions July 25-29 and August 1-5. Camps are for ages 7-18 and cost \$250 for commuters and \$290 for those who stay over-night. For more information call (248) 370-3195.

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## The Center for Student Activities This Month

The Student Program Board and the Center for Student Activities is pleased to sponsor "Music in the FoodCourt" during the spring and summer terms. The remaining featured performances are:

- June 23 - Tribute to Tina Turner
- July 7 - Jack Dalton's Banjo
- July 21 - Flute with a Latin Twist
- August 4 - The Hits Classic Rock
- August 11- Terrence Lester, Calypso and Salsa

The music will start at 11:45 a.m. and continue to 1:15 p.m.

Do not just come to hear the wonderful music, but enjoy the special presentation food featured at CenterStage especially for these concerts.

### The CSA Service Window

Sign up for SPB's Rafting Trip. The trip will depart July 31 and return August 2. The trip is \$99 for Oakland University Students and \$125 for guests. Each Oakland University Student may sign up one guest.

### Coming Soon

The Grand Opening of the new Game Room will be September 8 - 10. Pool (at affordable prices), table tennis, video games, card and board games will be featured. Come by and check us out! Look for an exciting schedule of opening events coming soon!

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