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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Why aren't women stepping up to OU's presidential podium?

Rob Meyer. Michael McGuinness. Jonathan Parks. Brian Tomina. Derek Dickow. Nick Mitchell.

What is it that makes these names sound similar?

It's the same element that makes this year's Oakland University presidential candidates Steve Clark, Andrew Bashi, and Jordan Twardy comparable.

All are men.

The first collection of names lists past OU student body presidents since 2000, minus Madelyn Miller in 2006-07 year.

Miller inherited the position after McGuinness resigned in 2006. Although she was the first female to hold the position in over 10 years, she was never actually elected.

In fact, there hasn't been a woman elected as student body president since 1995.

The 2007-08 Student Congress had five female members on the executive board, and three women on the legislative board, including the vice president.

With a major female presidential candidate in the national election, a woman in office is a hot topic.

One cannot help but wonder: Why are there so few female OU student body presidents? There are many women involved and elected in student congress.

It appears inconsistent with the many roles women play throughout the university. Women are active in every other facet of university life. Women's sports are popular, and most organizations have an equal proportion of men and women.

University statistics indicated that 62 percent of the students at OU are female.

The current list of past presidents does not support this number.

There seems to be no obvious reason why a woman could not be elected to office.

With the largest election ever for Oakland

University's student body president, the answer may lie somewhere within the institution itself.

OUSC is a small organization. Even in the recent election, there were several open slots for legislature positions.

Last academic year, Meyer ran unopposed.

So the imbalance is itself in the numbers. There is only a small amount of people involved in student congress; it is just an unfortunate fact of OU's demographics.

With increased participation and marked improvement from Meyer's solo campaign, now is the time to heighten the gender diversity.

Hopefully, in the elections to come, there will be a female presence in office.

The future growth of student congress may assist in offering a broader service to the multitude of individuals and groups at the university.

Building on the momentum of the past election in the coming semesters is crucial. The energy put into the recent election should continue to manifest itself in student congress activities and remain in the forefront of Oakland students' on-campus interaction.

Not only should the vigor directly assist Oakland students, but may also invite more students into the foray.

The increase, from a probability standpoint, will offer more diversity and differing viewpoints.

The trick is to maintain the devotion and keep the limelight fixated on OUSC, in order to attract more and more people to its important function as an organ of the student body's voice.

And, maybe, in the next few years, a name like Madelyn will not only be accompanied by Robs, Steves, Michaels and Brians, but also Kellys, Mindys and Hollys.



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## CORRECTIONS CORNER

Corrections from the last edition (March 26, 2008) of The Oakland Post:

- "Moonlight and Magnolias" was not presented by Oakland University's Theater Department.
- Kanye West's name was incorrectly spelled in the Mix (page 12).
- Jean Ann Miller was presented the Phyllis Law Googasian award on March 31.
- The Students for a democratic Society's peace marches took place on March 20 and 21.

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# Campus activism gives foreign student new outlook



Last week, on our campus, there was a student organized two-day peace march.

This event, of which I was an organizer, quickly became undoubtedly one of my favorite experiences in the United States.

As an exchange student from Turkey, it showed me a face of America that I wasn't really aware of before, which was truly a refreshment for my hopes.

Having closely seen what Iraq war really is, I always found most young Americans' insensitivity toward what's happening in the Middle East even scarier than the war itself.

I questioned whether Americans paid attention to their own futures, considering the huge amount that's carelessly spent on the war. Imagine what can be fixed in their lives with the money

wasted on this undertaking.

So, when Mike, my friend and fellow member of OU's chapter of Students for a democratic Society (SdS), came up with the idea of organizing a peace march on campus for the fifth anniversary of the war, I wasn't sure what to expect.

But the idea quickly prospered day-by-day in the very limited time we had.

On the day of the first scheduled

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surprised to see over 20 students, most of whom I hadn't ever seen before.

In fact, a couple of students from other schools in the area also participated. We marched throughout the campus, exiting the OC and passing Kresge Library and South Foundation Hall to the intersection of Squirrel Road and Walton Boulevard.

After the march, we came back to the OC, and had an active discussion about

what we did that day and what we were standing for. I think it was a signal that a new strong movement is here at OU.

The following day's peace march was even more effective than the previous day's. Once word spread around campus, new, enthusiastic faces showed up to join the cause.

As we started to march, we became a spirited, conscious crowd of 20-something protesters and quickly grew to

almost 40 with the people who joined us along the way.

Almost every single individual in the group

actively contributed.

People didn't merely show up and walk, but made their own signs and chose an extended route around campus.

Rather than having one protest leader screaming out set slogans, the group was spontaneous and creative with its anti-war chants.

One individual, who didn't even attend OU, came with his guitar and played throughout the march.

Some of the remarkable signs read: "Apathy Kills," "Don't Be Silent" and "End the Silence, End the War."

I was completely amazed by this overwhelmingly youthful and diverse group from different backgrounds and how they were all obviously not blind to the condition.

At the end of the day, my impression of young Americans was changed forever. Though these people aren't a vast majority, with their amazing consciousness and sensibility, they surely can make the future brighter.

I had been to several protests and marches before, but this student organized march on my own school's campus meant so much more to me.

It reminded me of what the U.S. was famous for before its tyrannic foreign policy and invasions: freedom.

It seems to be forgotten nowadays, but this country has such a strong tradition of democracy! Let's not overlook this.

Protesting just once may not be enough for solving problems, but is a great building block for a movement and raising our voice.

Remaining silent means putting our signatures on this cruel pointlessness.

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Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
12PM - 1:30PM  
Meet in the Fireside Lounge, OC  
Grab a friend and come join OU students in "cleaning up" the campus.  
Breakfast & Supplies provided!

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Student Program Board: DE-STRESS ZONE  
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April 7 & 9  
Main Hallway, OC  
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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!  
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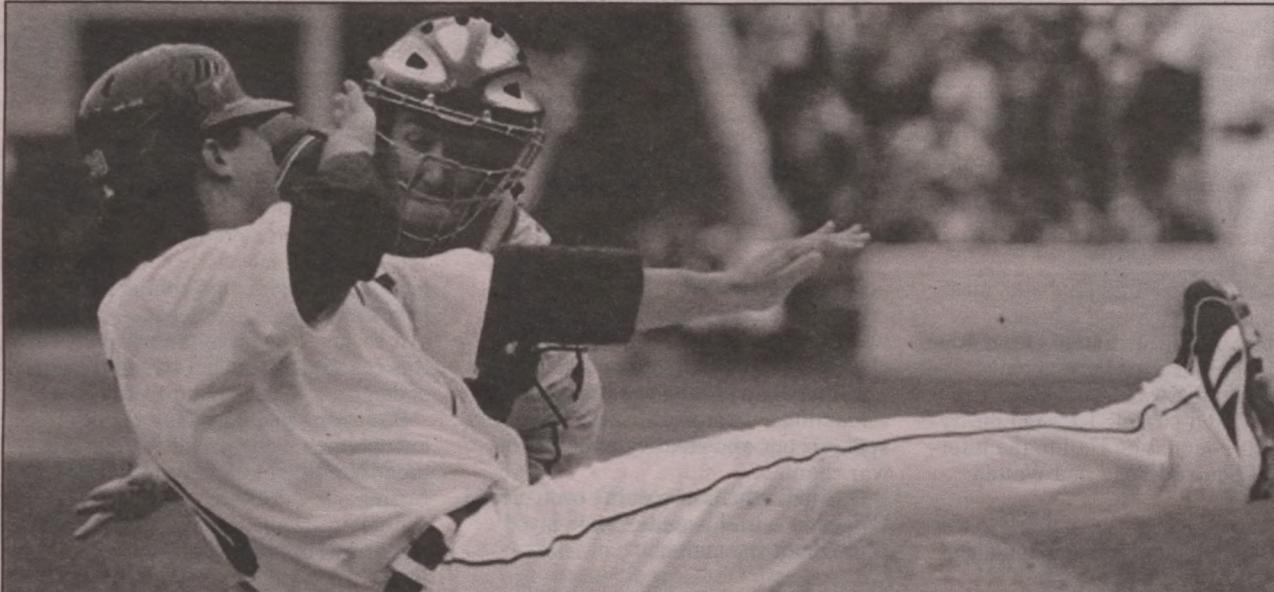
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## Royals spoil Tigers' opening day



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Above: Fans gather in the stands at Comerica Park Monday, March 31 for the Detroit Tigers opening day game against the Kansas City Royals.

Left: Detroit Tigers' Magglio Ordonez is tagged out by Kansas City Royals catcher John Buck in the third inning. The Royals beat the Tigers 5-4 in 11 innings.

## Breakfast jewelry brings home the bacon

By MICHELLE LATSHAW  
Contributing Reporter

DETROIT — Mary Winkler peers out through her black-rimmed glasses, tilting her head to one side in an effort to steady the uneven frames. She broke the arm on them over two years ago and never repaired them; instead she opted for a quick fix consisting of brown masking tape.

"I have no want to get them fixed," she said. "They've also become 'my thing.'"

Sitting at the table in her cramped studio apartment, she applies the last tiny yellow polka dots onto the little pink clay mushrooms that lay before her. She leans back, pulls her brown hair into a tighter ponytail, and admires her latest masterpiece.

Winkler is a 21-year-old student at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Majoring in illustrative art, she attends school full time which leaves a few hours a day for homework and her "constant obsessive process" of creating art.

"From doodling in sketchbooks, on napkins, in the margins of my notes in classes ... whatever falls out of my head, whatever inspires me that day, I want to

make into something new," she said.

Most of her designs are colorful jewelry pieces made from polymer clay formed in fun food shapes like mushrooms, donuts, candies and even toaster pastries.

"Right now I'm obsessed with inanimate objects. I draw and paint them a lot. I sculpt them out of clay and put them on ear wires and string them on necklaces," she said.

Winkler survives by selling her jewelry art while she attends school full time. She used to sell her artwork at craft shows in the area but found that it was very time consuming and less profitable.

Owning an art store also proved too costly, until she was introduced, by a fellow Detroit artist and friend, to Etsy.com: an online community for buying and selling handmade art, similar to eBay.com.

Etsy gives Detroit artists like Winkler

the ability and resources to reach across the country via the Internet and sell their handmade art online. Since its launch in June 2005, Etsy features more than 100,000 sellers from around the world.

"Etsy allows me the chance to get more exposure than my own shop would at this time," she said. "I'm always getting new customers and getting more traffic to my shop."

Grabbing her laptop, Winkler pulls up her Etsy "store front." The top of

the page reads, "Acrylicana ... lovely cute handmade."

"I wanted a name that embodied my love of art and paint and creation with my love of culture. I thought about the word 'Americana', which I just think is fun to say ... and tweaked it to 'Acrylicana,'" she said.

Below are pictures, prices and descriptions of the 123 different handmade

items she has for sale.

Winkler began listing items in January 2007, making her first sale within a couple of days. She usually sells one or two items a day now.

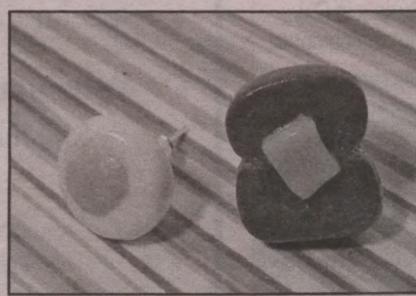
"Etsy is so much more user friendly [than Ebay]. They're marketed toward those who love and create all things handmade. It's kitschy goodness," she said.

Although Detroit is a major urban area, Winkler feels that unlike New York City or San Francisco, it "screams industry" and its artistic climate right now is a bit "quirky."

"It could have a lot to do with the political climate here as well as our economy," she said. "But I love the culture. The beautiful architecture, the people; the fact that I can call it home. Breathing it all in is such a good thing."

Brushing aside her bangs, Winkler glances around her studio which is inundated with sketches, illustrations, digital pictures and finished polymer clay pieces that will soon become future income.

"Right now, while I'm a full-time student, I survive on my art. It's met with a lot of sacrifice, but so, so worth it," she said. "Every little bit helps."



Earrings made by Winkler

# Auto industry continues struggle

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT** — Automakers began 2008 expecting the worst year for U.S. auto sales in a decade. So far, they're getting what they anticipated.

Sales dropped by double digits in March, even for usual stalwarts like Toyota. And with fragile consumer confidence, falling home values, tightening credit and high energy prices, it may be some time before auto sales recover.

General Motors and Chrysler both reported a 19 percent drop in U.S. sales on Tuesday. Ford's sales fell 14 percent and Toyota was down 10 percent compared with last March. Nissan fell 4 percent and Honda reported a 3 percent drop.

If the March sales rate held steady for the full year, U.S. sales would be 15.1 million units in 2008, according to Autodata Corp. That's down from a rate of 16.2 million units last March, and the lowest monthly sales rate since October 2005, when a summer of heavy discounts hurt fall sales.

GM remained upbeat, saying demand is building up and the federal economic stimulus package could help boost sales in the second half of

the year.

"We hope we are in the trough and we are now gradually coming back," Mike DiGiovanni, GM's executive director of global markets and industry analysis, said in a conference call.

The introduction of high-volume products this fall, including the new Ford F-Series and Dodge Ram pickups, also should boost sales. But most automakers seemed resigned to more tough times ahead.

"I'd like to be able to tell you that the worst is behind us, but I really can't give you that assurance," said Jim Farley, Ford Motor Co.'s sales and marketing chief. Farley said Ford is concerned the shrinking availability of consumer credit will hurt sales and that the second quarter could be more difficult than the first.

Bob Carter, general manager of Toyota Motor Corp.'s U.S. Toyota division, said the company is lowering its full-year sales forecast.

"The recovery in the second half of this year may not be as robust as we had originally hoped for," Carter said.

Small cars fared best in March as consumers focused on fuel efficiency. Sales of the Ford Focus jumped 24 percent for the month, while Toyota's

subcompact Yaris saw sales rise 83 percent and Honda's subcompact Fit surged 74 percent.

Ford and GM said consumers are choosing more fuel-efficient four-cylinder engines over six-cylinder options. Ford's top U.S. sales analyst George Pipas said 70 percent of Ford Fusion buyers are now getting the four-cylinder engine for the midsize car, compared to 60 percent at this time last year.

Despite the bad news, auto shares rallied along with the market amid optimism that the worst of the credit crisis may have passed and the economy is faring better than expected. GM shares rose \$1.10, or nearly 6 percent, to close at \$20.15. Ford gained 25 cents to \$5.97, Toyota's U.S. shares added \$2.39 to \$103.28 and Honda's U.S. shares were up \$1.07 to \$29.88.

The Associated Press reports unadjusted figures, calculating the percentage change in the total number of vehicles sold in one month compared with the same month a year earlier. Some automakers report percentages adjusted for sales days. There were 26 sales days last month and 28 in March 2007.

## Deterioration in Detroit



PAUL SANCYA/The Associated Press

A 3- to 4-story vacant building in Detroit's Greektown district withstood a partial collapse of an exterior wall around noon Tuesday. No injuries were reported at press time. Authorities are investigating.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Nineteen-year-old man convicted of attempted murder

**SAGINAW, Mich. (AP)** — A Saginaw Township man convicted of attempted murder and other charges in a 24-minute attempt to set a house ablaze has been sentenced to 12 years and six months to 20 years in prison. A Saginaw County Circuit Court jury had convicted 19-year-old Paul D.B. Henderson in the case. Authorities say Henderson, who went to high school with the homeowner's daughter, torched a shed and tried for 24 minutes to set fire to the house in August 2006. Police say he was caught on video. Defense lawyer George C. Bush had argued Henderson wanted to scare the family members, not kill them.

### Mich. gas prices above average

**DETROIT (AP)** — Gas prices in Michigan are up 8 cents over the past week. AAA Michigan said Monday the statewide average is \$3.33 per gallon. That's 66 cents higher than last year at this time. Drivers in the Detroit area are paying about \$3.31 per gallon. AAA Michigan surveys 2,800 Michigan gas stations daily.

### U.S. Census Bureau opens new temporary office in Detroit

**DETROIT (AP)** — The U.S. Census Bureau has kicked off its 2010 population count two years and one day early with the ceremonial opening of its regional office in Detroit. Local, state and federal leaders joined Census officials Monday morning to open the office, one of 12 regional centers. The temporary center will employ about 160 at its peak in 2010. Last week, census figures showed that between July 2006 and July of last year, Detroit lost more than three times as many people as any other metro area in the country. Census Day is April 1, 2010.

### Mandatory tests for drunk drivers

**MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP)** — The Macomb County sheriff has ordered that all suspected drunken drivers stopped by his deputies face a blood test. The Macomb Daily reports that Sheriff Mark Hackel's change to the department's general orders took effect Friday and requires deputies to seek a search warrant for the immediate withdrawal of blood for any arrested motorist who refuses to take a breath test.

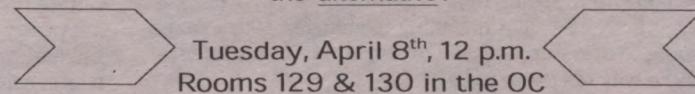
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## Steve Clark prepares for presidency

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI & LINDSEY WOJCIK  
Editor in Chief & Scene/Mix Editor

The votes are in. The student body has spoken. And OUSC's new president is a self-proclaimed non-politician.

"I don't see myself as a politician," said newly-elected student body president Steve Clark. "I think politics is the way to change things, so I like the study of political science, but I'm not driven toward politics or governing."

Clark will enter his fifth year at Oakland University this fall with a number of responsibilities — captain of the soccer team, president of Young Life and OUSC president, to name a few — and his fair share of life experiences, including the time he lived in a tent for two months.

"One year, my financial aid didn't go through ... I didn't have any money for an apartment, so I lived in a tent for two months," Clark said. "I showered in my locker room, had my clothes in my car [and] I bought an \$80 tent and bought a meal plan until I could figure out my finances."

An athlete at heart, Clark's decision to attend OU originally revolved around an opportunity to compete.

"I came here to play soccer," Clark said. "I had scholarships to Cincinnati, and I could have had scholarships to D-3 schools, but Oakland just seemed like the best fit."

Campus involvement off the field became a priority when Clark began working with Campus Crusade for Christ. "That was my original goal, and I did that for a couple of years," Clark said. "Then I started working with Young Life, which is mentoring high school [students]."

Though busy with responsibilities as an athlete and student leader, Clark eventually took notice of other students campaigning for student government office. "I watched the elections and took note and thought, 'I could do that,'" Clark said. "I thought I had good ideas and Oakland became my home after four years, so it just seemed like the right thing to do, to see if I could run and win."

Clark faced unique competition in candidates Andrew Bashi and Jordan Twardy, who also ran for president in this year's election. Clark's campaign contrasted with those of Bashi and Twardy in approach and execution, creating a race that offered student voters a variety of options to consider.

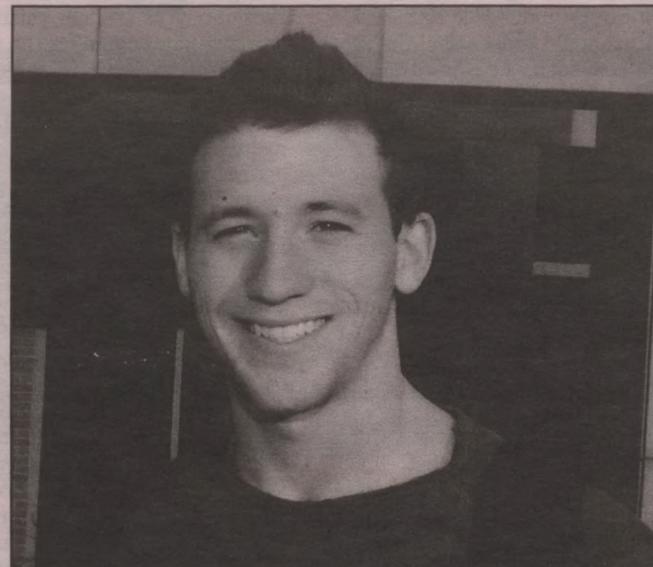
Using personal contact, often through one-on-one interaction, Clark relied on voters seeing him as a student, a guy who is just like everybody else. "I'm not going to change," Clark said. "I'm not going to dress up, unless I'm forced to. I'm a student, and that's the way it's going to be."

While Bashi established a highly visible presence on campus and Twardy made time to meet with a number of student organizations, Clark took a less public avenue. "I think, through first impression, I can talk to somebody and they can remember who I am," Clark said. "Passing out fliers at this school hasn't worked for three years now, so that was something I wasn't going to do."

Clark's unique campaign paid off Friday, March 28, when the election results were announced to an audience of students, OUSC members and presidential candidates in the Fireside Lounge. Garnering a record-voter turnout, this year's election was unpredictable, start to finish.

Clark and running mate Dan Evola took 580 of the 1699 votes cast, beating the Andrew Bashi/Ed Karner ticket by seven votes and the Jordan Twardy/Avery Neale campaign by 50 (There were 16 write-in votes).

"The seven vote differential was kind of crazy," Evola said



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### 60 seconds with the Vice President

At 18, freshman Dan Evola may be the youngest student body vice president Oakland University has seen.

Evola said he wanted to run as vice president because he knew Rob Meyer for a while, and after talking with Meyer he became very interested in student congress. "I really do care about what's going on and I want to help and do great things for the school."

Meyer introduced Evola to his future presidential partner Steve Clark. "I met Steve and he told me that he wanted to run and it just kind of clicked."

Evola said he was surprised at how close the election results were.

"It was one of those feelings, like right after they announced how close it was, you think back to yourself, If I didn't make the extra effort to talk to that one other person, we wouldn't be in this position right now."

He looks forward to his vice presidency and said he feels his responsibilities will differ from VPs of the past. "Steve and I work on a lot different levels. I think I'm going to be the one to do the more detail-oriented-type things. Steve's great with people, so I think it'll work out great."

Evola's involved in many on-campus activities including: The Honors College; Sigma Alpha Epsilon; WXOU; and Student Video Productions. He also provides lead vocals and guitar to the OU Rising Stars-winning band Terracotta Streetfight.

\*Paul Gully contributed to this report

# Rob Meyer gives final address

By AMANDA SAoud

Staff Intern

Current Student Body President Rob Meyer began his last Student Congress meeting Monday, March 31, by giving his annual "State of the Student Body" address.

In the address, Meyer recalled a number of noteworthy successes, not only for student congress, but the student body as a whole. He also expressed a great deal of optimism for the future of the university.

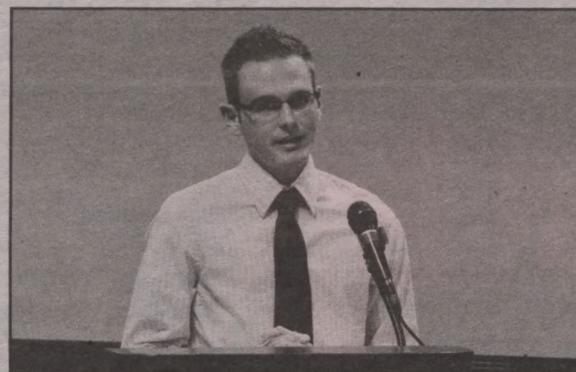
"My term as student body president has been quite an experience," said Meyer. "It has allowed me to help my fellow Oakland University students in a wide variety of ways."

Meyer applauded the success of the Oakland University athletic teams over the past year, and also the increased support for the teams from the student body.

"Attendance at games has been higher than in recent years, which proves our student body has become unified to amplify support for our athletic teams," Meyer said.

He continued by recognizing many of the projects and events spearheaded by members of his executive board.

"The 2007-2008 term of Oakland University Student Congress has been incredibly successful," Meyer said. "This is due in large part to the outstanding team of



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Student President Rob Meyer gave his final "State of the Student Body" address in the Oakland Center Monday.

executive board members I've had the opportunity to work with.

"Student concerns are very important in the eyes of the university and Mr. [Jordan] Twardy did an excellent job following up with these concerns and assuring that they were brought forth to the administration and handled accordingly," Meyer said.

One of the most important issues that Meyer dealt with during his administration was the rising cost of

higher education and its effects on students.

"Higher education is shifting from a right to a privilege, which is dangerous to the long-term future of our state and our nation," Meyer said. "We were able to effectively help organize the rally and press conference at the capitol where over 70 Oakland students met with students from 14 other public universities. It was truly a successful event for Oakland University."

Meyer also highlighted several projects that OUSC has brought to campus, such as the readership program, which distributes free copies of The New York Times and USA Today; the Environmental Coalition, which has set up recycling stations all over campus; and the mural in the basement of the OC to be completed this summer.

Meyer also recognized OUSC's efforts to refund to students the \$4.8 million delayed payment from the state. In the recent election, over 1000 students voted to have the money returned in full.

Meyer concluded with a vote of confidence for the newly-elected student president, Steve Clark "I wish the next congress the best of luck and I'm fully confident that Mr. Steve Clark and Mr. Dan Evola will carry congress on to even more successful endeavors," he said.

Meyer, who has been in office since last spring, will step down this week and president-elect Steve Clark will be inaugurated Monday, April 7.

## OU student faces federal charges for sex with minor

*Report says he drove more than 900 miles to pick up 13-year-old girl in Oklahoma*

By JESSE DUNSMORE

Senior Reporter

A 21-year-old Oakland University student is facing multiple charges following the discovery of a 13-year-old Oklahoma girl in his apartment, according to a report on WXYZ Detroit News.

WXYZ reported that Jaime Villanueva is accused of having sex with a 13-year-old girl he met on the Internet. According to the report, Villanueva drove from Novi to Sand Springs, Okla. — a distance of over 900 miles one way — to pick up the girl and bring her back to Michigan.

The trip happened sometime during the week of March 17. On the day the girl went missing, reported WXYZ. The girl's mother called authorities, who tracked the girl back to Villanueva's apartment.

Federal investigators said the girl told them Villanueva showed her child pornography and had sex with her three or more times, according to the report.

Villanueva was arraigned in court March 26, reported WXYZ, and faces charges of online enticement, transportation of a minor to engage in criminal sex, and possession of child pornography.

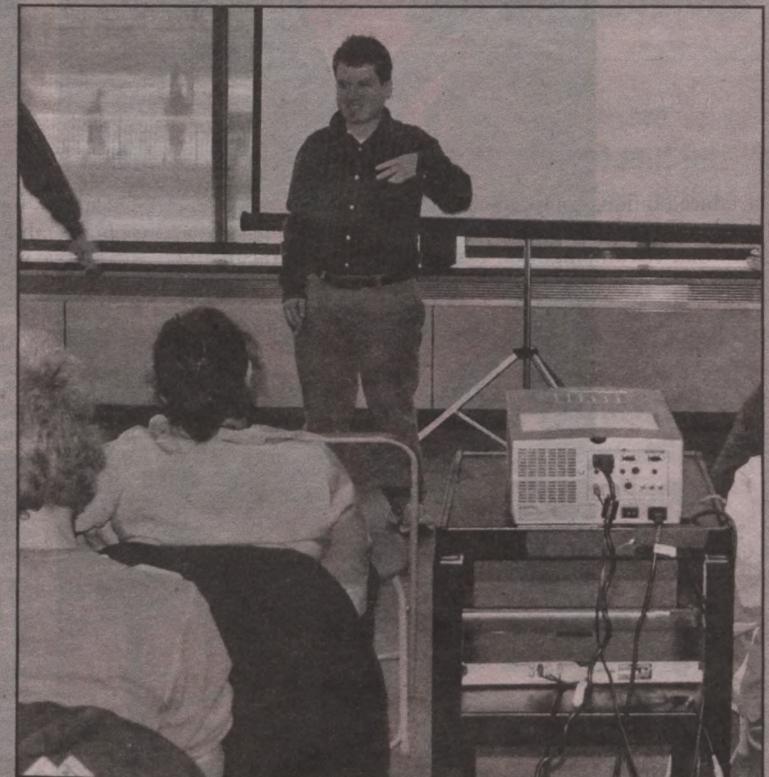
The Oakland Post called Villanueva but was unable to reach him. A call to John O'Brien, the U.S. attorney interviewed about the case by WXYZ, was not returned.

A Michigan Sex Offender Registry search indicated no prior offenses by Villanueva.

According to statistics from toptenreviews.com, based on sex offender registries in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., Michigan's registered sex offenders make up .395 percent of the Michigan population — the second-highest proportion nation-wide, right after Alaska (.625 percent) and just above Montana (.392 percent).

Oakland University officials could not be reached for comment.

## Equality by inclusion



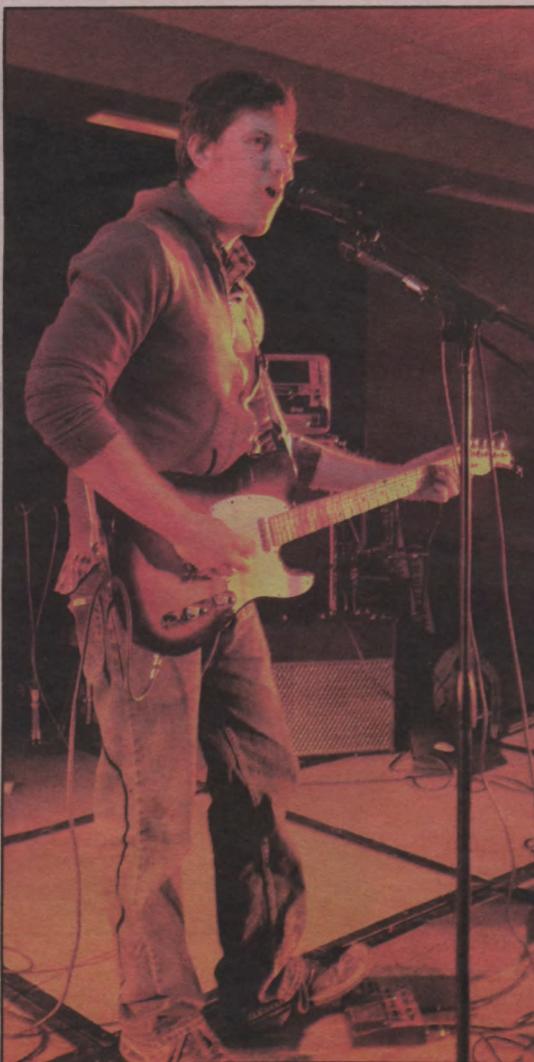
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Students gathered in the Fireside Lounge on Wednesday, March 26, to watch fellow student Micah Fialka-Feldman's documentary "Through the Same Door: Inclusion Includes College." The award-winning documentary is about Fialka-Feldman's journey to Oakland University as a student with a cognitive disability.

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The Oakland Post

We Are The Fury headlined the WXOU Birthday Bash with their brand of glam rock. OU student Stephen Sharper described the energetic group as "the best band WXOU has ever brought here."



# You say it's your birthday



AMBER DIETZ/  
The Oakland Post

Chris Bathgate's haunting performance of mellow, acoustic rock employed looped guitar parts and vocal effects. The Ann Arbor solo artist provided a nice break from the high-energy acts.



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post  
Above: 1964 lead the night off with a mostly instrumental surf rock performances. Below: Punk rock trio The Hadituptoheres blurred the line between the stage and crowd with a raucous set that included a slight trashing of the stage.



By MIKE SANDULA  
Contributing Reporter

Students rocked through the night at the third annual WXOU Birthday Bash, Wednesday, March 26, in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

The show was free for students with an ID, or \$5 for those without one. Once inside, guests indulged in free pizza, pop and cake. They also got free swag including stickers, posters, and a neon green WXOU shirt designed by Katie O.

Surf rock group 1964 kicked off the evening with a mostly instrumental set. The four-piece from Royal Oak aspired to get the 100 people in attendance to dance.

The Hadituptoheres, a punk rock trio from Taylor, Mich., tore their way through their half-hour set. The singer literally brought the music to the crowd by occasionally joining them, armed with guitar and microphone.

Following The Hadituptoheres, Chris Bathgate gave a quiet yet haunting performance. Billed as acoustic rock, the soloist from Ann Arbor employed numerous guitar and vocal effects that Emily Rose, a local musician, described as "freaking hypnotic."

Wrapping up the night was We Are The Fury, a glam rock quintet from Toledo, Ohio, who recently toured with the New York Dolls.

# Art and heritage defined

By JESSE DUNSMORE &  
CHRIS WARBINGTON  
Senior Reporter & Staff Intern

Kip Fulbeck, one of 10 artists currently featured in the Oakland University Art Gallery as part of the series "Art, Immigration, and the Formation of Cultural Identity," spoke about self-defined ethnicity, on Tuesday, April 1.

Fulbeck created his Hapa Project for people of Asian Pacific Islander heritage to define their background themselves.

He photographed 1200 volunteers, and asked them to answer the question, "What are you?" Answers are printed beneath each photo.

The results were sometimes humorous, and varied with ethnicity and age. Children, for example, didn't always define "what" they were by ethnicity, but by interests or illustrations.

"We like to box people in boxes," said Fulbeck, referring to



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post  
Kip Fulbeck is a featured artist in the "Art, Immigration, and the Formation of Cultural Identity" series at the Oakland University Art Gallery.

ethnicity-defining checkboxes on forms.

Fulbeck's last work was "Permanence," a book featuring people with tattoo art and the stories that accompany it.

The exhibit features other artists, including OU student Chandana Reddy. Reddy portrays herself in a series of three

photographs displaying a sense of having two identities. The first photo is in Western dress, the second of her in the nude and the third of her in garments that show her Indian heritage.

The exhibits can be viewed at the Oakland University Art Gallery, room 208 Wilson Hall, through April 13.

## POLICEFILES

Police were called to the Student Apartments on Monday, March 24, after a student returned to her car and found that it had been egged. The student told OUPD that she had been feuding with a neighbor in her building and suspected that the neighbor did it. Police contacted the neighbor, who denied knowing anything about the event.

A laptop was stolen from a room in Dodge Hall on Wednesday, March 27. A student reported leaving his laptop in a room where he had been studying while he went to another room for a few minutes. When he returned the laptop was gone. There are currently no suspects in the incident.

Two students were issued minor in possession of alcohol citations on Saturday, March 29 after Hamlin Hall Nightwatch contacted OUPD due to the students' suspicious behavior. One student had slurred speech and another had eye makeup smeared on her face. OUPD issued preliminary breath tests to both students and both were found to have consumed enough alcohol to result in BACs of .14 and .11.

# T-Pain concert at OU cancelled

*Security and safety concerns nix SPB concert scheduled for April*

By PAUL GULLY  
Managing Editor

Due to safety and security concerns on the part of Oakland University's administration and police department, hip-hop artist T-Pain will not be permitted to perform on Oakland University's campus. He was scheduled to take part in a concert in April.

According to OUPD Chief Sam Lucido, "recent documented incidents" were cause for concern, though he did not cite specific incidents.

"I want to be really clear: It wasn't the style of music, the genre, or the crowd that appreciates [this] kind of entertainment — we're very open and free here at the university — our concern was the artist himself," Lucido said. "He has caused problems and we looked at that and considered it might be a security concern here."

There was also cause for concern, according to Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh, that OU's Student Program Board was planning to promote the event outside of the university community and sell tickets to the general public, which violates OU's Major Events Policy.

Following several campus altercations at OU events, a task force, comprised of both students and non-students, was charged with drafting a policy to help ensure the safety of those in attendance at future OU events. According to McIntosh, the policy states that OU students are permitted to bring one guest to campus events.

A spokesperson from SPB did not return phone calls as of press time and did not comment on the issue.

In February, "T-Pain, accompanied by numerous members of his entourage and security, entered the crowd while Hamden police gathered around before pulling him off to the side," while performing at a concert at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, according to the university's newspaper.

In April 2007, the 22-year-old artist, along with members of his entourage, was arrested in Florida following an altercation with police officers, according to reports. The hip-hop artist was accused of making obscene gestures at cops after his performance at Radio One's Spring Fest Concert in Miami.

And in June 2007, "police issued an arrest warrant charging the rapper with a non-moving traffic violation and driv-

ing with a suspended license," according to a EURweb.com report. Tallahassee Police Department spokesperson Kathy McGhinn called the artist, born Faheem Najm, "a habitual offender. ... This is his third charge."

According to Lucido, OUPD does background checks of most high-profile campus guests to determine whether they pose any security concerns or issues.

Upon discovering T-Pain's background, Lucido and McIntosh met to discuss the issue. They then met with Student Program Board Director Tamara Kukuk.

"I think the whole group is disappointed and I understand that, and feel bad about it," Lucido said. "But as police chief ... it's my duty and my responsibility to bring those concerns forward."

According to Lucido and McIntosh, there was never a signed contract between the two parties.

"SPB, the police department, the Dean of Students office and the Center for Students Activity have pledged to work together on any type of major event to make sure we are taking the proper steps to ensure a high-quality, safe event for the campus community and our guests," McIntosh said.

## The Oakland Post Web Exclusives

■ Students share their cultures and hit the dance floor at the Center for Student Activities' International Night

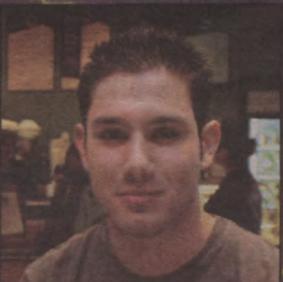
■ The Department of Economics awards the Alice Conner Gorlin Memorial Award

■ OU students give back to community schools in the Social Work Club

# PAST ← PRESENT AND THE FUTURE → FUTURE

## PAST:

If you could go back to any decade in time, which would it be and why?



"I'd say the Roaring '20s. It was a good time. The economy was good and the clothes were cool. It seems everyone's attitude in life was good."

Louie Popovski  
Senior, Information Tech.



"I would say the '70s because it would be the most interesting time to have existed during the 20th century."

Scott Neal  
Senior,  
Occupations Safety and  
Health

## PRESENT:

Who do you think is the most influential public figure right now?



"Oprah [Winfrey]. People listen to her and respect where she's come from and how she's gotten to where she is today. People see her as a role model."

Nicole Wright  
Senior, Social Work



"Hillary Clinton because she's in the running [to be] the first woman president."

Erin Mosser  
Freshman, Health Science

## FUTURE:

What worries you most about the future?



"What worries me is what the world will become. It's spiraling out of control. If it's bad now, I'd hate to see the future."

Alicia Noel  
Sophomore, Nursing



"[I worry about] where I will be in the future and what my family and job will be like."

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# More than money can buy

## *OU professors affirm their love of what they do*

By JOE COLLARINI  
Contributing Reporter

Why would someone want to become a professor?

Academic enlightenment aside, why would someone want to invest years of their time and thousands of dollars of their money to spend the rest of their lives making less money than they could elsewhere?

Many students attend school in order to attain a good job.

But when you dig a little deeper, you'll find that, for some people, college isn't just about getting a degree. In fact, some people go to college because they enjoy learning and are there to experience academic fulfillment of the highest level.

Some students choose to experience academia by obtaining a doctorate degree to follow their goal of becoming a professor.

These students invest thousands of dollars and spend many additional years to become a member of a profession that will typically pay less than others in the private sector.

These people take the road less traveled and don't follow the traditional collegiate path.

### THE CALLING

Joseph Callaghan, professor of accounting at Oakland University, says that the dollars-and-cents mentality that some college students possess can be damaging.

"I think it's a mistake for a student to consider job pay as a critical criterion for selecting an academic program or career," he said. "Financial reward is a by-product of excelling at some area that is of interest to the person."

Callaghan says that while he makes considerably less money than he would have had he continued to work in the private sector, he is happy with his choice to become a professor, placing emphasis on areas other than just financial gain.

Callaghan stressed that the freedom that being a professor provides him combined with his enthusiasm for the academic world is well worth it.

"I don't like the restrictions that accompany 'real-world' jobs," said Callaghan.

As an assistant professor of communication at OU, Jacob Cayanus says that before deciding to pursue becoming a professor, a student must consider both the pros and cons of the situation.

"If a student is interested, I strongly suggest talking with one of their favorite professors and learning some things. My last class I took before I graduated with my first degree, I had a professor that actually changed what I wanted to do," he said. "She was funny and we had several conversations about being a professor. From there, I decided I wanted to be one."



Photo courtesy of Joseph Callaghan

OU professor Joseph Callaghan (left) and OU assistant professor Jacob Cayanus (right) believe that the experiences that they get from their jobs are worth more than the money they make.

He added that a high salary isn't everything to him.

"It would take a high amount of money for me to trade jobs. I love teaching and doing research. Something starting around \$200,000 might do it. Anything lower than that I am staying in the professor business," said Cayanus.

Cayanus said it was expensive for him to complete his graduate studies, and is a little upset with the amount of student loans he had to take out to pay for his education. However he says that the time spent obtaining his doctorate was well worth it.

Unlike many many students and those

in the corporate world, money is not as much of a priority for Cayanus and Callaghan in regards to finding a worthwhile career.

### ROAD TO SUCCESS

Obtaining a Ph.D. requires extensive schooling and serious financial commitment.

Sandra Ceraulo of the Princeton Review says that, according to a 1999 study, the median number of years new Ph.D.s were registered as graduate students was 8.9 years for arts and humanities Ph.D.s, 7.5 for social science Ph.D.s, 7.0 for Ph.D.s in life sciences, and 6.8 for Ph.D.s in the physical sciences.



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to those who might provide negative remarks about your desires to find a job outside of the academic arena to pay the bills before a job opens up.

Cayanus also echoed Ceraulo's thoughts and stated that his road to becoming a professor was a very narrow one.

"When you apply for a tenure-track position as a professor, there are only so many jobs that fit your specialty. Oakland was one that did and I knew nothing about this area," said Cayanus.

### FINANCIAL OPTIONS

After their graduate studies are completed, and a job opens up, and they are able to acquire a full-time faculty position, are all the hurdles finally cleared? Not quite. Obtaining a full-time position doesn't necessarily offer as large a payout for all of a graduate's hard work and commitment.

According to a 2005 study by the U.S. Department of Labor, the average salary for a full-time professor in the U.S. is approximately \$91,000, with a substantial drop-off for associate professors, assistant professors and instructors.

The study notes a higher salary is more likely for professors in areas with more non-academic opportunities available, such as law, medicine, business and engineering, while sometimes lower in areas such as education and the humanities.

### THE PATH OF 'ENLIGHTENMENT'

So, why become a professor? And why would someone want to be a professor at Oakland University?

For Cayanus and Callaghan, the trade-off of academic enlightenment and being able to do what they truly enjoy is well worth the lower salary and extreme commitment and perseverance required to "make it."

And for Callaghan, the added bonus of knowing the area made Oakland a particularly attractive destination.

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Feminist, social critic and political activist Naomi Wolf raises awareness of the pervasive inequities that exist in politics and society and encourages people to take charge of their lives, voice their concerns and enact change.

Her latest book, *The End of America: A Letter of Warning to a Young Patriot* (Sept. 2007), is an impassioned call to return to the aspirations and beliefs of the Founding Fathers. Wolf shows how events of the last six years parallel steps taken in the early years of the 20th century's worst dictatorships. From Hitler to Mussolini and beyond, her book illustrates there are ten common steps that any would-be dictator must take to destroy constitutional freedoms. Naomi Wolf argues the George Bush administration and the U.S. Congress, since September 11, 2001, seem to be taking them all.

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## Basking in national honors

*Swimmer Marcin Unold receives All-American honorable mention*

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Senior Reporter

It's only his sophomore season, but Oakland University swimmer Marcin Unold already appears to be unstoppable.

After helping the Golden Grizzlies capture a ninth-straight Summit League title in February, where he was named the Summit League Swimmer of the Year, Unold completed a successful run at the NCAA Division I Swimming championship last weekend.

His Summit League championship times in the 200 backstroke (1:43.57) and 100 backstroke (46.77) automatically qualified him for the NCAA championship, held in Federal Way, Wash., for a second-straight season.

Unold fell just shy of competing in the final for the 100 backstroke — he was edged out by .018 of a second for the final spot — but finished first in the consolation heat.

He clocked in at 46.55, breaking his own school record and earning him All-American honorable mention.

He then placed fifth in the final 200 backstroke, setting a new school record, earning All-American honors. With a total of 23 points accumulated at the

championship, he became the highest individual scorer in Oakland history.

"Marcin has grown a lot, both physically and emotionally, in the time he has been at OU," swim coach Pete Hovland said. "He has a better understanding of what college and NCAA swimming is all about."

"I anticipate the improvement to continue but probably not at the same pace. By his performances this past weekend, he's shown he belongs right up there with the best of the best."

Next up on Unold's agenda is qualifying for a spot on Poland's Olympic team. He will swim in the Polish nationals in Ostrowiec Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 6 and must place in the top two in his events (100 and 200 backstroke and 100 and 200 freestyle) and make slight improvements over his current times to qualify.

If Unold, a native of Gliwice, Poland, does qualify, he would join OU swimmers Hilton Woods (Netherland Antilles), Haithem Hassan (Egypt) and Scott Dickens (Canada) who have all represented their countries in the Olympics.

Woods competed in Seoul, Korea in 1988, Hassan in Sydney in 1988, Australia in 2000 and Dickens most recently in 2004 in Athens, Greece.

### THE GRIZZ FILES



MARCIK UNOLD

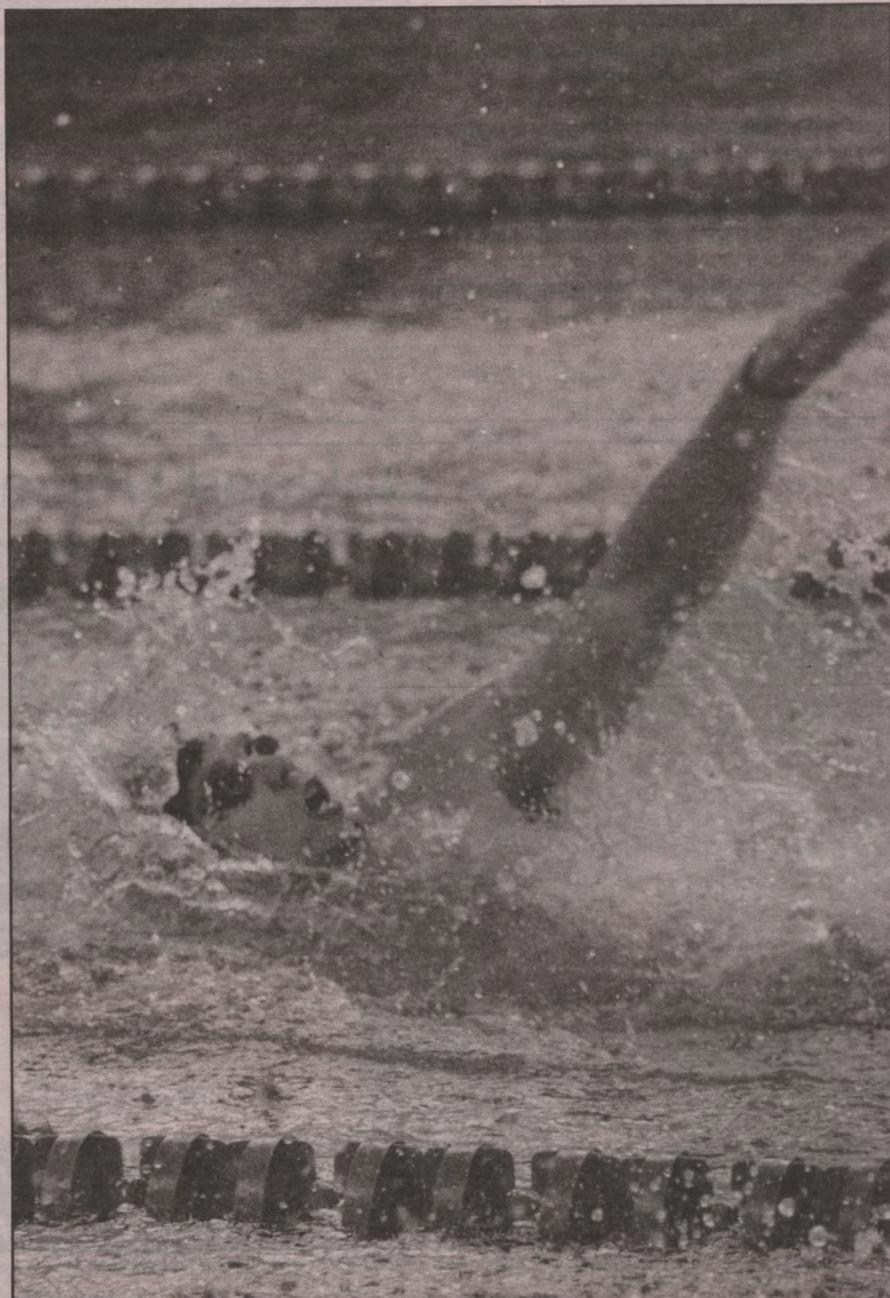
**Major:** Pre-Business Administration  
**Year:** Sophomore

Came to OU from Gliwice, Poland

Set 10 records in the  
2007-08 season

Swam at SMS Oswiecim prior to OU

Information and photo courtesy of OU Athletics



BOB KNOSKA/Oakland Post File Photo  
Sophomore Marcin Unold broke three school records and seven meet records in the 2007-08 season on his way to being named Swimmer of the Year at the Summit League Championships. Unold is currently in Poland, looking to qualify for the Polish national team for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Club lacrosse team off to solid start

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY  
Senior Reporter

Coming off a successful run in 2007, in which Oakland University captured the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League's Division B championship and made it to the semifinal in the league championship, the Golden Grizzlies hope to continue improvement in their second season of the newly revamped women's lacrosse club.

While the club has been around for seven years now, it took a year's hiatus to resolve some issues, returning in full swing for the 2006-2007 season.

Last season, the team brought on Towbey Kassa, an Oakland University alum who helped form the men's team in 2000, to coach their squad. He captained the team all four years he played and his younger brother Matthew currently holds the same position on the men's lacrosse team.

"Our president last year brought in Towbey Kassa, who is absolutely fabulous and he's helped out the program a ton," women's team president and sophomore co-captain Caroline Brandon said. "He's really brought us up to a new level."

After graduating, Kassa spent the next three years as an assistant coach for the men's team. He has also coached both boy's and girl's lacrosse at Troy High

School.

"The level of organization is 10 times better than when I started coaching," Kassa said. "Players used to just show up to practice and take cars to games. Now, it's pretty amazing. We take buses to games and a lot of our players coach high school teams, which helps in the recruiting process."

The Grizzlies finished last weekend a perfect 4-0 and are currently 5-1 overall, dropping only the first game of the season to the University of Michigan.

The ultimate goal of the team is to win the division for a second consecutive season and be one of the 16 teams to compete in the league championship, held April 19 in Toledo, Ohio.

Despite the success from last season, the Grizzlies are dealing with a huge player turnover from last season to this season, with only six players returning from last year's squad, the team had to bring in a whole new batch of talent — 13 total newcomers — including some who had never played lacrosse before.

"We have some girls who just picked up the stick for the first time and they're actually a big factor in our rotation. Some are even starting right now," Brandon said. "It's hard to pick up on at first, but they're working really hard and we have a lot of natural athletes."

And as easy as it is to join the team, it doesn't come cheap. The cost of the practice facility alone runs the team \$10,000. In addition to the standard amount allotted by the university for clubs and the \$5,000 Noonan Pontiac-GMC donates (Mike Noonan, the owner of the dealership has a daughter on the team, Haley, who is the team's other co-captain), each player still has to fork over \$1,500 a year.



Photo courtesy of Caroline Brandon

Seen here last fall, this year's women's lacrosse team is looking forward to continued success in the spring 2008 season that is already underway.

The dues help cover the cost of transportation and buy the team practice time at the All-American Lacrosse dome. The team practices there Tuesday through Thursday and the girls also hold an additional session Monday nights in the Recreation Center, where they condition, practice formations and go over game film, since no sticks are permitted in the Rec.

Home games are played at Notre Dame Prep on Giddings Road in Pontiac and sometimes coincide with the men's games.

Next season, Kassa hopes the program will move up to the WCLL's Division A, since the team currently plays games against Division A schools. The Grizzlies are still on probation after rejoining the league two years ago and are ineligible to participate in the national tournament.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Tri-captains look to continue off last season's success



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Senior co-captain Matt Kassa cradles the ball up the field against Michigan State back on March 16. Kassa hopes OU regains its winning ways this season.

By JOHN DROKE  
Staff Intern

The Oakland University men's lacrosse team may not be the most well known team on campus, but they definitely are one of the most successful.

These Grizzlies won national titles from 2002 to 2004, and took the CCLA A League division crown in 2004 and 2006.

Plus, they've never had a losing season.

This year, the Grizzlies are led by captains senior Matt Kassa, junior Scott Glowacz and senior Dave Mercure, all whom are returning players from last year's team, which finished third in the CCLA with a 7-4 record.

The 2008 team will travel to Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Indiana and Miami, Ohio.

Eight starters return this year with the majority of the team being underclassmen.

"We have a lot of young guys on the team who may not be the best lacrosse players, but they all want to learn and work really hard," said Kassa, the team's goalie.

The team's regular season is from February to April, with the CCLA Tournament at Pittsburgh beginning in May.

"Our goal isn't to win nationals," Kassa said. "Our goal is to have a winning season and then go from there."

With rival teams such as Michigan State, University of Michigan and

Central Michigan University, the Grizzlies definitely have their work cut out for them.

"The competition is intense," said long stick midfielder Scott Glowacz. "Teams like these have more guys on their team so they always have fresh legs, which makes it very tough."

Even though the competition is tough, the Grizzlies showed that they could hold their own when they defeated Michigan State 14-3 in a game that got them into the nationals tournament in 2006.

The Grizzlies are coached by Ron Hebert and assistant coach Nick Panas.

OU men's lacrosse home games are played at Notre Dame Prep High School in Pontiac.

# Weather wash-out



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post  
Here at The Oakland Post, we would love to give our readers extensive coverage of Oakland University baseball and softball games. The only problem is, Mother Nature has not allowed us to do so. Nearly every home and local game for both teams has been postponed or cancelled due to weather conditions. Once the baseball and softball fields have been deemed playable, look for coverage of both teams in The Oakland Post or visit [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com).

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## GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

### Lindsay Grimmer



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Year: Junior  
Major: Elementary Education  
  
Grimmer won a top-three singles matchup against Valparaiso's Kim Sajevic March 29. Grimmer picked up a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 victory at the No. 1 singles spot.

### In Case You Missed It:

#### Women's tennis team falls to Valparaiso in first match since March 2

A sweep of Oakland University's doubles matchups proved to be their downfall in a contest with Valparaiso University March 29. The OU doubles teams all fell by scores of 8-6.

On the bright side, Oakland swept the top three singles matches. Junior Lindsay Grimmer picked up a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 victory at No. 1 singles over Valpo's Kim Sajevic, junior Amanda Scheer Sheer took a 6-4, 6-1 victory at No. 2 singles over Jenny Schwartz, and junior Michelle Maxfield picked up a 6-3, 6-3 win at No. 3 singles over Molly Keifer.

The Golden Grizzlies will face a series of Summit League opponents April 4-6 in Indianapolis. They will be matched up against Southern Utah University, UMKC, IPFW and IUPUI.

### Records smashed for men's and women's track

At the Detroit Classic this past weekend, the men's and women's track team had quite a showing. Thirty-two Golden Grizzlies placed in the top 10 in their respective events, seven school records were broken and the team achieved nine first place finishes.

Five men's school records were broken, three of them good enough for event victories. Sophomore Zack Jones finished the 3000-meter run with a time of 8:40.24, freshman Andrew Ollie took top honors in the high jump with a six-foot-two inch jump and freshman Robert Sears won the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 7.75 inches. The other broken records were courtesy of sophomore Adam Grubuisin in the hammer throw with a distance of 123 feet, two inches and freshman Anthony Halfmann in the discus with a throw of 125 feet, eight inches.

The women only competed in four events, but took victories in all four and notched school records in two. Senior Dayna Cline won the 3000 with a time of 10:31.24 and freshman Jessica Ferguson won the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.44. The Golden Grizzlies will next compete at the Bucknell Outdoor Classic in Lewisburg, Penn., Friday, April 4 and the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing the following day.

### Men's and women's golf results to be posted

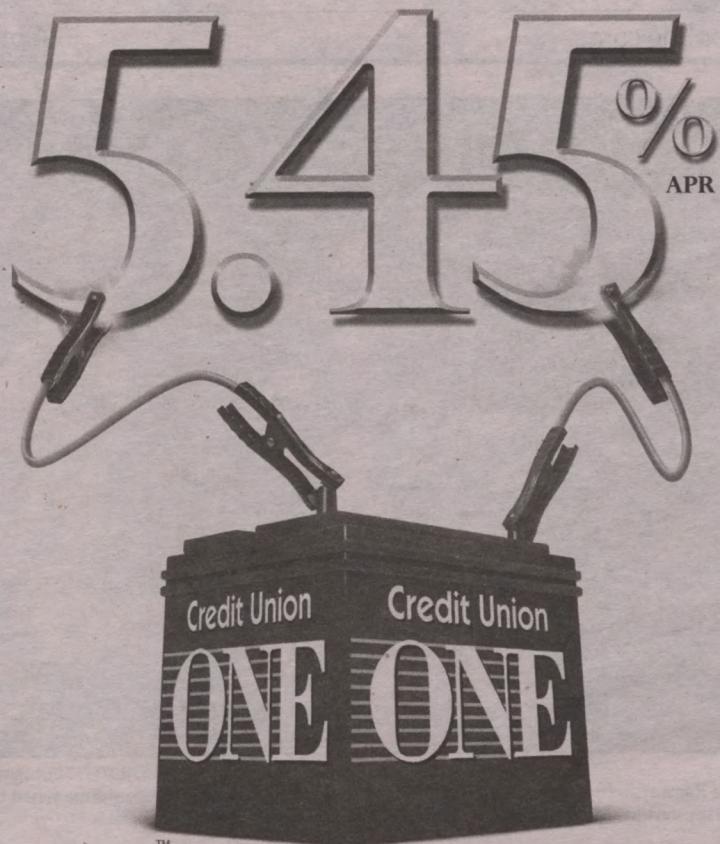
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—Samantha Franz, Sports Editor

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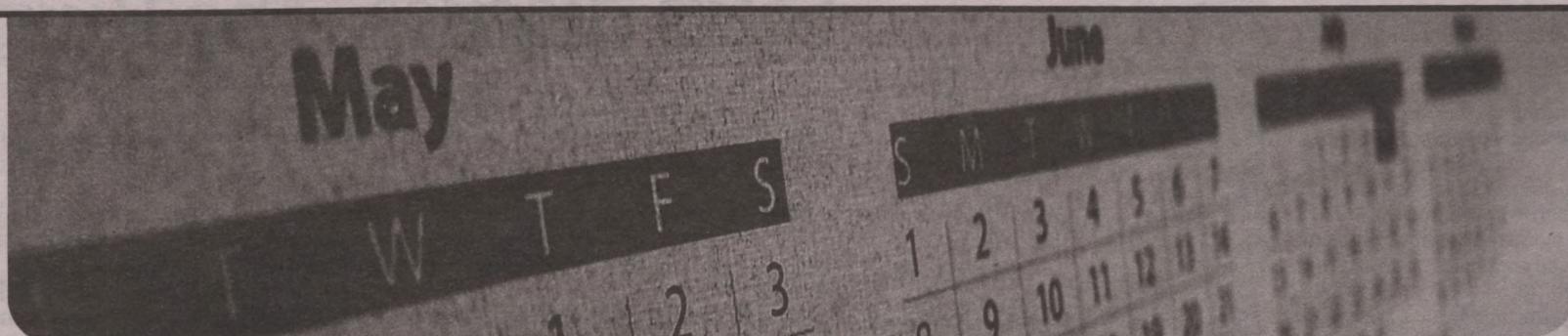
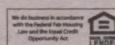
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## Blast from the past: 'Super Smash Bros.'



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### REVIEW

By RORY McCARTY  
Contributing Reporter

The Super Smash Bros. game series is one that is almost as enjoyable for its nostalgia as it is for its gameplay.

The latest installment, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" for the Nintendo Wii, takes those warm fuzzy feelings of classic video games and brings them to unprecedented heights.

No other game will let you pit a team of Kirby and Sonic the Hedgehog against a team of Pikachu and Link and in a battle on a Mario Kart track.

For the uninitiated, the game series allows up to four players to control characters from classic video game franchises, primarily from Nintendo's most popular games.

Although the Smash Bros. series has gained a vast following among hard-core gamers who compete in tournaments, it is still very much a game that anyone with an interest in video games can pick up and play.

Gameplay is simple compared to the fully 3D, combo-heavy games that dominate the fighting-game market these days. Most attacks are done by pressing either A or B.

There are no complex Street Fighter-esque input commands to memorize, no guard break or tension bars to monitor; one wails on the other characters until they fly off the screen.

But that's not to say that the game isn't substantial enough for players looking for a deeper experience.

Anticipating your opponent's

moves is, as always, an essential part of Smash Bros. A split-second miscalculation can mean the difference between a win and a loss, especially in sudden death.

Aside from the meaty multiplayer offering, there are numerous single-player modes to keep players occupied for absurd amounts of time.

In addition to the returning Classic, Event, Home Run, Break the Targets, and All-Star modes, there is also the new Subspace Emissary, the Smash Bros. version of a story mode.

In Subspace Emissary, you play through a series of side scrolling levels and fight familiar bosses. At the same time, a story unfolds through cut-scenes that involve the ensemble cast fighting inter-dimensional baddies.

The game definitely isn't light on playable characters either. A total of 35 different characters culled from over 20 years of video game history are controllable, including, for the first time, non-Nintendo characters Solid Snake and the fantastically popular Sonic the Hedgehog.

Players can do battle on 41 different stages that range from the familiar, such as Luigi's Mansion, to the bizarre, like an arena inside the Nintendo DS's Pictochat application.

And if you somehow grow tired of those 41 stages, the game includes a level editor to let players create their own stages from scratch.

If that weren't enough already, Nintendo has finally bitten the bullet and embraced online play.

Although online brawls are marred by the lack of voice chat with your opponents, and lag becomes a serious issue when playing against distant opponents, the simple fact that one can play Smash Bros. with a friend across the country is remarkable.

"Super Smash Bros. Brawl" is bursting at the seams with content, and it's now more accessible than ever.

If you're a fan of Smash Bros. then you probably already own this game.

But even if you're not big on fighting games, Brawl is frantic fun for the casual gamer as well.



VINCE VALITUTTI/Dreamworks Pictures  
Stacy (Laura Ramsey, left) and her boyfriend Eric (Shawn Ashmore, right) come undone when they are trapped at a mysterious Mayan temple in "The Ruins." The film hits theaters April 4.

## Stars discuss 'The Ruins'

By CHRIS WARBINGTON  
Staff Intern

With the popularity of gory movies like "Saw" and "Hostel," it may be hard to find one that's thrilling without excessive amounts of gore.

But according to its stars, Shawn Ashmore and Laura Ramsey, "The Ruins" does just that.

The film follows four friends Eric (Ashmore), Jeff (Jonathon Tucker) Amy (Jenna Malone) and Stacy (Ramsey) who are vacationing in Mexico. They meet up with another tourist, Mathias (Joe Anderson), and together they struggle to survive the evil spirits they find at an old archeological dig site of ancient ruins deep in the jungle.

The plot of "The Ruins" is based on the book by Scott Smith, who also wrote the screenplay for the movie. "The Ruins" follows Smith's text well. The major plot points in the book are depicted on screen.

Ashmore, who read the book, said, "I mean there are certainly changes ... but I think at the end of the day it has the exact same tone. Pretty much all the events, all the major events and character points and stuff that happened in the book are translated really well into the film."

According to Ashmore, "The Ruins" differs from traditional horror movies in that

"the most horrific things that happen in this film, our characters do to each other," Ashmore said.

"It's not as if there's someone stalking us or there's like some guy that's jumping out of a closet with a knife," he added.

Ashmore and Ramsey described their experiences on the set as intense and thrilling. What made the experience more intense for them was the fact that they put themselves in their characters' shoes, and the emotions manifested in a real fashion for them.

"I really, really had a good time making this movie but it was kind of like every day was life and death, like, you know, verge-of-tears hysterics," Ashmore said.

Ramsey said that the movie had a challenging role for her to fulfill. She is typically plays the "happy-go-lucky girl," but in "Ruins" Ramsey plays a part for which she needed to "lash out" at the people her character is close with.

"I put myself in the situation and made it realistic for myself and then they kind of just add in like the music and the scary sounds that go along with it," Ramsey said, adding that the movie is scarier than other horror movies.

"It's more on an element of survival and human instincts than just mindless killings."

"The Ruins" hits theaters April 4.



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## Punctuation private eye

*Student sticks up for grammar rights on campus*

By TODD M. BUTKOVICH  
Guest Columnist

We've all walked the halls of the Oakland Center or idled in the front lounge of South Foundation Hall and stopped to gaze at the latest wall postings advertising free, food-included meetings and local job postings.

Most students check these fliers out in hopes of scoring a free meal at the expense of an hour or bettering their situations in life.

But one man does it for a completely different reason entirely.

Meet Aaron Ozment: Campus hero.

For several months, Aaron has been working to improve our campus, one used-car flyer at a time.

With a black pen in hand, he has dedicated countless minutes of his time to clarifying the messages left by his fellow OU students by writing in or crossing out punctuation marks on student postings throughout the campus.

"Even nonsense ought to be beautiful," he says.

"The more extreme the viewpoint, the worse the punctuation is," he said, referring to a flier posted in the OC advertising the next Students for a democratic Society meeting.

With that, he proceeded to demonstrate that the group, dedicated to war opposition and direct democracy, has no knowledge of correct comma usage.

In reading their flier, few would notice brazen comma-use inconsistency, especially in regards to the optional "Oxford comma" (used prior to "and" in a list) which was applied only occasionally, and often incorrectly.

Do they oppose "war and imperialism" together, or "war, and imperialism," as it appears in the middle of a long list of group no-nos.

Not to mention the troubling capitalization seen in the group's "STUDENTS FOR A dEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" heading (he wonders if some SHIFT key mishap is the reason).

Inches from these SdS fliers was the latest flier from ISSE: International Students for Social Equality, an orga-



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Freelance copy editor Aaron Ozment stands for punctuation and capitalization justice in an ungrammatical world.

nization which employs rhetoric and goals similar to those of SdS.

However, ISSE impressed Ozment with their flawless use of grammar and punctuation, proving that there are English majors even within the extremists.

One huge difference between ISSE and SdS remains that despite their ideological similarities, one prefers to abbreviate United States as "U.S.," while the other shuns the use of periods.

It must be because they stand in the way between words and the people who read them.

Aaron, a senior and East Asian and Japanese studies major, hopes to become a literary translator, bridging the gap between English and Japanese, and between English and English.

His best advice for translating proper English into the more common Bennigan's employee vernacular: Slur your words, simplify your diction and above all, use a hell of a lot of profanity.

Aaron is willing to be reasonable, however.

"I give them the benefit of the doubt if I'm not sure," he said, referring to a questionable hyphen in an ad for a "sub-lease."

The art of punctuation enforcement is nothing new.

In 2004 British writer Lynne Truss' "Eats, Shoots, & Leaves" topped the bestseller lists and sold more than one million copies.

Even in the era of a changing English language, perfection and accuracy die hard.

In order to properly break the rules of grammar, you first need to know them.

"How do you rebel against order if chaos is orderly?" Ozment asks in a manner of eloquence rarely heard among college students.

So here's to you, Aaron Ozment.

If you can still read this under all of the correcting marks you've undoubtedly made, Oakland University salutes you.

*Editor's Note: Although expressed in the column as an error, the lowercase "d" in "STUDENTS FOR A dEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" is intentional in order to distinguish the group from the Democratic Party.*

*Also, the group intentionally writes the "d" in its acronym in lowercase.*

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# Homeland Security makes it to second base

By ALEX CHERUP  
Mouthing Off Editor

It was a tit for a tat last month for a Texas woman named Mandi Hamlin.

The tat: Ms. Hamlin was allowed to board an airplane heading to Dallas, Texas.

The tit: Mandi's nipple ring was removed with the help of airport security and a toolbox.

Yes, in its most recent circus act, Homeland Security took action against a woman at the Lubbock Texas airport, who was searched and harassed because of her nipple ring.

After a metal detector "struck gold" in the woman and found the pesky piercings, airport security employees demanded the rings be taken out.

One ring was removed with a pair of pliers after she could not remove it by hand.

How the pliers made it past airport security is another issue worth pursuing.

Hamlin is taking legal action.

And it is about time another nipple-related story made the news — it has been a couple of years since the "wardrobe malfunction," and we were certainly overdue.

This, however, is a different type of

malfuction — an intelligence malfunction.

According to an AP article, the argument put forth by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was that it "is aware of terrorists' interest in hiding dangerous objects in sensitive areas of the body."

Yes, apparently "Boob Bombs" are the latest concoction from those looking to strike America.

Since when do Double D's and terrorists fit together? It is a failure of intelligence to offer so much concern to this folly.

We've established that there are no WMDs in Iraq, so apparently a rack is the next logical place to snoop around.

Hamlin claims that the act "surprised, humiliated, and embarrassed" her and that there were "snickers" from TSA employees as she was forced to remove the ring.

Apparently planes aren't the only thing on the rise at the airport.

But this is not the first of ludicrous requirements to board an airplane.

For those who didn't know, too much

toothpaste is a threat to the civilized world.

Either that, or the TSA does not enjoy fresh breath.

After the post-9/11 security increase, the laundry list of threats to airports grew.

For instance, all liquids in a container over a certain size are a hazard to the well-being of the nation.

A bottle of perfume may endanger the flight. Water brought from outside the terminal is also breaking the law.

I guess the rationale is that terrorists must drink as well. Or perhaps suicide drowning is a possible act of terror.

I recently got caught in a downpour on my way to the airport. I was afraid I'd miss my flight — there were almost three ounces dripping off me. My shoes retain water.

Every human body is 75 percent water. I'm sure Homeland Security will eventually only allow 25 percent of your body to board a plane. Whatever the case, I dehydrate myself before boarding a plane to play it safe.

Has Homeland Security gotten so out of touch with reality that a nipple-ringed, sweet-smelling dental hygienist is considered a legitimate enemy to the "most powerful nation in the world?"

I recently transported a glass plate (it was a gift) in my carry-on luggage, and had the privilege of locating myself behind a woman ignorant of the harm toiletries can bring upon the nation.

Her toothpaste, make-up, perfume, lotion and contact solution were being "confiscated." I think there was a TSA drag party planned for later on that evening. It was Vegas, after all.

The poor woman was being sternly lectured, as angry glares were thrown her way. Next, my bag went through, and no questions were even asked about the plate, which could easily be broken into two dangerous knives.

Obviously it was not as dangerous as some hand cream. Everybody knows terrorists love Bath and Body Works.

As an entity, Homeland Security is neautic, absurd and illogical.

It is a group thinks a nipple piercing is an ally to terrorists. And that is who we have "protecting" us.

Homeland Security needs psychological help. It really should see someone.

At least they made it to second base.

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## Congress presses oil chiefs on big profits

By H. JOSEF HEBERT  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — Top executives of the country's five biggest oil companies said Tuesday they know record fuel prices are hurting people, but they argued it's not their fault and said their huge profits are in line with other industries.

Executives and representatives from Shell Oil Co., BP America Inc., Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips were present at the meeting.

Appearing before a House committee, the executives were pressed to explain why they should continue to get billions of dollars in tax breaks when they made \$123 billion last year and motorists are paying record gasoline prices at the pump.

"On April Fool's Day, the biggest joke of all is being played on American families by Big Oil," Rep. Edward Markey,

D-Mass., said, aiming his remarks at the five executives sitting shoulder-to-shoulder in a congressional hearing room.

J.S. Simon, senior vice president of Exxon Mobil Corp., which made a record \$40 billion last year, responded, saying, "Our earnings, although high in absolute terms, need to be viewed in the context of the scale and cyclical, long-term nature of our industry as well as the huge investment requirements."

"We depend on high earnings during the up cycle to sustain ... investment over the long-term, including the down cycles," he continued.

Several lawmakers noted the rising price of gasoline at the pump, now averaging \$3.29 a gallon amid talk of \$4 a gallon this summer.

While Democrats hammered the executives for their profits and demanded they do more to develop alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and biofuels,

Republican lawmakers called for opening more areas for drilling to boost domestic production of oil and gas.

"We need access to all kinds of energy supply," replied Robert Malone, chairman of BP America, adding that 85 percent of the country's coastal waters are off limits to drilling.

But Markey wanted to know why the companies aren't investing more in energy projects other than oil and gas — or giving up some tax breaks so the money could be directed to promote renewable fuels and conservation and take pressure off oil and gas supplies.

The appearance Tuesday before the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming was not the first time that oil executives had faced the harsh words of a lawmakers frustrated over their inability to do anything about soaring oil and gasoline costs.



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The new zig-zagging fence runs parallel to the original border fence along the U.S./Mexico border in San Diego.

## Feds: regulations to be bypassed for border fence

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**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration will use its authority to bypass more than 30 laws and regulations to finish building 670 miles of fence along the southwest U.S. border by the end of 2008, said federal officials.

Invoking the two legal waivers, which Congress authorized, will cut through bureaucratic red tape and sidestep environmental laws that currently impede the Homeland Security Department from building 267 miles of fencing in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, according to officials familiar with the plan. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly about it.

Previously, the department has used its waiver authority for portions of fence in Arizona and San Diego.

"Criminal activity at the border does not stop for endless debate or protracted litigation," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said in a statement. "These waivers will enable important security projects to keep moving forward."

As of March 17, there were 309 miles of fencing in place, leaving 361 to be completed by the end of the year to meet the department's goal. Of those, 267 miles are being held up by federal, state and local laws and regulations, the officials said.

For instance, building in some areas requires assessments and studies that — if conducted — could not be completed in time to finish the fence by the end of the year.

The department will conduct environmental assessments when necessary. But the waivers allow for building before completing the assessments. Chertoff did say the department will continue to ask for input.

## N | W BRIEFS

3-28 | Approximately 18 protesting Tibetan exiles climb the walls of the United Nations compound in Kathmandu, Nepal as Nepalese police arrest another 40 protesters.

3-29 | Millions of people, cities and businesses around the world participate in Earth Hour, turning off lights for an hour in an effort to conserve energy and highlight the threat of climate change.

3-31 | Somali Islamists have seized control of a central town after clashes with government forces that left 11 people dead.

| Cuban President Raul Castro's government has lifted a ban on Cubans staying at hotels previously reserved for foreigners.

4-01 | Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of England, postpones a plan to withdraw more British soldiers from Iraq after violence in Basra, where the U.K. has responsibility for security.



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Brazilian truck drivers sit at a road blockade in Gualeguaychu, Argentina, March 31, 2008. For more than two weeks, Argentine farmers have led road blockades that choked off the flow of farm goods to major cities, in a standoff with Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez over tax increases on major export crops. Supermarkets have run short of beef, chicken and other goods since the strike began.

## In historic change, Army lets married soldiers live together in Iraq

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**BAGHDAD** — In a historic but little-noticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone — a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and perhaps bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting.

"It really adds a lot of stress, being separated. Now you can sit face-to-face and try to work out things and comfort

each other," said Marvin Frazier, a helicopter maintenance supervisor in the 3rd Infantry Division.

Long-standing Army rules barred soldiers of the opposite sex from sharing sleeping quarters in war zones. Even married troops lived only in all-male or all-female quarters and had no private living space.

But in May 2006, Army commanders in Iraq, with little fanfare, decided that it is in the military's interest to promote wedded bliss.

"It's better for the soldiers, which means overall it's better for the Army," said Command Maj. Mark Thornton of the 3rd

Infantry.

More than 10,000 couples are in the Army. Exactly how many are serving in the war zone, and how many of those are living together, are not clear. The Army said it does not keep track.

Husbands and wives are still prohibited from public displays of affection, under the same strict regulations that govern unmarried men and women in uniform. Holding hands and kissing, whether on duty or in the chow hall, violate rules.

The only downside of married soldiers sharing sleeping quarters, said Lory Manning, a retired Navy captain, would be an increased risk of pregnancies.