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# Perspectives

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Media lost it's focus

According to the Columbia Journalism Review, approximately 15,000 journalists showed up in Denver for the Democratic National Convention. But if you have been watching the news for the past 18 months, you might think that there is nothing important lying on the outcome of this election.

This could possibly be the most historic election of our lifetime, but the media circus — particularly the bloviating talking heads on 24/7 cable TV news — has focused mostly on the soap opera surrounding the personalities and the campaign spin, not on the issues.

It's the latest children's cartoon: Political Circus. Meet the blue donkey doing jumping jacks through flaming hoops and the red elephant with a comb-over standing hind-legged on an American-flagged drum.

Just as children's programs have a lesson hiding away in repetitive song and dance, media coverage amplifies the talking points and campaign slogans in a way that leads the public to assume that they are actually reporting the news.

Conventions are somewhat guilty of the sensationalism that they receive in the press, making a spectacle out of parliamentary procedure. It's the party's quadrennial chance for major publicity and they are getting their money's worth. It was reminiscent of a Grammy award ceremony, with guest speakers, celebrity-style introductions and cheesy music (the Democratic National Convention played U2's "Beautiful Day" for Obama's entrance).

In the past, conventions provided drama because there were powerful men in smoke-filled rooms behind closed doors hashing out deals to select the nominee. But today they are little more than a coronation (i.e., crowning the king).

The national conventions formally elect a candidate and the media takes the golden opportunity to sell 24 hours worth of advertising around "news" content.

No matter who wins, history has already been made. But we are living through historic times and the serious issues confronting our nation should not be put on the back burner.

The next president will face the twin threats of terrorism and global warming.

He will have to confront an energy crisis with oil prices skyrocketing and our addiction to foreign oil, health care, and economic crises.

He will have to deal with a war on two fronts.

He will have to address joblessness and the outsourcing of jobs, immigration and education.

There are a lot of Constitutional questions raised by the Bush Administration that the next president will be expected to address. For example, there are serious concerns about what direction our nation is taking after the revelations about Abu Ghraib.

Covering these issues should be a priority. The world doesn't take a vacation because there is a convention going on, and neither should the press and the politicians.

But the media have a short attention span. And it is easily distracted by glittery things. So during the campaign we hear about fist bumps and lapel pins.

Obama has been THE story. He gets more coverage than McCain. But, McCain often gets a pass. The media tends to overlook his gaffes. They weren't overly concerned when he conflated Shiite Iran and Sunni Al Qaeda.

The big "story" during the Democratic National Convention was whether Hillary and Bill would finally rally around the nominee and whether Hillary's supporters would hold their noses and vote for Obama or switch parties and vote for McCain.

Commentators at MSNBC and CNN discussed this "story" nonstop and Fox News shamelessly pandered to Hillary in an attempt to sabotage Obama.

But ultimately, both Clintons gave supportive and well-received speeches and a reporter on the convention floor, who actually interviewed delegates, couldn't find a single one that wasn't voting for Obama.

It often seems like the media has an agenda. The talking heads use the conventions as a backdrop to spew their own opinions. But the role of journalism is to inform the public so they can make decisions. It is up to readers, viewers and listeners to demand more from the media.

Just give us the facts. We can form our own opinions.



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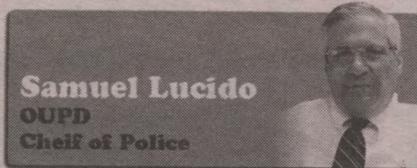
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**Samuel Lucido**  
OUPD  
Chief of Police

Oakland University has always been a very safe campus community. Crime statistics and other relevant data continually support the fact that our campus is one of the safest geographical locations in Oakland County.

Further, we know that safety and security are often primary reasons prospective students and their parents choose a specific institution of higher learning.

Our university's administration has consistently shown a clear understanding of the importance of maintaining a safe campus environment, and a number of initiatives can serve as examples.

The university has provided support and funding for increased staffing for the Oakland University Police Department as our student enrollment increases, expanded community safety education, training and equipment to enhance our

officers' abilities to meet OU's expanding law enforcement needs, and significant and continual upgrades in security technology throughout the campus.

However, in just the last few years, the challenges universities are confronted with have changed dramatically. Recent tragedies, such as those occurring at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University, stunned the nation and understandably received massive media attention and official scrutiny.

To prepare for these new challenges, the OUPD continually researches developments in the field of emergency preparedness and analyzes tragic events for the purpose of learning how we can improve our own plans.

To advance our ability to react to such events should they occur at OU, we have enhanced our emergency evacuation process, safety alert notifications and emergency lock down procedures. To improve the response capabilities of the OUPD, officers have and will continue to participate in advanced training programs with upgraded equipment, and we'll continue to build on our mutually cooperative working relationships with the surround-

ing law enforcement community and emergency first responders. We have also endeavored to improve our proactive and preventive efforts.

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I am certain we'd all agree that these

are necessary and important initiatives. However, the success of these efforts depends directly on whether we, as a campus community, understand that keeping OU safe is everyone's responsibility. The work of the OUPD and the university administration can only go so far. We need everyone's involvement to ensure our campus remains safe.

To that end, and as we begin a new academic year, I urge you to spend a few minutes on our Emergency Preparedness website, [www.oakland.edu/ready](http://www.oakland.edu/ready). Here you will find all of our emergency procedures as well as a link to an online course on how to recognize and report warning signs of potentially violent behavior. Finally, I strongly encourage everyone to sign up for the new emergency text messaging alert system OU has implemented. All of these things are available at [www.oakland.edu/ready](http://www.oakland.edu/ready).

Working together as a team, watching out for each other and for our university, we can all enjoy a safe and successful educational experience this year.

For more on this, read story on page 9

# OU alum put off by Kid Rock's 'All Summer Long'

Guest Columnist

**Kenneth Hreha**

After listening to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick dish out the racism card in addressing the motives of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, I thought he was a bit off his rocker.

Then again, I also thought that the embattled mayor does bring up a valid point that has historical significance.

We can fine tune Kilpatrick's recent remarks just by listening to what Michigianians are singing along to on the radio these days. One of this season's most popular song is Kid Rock's "All Summer Long" which samples Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama." It is the same song that was written as a response to rocker Neil Young's early 1970s civil rights song "Southern Man."

All three songs possess political symbolism that is seeped in the mindset of many folks who live in Michigan.

Neil Young wrote his outburst against the Old South back in the days of my youth. Many listeners deeply appreciate that it has become part of our American soundtrack. The powerful lyrics have become a part of an antipathy towards America's historical practice of inequity,

injustice and intolerance:

"Southern man better keep your head  
Don't forget what your good book said  
Southern change going to come at last  
Now your crosses are burning fast  
I saw cotton and I saw black  
Tall white mansions and little shacks  
Southern man when will you pay them  
back?  
I heard screaming' and bullwhips  
cracking  
How long? How long?"

Four years later, southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd put out their famous response song, which begins by directly criticizing Neil Young for his position on civil rights. The lyrics took aim at Young's courageous stance on bettering race relations in America:

"Big wheels keep on turning  
Carry me home to see my kin  
Singing songs about the Southland  
I miss Alabama once again  
And I think its a sin

Well I heard mister Young sing about  
her  
Well, I heard ole Neil put her down  
Well, I hope Neil Young will remember  
A Southern man don't need him  
around anyhow"

It is also quite startling that today, this song is glorified by Romeo native Kid Rock and is constantly played on Detroit radio. For a superstar recording artist to profess his love for the old ways of racism, albeit in the form of a love song is inexcusable and undignified.

Why would Kid Rock embark on such a mission? Is it because he proudly supports the Republican Party and the presumptive nominee who, as a U.S. senator, voted no on the Martin Luther King holiday? Or does he not know the civil rights history of our nation or knows too little about it?

Ask him who Fannie Lou Hamer was and I'd bet a small fortune that Kid Rock would be speechless. Ask why the late attorney Kenneth Cockrel is still widely respected by Detroiters almost 20 years after his passing? Ask if the surviving family members of the four slain girls taken in the 1963 Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombings in Birmingham, Ala. don't mourn every night they say their prayers?

Kilpatrick does have a valid point reminding us that racism has played a part in America. We must march forward as a people and make sure that the kids of America's next generation know what they are listening and singing to, so that the next time Kid Rock's "All Summer Long" comes on the radio, they think of all the negative political and cultural

symbolism that is attached to the song.

Is it right to also question why Kid Rock's drummer, who is an African American female, plays along on this song in concert? Does she not know the damaging message of Lynyrd Skynyrd's song of intolerance? Does she not have a duty to act as a role model and say "No, I will not participate in playing this song"?

Kilpatrick's recent rant against the justice system may be a bit off kilter concerning his personal and professional legal troubles, yet when it comes to addressing racism, his point does have merit. When a very wealthy, less educated suburban Detroit music star plays songs that are rooted in intolerance to unwittingly youthful audiences, it is time to speak up and say "No, I will not buy into that damaging mindset."

All Michigianians can speak out against racism by listening to a few fan favorites such as Bruce Springsteen's "American Skin (41 Shots)" or the new John Mellencamp release "Jena."

There is an abundant richness of political symbolism in these songs, written by great American songwriters that have impacted the thinking of legions of fans. They have worked diligently and with a sense of common decency over the past four decades to counter the negative racial impact and history in songs, such as the revival of Kid Rock's "All Summer Long" subliminal message.

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An undergraduate student at the University of Cincinnati, Kirsten plans to complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater degree and hopes to one day grace the stage on Broadway. She recently made a guest appearance during a special performance of "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nonsense Jamboree" at Meadow Brook Theatre, participating in several musical numbers alongside former Miss America Lee Merriweather.

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## Med school declares dean, vision

By MASUDUR RAHMAN  
AND RORY McCARTY  
Senior Reporters

After 18 months of planning, the board of trustees officially approved the Oakland University administration's proposal for an OU medical school at a BOT special formal session held on Thursday, July 31. All trustees enthusiastically embraced the proposal and the vote was unanimous.

The medical school will be a partnership between OU and Beaumont Hospitals and is to be named Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. OUWBSM will be a private school, and its revenue will come from donations and tuitions of the medical school students, as well as from commercialization of intellectual property, partner contributions and extramural research.

The trustees also approved the appointment of Dr. Robert Folberg as the dean of the medical school. Folberg has experience as a medical doctor specializing in pathology, as a biomedical researcher, as a hospital administrator and as a professor.

In addition to serving as the founding dean of OUWBSM, Folberg will also serve as professor of biomedical sciences, pathology and ophthalmology with tenure, as well as chief academic officer of Beaumont Hospitals.

All OU and Beaumont officials present, including Beaumont Hospital's Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Ananias Diokno, highly approved of Folberg's appointment as the dean, saying that Folberg comes recommended in the three important parts in medicine: practicing, research and education.

"That's what we call a triple threat — a pitcher, hitter and fielder," he said.

OU President Gary Russi expressed his support for the upcoming medical school and said that it will be beneficial for the university as a whole. "Any time you increase the stature and recognition of the school, it's going to attract more students, more donations and more grants."

Russi said that \$25 million has been raised in gift commitments on behalf of the medical school already, and that OU will try to raise \$75 million more for a total of \$100 million before the school opens. Russi plans to have the school open in 2010 with a starting class of 50 students and to have the first class graduate in 2014.

Beaumont Hospitals president and CEO Kenneth Matzick said that Russi and he are "in full accord in the mission and the vision of the medical school."

The vision of the school is to "train physicians to practice 21st century medicine with an emphasis on lifelong learning, technology research, preventative and pre-symptomatic medicine, treatment and management of chronic disease, and teamwork."

Russi also said that the school will have an emphasis on preventative medicine, pre-symptomatic treatment and alternative medicine.

At a press conference held after the board of trustees session, Folberg said that his plan for the medical school is to let the students discover what they were interested in, adding that the school's education curriculum will not specialize in just one thing.

**"Any time you increase the stature and recognition of a school, it's going to attract more students, more donations and more grants."**

**Dr. Gary Russi**  
OU President

Folberg also said that he wants to "surround students with patients" so that the students will learn how to treat and behave around patients better. "Because in the end, it all goes back to the patients," he said.

OU and Beaumont Hospitals said that 90 percent of the school's infrastructure already exists.

Instruction and research of the basic sciences is to be held on OU's Rochester campus, while clinical instruction and advanced research will be held in Beaumont Hospitals.

Many officials in support of the planned school said that it will make advances in research, help with the predicted future shortage of doctors in Michigan and boost the economy of Oakland County. A 2007 survey by the

Michigan Department of Community Health showed that within the decade as much as 41 percent of current Michigan physicians will retire.

"This new medical school will solve the predicted shortage of physicians in Michigan and attract renowned educators and researchers to the region," Matzick said at the press conference.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said that he foresees Oakland County's economy benefiting from the new medical school. "I'm not talking millions, I'm talking hundreds of millions," he said.

Oakland University estimated that the regional economic boost from the medical school might be as high as \$1 billion.

At a banquet after the press conference, several OU students said that they were glad that the medical school is coming to OU.

"The thing is, this medical school is going to benefit not only the students going to this med school, but anyone who goes to OU," said Samir Hanna, student liaison to the board of trustees. "Whether you're applying for a grad school or for a job, the higher prestige and recognition that comes along with having an undergraduate degree from a school with an accredited medical school definitely helps."

"[OUWBSM will] increase the value of every OU student's degree," Hanna said.

"It's going to be difficult to say you're going to a lousy school when there's an accredited medical school," said sophomore biology major Nick Collins.

Folberg said many challenges still lie ahead, and that choosing the other high officials, professors and the curriculum will be the next step. "I thank you for all the help that you'll give me," he said to his coworkers.

Another important objective of Folberg and the planners of OUWBSM is to get the medical school accredited by Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a step that is necessary in order to have its graduates licensed to practice medicine, according to the [lme.org](http://lme.org). According to the OUWBSM website, [www.oakland.edu/medicine](http://www.oakland.edu/medicine), OUWBSM hopes to get preliminary accreditation by May or June 2009.

The trustees also unanimously approved extending the end of Russi's contract as OU president from 2012 to 2014. Trustee Henry Baskin said that Russi was crucial in planning the medical school and "ought to at least see the first class graduate through."

## Dr. Folberg excited to head OU med school

By LINDSEY WOJCIK  
Editor in Chief

When Dr. Robert Folberg was a teenager he began to lose vision in his left eye, and by the time he was 19 years old he had lost most of the useful vision in it.

"I could only see a hand moving in front of my face, I couldn't even count fingers," he said.

Folberg would have a life changing experience to correct his vision — a corneal eye transplant. "The first thing I saw when they took the patch off my eye was the edge of a table coming to a point at the corner," he said. "I forgot what it was like to see something like that."

While attending Temple University College of Medicine, a mentor would tailor Folberg's interest in vision to cancer research. Folberg began studying the form of cancer that affects the eye and has since spent the last 20 years of his life with that as his research focus.

On July 31, Oakland University and William Beaumont Hospitals announced Folberg as the founding dean of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Accomplished in the field, Folberg has focused his career in three areas of medicine: Practicing, teaching and research, specializing in pathology and ophthalmology.

Folberg has spent nearly the last 25 years in academic medicine and comes to OU from University of Illinois at Chicago where he spent eight and a half years as head of the pathology department and a professor of ophthalmology and visual science.

While at UIC, Folberg began

see Folberg on page 12

# Student pleads in graffiti charge

By PAUL GULLY  
Special Projects Editor

Take a walk to the lower level of the Oakland Center and you'll find Tory Dantuma pictured on the recently completed mural depicting student life at Oakland University.

However, it's a wall on the other side of campus that he may be more commonly linked to.

Dantuma, 21, is the former Oakland University student who was arrested last month, accused of writing a threatening message on a bathroom wall in Van Wagoner House.

On Tuesday, Aug. 19, Dantuma reached a plea agreement with prosecutors at a preliminary hearing at the 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills and admitted to being responsible for the graffiti.

Standing before Judge Nancy T. Carniak, Dantuma admitted to writing "I will shoot you next, Va Tech" on the wall of a dormitory bathroom on April 15, 2008.

It should be noted that the threat was not responsible for the two-day campus shutdown. Three messages found two days prior prompted the closing.

Originally charged with a felony charge of false report or threat of terrorism, Dantuma plead to a misdemeanor charge of malicious destruction of a building greater than \$200 but less than \$1000.

The misdemeanor carries a punishment of up to one year in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine, a significantly lighter punishment than the 20-year maximum sentence he faced if found guilty of the original felony charge that was dismissed.

"This was an unfortunate event, and obviously a stupid mistake on the part of Mr. Dantuma, but this doesn't define the type of person he is," said Jeffrey Quas, Dantuma's attorney.

## NO LAUGHING MATTER

Though investigators were fairly certain early on that Dantuma was responsible for having written the threats, he was allowed to remain on campus, working as an OU Orientation Group Leader, because investigators didn't see him as a threat, according to Lt. Mel Gilroy of the Oakland University Police Department.

When the threat was first discovered, OUPD told The Oakland Post that they had determined it to be the

"efforts of a prankster or copycat."

However, it appeared that Oakland County prosecutors and at least one judge did not take Dantuma's threat as lightly.

In a prearranged agreement, Dantuma turned himself in to police on July 23 and was arraigned the following day on the felony charge. His bond was set at \$1 million by Judge Lisa Asadorian.

Though Dantuma's attorney said felt that the severity of the charge and bond were "emotional reactions more than anything," Dantuma spent a couple nights in Oakland County Jail, before his bond was reduced to \$5,000 at a hearing on July 25 before Judge Nancy T. Carniak.

## THE AFTERMATH

It is likely that Dantuma will be sentenced to two years probation under Michigan's Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, according to Quas. A sentencing hearing has been set for Sept. 19.

HYTA allows a judge, in certain instances, "to place a youth between 17 and 20 who is alleged to have committed a crime and who has plead guilty to that crime to be placed in prison or on probation without a conviction to avoid a criminal record," according to the Michigan Department of Corrections website.

In this instance, if Dantuma complies with the judge's sentence, the criminal charges will be dismissed and will not appear on his record. According to Quas, Dantuma has no prior criminal record.

However, the student or students responsible for writing the original threats that closed the campus will likely face stiffer penalties. Edward Cybor of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office told The Oakland Post in April that depending on what the threat was, the person responsible could be prosecuted under terrorism statutes, with penalties ranging from 5-20 years.

According to Gilroy, an investigation into the original threats is ongoing. Anyone with information should contact the OUPD at (248) 370-3331.

## THE FUTURE

Dantuma was to be a junior at OU. Dantuma's status for the upcoming semester is still uncertain. During his time at OU, he was on the men's swimming and diving team but left the team at the conclusion of 2007-08.

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Friday, October 31 - Performance @ 7:30 pm

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Wednesday, November 19 & Friday, November 21 - Performances @ 7:30 pm

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Friday, February 13 @ 7:30 pm - Performance

Discounted Tickets: \$30.00

Sunday, February 15 @ 2:30 pm - Performance; Discounted Tickets: \$25.00

A \$2.00 per ticket service fee is added to all tickets sold for the performances listed above.

Updated information about these and other theatre performances, can be found on the Center for Student Activities website, www.oakland.edu, under CSA Service Window.

# Text message alerts added to OU security

By MASUDUR RAHMAN  
Senior Reporter

After more than a year of planning, Oakland University's text message alert notification system is up and operational.

In the case of an imminent danger on campus, this new alert system will send text messages with details and instructions to the cell phones of anyone who signs up on the OU Emergency Preparedness website ([www.oakland.edu/ready](http://www.oakland.edu/ready)).

These alerts are not limited to texts. Students have three options: receiving texts to a cell phone, a voice alert to a cell phone and a voice alert to a home phone, or any combinations of these three.

Another upgrade to the security system is that OU Police Department can now receive emergency tips through text messages sent by cell phones and e-mails to [911@oakland.edu](mailto:911@oakland.edu), in case of an emergency when people can't call in safely.

This new alert notification system is separate from the ones OU has in place already and will not replace them. In an interview with The Oakland Post in

April 2008, OUPD Chief Sam Lucido said that the old emergency alert methods will still remain, such as e-mail alerts sent to OU e-mails, voicemails to OU office phones and to all OU dormitory phones, updates to the OU website and alerts sent to local TV and radio stations.

Anyone with a GrizzID and an OU e-mail account can sign up at [www.oakland.edu/ready](http://www.oakland.edu/ready) to receive texts and/or voice alerts to cell phones and home phones, making all faculty, staff and registered students eligible.

Michelle Moser, assistant director of OU Media Relations, said in an e-mail that if someone signs up for all three options (texts and voice alerts in a cell and voice alerts in a home phone), the alert will go to all three places.

"The voice alerts through this system will come in not as voicemails, but as phone calls," Moser said. "Meaning, your phone will actually ring, you'll answer and a recorded voice will read you the message," and that a voicemail will be left if the call isn't answered.

She also said that anyone that prefers to receive text messages to their cell phones rather than calls can register

their cell phone number in the text message fields only, and doesn't have to register the number in the voice alert field.

Lucido said that anyone concerned with their privacy or getting many irrelevant messages should not be deterred from signing up. He said that phone numbers registered for this alert system will not be shared with any other organizations, even other OU departments. He also said that sending alerts through this new system will be "limited to major emergency events that put people on campus in imminent danger. It will not be used for advertising, weather closings, athletic or academic events."

OUPD will also send an alert in one more instance: a trial alert at the beginning of each semester. Moser said that the first trial alert will be sent on September 22.

OU will not charge anyone for receiving texts, but cell phone service providers will charge the normal cost of a text to receivers depending on their service plans.

The new emergency alert notification system is made available by a partnership with 3n and costs OU \$40,000 a year, Moser said. According to 3n's

website ([www.3nonline.com](http://www.3nonline.com)), 3n is a "global provider of mass notification solutions" to its customers, including Virginia Tech and University of Michigan.

Moser said that she was "excited" about the new alert notification system, because "it reaches a group of people that we weren't able to get to before" and because its effect will be faster because "most people aren't checking their e-mails or watching TV or listening to radio 24/7, but most people do have their cell phones with them all the time."

Lucido said that he believes that they "developed a process to allow for the quickest dissemination of a message as possible."

The new ability of OUPD to receive emergency tips by text messages and e-mails is not done through 3n, but was instead set up by OU's University Technology Services and cost OU only \$260, Moser said in an e-mail.

But OUPD still prefers that tipsters call in if possible rather than text or e-mail, because OUPD's "ability to reply to text and e-mail tips is limited and direct voice contact enhances our ability to respond appropriately to emergency calls," according to its website.

## Carpooling offers new travel option for students

*CSA to help students conserve gas and save money through Commuter Connections*

By RORY McCARTY  
Senior Reporter

Since Oakland University is a school where the vast majority of students are commuters, most students need to drive in order to get to class. But the ever climbing price of gas can make the drive to school a financial crisis.

That's where the Center for Student Activities is hoping to help students out by offering a message board for students to post and set up carpools in their area.

There is a bulletin board outside of the CSA office in the Oakland Center where commuter students hoping to arrange a carpool can post their contact information to link up with other students in their area. Students who live on campus but are looking to go home for a weekend can post similar carpool requests on a separate message board at Vandenberg Hall near the dining hall.

"I've seen on other bulletin boards students looking for a ride, so students need to know about this one. There are 51 boards on campus, but this one is specifically for carpools," said Lori Marsh, Office Assistant at CSA.

The message board didn't come about because students were especially vocal in demanding it, however.

"We're being proactive, particularly because 90 percent of students are commuters," Jean Ann Miller, the Director of CSA, said.

Miller wants students to be aware of the new Commuter Connections section of the CSA website that can provide information about other public transport.

In the future, CSA's website may have an online message board that serves the same purpose as the physical one.

"We've talked about doing something like OUSC Bookswap, but we haven't gotten the details of that worked out, because we'd be stepping in and we need to be careful with the protection of students," Marsh said.

So far, the board outside of CSA has been used by a couple of students like incoming freshman Ariel Nann, who is seeking a carpool not to avoid high gas prices or cut back on pollution, but because for now he isn't able to drive.

Also outside the CSA office is a list of gas prices for the Rochester Hills area to further help commuting students. The list comes from [detroitgasprices.com](http://detroitgasprices.com).

In addition to everything else, Oct. 29 will be Make A Commuter Connection Day at OU, which will be an event that focuses on safety while driving. CSA is currently looking for students to volunteer to help out with the event.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

This year, the Center for Student Activities will help connect commuter students who wish to carpool to OU. The Commuter Connections section of the CSA website will provide information for those hoping to ease the pain expensive gas.

# Student should watch out for phishing scams

By RORY McCARTY  
Senior Reporter

Over the summer, some Oakland University students were targeted by a phishing scam that was designed to look like an e-mail from OU's "Office of Student Affairs." The e-mail directed recipients to a website where it asked that they take a survey, which asked for their personal information, in exchange for the chance to win a \$50 gas card or iPod Touch.

Phishing is a type of scam where a perpetrator portrays themselves as someone you might know and uses things you know and trust to gain your confidence. Phishers then use that confidence to gain personal information and use that information in an illegal way.

"It happens in all e-mail all the time," said Theresa Rowe, Chief Information Officer at OU. "We'd like students to understand that e-mail is not a safe and trustworthy communication in all situations. Everyone needs to be careful in their use of e-mail."

Phishing happens not just by e-mail, but also by phone and on websites.

There are a number of things students can do to ensure that an e-mail is authentic. Students can check the sender's e-mail address to see if it has a valid "oakland.edu" address. This particular phish did not originate from an Oakland e-mail address, and the website it directed recipients to was not in the OU domain.

OU will never send a message asking for students' login and password, and students should be careful of any e-mail

directing them to a site that asks them to input such information, according to Rowe.

In this recent case, there have been no reports of anyone having their account stolen, but if a student does respond to a phishing e-mail, they should immediately change their account password and take steps to protect any information, such as credit card numbers, that might be at risk. If a student's OU e-mail account was scammed, they should contact OU as well, according to Rowe.

Though OU has no direct way to know for certain how many student e-mails were targeted, Rowe estimates that it is at least one a day amongst all the accounts on the network.

Because OU gets so many phishing scams like this, little progress has been made in finding the origin of the phish that disguised itself as an OU website.

"Most of these messages are coming from foreign countries, and the senders move among different service providers very quickly to avoid detection," Rowe said.

OU works with the Research and Educational Networking Information Sharing and Analysis Center to improve security with WebMail and prevent OU's identity from being used in such scams. OU shares information with REN-ISAC about current threats, and they, in turn, help to give strategies for stemming the flow of things like scam e-mail.

OU frequently sends out warnings against scam e-mail in newsletters and has the information posted on the website, according to Rowe.

"It's a never ending effort," Rowe said.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post  
Some Oakland University students fell victim to a phishing scam over their student email. The scam email disguised itself as a message from "Student Affairs."

## POLICEFILES

On Aug. 19, two men reported an incident that occurred on Aug. 14 while they were trimming tree limbs around the gazebo at Meadow Brook Hall. A limb fell and hit one man. When the other man tried to move the downed limb, a chainsaw used on the job fell, striking the man on the head with the motor end of it. The man suffered seven stitches as a result.

On Aug. 22, a laptop belonging to Oakland University Athletics and used for audio and video editing for the Golden Grizzlies basketball team was reported stolen. It was first noticed missing on Aug. 1 and, after extensive checks with staff and Technology Services, the laptop was determined to be stolen. The only apparent identification on the laptop was a "VC#2" sticker near the mouse pad.

On Aug. 21, OUPD responded to a report of loud "firecracker"-type sounds coming from the field behind 547 McGill. Officers were directed by two 13-year-old boys to an area by a fallen tree where they said kids were combining chemicals. Officers found damaged plastic bottles and a rock that smelled like chlorine. Police have compared the scene to that of a news story and websites demonstrating how to make chlorine bombs.

On Aug. 24, OUPD and the Auburn Hills Fire Department responded to a triggered alarm at South Hamlin Hall. Police entered the door of a student's dorm where there was visible smoke. AHFD extinguished a pot of burnt ribs that had been left on the stove by the resident, who had been down the hall in a friend's room.

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## FOLBERG

distance teaching. "Since not very many people specialize in pathology of the eye, I teach this using interactive web based video concept and interactive software that we designed," he said.

He performed this distance teaching for seven different universities, including two abroad universities.

"One of our clients was the William Beaumont Hospital, where about every other week, I'd get online. I would see the residents and they would see me and I'd teach pathology," Folberg said. "I had actually never met any of my students at Beaumont and last summer they brought me up to do an in-service on campus and that's when I learned about the new medical school."

September 16 marks his official start date as dean of OUWBSM but because he has to wrap things up in Chicago, he said he might not physically be on campus for a while.

"I'm looking forward to the experience at Oakland. And although it's not the Big Ten, I have an idea about

Midwest public research universities. I'm a big fan of their missions," he said.

Having been the head of the pathology department at UIC, Folberg has been active in creating a curriculum for medical students and faculty development. He said the faculty in his department at UIC looks at one topic a month and learn new techniques.

One technique they learned was teaching in small and large settings. "We spend a lot of time on mentoring and role modeling, something that's very important at Oakland University. [OU] classes are small and you really do get to know your teachers. So this is something that is not foreign to me."

As far as the process of hiring officials and professors for OUWBSM, Folberg said he is working on it very hard and the deadline for that is as soon as possible.

Folberg added that there has not been a discussion yet about how much the medical school will cost to students because a policy has not been set yet.

The first class will have 50 students, a number that, according to Folberg, is typical for a brand new medical school. "That's what facilities will accommodate right now and until the facilities

are built, I think we're going to be restrained a bit on size," he said.

The medical school will initially teach out of O'Dowd Hall. There are plans to have building built in the future.

One thing Folberg believes will be unique about OUWBSM is its presence on an undergraduate campus.

"Undergraduates will be able to come into the medical school, interact with them and we're going to be planning some fabulous interactions with our School of Nursing with dean Thompson because we believe the physicians should be trained in a team approach with the care of patients," said Folberg of the advantages of being located on campus.

"The thing that excites me so much about this medical school is the opportunity to take a first

rate institution like Oakland, which has a real passion for teaching, and then you take William Beaumont Hospital, which is one of the best hospitals in the United States for critical care and a long tradition for medical student education. And both institutions do research so you understand the excitement for putting both of these together," he said.

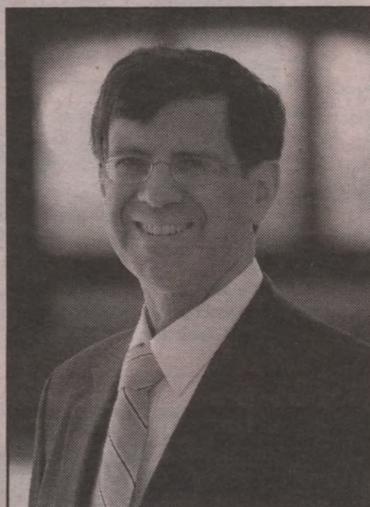
Multiple studies have shown that the state of

Michigan will be facing a physician shortage in the near future. It is believed that the state will be short some 4,000 physicians by 2020. Folberg sees OUWBSM playing a role is addressing this problem.

"One thing that's really interesting is that more than 60 percent of residents that train at William Beaumont Hospital actually stay in the state of Michigan and so when you pair the school up you hopefully start to address the health care needs of the state," Folberg said.

As for the long-term goal of the School of Medicine, Folberg said both partners believe it can become something very special. "The type of education that we will be designing and delivering to our medical students will be different, will try to create physicians that patients want to go to, that hospitals want to hire, that researchers and institutes want to engage and I think you'll just see it evolve. We do not want to copy any other medical school," he said.

"We don't see the School of Medicine as having a moat around it, we see it as part of the fabric of Oakland University."



Dr. Robert Folberg

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### SPB & SAFB Carnival & Sigma Pi Pig Roast

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7pm to Midnight

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Friday, September 12

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### Thursday, September 4

Greek Carnival 11am-2pm

Student Affairs Ice Cream Social  
11:30am-1pm; 5-6:30pm

Community Business Fair 11am-1pm

Outside the OC between O'Dowd and Kresge

# Welcome Week Calendar of Events

**Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 2-5**  
 ONSP: "Ask a Grizz" Information Tables  
 Tuesday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Wednesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Outdoors, OC

**Tuesday-Sunday, Sept. 2-7**  
 Kresge Library Help Sessions on OU  
 E-mail  
 Account and ILLiad (Interlibrary Loan)  
 Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  
 Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Sunday, 1-10 p.m., Kresge Library

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
 CSA: Jump Start  
 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Banquet Rooms, OC

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
 CMI Scholars: Meet and Greet  
 1-2 p.m., Oakland Room, OC

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
 New Student Involvement and  
 Convocation Fair  
 3-5 p.m., Recreation and Athletics Center

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
 ABS/CMI: Welcome BBQ  
 6-9 p.m., Hamlin Basketball Court

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
 Intersivity Christian Fellowship:  
 Welcome Picnic  
 4-6:30 p.m., Between the OC and The  
 Lake

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
 "The Walk" to Meadow Brook Hall  
 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m.,  
 Meet at Hamlin Courtyard

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
 OU Greeks: Pizza, Pop and Music  
 9-11 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
 Community Business Fair  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Outside and between  
 the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and  
 Kresge Library  
 (Rain site: Oakland Center)

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
 Greek Carnival  
 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Outside between the  
 Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and  
 Kresge Library

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
 Student Affairs Ice Cream Social  
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Outside between  
 the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and  
 Kresge Library  
 (Rain site: Oakland Center)  
 5-6:30 p.m., Outside between North and  
 South Foundation Halls  
 (Rain site: Fishbowl, South Foundation  
 Hall)

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
 Graham Health Center and OU  
 Counseling Center:  
 Open House  
 1-4 p.m., Graham Health Center

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
 Athletics: Grizz Gang Jumpin' Jamboree  
 5-9 p.m., Hamlin Courtyard

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
 Intersivity Christian Fellowship:  
 Welcome Week Large Group Meeting  
 7 p.m., Oakland Room, OC

**Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 4-7**  
 Actor 'N' Techies: "The World Goes  
 'Round"  
 Tickets: \$6 for Students/Seniors; \$10 for  
 Adults  
 8 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre, Varner  
 Hall (Sept. 4-6); 2 p.m., Varner Studio  
 Theater, Varner Hall (Sept. 7)

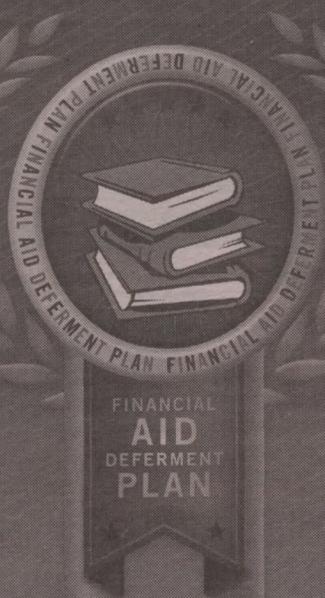
**Friday, Sept. 5**  
 Student Video Productions: Welcome  
 Picnic  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Outside between the  
 Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and  
 Kresge Library

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
 ISSO: International Welcome Reception  
 5-7 p.m., Gold Rooms, OC

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
 SPB and SAFB: 3rd Annual Carnival  
 7 p.m.-Midnight, P11 Parking Lot

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
 Sigma Pi Fraternity: 14th Annual Pig  
 Roast  
 7 p.m.-Midnight, Upper Fields

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# Camp at OU allows disabled to shoot and star in film

By RORY McCARTY  
Senior Reporter

Kids that are born with autism generally have a more difficult time socializing and fitting in groups. But Joey Travolta's film camp, which is being organized by OUCARES, is hoping to get kids with autism involved and make new friends, as well as learning the process of making their own films.

For the past two weeks at Oakland University, Travolta has been running a film camp that's designed for kids, mostly 10-18 years old, who have autism or similar mental disabilities, like Asperger syndrome. The kids work with Travolta's film crew to write, direct and act in their own films.

Though he worked as a special education teacher before he was an actor and singer, Travolta began working in camps like this when he was asked to run one in California.

"Two parents with a child with autism contacted me and asked if I would do workshops for children with mental disabilities, and I said we'll give it a try," Travolta said.

Since then the number of camps has expanded greatly, so much that Travolta needed to travel back and forth between OU and another camp in Chicago last week.

OUCARES was the first camp to contact Travolta outside of California.

A typical day at film camp begins with a warm up where volunteers and campers get up and move to loosen up for the day ahead. A brightly sunlit room fills

with the sound of loud pop music as the kids begin clapping and dancing around the room. Travolta also joins in, taking a couple of the shyer campers by the hand and leading them to the dance floor as Prince's "1999" begins playing.

After the warm up has ended, the kids split off into three age groups and begin to work on their separate film projects. One of the projects is a spoof of "The Twilight Zone," where a man gets sucked into his TV and wanders from channel to channel.

The kids spend their first week getting ready to shoot, by doing things like writing and casting, and the second week actually filming.

"They're here to learn the process of filmmaking from start to finish — casting, props, acting, learning film terms — and day by day, they open up more, they become more integrated, and they make friends like they never have before," said Spark Boemi, director of photography at the camp, while helping some of the campers scout for locations to shoot.

Boemi carries a camera around wherever the campers go both to create a documentary of the experience for families of the campers, and to get the kids used to being on camera.

Hannah Richey is one of the many campers at Travolta's film camp. She decided to attend after her mother, Beckey Richey, suggested it to her. But even though it's Hannah's first time at a camp, she says it's already become her favorite.

"Hannah's going into the 6th grade, so this will help maybe give her some skills she can use," Richey said.

With varying degrees of autism, some lower func-

tioning kids won't be able to do as much as others, but inclusion is a high priority at Travolta's camp.

Every camper gets to take part in the films in some way, regardless whether they get to act on camera or hold the lights or simply use the clapboard slate at the beginning of each take. So every camper has a hand in the filmmaking process.

"I like that this camp is including everyone, not just the more verbal, higher functioning kids," Richey said.

In one scene for "The Twilight Zone" film, one of the campers is dressed as Steve Irwin for a nature show that the main character falls into. Another camper holds up a sheet of reflective material to bounce sunlight onto the actors. Another of the kids, co-directing with Travolta, yells, "Action!" to start the scene. In between takes, Travolta works with his film crew and helps the campers get their lines or rewrite them if they work better differently.

Boemi said, "They might show an interest in the camera, so we'll show them the camera, or they might want to do lighting, so I'll put them on lights."

The finished films will be shown at a red carpet premiere in November, hosted by Travolta.

"Filmmaking requires a lot of collaboration and teamwork, so that's what's so great about having them work together. It gives kids with autism a voice," Travolta said.

Travolta doesn't believe that he would be doing these film camps if he hadn't been called by that first family with an autistic child.

"It was kind of like they found me," he said, smiling.



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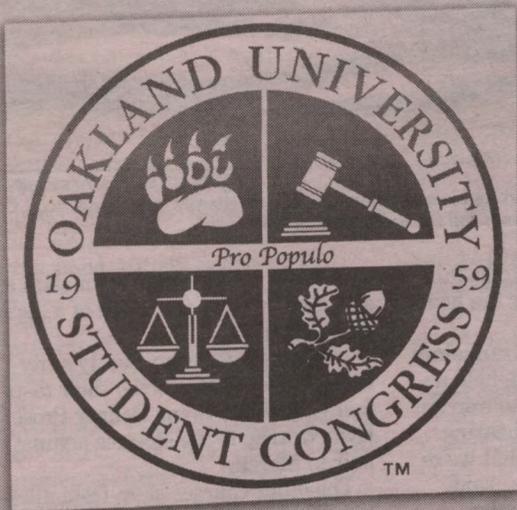
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## Kwame sues to stay in

*Mayor makes desperate attempt against potential removal hearing*

By ED WHITE AND  
COREY WILLIAMS  
Associated Press Writers

DETROIT — The gloves are off. Desperate to save his political life, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is suing to stop Gov. Jennifer Granholm from holding an extraordinary hearing next week that could lead to his eviction from office for misconduct.

Some of the argument is dry and technical, attacking the removal law as “vague” and “subjective.”

But much of the lawsuit is personal, too. It discloses for the first time that Granholm tried to broker a deal in May to end her fellow Democrat’s perjury case and sweep him from office.

“It was apparent at this meeting that the governor did not presume Kilpatrick’s innocence,” the mayor’s legal team wrote. “To the contrary, at this meeting, the governor and her staff had prepared a blackboard scenario in which his presumption of innocence was ignored and significantly undercut.

“The governor explained that no matter the evidence, Kilpatrick had to resign because it was making Michigan look bad,” according to the lawsuit.

The bottom line from the mayor: Granholm is unfit to judge him three months later.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Ziolkowski heard arguments Friday on and whether to halt removal proceedings scheduled for Wednesday. Ziolkowski said he will review the arguments over the Labor Day weekend issue and a decision Tuesday.

“We will review it and respond as appropriate,” Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd said of the lawsuit.

The Detroit City Council is requesting Kilpatrick be removed from office under a provision in the Michigan Constitution that allows a governor to bounce officials for misconduct.

The mayor is accused of misleading council members into approving an \$8.4 million settlement with fired police officers. The council says it didn’t know the deal included provisions to keep a cover on romantic text messages between Kilpatrick and a top aide.



BRYAN MITCHELL/Associated Press  
Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, left, sits with attorney Juan Mateo while waiting in court for his arraignment on assault charges at the 3rd Circuit Court in Detroit Friday, Aug. 22, 2008. Kwame is now suing in an attempt to stop Governor Granholm’s call for a removal hearing.

The governor was 1,200 miles away Thursday in Denver at the Democratic National Convention, plugging Michigan at every turn as a crucial state in the presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain. CNN grabbed her for a live interview about the race. So did other national networks.

Granholm said she wanted to move beyond the Detroit crisis and focus on “jobs in Michigan, and diversifying our economy, and getting Barack Obama elected as president.”

Kilpatrick was supposed to attend the convention as a superdelegate, but he’s restricted to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and must wear an electronic tether as a condition of his bond.

His spokesman said the lawsuit was necessary to protect the mayor.

“As a result of the governor’s decision to bow to political pressures and move forward with her hearing, we have no choice,” Marcus Reese said.

He said Granholm’s “ability to be fair and impartial in presiding over the hearings is doubtful.”

The lawsuit was filed after Granholm’s top legal adviser, Kelly Keenan, held a conference call with attorneys to iron out the procedure for the removal hearing.

“I came away with the idea that we’re not going to waste a lot of time,” said William Goodman, attorney for the Detroit City Council, who was on the call.

“We will proceed promptly and go at least full days and maybe into the evening,” he said.

Besides the hearing, the mayor faces 10 felony counts in separate perjury and assault cases in Wayne County Circuit Court.

In the first case, Kilpatrick and ex-top aide Christine Beatty are charged with perjury, conspiracy, misconduct and obstruction of justice. They are accused of lying during the 2007 whistle-blowers’

trial about having an extramarital affair and their roles in the firing of a deputy police chief.

Text messages from Beatty’s city-issued pager contradicted their testimony, leading Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy to file charges against the pair in March.

The other charges stem from allegations that the mayor shoved a prosecutor’s investigator into another in July as they were attempting to serve a subpoena in the perjury case to a Kilpatrick friend.

An attorney for Gary Brown, the former deputy police chief who took the mayor to trial over his firing, said prosecutors talked to his client this week about possible plea deals for Kilpatrick in the perjury case.

“I wouldn’t be happy, though, if he pled to anything less than a felony, and that would require him to leave office,” he said.

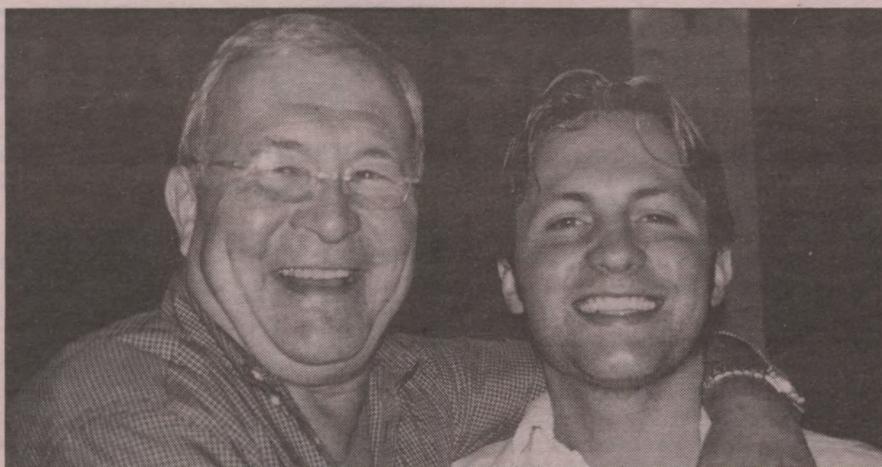


Photo courtesy of Oakland County Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, left, with his son Brooks "Brooksie" Stuart Patterson. The Brooksie Way Half Marathon is named in honor of Brooks Stuart Patterson who passed away in 2007.

## OU is a highlight of new half marathon

By KATHLEEN QUANDT  
Staff Intern

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has launched The Brooksie Way Half Marathon and 5K Race/Walk that will begin at Oakland University and end at historic Meadow Brook Hall Oct. 5, 2008.

According to [thebrooksieway.com](http://thebrooksieway.com), the race is to "enhance the quality of life for residents of Oakland County by promoting healthy, active lifestyles."

The event has joined "Count Your Steps," a nonprofit organization that, according to the website, "encourages children and adults to engage in more physical exercise through fun activities."

Proceeds from the event are reinvested to support fitness activities in Oakland County. Funds will go to health related programs and activities such as the Oakland County Count Your Steps Program.

The Crim Fitness Foundation is co-sponsoring the race with Oakland County.

Steve Huber, marketing and communication supervisor of the Oakland County Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs, believes that the co-sponsorship will provide one the best race experiences available.

"The Crim folks have the organizational structure to help put on a world-class race right now — from the course layout to making sure there are enough water stations for the runners, to obtaining sponsors and state-of-the-art timing," Huber said.

The course begins at OU, runs through Rochester, Rochester Hills, parts of the Paint Creek and Clinton River Trails, and concludes at the historic Meadow Brook Hall.

"The course incorporates some of the most beautiful parts of Oakland County," Huber said. "Athletes who have already run the course say it's among the most challenging and beautiful courses they have ever seen."

The race is open to anyone who wants to enter.

"Serious and casual runners, teams representing their businesses [and] anyone invited is encouraged to participate by either running or walking either course — the half marathon or the 5K," Huber said.

There will also be a division for disabled athletes in the half marathon race.

Huber said Meadow Brook Hall and OU add something special to the race.

"First, the OU campus is beautiful and to end the race at Meadow Brook Hall adds a signature moment to a special race," Huber said. "There are not many road races that will have such a stunning conclusion."

The event is named in honor Patterson's son, Brooks (aka "Brooksie") Stuart Patterson, who was killed in a snowmobile accident in 2007 at the age of 28.

Brooks, who was married and the father of three children, died just days after his father's State of the County address in which plans were announced for a county-sponsored half marathon as part of a wellness initiative for county residents.

"Brooks Stuart Patterson's lasting legacy is the exuberance with which he lived his life, the passion he had for family and friends and his dreams for the future," the website states. "That's why we named the race in his memory, The Brooksie Way."

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# Partnership keeps streets 'S.A.F.E.'

By KATIE MEISNER  
Contributing Reporter

Oakland University and Auburn Hills Police officers have joined forces in an effort to reduce automobile crashes at intersections surrounding Oakland University.

S.A.F.E. (Stop Accidents From Escalating) Streets is a citywide program, developed by the Auburn Hills Police Department in 2004 as a result of a significant escalation of automobile crashes in Auburn Hills, Sgt. G. Steve Groehn of the AHPD explained.

The AHPD contacted the OUPD in spring of 2008 regarding a partnership with S.A.F.E. Streets given that OU faculty and students account for a significant portion of traffic in Auburn Hills.

Both police departments dispatch up to five officers to the targeted intersections, generally during peak traffic hours, and write citations to drivers found to be violating traffic laws. Signs are posted at every leg of an intersection, warning drivers that there is enforcement ahead.

Speeding, failing to yield or stop, safety belt enforcement, following too closely and aggressive lane changing are violations that officers are targeting.

According to Sgt. Terry Ross of the OUPD, education is key. Ross is tapping into available outlets, such as the OU website, to inform students and faculty that officers are targeting nearby intersections.

"The main goal is to obviously reduce crashes, not to just write tickets," said Officer Bryan M. Eftink of the AHPD.

The program looks at crash rates and causes when targeting an area for violations. An area with a high rate of rear end accidents may be particularly monitored for drivers following too closely and speeding, Groehn explained.

Both police departments use data comparisons for volumes of traffic and crash rates to determine which intersections need to be targeted. According to Groehn, crash rates can be reduced by applying the three E's: engineering, education and enforcement.

"Education is by far a more effective tool than enforcement," Groehn said.

During the enforcement times, officers hand out suggestions for safe driving habits and information regarding citations with points.

Traffic engineering is also taken under advisement when making a decision regarding a problem area. If the crash rate in an area is analyzed and it

is determined that the engineering is a contributing problem, traffic signs may be installed and the timing of lights may be changed. The city, county and state work together to determine if there is a relevant engineering problem.

S.A.F.E. Streets isn't only meant to help possible crash victims, but fellow drivers as well. Automobile crashes can triple the time it takes for people to get where they need to go. They not only affect those involved in a crash, but the drivers behind them, Groehn said. A reduction in crashes will result in drivers reaching their destination in a timely, fuel-efficient manner, he explained.

"We are working together to help the community," Ross said. OUPD officers are modifying their shifts and signing up to work the S.A.F.E. Street zones, according to Ross.

S.A.F.E. Streets does not require extra funding according to Groehn. Funds are reallocated for these types of projects.

According to Groehn, there has been a reduction in crashes and violations since S.A.F.E. Streets was implemented.

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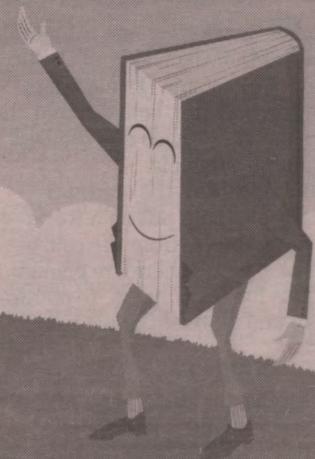
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# Kevorkian reveals his unorthodox candidacy

By MASUDUR RAHMAN  
Senior Reporter

Eighty-year old Jack Kevorkian is campaigning as an independent without any party affiliations to get elected for U.S. Congress, but he's going about it in an unusual way: he doesn't want anyone to vote for him.

In fact, he doesn't want anyone to vote or even register to vote in any election, as long as there are the two main political parties (Democratic and Republican) on the ballot because he thinks that party politics are "extremely harmful" to America.

"Nobody showing up to vote — that will send a message to the tyrants," he said in a town hall meeting Thursday, Aug. 21. He described tyrants as "the people that control your lives."

The meeting was held at Troy Community center and other than members of the media, it was attended by about 12 people.

Another unusual component of his campaign is his vow not to accept political contributions or donations from anyone.

"Fame," Kevorkian said, when asked how he will run his campaign without much money.

Kevorkian gained local and national notoriety in the 1990s, when he was nicknamed "Doctor Death" for helping over 100 patients near Oakland County commit assisted suicide, continuing even after his medical license was revoked for his actions.

In 1999 Kevorkian was found guilty of second-degree murder and delivery of a controlled substance based on

a video he made and let air on CBS's show 60 Minutes that showed Kevorkian injecting a voluntary patient with lethal chemicals that killed the patient. Kevorkian was sentenced to 10-25 years in prison. In June 2007, he was released on parole for good behavior.

At the meeting Thursday, Kevorkian refused to discuss the topic of assisted suicide besides stating that he still believes it's a basic human right and that he's "not allowed to" talk about it any further.

According to MSNBC, one of the conditions of his parole is that he not discuss the specific methods of assisting suicide, but he is still allowed talk about it otherwise.

At the meeting, he also called candidates and politicians "corrupt cronies" as well as "cowardly and dishonest."

Even if Kevorkian somehow does get elected, he vowed that he will only serve for one term and not run for any more, because he's "not trying to make a job out of" politics.

Rather, he says that despite whether he wins or loses, his real goal is to make the 9th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution known. The 9th Amendment is usually interpreted as guaranteeing Americans all natural rights that are not specifically listed in the Constitution.

He asked people to read the short book that he said he wrote in prison called "Amendment IX: The Cornucopia of Rights." He didn't have any printed copies for sale at the meeting, but the 43 page booklet is available for viewing for free on [www.glimmeriqs.com/amendmentix.pdf](http://www.glimmeriqs.com/amendmentix.pdf).

Kevorkian declined to give his views on education reform but he said that prison reform and crime control is high on his agenda.

He also said that illegal drugs like marijuana and others should be legalized not only because of "our natural rights" but also because it "creates organized crime."

As for immigration, he said that the government should "drop the idea of a fence" and of creating "bilingual schools to make it easier for [Spanish-speaking] immigrants." The solution is simple, he said, "we have laws, we just have to enforce them."

He said that the way to make universal health care available to all is to tax the "excess profits of pharmaceutical companies — maybe 10 percent" and use it to pay for all Americans' medical insurance.

"The real patriot isn't the one that waves the flags and lapel pins — it's the one that criticizes the government," said Kevorkian. "And that's what I am: a real patriot. I think America is a rotten country."

One audience member said that he supported all of Kevorkian's ideas and urged him to reconsider telling people not to vote for him, but Kevorkian berated him for several minutes, calling him a "helpless, hopeless case" who "doesn't get it."

Kevorkian is running for the 9th Congressional District, which represents most of Oakland County in the House of Representatives. Also running is incumbent Republican Joe Knollenberg, who held the seat since 1993, Democrat Gary Peters and Libertarian Adam Goodman.



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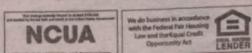
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# How to get in gear for the fall semester

By Kathleen Quandt  
Staff Intern

## Supplies

According to an AssociatedContent.com article, "Top Ten Must Have School Supplies for College" by Amy Brantley, the proper school supplies help with turning in assignments and making sure they are properly done.

#1 A planner helps keep track of due dates and makes it easier to get assignments done on time.

#2 A graphing calculator can be useful in many math and science courses.

#3 Laptops can be used for homework or e-mail and even watching DVDs.

#4 Flash drives can hold a lot of information and are easier to carry than a laptop. A flash drive allows you to work on an assignment at school and save it for later.

#5 A voice recorder can catch what the professor is saying when taking notes isn't enough. Some voice recorders are also MP3 players.

#6 A backpack or messenger bag is essential to carry books and other supplies. Pick a sturdy one that can carry heavy books. A messenger bag is more organized but a backpack with wheels is better for heavy loads.

#7 College ruled notebooks are necessary and assignments look better when written on college ruled paper.

#8 Pens are a must-have in college. They are better than pencils because they don't become dull or have to be sharpened.

#9 Binders will keep papers organized and serve as a reminder for assignments.

#10 Highlighters are helpful for keeping track of important information in texts and easier than taking notes.

## Safety

Joanne Talarek, RN, MSN, ANP and Director of Graham Health Center, had a few tips for carrying a backpack around campus.

"It must be balanced. You don't want the weight to shift from side to side," she said.

When it comes to carrying your bag, "I don't recommend carrying a heavy bag on just one shoulder," she said.

Talarek also has a rule to follow when deciding how to carry a heavy bag.

"I think a good rule of thumb is if someone has to strain to put their backpack on and off then they probably need to switch to a tote on wheels," she said.

Talarek said that a couple of features to look for in a backpack are padded shoulder straps and a strap that goes around the waist to distribute the weight evenly.

## Utility

According to Collegefashion.net:

- Totes are the most fashionable option and are available in every material and color. They can be carried from school, to work and out at night.
- Backpacks are a good idea because they are roomy and usually waterproof. They can be used as luggage, a gym bag or a laptop bag. Backpacks are durable and great for heavy items.
- Messenger bags have the style of a tote and the function of a backpack. These bags have organizer pockets for everything. They are sturdier than tote bags and are sometimes made of waterproof material.
- Although backpacks are popular and convenient, wearing them too heavy or improperly can cause strain or injury to your back.

**Morgan Flees, 20, from Milford, said she carries binders, pens, pencils, notebooks, a calculator and Scantrons in her bag.**

**"I like the notebooks - the Five Star™ with the folders in them," she said.**

**Flees also said she carries a tote bag because "I like the style and it's comfortable."**

**When she is shopping for a bag she looks for size and style, she said.**

**Malte Bergfeld, 30, a senior and a general business management major, said he carries a pen, pencil, calculator, books, folders and a flash drive.**

**The most essential items, he said, are his books.**

**"I guess it's what I've been using my whole life so I just stuck with it," he said, about carrying a backpack.**

## Comfort

According to [Michigancollegeguide.com](http://Michigancollegeguide.com):

- Your backpack should never hang more than 4 inches below your waistline. A backpack that hangs too low increases the weight on the shoulders, causing you to lean forward when walking.
- A backpack with individualized compartments helps in positioning the contents most effectively. Make sure that pointy or bulky objects are packed away from the area that will rest on your back.
- The more room there is in a backpack, the more you will try to carry. The basic rule is to carry no more than ten percent of your body weight.
- Wearing both shoulder straps will prevent your backpack from causing a disproportionate shift of weight to one side, leading to neck and muscle spasms and low-back pain.
- Wide, padded shoulder straps are important in preventing straps from digging into your shoulders. Straps should be adjustable so your backpack can be fitted to your body. If straps are too loose, your backpack will hang uncomfortably and cause spinal misalignment and pain.

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## Students share why they think one choice is better than the other

By LINA AMENT AND  
JARED PURCELL  
Staff Intern and You/Local Editor

The classes are scheduled and the training wheels are off. As Oakland University students take the plunge into college life, they make a choice as to what living arrangement suits them best. OU students share first hand experience with life in the dorms verses the commute from home.

OU is known as a commuter school. For many reasons some students prefer the home life.

"I only live 10 miles from school so I thought it would save money," said Jason Rogowski, an OU sophomore. "I feel like I got the college experience by joining a fraternity — but if you are not really involved it is harder to make friends if you don't live on campus."

Other students are itching to get out of the house and live on their own.

"If I had the money I would move out," said Kelsey Ellsasser, a junior. "My parents are pretty lenient but in a way it feels no different from high school because my friends leave for school and I'm stuck at home."

Some OU students couldn't resist the taste of freedom. Nick Somberg, an OU sophomore, spent freshman year Hamlin Hall.

"I moved in with a friend I'd known since tenth grade," Somberg said. "I felt that living in the dorms, I'd get more of a college experience. Living at home and going to school would seem no different than high school."

While some chose to room with friends, others have taken the prospect of going in blind.

"I wanted to move into the dorms to get the college experience. I went in blind and became really close with my suitemates," said Ashley Trefney, an OU sophomore.

Jessica Obayan, a senior at OU said that on-campus life helped build her college experience.

"I liked the community of it," Obayan said.

I felt really involved. You see Oakland differently than

many students who commute. I also lived in the student apartments which were great but I felt like I lost the sense of community you get when living in the dorms."

### No place like home

Bridget Rospierski is a junior business major at OU and she is a commuter who thinks that living at home has the upside.

"It's close to home so I didn't need to spend the money when I could easily drive a little over 20 minutes and I could save a lot of money," Rospierski said.

Although those who live in dorms think commuters are missing out on a true college experience, Rospierski doesn't see it that way.

"I know you miss out on stuff by not

living in the dorms, but I don't feel like the experience is any less because you still make a lot of friends at school," Rospierski said. "I go and visit my friends in the dorms and I know I may miss out on things."

Still, nothing is perfect.

"Gas money and traffic and finding a time to meet [other commuters] on campus," Rospierski said.

"It can be kind of annoying living at home sometimes. But still, I could hang out with

friends at home and up at school. I still feel like I got a lot of college experience without living in the dorms."

### Dorm daze

David Michniacki, a junior in the nursing program at OU, has lived both at home and on campus in his college experience.

"I liked living in the dorms more because you meet more people," said Michniacki. "You have the ability to do things on your own terms instead of your parents'. You can eat when you want, you can do your homework when you want, you can watch what you want, you can stay up until you want. It's on you."

Still, as much as he loved the dorm life, Michniacki admits that there are perks to living at home that you don't get

in the dorms.

"You save money and there's better food, definitely," said Michniacki about home life.

As much freedom as you can have by living without parents in the dorms, there are still rules to adjust to.

"The nightwatch is kind of hard to get used to with signing people in and always remembering to have your I.D.," Michniacki said.

Even though Michniacki enjoyed living in the dorms, he says that it may not be for everyone.

"Just weigh your options and ask what's best money wise, time wise and stress wise," Michniacki said. "It's what's best for your own situation."

Also, people considering a move into the dorms should think about who they will room with. There is always a safe route by finding someone you know, or the more risky road in rooming blind.

### A new kind of crib

Focusing on the environment, OU has devised a new type of dorm that could change the face of campus living.

"The eco-interest students are a group of incoming freshmen who showed interest in the program during their orientations," said Whitney Litzner, who is the President of OU's Environmental Coalition. "They were picked and placed in the cave rooms in 6 and 7 South Hamlin for the upcoming fall semester."

Litzner added that students receive incentives such as an early move in date, an eco-friendly room and free organic T-shirts and recycled school supplies.

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**"Just weigh your options  
and ask what's best..."**

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— David Michniacki, OU junior

# Fighting back the freshman 15

By JARED PURCELL  
You/Local Editor

Many freshman have heard about it and many have tried avoiding it. The worse thing in a freshman's mind is falling victim to it. There is only one thing that holds such an illustrious reputation in the annals of the college lifestyle: the freshman 15.

The freshman 15 refers to the amount of weight that freshman tend to gain in their inaugural college year.

But it's only an urban legend that has been passed from collegiate generation to collegiate generation, right?

Unfortunately, that's not the case.

Joanne Talarek is Nurse Practitioner and Director of the Graham Health Center here at Oakland University. She was quick to make clear that the freshman 15 is something that can affect the new commers.

"I think people talk about it because it happens," Talarek said. "People say, 'yeah that happened to me.'"

Of course, it's not a fact that freshman will gain 15 pounds, but it's something freshman should be aware of.

## Why!?

But why does this happen? As it turns out, there are a lot of possibilities as to why this plagues so many freshman. Talarek offered some theories of her own.

"Lots of our students are very active in high school. So physically they have a routine that is very active,"

Talarek said. "They get to college and they are no longer involved in those activities so their physical activity level decreases."

Not only does the typical physical activity of college freshman change, eating patterns can change as well. "Typically in high school, because of the school schedule and the sports schedule and job schedules, people are still eating three meals a day, with mom preparing at least a couple of them," Talarek said. "When people get to college, their schedule is quite varied and they tend not to eat regular meals and tend to graze a lot. They tend to go for convenient foods like snack foods or fast foods."

Talarek also mentioned that students should try and be aware of the foods they are eating in terms of carbs and fats and try to establish good eating habits. Once a good eating habit is established, the freshman 15 can be easier to avoid.

Still, a decrease in physical activity and a lack of nutritional awareness are not the only problems.

The relationship between sleep and weight gain has been studied a lot closer over recent years and it is true that a lack of sleep can have an adverse effect on many parts of one's lifestyle. But can a lack of sleep really be a cause for weight gain?

According to [sleep-deprivation.com](http://sleep-deprivation.com), when lack of sleep becomes a problem, levels of Leptin, the hormone that increases appetite, begin to rise. The site goes on to explain that it is possible that some obesity is caused or

made worse by a lack of sleep.

## Taking Action Now

The continued growth of obesity in the United States continues to be a problem. Although gaining 15 pounds during freshman year of college doesn't necessarily make you obese, it may set some up for a life headed in that direction.

There are plenty of ways to lose the freshman 15, but it is better to avoid gaining the 15 pounds altogether.

"It's a lot harder to lose than it was to put on," Talarek said. "People need to make a concerted effort to lose the weight and it can sneak in when you're not paying attention."

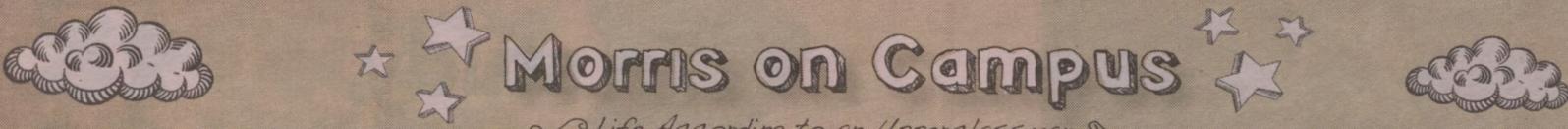
But why 15 pounds?

"I haven't found any research backing that number," Talarek said. "In my day we called it the freshman five."

Freshman should also try and take advantage of the Recreation Center next to the O'Rena. With an indoor, four-lane track and state of the art fitness center, there are plenty of ways to combat the freshman 15. Plus, it's free for OU students with a school I.D.

Students can call the Rec Center for more information on weight loss programs and classes that are offered at different times throughout the year. The Rec Center can be reached at (248)-370-4732.

"My recommendation right from the get-go is to maintain good exercise patterns and good eating patterns," Talarek.



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# Study tips to help students survive

By LINA AMENT AND KATHLEEN QUANDT  
Staff Interns

The transition from high school to college can be tough. From the classroom to hitting the books at home, study methods can be crucial. With a few wise tips any student can turn their college career into a success.

## Go To Class

Some students say the largest transition from high school to college was freedom. Yet, that new freedom comes with new responsibilities in the classroom.

OU's website offers advice to freshman designed to help them make the transition from high school studying to college studying.

The site covers a wide variety of helpful tips for studying and note taking. Advice ranges from attending class everyday to making sure you make frequent eye contact with the lecturer while they are speaking.

Another contrast between high school and college is that professors aren't required to keep a keen eye on everything the students are doing as compared to a high school teacher who is watching your progress nearly every step of the way.

"In high school the teacher was always there overlooking what you did, so in college it is your responsibility to show up for class, do your homework and be prepared for quizzes," said Alycia St. Angelo, an OU senior.

In high school you are expected to read short assign-

ments that are discussed and often retaught. In college, reading assignments are larger and may not be directly addressed in class.

## Put In the Time

"In college you really have to study or you'll fail," said Betsy Bogart, a junior. Also, make sure you always go to your classes.

"Classes get harder in many aspects so you have to spend a significant amount of time studying," junior Deanna Kossaras said.

Managing your time in college is an important aspect to studying effectively and doing well in class.

An article from [associatedcontent.com](http://associatedcontent.com), "How to Manage Your Time in College" by Jennifer Dozier, lists a few simple steps to managing your time.

The article talks about how paying attention to how your time is spent is crucial, and how you shouldn't procrastinate chores or assignments.

- Schedule enough time in your day for things you enjoy, eating and sleeping. Getting enough sleep is beneficial to those who are active.
- Don't rely on memory alone. Write things down and even create a to-do list and follow a strict daily schedule.

The article also mentions that breaks are important. It says that "after an hour of studying, you become unable to focus and stressed out ... this is it. Get up and move every half hour when you are studying and your

test results will improve."

## Start While You're Ahead

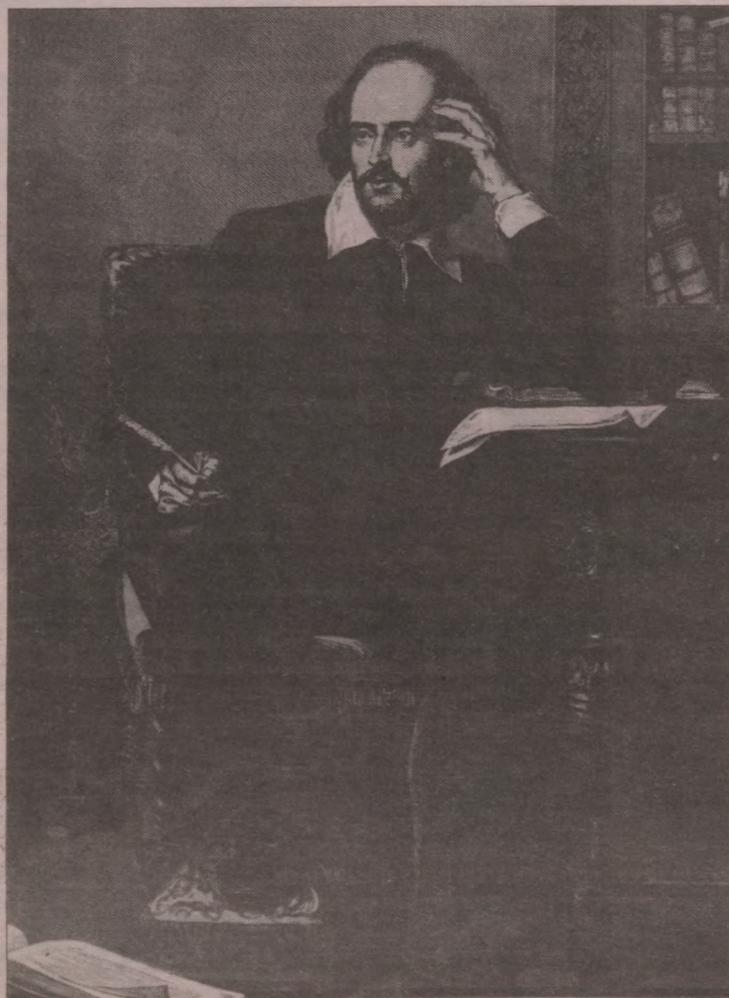
"Make sure you take classes seriously the first semester because one mistake or one bad class can really affect your grade point average," Kossaras said.

According to [encarta.msn.com](http://encarta.msn.com), instead of just rewriting notes and rereading chapters, write notes in the textbook's margin to highlight key points, reflect on your reading and review class notes.

Another tip from the website is to make mega-flashcards. The purpose of doing that is not only to include additional information and examples, but also grouping cards together by topic to study the entire concept. This way, you are doing more than memorizing bits of information.

- A study group is another great way to study. Study more in-depth by not only quizzing each other but asking "why" and "how" with each question.
- Dealing with exam anxiety will help you get better grades. Freezing up can be from lack of confidence in a challenging subject.
- Another way to be prepared for an exam is to ask the professor. They may have example questions from the test to help you prepare. Listening closely to what points the professor emphasizes is also a clue to what will be on the exam.

It could also be a good idea to look over the syllabus and talking to students who have taken the class.



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Happy New Year!

For Oakland University Golden Grizzlies, this New Year is not marked with champagne and "Auld Lang Syne," rather; they ring it in Gatorade and the Oakland University fight song.

Regardless, it offers just the same opportunity to reflect and make amends that the rest of OU enjoys on Jan. 1. A total of seven different Golden Grizzlies varsity sports will kick off their seasons within the next two weeks, resulting in enough tales of reflection and amendment to make even Dick Clark take notice.

By most accounts, the 2007 men's cross country season was a raging success. The team finished runner-up at the Summit League Men's Cross Country Championship and placed 17th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. However, fans have to wonder how great the team would have been had dual-sport star Zack Jones been healthy.

The junior All-Conference selection has returned from the stress fracture that caused him to miss most of 2007 and is welcomed by a host of freshman and sophomore talent that took on the leadership role in his absence. As a result, the team is a favorite to win the Summit League Championship in 2008.

While both men's and women's golf teams will be pushed in the locker room by proven veterans Frank McAuliffe and Nikki Swan, respectively, it will be new recruits Michael Coriasso and Elizabeth Ecker that will step in immediately and push around opponents on the course in an attempt to climb to the top of the Summit League.

For the men's and women's soccer teams, the flag has already been planted. Their success will be defined by whether or not they can defend their championship crowns. Although the Grizzlies fell in the first round of the NCAA Women's Championship Tournament to Purdue, the men were able to notch their first NCAA Championship Tournament victory in a re-match against Michigan State before losing to Notre Dame in the second round. If these teams are able to take the next step into national recognition, the fall season should not disappoint. All of these sports, plus volleyball and women's cross country previews await in the upcoming pages. So, feel free to grab your kazoos and water bottles and jump in as if they were a giant pile of leaves. - **Tim Rath, Sports Editor**



Can Steve Clark and the rest of the men's soccer team make the leap past the second round? Turn to page 26 to find out!



Jessica Boyle and the rest of the women's soccer team would be the first to say a loss isn't always that bad. Turn to page 27 to see how.



For Nikki Swan and the rest of the OU golf program, the future is now. Turn to page 28 for men's and women's golf previews.



Zack Jones is recovered from injury and OU cross country is ready to win. Turn to page 29 for men's and women's cross country previews.



Lauren Duquette is making it clear: The Grizzlies are seriously improving. Turn to page 31 to find out how good OU volleyball can really be.

# Daniel has higher hopes

By TOM MURPHY, JR.  
Senior Reporter

For senior defenseman Ian Daniel this season is the most important of his career.

Daniel is returning for his final year with the Oakland University soccer team. He said he has very high goals set for him and the team including defending the Summit League Championship. Last season the team went undefeated in conference play. Daniel was such a force that he was named Summit League defenseman of the year, a title that he hopes to earn again this season.

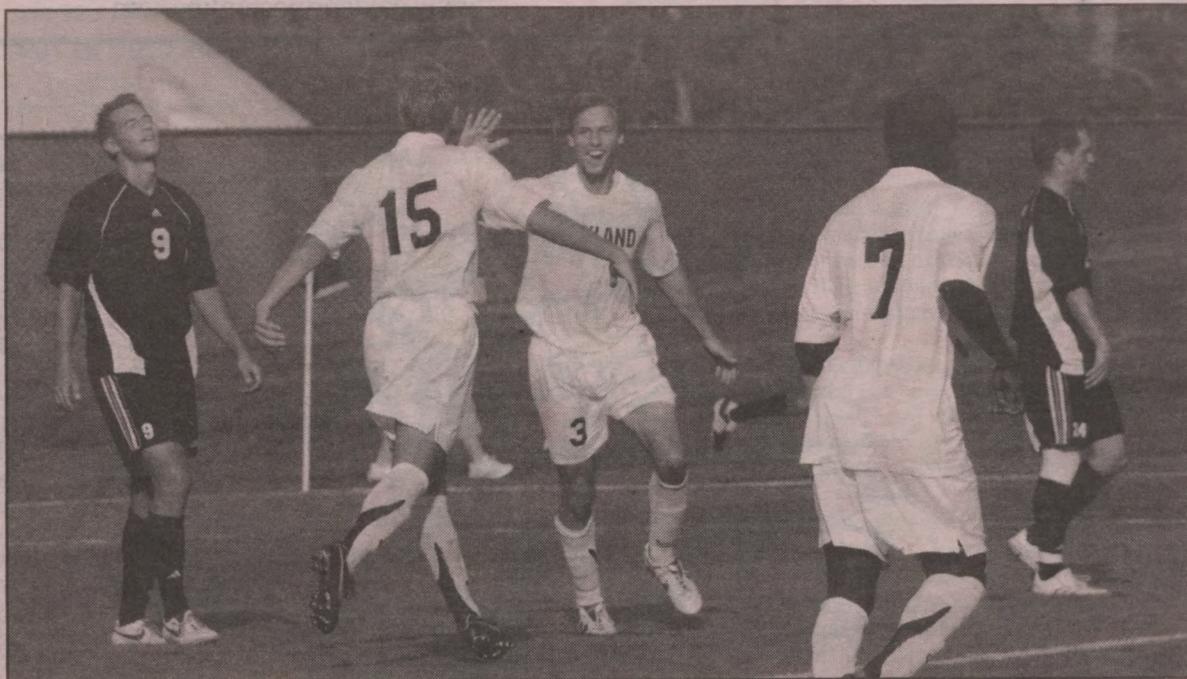
"Being named defenseman of the year was a such an honor," said Daniel. "Now this year I have even higher expectations, I want to come out this year and live up to those expectations."

Daniel and the rest of the Golden Grizzlies open up the regular season Aug. 29 against the Oregon State Beavers at the Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac. The Grizzlies' home opener is scheduled for Sunday against Green Bay.

Daniel is one of nine starters returning from last year's team that ended with a record of 12-7-3 overall and a conference record of 5-0-1. Senior goalkeeper Steve Clark is returning from a season in which he led the Summit League with six shutouts and 92 saves. Senior midfielder Martin Sandell (Summit League Newcomer of the Year) will look to improve upon his mark of four goals and two assists.

The Golden Grizzlies were picked by the head coaches to win the Summit League again this year receiving five out of seven first place votes. Daniel said that this year's team has a great chance to improve on last year's success. But it won't be easy with games against Tulsa, Michigan and Western Michigan highlighting the schedule before league play begins.

"Our goals are to win the conference again, win the conference tournament again and to go further into the NCAA tournament,"



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Above, the Golden Grizzlies celebrate a goal scored during the 2007 season. Below right, senior business major Ian Daniel heads the ball away from a conference foe during a 2007 game. Daniel led the OU defense to a Summit League-best 0.16 goals against average during the season against conference competition, while reaching the Summit League Academic All-League Team and scoring two goals on the year.

Daniel said.

Last season the Golden Grizzlies became the first ever Summit League team to win a game in the NCAA Tournament by defeating Michigan State University 2-1. They lost to Notre Dame 2-1 in the second round ending their season.

Daniel said that there is a lot of pressure on him to perform at a high level but he embraces the challenge.

"I have to come to every practice ready to motivate myself and to motivate others to get the job done."

Head Coach Gary Parsons, who was named Summit League Coach of the Year last season, said that there are areas where the team needs to improve in order to defend the crown.

"We need to execute our set plays both offensively and defensively," Parsons said. "And we need to do a better job of scoring goals."

Parsons said that the team cannot be content with last year's success. He said that being cocky makes you vulnerable as a team and that's how you get beat. "We need to pay attention to what we're doing and work hard," Parsons said. "We need to be totally focused and take nothing for granted."

Daniel said that he recognizes how important his role one of the senior leaders is.

"This is my final year and it really important to me," Daniel said. "I want to perform my best

and I want everyone on the team to perform their best. Defending our championship means a lot. Oakland is probably the best team in the league and has been for a while so there is a lot of pressure but we can definitely do it, were ready to step up to the challenge."

Daniel said that he is a vocal leader on the field and he and the other captains, Clark and junior defenseman Stew Givens, strive to set an example of hard work and determination. Parsons said he wants every member of the team to be accountable.

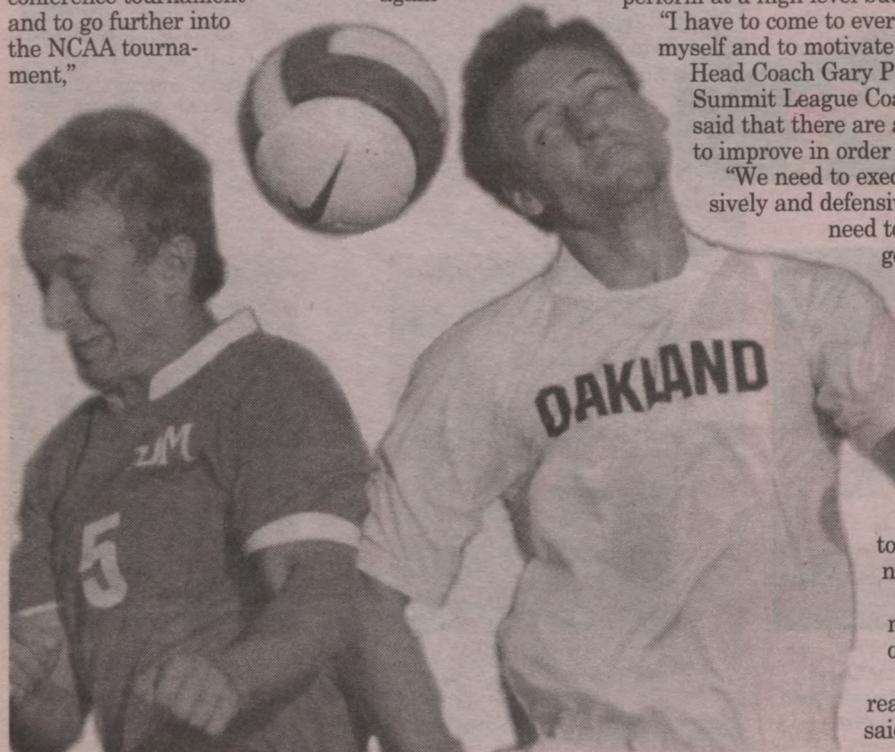
"We're not looking for anybody to be our savior," Parsons said. "We're not looking for anybody to do anything spectacular. We're looking for everybody on the team to contribute and do his job."

Along with high expectations for the season Daniel also has a high standard to reach in the classroom. Last season he was named to the Summit League Academic All-league team.

"It's tough," Daniel said. "Playing soccer takes up a large amount of time. But I work hard on the field and that leads to working hard in the classroom. I have to get up and go to class everyday even when I don't want to do it."

The Grizzlies will play a total of three games at Ultimate Soccer Arena. They will battle Western Illinois Sept. 27 and Southern Illinois Edwardsville Nov. 1. Both games start at 7 p.m.

"It's a fantastic facility," Parsons said of the new arena. "I really think this is the future for us from a standpoint of out home games because people can come here whether it be in the end of August or the middle of November. We can play at night at times that are conducive to the soccer community it's a wonderful atmosphere, it's comfortable, the seats are right on top of the action. It's a perfect place to watch a soccer game."



# OU winners despite the score

*Women's soccer team stands strong in the face of adversity*

By ANDREW GRIEVE  
Contributing Reporter

To the casual fan, the first game of the 2008 season for the Oakland University women's soccer team on Aug. 22 would be seen as a big disappointment.

The Golden Grizzlies fell behind early against Michigan State and failed to make up the deficit, falling by a score of 5-1.

"We played well in the first half, some simple balls got away on us, and there were moments where we left a ton of openings," said head coach Nick O'Shea.

And that would be the end of it. Just hit "publish."

However, while OU didn't quite have the power to stop the presses, they did do a lot more on Friday than simply lose the game. The Grizzlies collected donations at the O'Rena Athletics Center door for Adilan Farnum, the daughter of Michigan State assistant coach Tammy Farnum.

Adilan, who is fighting a battle with leukemia, received nearly \$4,500 from the soccer team's efforts.

"The soccer community, as a whole, is amazing," O'Shea said. "I've seen it in many ways, not just financially, and there are some really awesome people within our community."

The positive and hopeful nature of the game wasn't confined to doors. O'Shea said that despite the appearance of the blowout loss, there were many good things to be taken from the Grizzlies' defeat.

"From a score line stand point, the game was disappointing, but there were some positive things from it. One good thing was that a lot of things didn't need to be immediately fixed, as we were able to hold on to the same strategy to pull through," O'Shea said.

Last season, the Grizzlies finished with a 10-8-2 overall record, including a 6-2 conference record and a 7-2-2 mark at home. Although they fell to ranked rivals Indiana and Southern California during the season, they defeated the number-one seeded Western Illinois in the Summit League Championship game by a score of 3-1 to win the conference crown for the second straight season.

From there, the Grizzlies moved on to the NCAA Championship Tournament for the fifth time in school history, traveling to West Lafayette, Ind., where they fell in the first round to Purdue by a score of 4-0.



Defenseman Lauren Brodie (right) heads the ball away from goalkeeper Kim Herbst (left). Oakland's defense allowed a mere 1.41 goals per game last year. BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Six players have graduated from that team and eight new players have been added to replace them. Freshman forward Amy Trandell made her presence felt against the Spartans, scoring the Grizzlies' only goal at the 32:12 mark. O'Shea said that he was impressed by her performance, as well as that of the other freshmen on the roster.

"Our newer players have been doing quite well in these early games," O'Shea said.

OU is welcoming back tournament MVP Jessica Boyle, who scored six goals and passed for eight assists last season. The Grizzlies are also bringing back all-tournament team members Kristi Evans and Meghan Hartwig, along with defensive backfielder Lauren Brodie and goalkeeper Kim Herbst.

On Aug. 11, the Grizzlies were voted as the preseason number one team in the conference for the third year in row by Summit League coaches. O'Shea said that although he was pleased with the accolades, they now have high expectations to live up to.

"It's always good to see the team get that kind of respect from all of the other coaches and teams within our conference. However it can be tricky, when you've got a reputation that good, because it can lead to some tough challenges," O'Shea said.

The tough challenges on the Grizzlies' schedule for this year will include games at Michigan, Nebraska and

Kentucky. O'Shea said that while he's looking forward to these games and more, he has one particular date circled on his calendar. "October 17th, the re-match against Western Illinois," he said.

"They've been putting up a good fight over the past few years. Outside of the conference, we're looking forward to Nebraska, to get a good idea of how far we can go in the different tournaments."

While OU isn't overlooking the tough competition that the Summit League can offer, O'Shea made it clear that qualifying for and advancing in the NCAA tournament is one of the team's biggest goals.

"It's quite a tough push. Out of the 300 or so teams in the NCAA, only 64 of them can make it to the tournament," O'Shea said. "We've made it there five out of the seven years we've been around, so we're hoping for another go-around."

O'Shea believes that while last year's success story was enjoyable, the first round of the NCAA tournament will not be the end of the line for OU.

"We've got a good team. We've had a good team in previous years, but right now we have a good chance to make it even further into the tournament this time around," he said.

The Grizzlies will continue the season with their second game on Friday at the OU Soccer Field, where they will face off against Bowling Green State.

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# Costello: 'Our ceiling is endless'

*Women's golf trying to make the leap to championship level*

By **TIM RATH**  
Sports Editor

Next April, the eyes of the Summit League golf community will be squarely on Oakland University.

Although an official date has not been announced yet, golf coach Brian Costello said that OU will be hosting the Summit League Golf Championship sometime in April.

However, he's not content with the mere publicity that hosting the open is sure to provide. He believes that the women's golf team can use the home course advantage to make some serious noise.

"For a long time, we've been very good, but we've played second fiddle to Oral Roberts," he said. "We have a good opportunity to dethrone them this year, playing on one of the toughest courses around, a course that no [Summit League rivals] have seen yet. We can dominate the Summit League if we can get past them."

It's not just the home course advantage that gives Costello confidence.

The women's golf program welcomes back five out of the ten players from last year's squad, including junior Austin McDermaid, who led the team with 79.84 stroke average in 2007 and senior Nikki Swan who won the Huskie Invite with a season-low 74 in round one and a 76

score in round two to lead OU to a second-place finish.

They'll be joined by incoming freshman phenom Elizabeth Ecker, who won medalist honors at the Michigan Girls Junior State Amateur Golf Championship in June and is expected to contribute to the team immediately.

"[Ecker] is extremely talented, and Nikki and Austin will push her to become one of our hardest workers," Costello said. "In turn, she'll push them to be the absolute best they can be as well."

Costello said that he was not concerned with whether or not Ecker can handle the challenge as a freshman.

"We're throwing kids into the fire here, and that's exciting for them," he said. "They turn down offers from bigger schools so that they can come here and play as freshmen and not just watch from the side."

Costello said that he also was not concerned with whether or not the freshman presence would be a hindrance to the team.

"It's up to the freshmen to play like upperclassmen by the time we get to the conference championship," he said. "We can compete for the title if they can do that."

The women's golf season begins Sept. 13 at the University of Michigan Tournament in Ann Arbor.



Oakland University Athletics  
Junior Austin McDermaid putting the ball at an event in 2007. She garnered All-Summit League second team honors after finishing in eighth place at the Summit League Championships.

## Men's team excited to compete

By **TIM RATH**  
Sports Editor

Frank McAuliffe has been carrying the men's golf team for too long.

That's the belief of men's head golf coach Brian Costello, who believes that he has finally found some help his star junior.

"Frank carried us all last year, and he's excited for the new guys that we have that can help us actually compete for a championship," Costello said. "Frank is a great leader and a huge part of our rebuilding process."

Costello, who is about to enter his second year as men's head golf coach after a successful stint in the same position at Belmont University, said that he was proud of a pair of freshman recruits that should compete for playing time immediately.

Michael Coriasso of Grand Blanc was the winner of the Genesee County Amateur Championship in July. Dillon Kleine of Delphos, Ohio and seven other returning players from last year's team will join him on the 2008 team.

"[Coriasso and Kleine] have proven track records, they're long off the tee, they're good putters, they're hard

workers, and they know that coming [to OU] is an uphill battle," Costello said. "They'll challenge the guys coming back from last year's team for playing time right off the bat."

While the team will feature no seniors in 2008, Costello believes that between his three stars, the team should be strong enough to have a successful year.

"This year is about improving and finding some good kids to come in next year," he said. "We can realistically finish in the top three of our conference this year and next year, we should definitely be able to compete for a conference championship."

Costello pointed to the Wolverine Intercollegiate Open at the University of Michigan on Sept. 20 and the D.S. Weibring Invitational at Illinois State on Oct. 12 as the events that he is most looking forward to.

"We're playing a much-upgraded tournament schedule this time around, one bigger than any that this school has seen before," he said. "[The Wolverine Intercollegiate Open and the D.S. Weibring Invitational] are the types of events that we need to get into if the program is going to go further."

Costello said that these events would

be a good indicator as to the success of the 2008 season.

"If we finish in the middle of the pack, we can start to turn some heads," he said. "There will be a lot of highly-ranked schools, Big Ten teams, and it's always fun to have that regional rivalry going on."

Costello said that he was also looking forward to the Summit League Tournament in the spring, to show off how much the team has improved to inter-conference foes.

"All it takes (at the Summit League Tournament) is three hot rounds and you're right there, playing for the NCAA Championship," he said. "That's exciting for everyone."

Costello said that if the team is able to do well in the season and if he is able to do well on the recruiting trail, the sky will be the limit for the golf program on a whole.

"It's up to me in the next couple of years to go out and find some good kids to play with the good kids that we already have," he said. "With the kind of school that OU is, our ceiling is endless here."

The men's golf season tees off at the John Piper Intercollegiate in Bowling Green, Ohio on Sept. 8.

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# Jumping the starting guns

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### Jones looks to dominate after major injury

By **TIM RATH**  
Sports Editor

"Getting off on the right foot" is a common concern for athletes at the beginning of their seasons.

For Zack Jones, the expression has a deeper meaning.

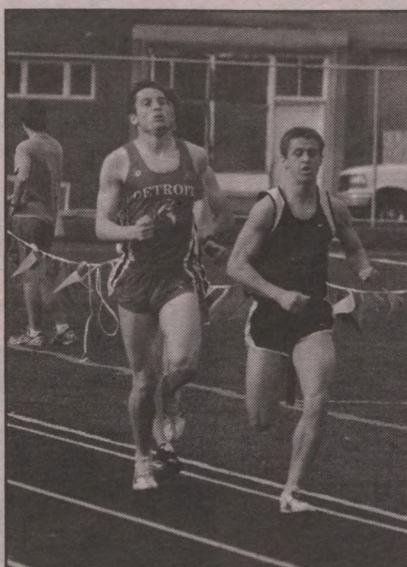
"Last season, it was only my second meet of the year when I suffered a stress fracture in my ankle," said Jones, who had posted a career-best time of 25 minutes, 21:29 seconds in the 8K run at the Mel Brodt Invitational in 2007, shortly before the injury. "Thankfully, I was able to red-shirt the season and my recovery only took about two months, so not much was lost."

Apart from simply getting back onto the track, the Oakland University men's cross country team has much to be excited about going into the 2008 season. According to Jones, a junior linguistics major, the talent on the team is plenty to compete for a Summit League Conference Championship after finishing second last season.

"This team has a ton of potential," he said. "Of course, taking it one step at a time and trying to stay healthy, I'm looking forward to competing at the Summit League Championships and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional at the end of the year and seeing how we've progressed."

Jones said that on a team with only three seniors — Jason Bigelow, Kevin MacDonald and Andrew Lawrick — he finds himself assuming a leadership role for the younger members of the team.

"We have a ton of freshman and sophomore talent, guys like Kenny Wall and Pat Cassady, so I'm finding



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post  
Dual-sport athlete Zack Jones competes in the EMU Invitational on April 20.

myself in this role for the first time," he said. "It's new, and I'm just getting into it, just looking forward to the year."

Head Coach Paul Rice said that Jones is a born leader of the team.

"We have five new freshmen coming in, so they're going to look to a guy like Jones that's done really well for a boost," he said. "Zack has stepped up, he's very vocal, he's a natural."

Rice said that although health is a concern, he foresees a good season for the Grizzlies, who haven't finished lower than second in the Summit League since 2000.

"Barring any injuries, reaching the top-15 mark in our region is a big goal," he said.

While the first meet may not define the entire season, Rice said that it's a good way to figure out how the team trained over the summer.

"What we're trying to see with the first meet is see how they race tired," he said. "It's a good indicator."

The team began their season Saturday, hosting the Golden Grizzly Open at the Upper Intramural Fields on Aug. 29.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### D'Angelo and Rice hoping to bounce back

By **TIM RATH**  
Sports Editor

As anyone in Oakland University's education program would say, you learn as you teach. As Erica D'Angelo would say, it works the same with motivation.

"Now that I'm in a position of being a leader and a motivator, getting the team excited gets me excited," said the junior, who placed among the top three on the OU women's track team's first four races of the 2007 season.

"Showing others how to be a role model forces me to become a role model. Nobody's perfect, but nobody wants to look bad in front of the younger kids," she said.

Last season, OU took sixth place at the Summit League Conference Championships and placed 23rd at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

D'Angelo said that while the Golden Grizzlies were never short of talent, there was some undefinable "it" that kept them from translating that ability into victories.

"I fractured my femur as a freshman and missed most of the season, and when I came back, I just wasn't as into it as I should have been. A lot of us on the team were the same way," she said.

The key appears to be a new infusion of freshmen talent to the team, specifically Lia Jones.

D'Angelo said that while she learns from her mentorship role to the younger Grizzlies, she also learns by the competition that they offer in practice.

"We need to learn from the mistakes of last year, and [the incoming freshmen] will really help us to do that," she said. "Lia is my main competition on the team, and that makes all of us all the better."



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post  
Dual-sport athletes Kelly Stumpmier and Sarah Thompson compete in the EMU Invitational on April 20.

Head Coach Paul Rice agreed that having freshmen compete with upperclassmen in practice and at meets makes for better long-term results, as opposed to the traditional practice of having freshmen wait their turn.

"We've had good results doing it this way, and that makes recruiting a lot easier," he said. "Freshmen don't want to just be a number, they want to come in and feel like they're contributing. We can do that this year, and we're going to try and do some damage in the Summit League with this team."

Having excited, experienced and confident leadership certainly doesn't hurt either.

"The highlight of our season is the Conference Championships and I feel like we can go all the way once we get there," D'Angelo said. "We just need to stay strong throughout the year, be smart in training and recovery runs, and keep it up throughout the entire year."

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By the Numbers:  
**WELCOME  
EDITION**

**17**

The OU men's track team finished 17th at the 2007 NCAA Great Lakes Regional

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# POST GAME

New school semester, new seasons, new year. While writing the fall season primer in this age of reflection and amendment, we here in The Oakland Post sports department wondered, "Do Golden Grizzlies make new year's resolutions?"

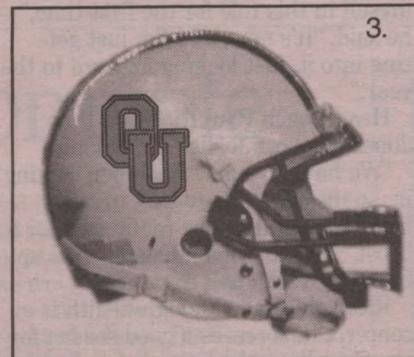
With that in mind, here are four serious and not-so-serious suggestions for possible resolutions that various Grizzlies could take up: 1) Greg Kampe (ditch the sweatpants), 2) the Grizz mascot (begin a vegan diet), 3) the OU football team (stay undefeated), 4) random member of the OU Spirit Squad (get a haircut).



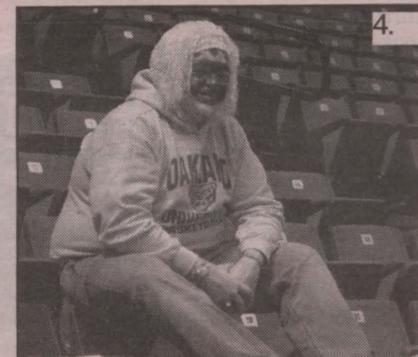
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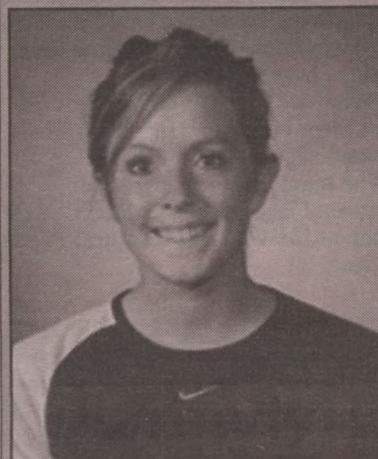
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## GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

**Amy Trandell**  
Soccer

**Year: Freshman**  
**Major: Undecided**



Talk about getting off on the right foot! Trandell scored a goal at 32:12 in her first game as a Golden Grizzly, a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Michigan State on Aug. 22.

Photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletics

# Grizzlies looking to take another step up this year

## *Volleyball now seeking consistency*

By BRAD SLAZINSKI  
Contributing Reporter

Much has changed for Oakland University's volleyball team since head coach Rob Beam took over at the beginning of last season.

The Grizzlies improved from a one-win campaign in 2006 to win eight games in 2007. They also featured a player on the All-Summit League second team for the first time, defensive specialist Lauren Duquette.

While those are headline worthy statistics in their own right, what may be more important is that the volleyball team is actually excited to play these days.

"He's been a great addition," Duquette said. "We've won more under him and he's made things enjoyable for us as a team. We play better as a team and our blocking is better."

Beam, who came to OU after coaching Illinois State to a 35-25 record over two seasons, agrees that 2007 was nothing short of a great success, but believes that Duquette was as much a catalyst of change as he was.

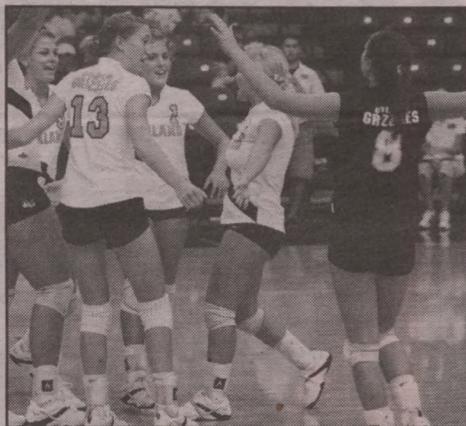
"Her skill makes a difference in our ability to play fast and it helps harness the athleticism and speed aspects of our game," he said. "That makes us hard to beat, but aside from on the court, she's a great role model for our program. She just brings so much to the table."

Duquette played in all 104 of the Grizzlies games in 2007 and finished with 619 digs, smashing the old OU record of 475 that she set in 2005. She took the honor of the team's most valuable player for the first time, along with freshman Katy Wilson, who was named to the All-Summit League freshman team, sophomore Hallie Beattie and freshman Emily Hoffiz, who tied for the Most Improved Player award, and senior Monica Frechen, who was given the Golden Grizzly award.

However, Beam is not content with the individual accolades that the Grizzlies accumulated, nor their 8-21 record. He foresees a much improved 2008 team that can compete against the best that the Summit League has to offer, in addition to regional Big Ten rivalries.

"The competitor inside of me wants to show the conference how much we've improved. I'm definitely looking forward to playing Summit League teams," he said. "Of course, it's always fun to play against the likes of Michigan and Michigan State. I'm also looking forward to going back to Illinois State, to see some of the players that I coached in the beginning of their careers."

Beam also foresees a much faster team in



BOB KNOSKA/Oakland Post

The Golden Grizzlies volleyball team celebrates a point scored during a match in 2007.

2008. He said that although the cornerstone of the team will continue to be playing to the strengths of Duquette on digging and defense, he is looking forward to implementing an up-tempo offense that he believes will be more productive in the long-term.

"That will be the biggest change that our fans will notice this season — our diversified offense," he said. "Wins and losses are almost irrelevant as I'm trying to figure out our strengths. We're more focused on performance and togetherness for this season."

Furthermore, Beam is excited to see the four new freshmen that he's recruited take the floor for the first time. According to Beam, any one of the group of Jenna Lange, Allison Bell, Ashleigh Slemmer and Jenny Jones have the talent to play at an all-conference level at any time.

"We were fortunate enough to have one of the top-95 recruiting classes in the country," he said. "The speed of our system is a little uncomfortable for them, and it's really just a matter of developing that consistency to be their very best. But on the days that they're feeling good about it, they're very good."

It all adds up to a sunny outlook for the 2008 Golden Grizzlies volleyball team. Duquette said that although the 2008 schedule features tough matches against the likes of Michigan, Auburn and Michigan State, as well as a five-match road trip that began the season at Niagra on Aug. 29, she believes that the team has the talent to go further than any one that she's played on.

"I think that we can go far. We're focused on winning 20 matches, winning the conference and qualifying for the NCAA [tournament], but mostly just trying to continue this consistency that we've started and carry it over to future teams," she said.

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## Music making a difference

By **ASHLEY ANN DESROCHERS**  
Contributing Reporter

Switchfoot, Third Day, Jars of Clay, and Robert Randolph and the Family Band have come together for the Music Builds Tour, benefiting Habitat for Humanity and the One Campaign, an organization to globally fight AIDS and extreme poverty.

The bands launched their tour on Aug. 21, making the Detroit Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston their first stop.

"The Music Builds Tour is not your average tour. Third Day, Jars of Clay, Robert Randolph and us are not going to 25 cities to play music; we have come together for two causes bigger than ourselves," said Jon Foreman, the lead singer and guitarist of Switchfoot.

Just by attending the show, fans have already donated, because a dollar of every ticket goes to Habitat for Humanity.

"We want people to get involved," said Third Day guitarist Mark Lee.

"During the tour, the bands are also going to be building three or four houses," said Jars of Clay's Charlie Lowell, piano, organ, accordion and keys player. The first house was built in Indianapolis on Aug. 22.

Foreman was eager to talk about past experiences he has had with Habitat for Humanity.

"When we go on builds, those days

are my favorite days. They are incredibly rich. You get to learn a new skill, whether it's laying tile or putting up siding, you're working with your hands," Foreman said.

"Beyond that you are meeting the people that you're building the house for. You hear their stories while swinging hammers together. It's incredible to know that the city you just visited is enriched," Foreman said.

Robert Randolph explained that building houses is his passion.

"With the Music Builds Tour I'm killing two birds with one stone: I'm building houses and playing music," he said.

"In the past I've handed over a key to the new homeowner and it is the best feeling in the world," Randolph said.

"One of the most powerful stories was this woman who lives in New Orleans who lost her house due to Hurricane Katrina. She was injured and had to have both of her legs amputated," Foreman said.

"Her quote was 'I walked out of my house in New Orleans and I am going to walk in this new house.' She got prosthetic legs in order to do that. That kind of strength is not uncommon," Foreman said.

"I needed help in the past, and I had people there for me and it's just a chance to give back," Foreman said.

The biggest message the tour brings is strength and diversity.



Clockwise from top left: Third Day, Switchfoot, Jars of Clay and Robert Randolph and the Family Band.  
ASHLEY DESROCHERS/The Oakland Post

## QUICK HITS : REVIEWS IN 30 SECONDS

By **AMANDA MEADE**  
Scene/Mix Editor

**Dance Gavin Dance**  
*Dance Gavin Dance*



Album review

Armed with a new lead singer, guitarist and bassist, post-hardcore band Dance Gavin Dance are back with their self-titled album. Whether you're excited or leary about the change in front man, no need to fear. This guy delivers, as well as the other instrument-wielding replacements. Dance's old flair is still there, but with a more grown-up presence.

The band has self-described their new release as "the album that bears no title." "Uneasy Hearts Weigh the Most" is a more low-key love song with Dance's own special elegance.

"Rock Solid" comes off as an anthem from the band, with an actual conversation between two band members pertaining to being "rock solid."

The album comes equipped with appearances from Nic Newsham of Gatsby's American Dream, Matt Geise of Lower Definition and Chino Moreno of the Deftones.

Regardless of the almost brand-new lineup, this band shows no sign of stopping anytime soon.

By **RORY MCCARTY**  
Senior Reporter

**Soulcalibur IV**



Video game review

"Soulcalibur IV," the latest installment in the Soul Calibur series, brings overhauled graphics and fine-tuned game play to the 3-D weapons-based fighting game.

Series veterans will appreciate the subtle tweaks to the moves of old characters, but newcomers will not be turned away thanks to a forgiving single player mode and short story campaign.

New features to the series include destructible armor, which allows players to target the same part of an opponent's body repeatedly to knock off their armor and make them more vulnerable. Another addition is the critical finish, which allows players to perform "instant win" moves on fighters who constantly block attacks.

However, the biggest feature is the inclusion of Star Wars guest characters. Yoda and Darth Vader appear as fighters in the Xbox and PS3 versions respectively. Yoda, however, disrupts the balance of the game by being too short to be hit by most characters' attacks.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

The Main Art Theatre, located in downtown Royal Oak, provides for an experience not found at a mainstream theater. Here, you can sip on a wide selection beer or coffee while you watch your flick.

# The Main Art offers an alternative

By ALEXIS TOMRELL  
Contributing Reporter

## REVIEW

Blockbuster theaters capture the commercial spirit with little attention to artistic detail, and even less attention to the moviegoer's viewing experience. However, tucked in the niche neighborhood of Royal Oak lies cinema paradise: The Main Art Theatre.

For the young crowd looking for an alternative weekend night out, the Main Art Theatre provides a personalized viewing like no other.

Located on Royal Oak's vibrant and sophisticated Main Street, the Main Art Theatre pulls introverted film buffs out of hiding and into its seats each weekend.

"We play films that require more thinking than others might. We're a small theater, so you're not a nameless face; we're a small community that has regulars always coming in," said Amanda Petoskey, a manager at the Main.

The theater's three screens range from foreign showings like "Amelie," to burgeoning American independents like "Bottle Shock" and "Man on Wire." Their creative dedication has taken notice in Detroit's film community, winning "Best Place to see an Independent Film" and "Best Alternative Movie Theatre" by the Metro Times numerous years over.

Their love affair with a film audience encapsulates the old, with their neon-bright sign and tastefully-decorated

lobby. Unlike the mainstream theater's health-hazardous popcorn and over-priced candy, patrons of the Main Art can choose from a wide selection of beer and coffee, and fresh popcorn all day.

Once seated, Grecian columns frame the projection screen and suddenly you're transferred to something reminiscent of a French cinemathèque.

"The Main Art is an oasis in a desert filled with bad movies. I love it here," said moviegoer Daniel Prchlick.

"Baghead," a spoof of four struggling actors writing a horror screenplay that begins to mimic their real lives, starts the weekend of Sept. 5.

Also starting is "Transsiberian," a film starring Woody Harrelson and Emily Mortimer, which portrays an American couple who meet strange foreign travelers on their Trans-Siberian train journey from China to Moscow.

"My favorite are the Main Art's midnight movies. They play great movies that everyone seems to have forgotten about. Plus everything seems better at midnight," said patron Jessica Mae Lind.

"Keep an eye out in the future. We frequently have people rent the building to show new local movies and television shows," said Petoskey. "There is a possible film festival in September, so stop by or look on our website for more information."

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# Falling into a new TV season

*The Oakland Post offers mind-numbing shows to catch this semester*

## The Hills

Airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on MTV. Just when you think you've had enough of the drama-filled lives of California's rich kids, MTV welcomes back another season.

This time, the cast's main issues involve not getting along with room-mates and friends stabbing each other in the back. Didn't we already see that episode?

Of course, what would a season of "The Hills" be without the torture of Spencer and Heidi, the hell-wreaking duo more affectionately known as "Speidi"? Spencer swears off his sister, Stephanie, as long as she continues to hang out with rivals Lauren Conrad and Brody Jenner.

While the season has already started, don't fret — go to [www.MTV.com](http://www.MTV.com) to see any missed episodes.

## Exiled

Airs Mondays at 10:30 p.m. on MTV.

Finally, the brats from MTV's "Sweet Sixteen" are getting what has been coming to them.

Eight of the former birthday planning disasters have finally reached their parent's limits, to the point that they are shipping them off to different parts of the world.

The season started on Aug. 25, old episodes can be seen on [www.MTV.com](http://www.MTV.com).

## Gossip Girl

Airs Mondays at 8 p.m. on CW50. Season begins Sept. 1.

"Gossip Girl" revolves around the lives of several teens growing up on the Upper East Side of New York City. They deal with all types of issues from sex, drugs and jealousy.

Season two of "Gossip Girl" has the Upper East Siders heading to the Hamptons. Love lives will be intermixed, Blair uses a decoy to make Chuck jealous and Nate has an affair with a cougar.

## Greek

Airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on ABC Family.

"Greek" follows several students who attend Cyprus-Rhodes University and are involved in the institution's Greek system.

The second season of "Greek" will involve Casey's character dealing with Rebecca's actions during spring break and the consequences that follow.

## Paris Hilton's My New BFF

Airs at 10 p.m. on MTV beginning Sept. 30.

Yep, that's right. Ms. Hilton is on a search for her new best friend, and is using the most logical way — a reality show.

And what would a reality show be without unrealistic expectations in the form of crazy competitions? Hilton puts her potentials in situations like sending them to Tokyo without any luggage and

expecting them to be ready for the red carpet.

## The Office

Airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. on NBC beginning Sept. 25.

The hour long series premiere will differ slightly, in that it will recap what all of the employees did with their summers.

The season will also include a group weight-loss competition between branches of Dunder-Mifflin.

## 90210

Airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on CW50 beginning Sept. 2.

A spin-off of the '90s "Beverly Hills, 90210," seen through the eyes of a brother and sister who move to Beverly Hills from Kansas. They deal with the regular traumas of being the new kids in school.

Many of the old cast members will be included in the show, including Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty.

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# Rockin' politics

By AMANDA MEADE  
Scene/Mix Editor

The guys of metal/hardcore/southern rock band Every Time I Die already have four albums under their belt and have been featured on tours like Sounds of the Underground, the Take Action Tour and numerous Warped Tours.

Their song "The New Black" was featured on Guitar Hero 2.

Frontman Keith Buckley spoke with The Oakland Post at this year's Warped Tour.

**The Oakland Post:** Every Time I Die are Warped Tour veteran. This year is really diverse and you are one of the heavier bands. How is that?

**Keith Buckley:** I love it. I like sticking out like that.

**The Post:** Where do you get your inspiration?

**Buckley:** Other bad music. So we know what not to do.

**The Post:** What's your most memorable tour moment?

**Buckley:** This interview.

**The Post:** If you could be any '80s hair band, which would you be?

**Buckley:** I don't think Journey counts, because they weren't really known for their hair. But they are pretty awesome. I think maybe of all of them I listen to Poison a lot, but Bret Michaels is kind of a weirdo now.

**The Post:** So you watch "Rock of Love?"

**Buckley:** Oh God, religiously.

**The Post:** Do you support illegal downloading?

**Buckley:** No. I mean I can't say I don't do it from time to time but I definitely think that it's going to be the downfall of the music industry whether or not people want to admit it. I can't say I support it at all. I mean you can stream your stuff online and let people listen to it. It's definitely going to start to have a huge impact on bands. But, it can't be undone.

**The Post:** What are your thoughts on the election?

**Buckley:** Obama, for sure. Any well educated person would vote for Obama. It's unfortunate that the majority of Americans aren't educated, they will vote for McCain. McCain will win the election.

**The Post:** Any plans for a new album?

**Buckley:** Yeah, we're going to start writing probably after the Warped Tour.

**The Post:** Any upcoming tours?

**Buckley:** This fall we're headlining this East Coast thing in November and then we're going to go to Australia and Japan in February.

**The Post:** Anything else you want to say?

**Buckley:** Rock the vote, man.

Visit [Myspace.com/everytimeidie](http://Myspace.com/everytimeidie) for upcoming tour dates and a plethora of the band's songs to listen to.



AMANDA MEADE/The Oakland Post

Every Time I Die's frontman Keith Buckley, after playing their set at the 2008 Warped Tour.



AMANDA MEADE/The Oakland Post

Lead singer of Protest the Hero's Rody Walker (right) and his friend at the 2008 Warped Tour.

## Heavy on the pop punk

By AMANDA MEADE  
Scene/Mix Editor

Canadian hardcore/metal band Protest the Hero has been rocking out since 1999 with two full-length albums and tours with bands like The Fall of Troy, Alexisonfire, Bullet For My Valentine, As I Lay Dying and Dragonforce.

At the Warped Tour this summer, lead singer Rody Walker caught up with The Oakland Post.

**The Oakland Post:** So, this year's line-up kind of sucks. How do you feel about being one of the heavier bands on tour?

**Rody Walker:** I guess it's kind of cool. I don't know. I wish there were more pop punk bands on the tour. Not like Relient K pop punk but you know, like NOFX, Lagwagon, that's the stuff I miss. That's the Warped Tour to me.

**The Post:** Do you get fans of the other bands who come up to you and wonder what you're all about?

**Walker:** We get people walking by just be like "what the hell," but no one ever really says anything. We had some guy come up to the merch booth the other day and was like Protest the Hero, that's un-American. He was pissed off and we were like, "Dude, we're not un-American, we're Canadian."

**The Post:** You got to work with one of your influences, Dragonforce, on your last album. What other things inspire you?

**Walker:** We're really inspired by a lot of things. From Internet virus videos, to British heavy metal, Judas Priest, you know, wonderful things. Nu wave British heavy metal. One of our biggest influences is Scandinavian satanic death

metal. It's a whole mix-match of all kinds of stuff, and it's wonderful.

**The Post:** How would you distinguish between your last two albums?

**Walker:** The second album is really just enhancing upon the ideas that we were beginning with on the first album. We based our lives on the idea of constant movement and progression and that's essentially what we tried to do.

**The Post:** How do you feel about downloading music illegally?

**Walker:** Love it. I am a pirate of the World Wide Web. Bands don't make money off CD sales, record labels do. The quicker the record labels could die the better. You want to support a band go to a show, buy a T-shirt.

**The Post:** How do you feel about being on the same label as Dashboard Confessional?

**Walker:** I don't know, [Chris Carrabba] came out to one of our shows once, it was kind of cool. He's really short. I liked them when I was in high school. I haven't listened to him since but whatever, it's cool. We're pretty much the heaviest band on the label. That's kind of what we do. We go out, we try to become the heaviest band in like, pop punk places.

**The Post:** Any other tours coming up?

**Walker:** In October we're coming back with Unearth and The Acacia Strain, and then I don't know what else.

Go to [Myspace.com/protestthehero](http://Myspace.com/protestthehero) to keep updated with the band, and listen to a remix of "Sequoia Throne" off their latest album, "Fortress."

# MOUTHING OFF

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## Arguing the pros and cons of OU

By **TIM RATH AND MASUDUR RAHMAN**  
Sports Editor and Senior Reporter



Walking through the Oakland Center at any given time, the similarities of the student body of Oakland University are easy to see. We're all part of a growing institution that's on the

fast track to the big time.

However, there are many differences between us. Apart from the usual divisions in age, sex and race, we also differ in our choices of majors, social groups and campus organizations. One of the most striking differences is all too apparent during welcome week: the excitement levels of first-year Golden Grizzlies.

For some, admission to OU is cause for celebration, as it represents the traditional college experience at an affordable price. For others, OU was their second or third choice, (if not lower down the line).

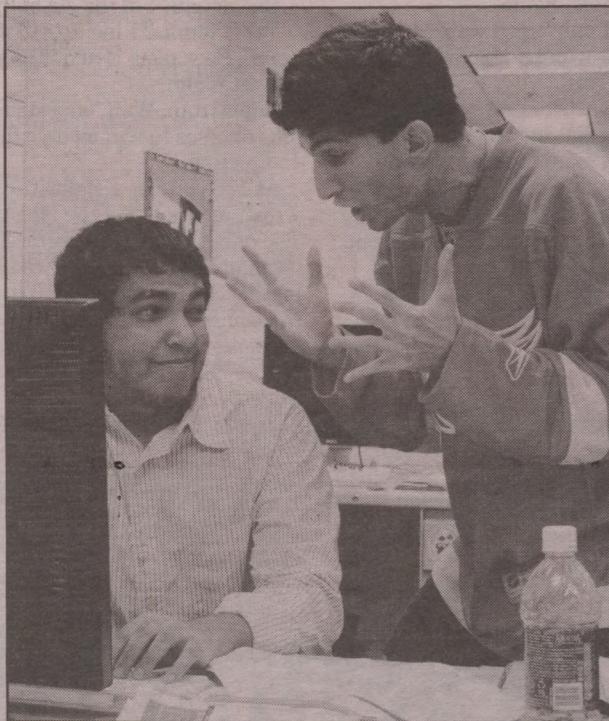
This chasm of belief systems has been unexplored for far too long. Should OU students be proud to be Golden Grizzlies? That will be the topic of a point-counterpoint debate, with senior reporter Masudur Rahman taking the pro-OU point and Sports Editor Tim Rath taking the anti-OU counterpoint.

**Masudur:** It's obvious, Tim, that we should be proud to be OU students. OU provides a better academic experience than a lot of the bigger universities because of its smaller class sizes, which often translates to a more intimate setting and more contact with the professor, resulting in a deeper understanding of the material.

But you wouldn't know anything about intimacy, would you, Tim? As a pathetic loner whose idea of a college experience is skipping class to sit in your dorm room, listening to heavy industrial music while your peers are out learning and having fun, you more than likely enjoy larger class sizes as it gives you more people to stalk on Facebook. Please, spare us your drivel and go find a girlfriend.

**Tim:** Masudur, you ranting, raving lunatic. Granted, the smaller environment that OU provides may make for a better experience, but at what cost? This week, hundreds of college football programs will kick off in a display of university pride and student unity. The smaller nature of our school that you champion does not provide the funding necessary for a football team and as such, we are left wandering campus aimlessly on Saturday afternoons, left out of all the fun that a larger university can provide.

However, this feeling must be nothing new to you, Masudur, as The Oakland Post's resident yuppie/hippie amalgamation, whose idea of fun on a Saturday afternoon is tossing the Frisbee back and forth to yourself in front of one of the Greek cottages on a sugar rush from your caramel Frappuccino, hoping and praying for some company.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post  
Senior reporter Masudur Rahman and Sports Editor Tim Rath are at odds when comparing the atmosphere of Oakland University.

**Masudur:** Your misguided attempt at humor aside, Tim, you mentioned one of my deeper points of contention. While OU's four fraternities and six sororities serve their purpose, a larger Greek presence could be a detriment to the social independence that we have as Golden Grizzlies. We don't need social hierarchies like the ones we had in our high schools.

A quick visit to the infamous [juicycampus.com](http://juicycampus.com) reveals the true cost of admission to a larger university: not just thousand of dollars more in tuition, but also your reputation. Anonymous users engage in cutthroat slander as casually as the Frisbee games that you decry.

I'm glad OU isn't at the level of the Big Ten schools on [juicycampus.com](http://juicycampus.com) as it doesn't have a listing on that website. This is great because in tune with having a life outside of my bedroom, I really don't need to know how many STDs you've accrued over the years, Tim.

**Tim:** Masudur, I thought you were proud to be an investigative reporter and yet, a simple discussion of the dirtiest gossip on campus turns your stomach? That's enough to turn my own stomach!

Darwinian social networking is the best part of the traditional undergraduate experience. Lifetime friends are to be had for those who can survive the meat grinder of the rumor mil, and not only that, it prepares us for the harsh realities of the professional world in a way that seeing how many people can fit into a telephone booth simply cannot.

[Juicycampus.com](http://juicycampus.com)'s vicious tabloids also provide

hours of entertainment for those on OU's campus as bored as I am, those that simply cannot find amusement in your lame attempts at reciting poetry in the fields outside of Kresge Library. By the way, the tests were all negative.

**Masudur:** I really didn't need to know that, Tim. But for what it's worth, you made yet another one of my points for me. Those fields outside of Kresge Library that I recite (genius) poetry in are a mere snapshot of the beautiful landscape that surrounds us as we study. Try comparing that to the cold concrete and steel environment of a more "traditional undergraduate experience" like that of Wayne State University. And if lush, gorgeous greenery is not your thing, you can also take a short hike to enjoy the offerings of downtown Rochester.

However, I'm sure that there's no pleasing you with this multitude of options, you spoiled brat. You were probably complaining as you fed from a silver spoon, "Where's the platinum?" I'm sure you would cry.

**Tim:** Masudur, you fool. I do enjoy the options that the Rochester area offers, however, one that I would particularly enjoy is an option to park close to my classes. The tree-hugging that you triumph causes nothing but trouble for typical folk like myself, those that find more pleasure in the din of big-city life than the nothingness of nature. I've had to replace five pairs of shoes since I started at OU last year, but I'm sure that's of no concern to you, who can just ask mommy and daddy for a new pair of No Sweats and a motorized scooter when times are tough. Sorry, the rest of us have to work for a living!

**Masudur:** Just because I live with my parents to save money doesn't mean that I don't have a job — in fact, I have two. I think it's great that OU is mostly a commuter school. It makes for an easier transition for high school students and makes it a little bit easier for them to resist some of the temptations in college. Also, it allows students to save some money in this troubling economy and lets students wanting to invest in their future spend their limited funds on their education rather than a crazy, four-year-long booze party.

**Tim:** Masudur, you've just exposed the crux of the problem. College is meant to be complicated and crazy. The more convenient you make it now, the less memorable it will be in the long run. Commuting may be easier and save on cash, but it takes away from the traditional college experience that we need at our age, and will need when we're older for some memories to fall back on.

### In conclusion:

Although the debate certainly won't end there, the best solution appears to be either trying to improve the situation that we're in, or simply enjoying it for all it's worth. Although some among us feel like they're stuck here at OU, nobody has to be.

The choices that we made led us here, and whether or not we're proud to be Golden Grizzlies, the choices that we make while we are at OU will determine how the remaining years on campus will unfold.

Whether those years are filled with whiny complaining or with lasting memories will be mostly up to us.

# Going after my Olympic dream

By JARED PURCELL  
You/Local Editor

Whatever the reason, the Olympics are truly inspirational — so much so that I decided to become an Olympian. Yes, London 2012, get ready for the next great Olympian: Jared Purcell of the United States of America.

Laugh all you want, but out of the 175 different events that a male could participate in at the Beijing Summer Olympics (165 male, 10 intramural), there has to be something that I can do in '12, right?

As a track and field runner in high school, I know that I'm not good enough to qualify in any of those events — even if I dope for four years. With 151 events to choose from, I technically have an awesome chance of breaking Michael Phelps' record of eight gold medals in a single Olympics.

Speaking of Phelps — who I consider "The Dark Knight" of the Olympics (both managed to live up to incredible hype) — I turn my attention to swimming. Cincinnati Bengals wide-receiver Chad Johnson said he and people he knows from his hometown could beat Phelps in the pool. Why should I be any different?

I was excited to find out that freestyle

swimming means that you can swim in any fashion that you want. My excitement quickly faded once I found out that the doggy paddle isn't up to par with qualifying times and snorkeling isn't sanctioned by the Olympics. So, I decided to try something else.

Diving? Cannon balls and belly flops are not scoring techniques.

Water polo? I only tread water as a way to counteract drowning. Polo would be too much multitasking.

How about synchronized swimming? My buds laughed at me when I said I wanted to get a team together because it's a women's only event.

Alright, enough of the water stuff. There are still 129 events to choose from.

Even though it looks hard, I decided to give gymnastics a shot. If the alleged 12-year-old Chinese girls' team can do it, why can't a 21-year-old man do it? My first attempt was a cartwheel and let's just say that I'm going to try something else before I lose too much dignity.

In track cycling, I'm pretty sure I would fall over on the banked corners. Road cycling, I hate biking up inclines. Mountain biking, I hate biking mountains. And don't get me started on BMX. It's more disorienting than a roller

coaster.

I'm starting to get frustrated. Surely there has to be something left that I can do.

Baseball? I have a hard enough time in my slow-pitch softball league.

Softball? Once again, I'm in a slow-pitch softball league.

Basketball? I'm the air-ball champion. Table tennis? I like to call it "ping pong." Beer pong is about as good as I get in that realm.

Equestrian. Wait, equestrian? They allow horses to win medals these days? Interesting.

At 136 pounds, weightlifting and wrestling are out of the question for me. The only thing more disgraceful than attempting those events would be watching the Spanish basketball team offend the Chinese by slanting their eyes in a promotional picture. Thank you, Spanish ballers, for setting the standard in that category.

By this time, I've lost count of events I have left.

I've seen fencing in person and there is no way I'm going to swing a saber at another person if they have one too. It can get pretty nasty.

I'll do canoeing if I'm allowed to stop

along the way and barbecue.

Judo? Wasn't that a bad movie with dumb phrases and something about a pregnant teenager? Like, honest to blog, I'm so totally sure it was, homeskillet. I'm totally boss.

Well, maybe I'm not totally boss. I find myself looking at a huge list of Olympic events that I can't do. Only one thing left to do: petition a new event!

I found that the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF), a France-based foosball organization, is trying to get foosball recognized as an Olympic sport. For once, the French have inspired me to take action!

I have a dart board in my basement and practice on occasion. So, I enthusiastically grabbed a few of the metal-tipped missiles and started hurling them towards the board. My third throw didn't hit the board — or the wall. It hit the ceiling. Enough of that.

After many other follies and disappointments, I decided to pack it in. Game over. I couldn't be more disappointed in myself. My Olympic dream is over, or is it?

I can't forget the Winter Olympics. I'll be seeing you all in Vancouver in 2010. I'll be on the podium. I've always thought ski jumping would be cool.

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## Georgia to sever diplomatic ties with Russia

By **MISHA DZHINDZHIKHASHVILI**  
Associated Press Writer

**TBILISI, Georgia (AP)** — Georgia said Friday it will sever diplomatic ties with Moscow to protest the presence of Russian troops on its territory. Russia criticized the move, pinning blame for a breakdown in relations on Tbilisi.

Georgia's remaining diplomats in Russia will leave Moscow on Saturday, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Nato Chikovani said.

Lawmakers had voted unanimously late Thursday to break off ties with Russia, branding it an "aggressor country" in their conflict over two Russian-backed separatist regions in Georgia.

Russia criticized the decision. "Breaking off diplomatic relations with Tbilisi is not Moscow's choice, and the responsibility lies with Tbilisi," the

ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko as saying.

Russia will have to close its embassy in Georgia if ties are severed, the RIA-Novosti agency quoted an unnamed ministry official as saying. However, both nations' consulates will remain open — important for the many Georgian citizens living in Russia.

Adding to the tension, a lawmaker in South Ossetia said that Russia intends to eventually absorb the breakaway province at the center of the war that broke out Aug. 7 when Georgia sent troops into South Ossetia to wrest back control from separatists, prompting Russia to send in hundreds of tanks and troops.

The five days of warfare ruined already frayed Georgian-Russian ties and caused the biggest crisis in Moscow's

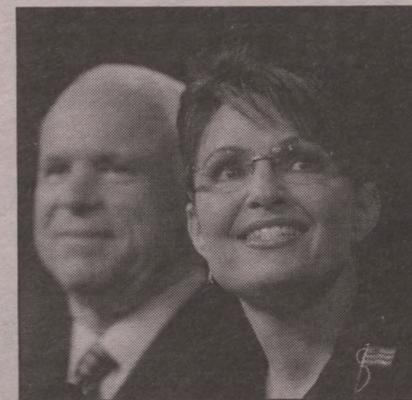
relations with the West since the 1991 Soviet collapse.

Russia blasted Tbilisi's military offensive as blind aggression, saying the move deprived Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili of the moral authority to defend Georgia's territorial integrity.

Georgia and the West in turn criticized Russia for pressing further into Georgia proper and for ignoring a cease-fire brokered by the European Union. EU leaders are meeting Monday in Brussels to discuss the crisis.

This week, Moscow announced that it will recognize South Ossetia and Abkhazia, another separatist Georgian region with strong ties to Russia, as independent.

A Georgian lawmaker said his country will eventually regain control of South Ossetia and another rebel region, Abkhazia.



**STEPHAN SAVOIA/Associated Press**  
Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain, introduced his Vice Presidential running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, in Dayton, Ohio, Friday, Aug. 29.

## McCain chooses Alaska Gov. Palin as running mate

By **LIZ SIDOTI**  
Associated Press Writer

**DAYTON, Ohio (AP)** — John McCain picked Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, a maverick conservative with less than two years in office, as his vice presidential running mate Friday in a startling choice as the Republican National Convention drew near.

At a raucous rally in Ohio, McCain introduced Palin as the political partner "who can best help me shake up Washington and make it start working again for the people who are counting on us."

Palin has built her political career in large measure by taking on fellow Republicans.

In a fast-developing presidential campaign, McCain made his selection six days after his Democratic rival, Barack Obama, named Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, as his running mate.

McCain trails Obama in the polls among women voters, and Palin moved quickly to remedy that.

Palin has a strong anti-abortion record, and her selection was praised warmly by social conservatives whose support McCain needs to prevail in the campaign for the White House.

With his pick, McCain passed over more prominent contenders like Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, as well as others such as former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, whose support for abortion rights might have sparked unrest at the convention that opens Monday in St. Paul, Minn.

Palin had been in the running-mate field but as a distinct long shot.

At 44, she is younger than two of McCain's seven children.

### NIW BRIEFS

**8-25** | Israel releases 199 Palestinian prisoners to the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as a "goodwill gesture."

**8-27** | Thousands of protesters storm the Thai government buildings, including the Prime Minister's office, demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Samak Sundarave. | One day after a Sudanese plane is hijacked after take off and flown to Libya, all 100 passengers are set free. However, the flight crew were not released. | The Dalai Lama cancels two planned international visits to Mexico and the Dominican Republic to undergo medical tests due to exhaustion.

**8-29** | Radovan Karadžić, the former Bosnian Serb leader, refuses to enter pleas to charges including genocide and crimes against humanity at the International Criminal Court at the Hague. He formally pleads not guilty on 11 counts.

### Democratic Convention comes to close



**CHARLES DHARAPAK/Associated Press**  
Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., and wife, Jill, left, wave to the crowd with presidential nominee, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., his wife, Michelle on the last day of the Democratic National Convention at Invesco Field in Denver, Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008.

## Gustav threatens Caymans, possibly Gulf Coast

By **HOWARD CAMPBELL**  
Associated Press Writer

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Deadly Gustav drenched Jamaica and menaced the Cayman Islands on Friday, and on the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, forecasters said for the first time there's a better-than-even chance that New Orleans will get slammed by tropical storm-force winds.

Gustav ripped off roofs, downed power lines and pounded rain into Jamaica, triggering landslides and flooding and four deaths. That raised Gustav's overall toll to 71 lives after earlier deaths in

Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Forecasters said Gustav — still a tropical storm Friday morning as it moved off Jamaica — will likely grow into a major hurricane over deep, warm Gulf of Mexico waters this weekend, and that the center of the storm could reach the U.S. Gulf Coast on Tuesday.

The chances of New Orleans seeing winds of 39 mph or more within five days was between 50 percent and 60 percent, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said, warning that weather models "diverge tremendously over the northern Gulf" and that the most destructive winds could strike almost anywhere

along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said that victims of Katrina still living in 2,700 emergency trailers and 2,800 cottages along his state's coast should begin evacuating Sunday.

"The hurricane center said the storm was centered 125 miles (200 kilometers) east-southeast of Grand Cayman and moving over open water toward the west-northwest near 11 mph (19 kph).

With top sustained winds near 70 mph and higher gusts, Gustav could strengthen back into a hurricane before slamming into Grand Cayman and the western tip of Cuba, forecasters said.



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(Model T Plaza)  
313-869-7392

**300 Renaissance Center**  
(level 1 between  
towers 200 & 300)  
313-567-4055

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
31011 Orchard Lake Rd.  
(southwest corner of Orchard  
Lake Rd. & 14 Mile Rd.)  
248-538-9900

**FENTON**  
17245 Silver Pkwy.  
(in the Sears Plaza)  
810-629-2733

**FT. GRATIOT**  
4129 24th Ave.  
810-385-1231

**LAKE ORION**  
2531 S. Lapeer Rd.  
(Orion Mall 2 miles  
north of the Palace)  
248-393-6800

**LIVONIA**  
29523 Plymouth Rd.  
(at Middlebelt)  
734-513-9077

**MONROE**  
2161 Mall Rd.  
(in front of Kohl's)  
734-241-4099

**NORTHVILLE**  
Three Generations Plaza  
20580 Haggerty Rd.  
734-779-0148

**NOVI**  
3025 12 Mile Rd.  
(Twelve Oaks Service Dr.  
north of Sears)  
248-305-6600

**PONTIAC/WATERFORD**  
454 Telegraph Rd.  
(across from Summit  
Place Mall)  
248-335-9900

**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
3035 S. Rochester Rd.  
(at Auburn Rd.)  
248-853-0550

**ROYAL OAK**  
31941 Woodward Ave.  
(at Normandy)  
248-549-4177

**ST. CLAIR SHORES**  
26401 Harper Ave.  
(at 10 1/2 Mile)  
586-777-4010

**SOUTHFIELD**  
28117 Telegraph Rd.  
(south of 12 Mile Rd.)  
248-358-3700

**STERLING HEIGHTS**  
45111 Park Ave.  
(M-59 & M-53,  
Utica Park Plaza)  
586-997-6500

Lakeside Mall  
(lower level, Sears court)

**TAYLOR**  
23495 Eureka Rd.  
(across from  
Southland Mall)  
734-287-1770

**TROY**  
1913 E. Big Beaver Rd.  
(Troy Sports Center)  
248-526-0040

Oakland Mall  
(inside main entrance,  
next to food court)

**WARREN**  
5745 Twelve Mile Rd.,  
Heritage Village  
586-578-0955

**WESTLAND**  
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