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## 2004 WOCOU a roaring success

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"It's a great way to kick off the athletic events for the year, and it's OU's own unique and fun version of homecoming week," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities. "The OU spirit was flowing through campus."

New events, such as a sheet contest where students marched through the Oakland Center showing off their decorated sheets and friendly messages in the competition, went over well.

"Considering it was a first-time event, the entries to the sheet contest were fantastic," Miller said.

The Muslim Student Association came in first place, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority came in second and the Graduate Students Physical Therapy Association came in third.

The cold, rain and wind forced the "Rock the Roof" party indoors, but it didn't squelch the enthusiasm of the students.

"The support was great, even though we moved the event inside and called it 'Rock the OC,'" Miller said. "We had a couple hundred people and four bands."

There also was a tremendous response to the art exhibit.

"Students brought their own artwork, and we had a great variety of very professional looking artwork," Miller said.

This year, OU students, faculty and staff raised \$700 to send to the hurricane victims of Florida, the Bahamas and Haiti.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, a class ring, featuring a diamond, was raffled. The lucky winner was senior William Mullas.

The week ended with Midnight Madnezz on Oct. 15.

"It was packed," Miller said. "Both of the basketball coaches came out on motorcycles in the O'Rena with leather jackets on. When they came out to introduced the teams, they were all in glow sticks and glow balls."

WOCOU was sponsored by the Association of Black Students, Athletics Department, Center for Multicultural Initiatives, Center for Student Activities, Dean of Students Office, Future Alumni Network, Meadow Brook Hall, OU Branch of the MSU Federal Credit Union, Oakland University Student Congress, Residence Halls Council, Residence Halls Programming, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Student Program Board.

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