

The Oakland Post

March 5, 2003

www.oakpostonline.com

25 cents

MIP numbers rise

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The number of arrests on campus for liquor law violations has increased by 100 percent from 1999 to 2001, according to OU Police Department's Crime Statistics.

While Lt. Mel Gilroy of OUPD said liquor law violations could include providing alcohol to minors or drunk driving, most of them represent minors in possession.

From 1999-2000, the number of tickets issued on campus in the residence halls for liquor law violations increased by 400 percent from 12 in 1999 to 60 in 2000. In 2001, the number decreased by 73 percent to 16 and by 60 percent campus-wide, going

from 60 to 24 violations.

Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing, said she believes the increase in the number of MIPs issued is related to OU's zero tolerance policy when it comes to underage drinking.

Gilroy said the zero tolerance policy could be part of the increase, but something happened more recently to make these numbers change so drastically. He said that three years ago, the state law regarding minors in possession was changed. He said prior to the change, MIPs covered physical possession of alcohol only.

Now, according to Gilroy, the law allows police to give minors a preliminary breathalyzer test. If the blood alcohol level is .02 or above, the minor

is considered in possession and ticketed.

"You are possessing it, even if it's in your body," Gilroy said.

Before this change in the law, even if the police suspected a student was intoxicated



Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post
OU and national statistics show that underage drinking is on the rise.

Please see MIP on A7

Winter enrollment breaks record

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With 15,236 students currently enrolled, this year's winter enrollment is the highest in OU's history. The increase was expected, due to the high fall enrollment.

According to Laura Schartman, director of Institutional Research, winter enrollment is always down from fall enrollment. Some students leave after their first semester, others graduate.

"You don't have the big pool of new students coming in the winter that you have in the fall," Schartman said.

Even transfer numbers are down during winter semesters, she said.

"If you have a higher enrollment in the

fall you'll have a higher enrollment in the winter," Schartman said. "It would be very rare that fall went up and winter went down."

But Schartman said this pattern of a falling winter enrollment is mirrored by other universities.

According to Tom Oswald of MSU University Relations, MSU's fall enrollment of 44,937 fell to 42,761 in the winter, much like OU's.

While the university does take the decrease in students into account, there is little it can actually do about it. When considering how this student decrease is spread across all the schools within OU, Schartman says there just isn't enough of

Please see ENROLLMENT on A7

Speaking out

Former congressman and candidate for governor David Bonior speaks to a crowd of students in the OC's Fireside Lounge yesterday.



Marek Olech/
The Oakland Post

BOT lawyer threatens to sue Post for OMA coverage

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

An attorney for OU's Board of Trustees has threatened to sue the campus newspaper over its coverage of a secret meeting.

Victor Zambardi, OU's general counsel and the secretary to the Board of Trustees, sent a letter last week to *The Oakland Post's* non-profit corporate owner, The Oakland Sail, Inc., threatening the defamation lawsuit.

Zambardi's letter, along with the Sail Board's response, is printed in its entirety on page A6.

The Post has published in recent weeks five stories about a closed meeting the OU Board held Jan. 15.

Zambardi's letter states that the BOT is not subject

to the Open Meetings Act.

The letter goes on to say that if the *Post* "publishes another article stating or implying that the Board has violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act, or files another false complaint, I will recommend the immediate commencement of legal proceedings against the Oakland Sail as a corporate entity, and against those individuals responsible, personally."

Bruce Mann, president of The Oakland Sail, Inc., said, "I was shocked by the bullying tone of Mr. Zambardi's letter. That is not how we do things around here."

"I stand firmly behind *The Post's* right to raise questions about any aspect of the university," Mann said. "That's its job."

Herschel Fink, *The Post's*

attorney who is a First Amendment specialist and who represents news organizations around the state, said, "Mr. Zambardi's letter is outrageous in its threat of a defamation action against a newspaper and its publisher. It is constitutionally questionable where a public body is capable of being defamed or can file a lawsuit. Under the First Amendment, I don't think that's possible."

Mann, who is also chair of the English Department, said he doesn't understand why OU is so upset about the petition that *The Post* has been circulating.

Zambardi wrote the petition implies the Board was violating the OMA.

The petition, which has been signed by more than 1,100 students, faculty and

staff, asks the BOT to reaffirm its commitment to openness.

The petition states, "We, the undersigned members of the Oakland University community, petition the board to hold both its formal and informal sessions in public, open to the university community, except where closure would be permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act."

The OU Senate and Student Congress passed resolutions urging the BOT to reaffirm its commitment to openness under the Open Meetings Act.

Post editors will deliver the signed petitions to the BOT at its meeting at 2 p.m. today in the Elliott Hall Auditorium.

- Derrick Sobodash,
Assistant News Editor

Board seeks student liaisons

A position for student liaison to the Board of Trustees is opening at the end of the semester.

Liaisons attend formal, public sessions of the BOT and make periodic reports of BOT activities to student groups.

Any OU student can apply for the position if they meet the qualifications. The stu-

dent must be in good academic standing with a minimum of 56 credits, 28 of which must be from OU.

The student must also agree not to hold any other leadership positions and have a record of service to the campus or community.

"Most of the time you just act as a go-between between the students and the Board

of Trustees," liaison David Jewell said.

Jewell said during his term, he gained insight on how the Board works.

"A lot of students think there's kind of an 'us versus them' mentality and that the Board doesn't know what's going on at the school because they don't go here, they just run the place, and

that they're kind of out of touch," Jewell said.

The deadline for applications is March 31.

For more information, call the Office of Student Affairs at (248) 370-4200.

- Derrick Sobodash,
Assistant News Editor

Fighting hunger

Students can enjoy a break from the long lunch lines at the food court and help raise money for a homeless shelter during next week's Empty Bowls fundraiser.

The event, which is sponsored by the service organizations Circle K, AmeriCorps and REACH, will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. March 11 in Gold Rooms B and C in the Oakland Center.

For a minimum \$5 donation, students, faculty and staff can enjoy a bowl of broccoli cheese, chicken noodle or garden vegetable soup and bread. All proceeds will be given to the Coalition on Temporary Shelter in Detroit.

"I think it would be a great opportunity for students to get involved, even in a small way," said AmeriCorps Program Director Carol Anne Ketelsen.

This is the first time an Empty Bowls fundraiser has been held on OU's campus. AmeriCorps held a similar drive in Pontiac last fall, and Ketelsen said it was very successful and raised more than \$1,800 for Grace Centers of Hope.

Circle K President Heather Gruszczynski, senior, said the donation amount was set at \$5 because she wanted students to be able to afford to attend.

- Ann Zaniewski, Editor In Chief

Senate eyes bottle deposit proposal

Lawmakers host public hearing at OU

DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The decades old issue of what to do with Michigan's waste problem was addressed at a public hearing of the Senate Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force on OU's campus Monday night.

Supporters on all sides turned out to voice their opinions and solicit support for their causes — among them the Michigan Recycling Partnership, representatives of the Don't Trash Michigan Campaign and the Sierra Club.

The meeting was one of nine across the state and the only one in south-east Michigan.

Currently, Michigan's primary recycling program is the state's Beverage Container Law, better known as the "bottle bill," which began as a citizen's initiative in 1976. The bottle bill initiated the 10 cent deposit on cans and bottles to boost recycling in

Michigan.

While curbside pick-up, another form of recycling, is available, it currently accounts for little of Michigan recycling.

Michigan currently ranks in the bottom half of all states in recycling, according to a press release by Senator Cameron Brown.

Groups like the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor are seeking an amended bottle bill that would include juice, water and other non-carbonated beverage containers.

"When the bottle bill was originally passed, the bottles that were being used were glass," said Sam Washington, speaking for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, an organization in the middle-ground of this argument.

Washington said the original plan was to have the bottles cleaned and re-used.

Please see HEARING on A7



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

The Senate Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force meet in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center Monday.

IN THIS ISSUE ...

Campus Life	B4, B5	Letters	A6
Campus News	A3	Local News	A5
Comic	B7	Low Down	B7
Crime Watch	A3	Perspectives	A6
Crossword	B7	Sports	B1, B3

IN CAMPUS NEWS ...

The Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives event showcases people who have overcome obstacles to achieve success.

A3

IN SPORTS ...

The women's swimming and diving teams defend the NIC championship title.

B1

IN LIFE ...

Women's History Month kicks off Friday with an opening ceremony in Fireside Lounge.

B5

The 5-minute Auto Loan.*



It's quick, easy and just in time for Spring! Check out these great Auto Loan rates at your Credit Union.

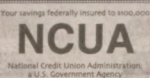


NEW OR USED
5.45%
APR UP TO 36-MONTHS
5.75%
APR UP TO 48-MONTHS
6.00%
APR UP TO 60-MONTHS

Call Today for your 5-minute Auto Loan!
(248) 364-4708
800-MSU-4-YOU
or apply online
www.msufcu.org



3265 Five Points Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326



Federally insured
by the NCUA

* Must be a Credit Union member and have a previous credit history with us to have loan approval in 5 minutes.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno **was afraid of getting eaten alive.** So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

Log on for ideas, advice, and results. TIAA-CREF.org or call (800) 842-2776

TIAA CREF
Managing money for people
with other things to think about.

RETIREMENT | INSURANCE | MUTUAL FUNDS | COLLEGE SAVINGS | TRUSTS | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Paul Sereno became a participant in 1987, TIAA-CREF Individual and Institutional Services, Inc., and Teachers Personal Investors Services, Inc., distribute securities products. © 2002 Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), New York, NY. For more complete information on TIAA-CREF Mutual Funds, please call (800) 223-1200 for a prospectus. Read it carefully before you invest. A charitable donation was made to Project Exploration (www.projectexploration.org) on behalf of Paul Sereno.

Oakland University Presents:
The 2002-2003 Student Life Lecture Series

Barbara Ehrenreich

Social Commentator, Author and Journalist



"NICKEL AND DIMED: Down and Out in America"

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Noon at Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

This lecture is free. Tickets are required and are available at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

Presented with the support of OU Students, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs and Provost, Student Program Board, and University Student Congress. Special recognition goes to the Oakland University Library, The Honors College, Department of Women's Studies, The Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the College of Arts and Sciences for their assistance to this lecture.

For additional information, call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400, or visit Oakland University's web site at www.oakland.edu. Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University, one mile east of I-75, off Exit 79 (University Drive).

Women's History Month @ Oakland University ♀ March 7 - April 13, 2003

"OUr Bodies, OUrselves"

Friday, March 7

Women's History Month Opening Celebration
Introductory Remarks by Dr. Vinnder Moudgil, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Noon-1:00 p.m. -- Fireside Lounge, OC
Sponsored by Women's Issues Forum & Women's Studies

Friday Night Live: Comedian Megan Mooney
7:00 p.m. -- Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall
Sponsored by Residence Hall Programming

Saturday, March 8

Celebrate **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Tuesday, March 11

Unveiling Women in Islam, Part II
Noon-1:00 p.m. -- Fireside Lounge, OC
Sponsored by Honors College, Muslim Students Association & Women's Studies

Wednesday, March 12

Women's Resources & Career Opportunities Fair
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -- Fireside Lounge, OC
Sponsored by Women's Studies

Thursday, March 13

"Love Your Body" Day
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -- Fireside Lounge, OC
Sponsored by Women's Issues Forum

Presentation on "Respect Yourself. Respect Others. Club Drugs Don't."
Richard Isaacson, Special Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), US Department of Justice
Noon-1:00 p.m. -- Fireside Lounge, OC
Sponsored by Oakland University Police Department

Reality OU: Real-Life Experiences about Eating Disorders
7:00 p.m. -- Lake Superior Room A, OC
Sponsored by Graham Health Center, OU Counseling Center & Women's Issues Forum

Monday, March 17

Mini-Conference on Women, Economics, Equality and Justice: A Symposium to Honor Barbara Ehrenreich
Noon-1:00 p.m. -- Heritage Room, OC
Sponsored by Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Honors College & Women's Studies

Tuesday, March 18

President's Colloquium: "HIV and the Aging African American" by Frances Jackson, Associate Professor of Nursing
Noon-1:00 p.m. -- Gold Rooms, OC (RSVP)

Wednesday, March 19

11th Annual Phyllis Law Gogasian Award Luncheon
Honoring Dr. Fatma Mili, Associate Professor of Engineering
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. -- Gold Rooms, OC (RSVP/Cost)
Sponsored by The American Council on Education Network for Women Leaders

OU Women's History Month Committee: Sarah Buckland, Women's Issues Forum, Sara Crampton, Center for Student Activities, Nan Gelman, Oakland University Police Department, Jacque Hoagland, Women's Issues Forum, Rosemary Hughes, Women's Studies, Jean Ann Miller, Center for Student Activities, Kathy Pecha, Graham Health Center, Jo Reger, Department of Sociology & Anthropology/Women's Studies, Suzanne Spencer-Wood, Department of Sociology & Anthropology/Women's Studies, Sumeera Younis, Muslim Students Association

Thursday, March 20

Student Life Lecture Board Presents
Barbara Ehrenreich speaking on "Nickel and Dimed: Down and Out in America"
Noon -- Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall
Lecture is free, however tickets are required and available at the CSA Service Window, 49 OC
Co-Sponsored by College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Honors College, Kresge Library & Woman's Studies

Wednesday, March 26

Women's Studies Celebration
Noon-2:00 p.m. -- Lake Superior Room B, OC
Sponsored by Women's Studies

Friday, March 28

"Collaborative Knowledge Networks" by Dr. Peter A. Gloor, Center for Coordination Science, MIT Sloan School of Management, and Center for Digital Strategies, Tufts Business School, Dartmouth College
11:00 a.m.-Noon -- 235 Elliott Hall
Sponsored by Applied Technology in Business, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, School of Engineering and Computer Science, Women in Engineering & Women's Studies

Wednesday, April 2

"That Women's Show" for all generations of women
Noon-1:00 p.m. -- Fireside Lounge, OC
Sponsored by Center for Student Activities & Women's Issues Forum

Wednesday, April 9

"Take Back the Night" Rally, March, Speak Out, and Candlelight Vigil
6:30 p.m. -- Steps of Kresge Library
Sponsored by HAVEN & Oakland University

"Take Back the Night" Information Table on
Wednesday, April 2, Thursday, April 3, Monday, April 7, and Tuesday, April 8, in the Oakland Center.
Sponsored by HAVEN & Social Work Club

Friday, April 11-Sunday, April 13 The Vagina Monologues

7:00 p.m. - Friday and Saturday -- 201 Dodge Hall (Cost)
3:00 p.m. - Sunday -- 201 Dodge Hall (Cost)
Sponsored by Women's Issues Forum

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Month of March -- Clothes Drive in the Oakland Center
Sponsored by Women's Issues Forum
April 2, 3, 7 & 8 -- Used Cell Phones Drive at the "Take Back the Night" Information Table in the Oakland Center
Sponsored by Social Work Club

Did you know . . .

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

A Celebration of the Diverseness of Women



Women's History Month @ Oakland University
March 7 - April 13, 2003

Cooley Law extends OU offerings

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

OU will be adding a new area of study to its undergraduate program this summer — a school of law. In collaboration with Cooley Law School, OU will be offering the first two years of Cooley's standard part-time 36-month curriculum, according to Cooley's Dean of Students and President Don LeDuc. He said a night session of these courses will be available as early as May.

"We think of OU as the best school for the partnership," LeDuc said. "We've discussed it with other universities, but none have the depth of Oakland."

LeDuc said the agreement provides the opportunity to have their program on the campus of a major university.

"This will put us in contact with a large faculty, and we will be able to reach more undergraduate students," LeDuc said. "OU is a good place, and demographically, it's very strong."

He said he feels this will be beneficial for OU.

"It's really an advantage of having a law school on campus without having to start it yourself," LeDuc said. "All universities would like to have a good law school, and OU gets all of the benefits with none of the costs."

In addition to gaining a new program, Cooley will contribute funding toward any needed building renovations at OU, and a percentage of the tuition paid by Cooley students will go to OU's academic budget.

All courses will be taught by Cooley faculty, and OU will be provided with a complete core collection library equipped with full-time professional law librarians open to all students and staff.

"I think it's a good idea," said John Gamble, sophomore. "OU doesn't have anything for students interested in studying law. This would help students see if they're interested in going into law, and give them some type of direction as to whether they want to continue studying it."

"Oakland University's partnership with Cooley Law School offers a number of benefits to students including opportunities for our students to pursue a professional degree right here on our campus," said Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and provost. He said OU Senate is exploring the possibility of having a joint master's program.

Cooley Law student Tim Flintoff, junior, agreed with Gamble.

"OU has a good reputation and so does Cooley," Flintoff said. "Combining the two schools will provide a better opportunity for students to receive an education in law who may not be able to travel to Lansing."

This does not mean students will be able to get a law degree without attending Cooley.

"The program at Oakland will only cover the first two years of the degree requirements, but eventually OU may provide the entire program," said LeDuc.

OU and Cooley will be hosting an open house from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 in Gold Rooms A and B in the Oakland Center.

Overcoming odds

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Golden Key Honour Society is showcasing students and leaders who have overcome obstacles in their lives to succeed in order to show others they aren't alone.

The Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives event will take place from 10 - 11 a.m. March 12, in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center.

Emily Fulton, senior and president of Golden Key, organized this event as part of her healing process.

Fulton's mother, Martha Gail Fulton, was a victim of a murder in 1999. She was killed by hitmen hired by the woman with whom her father had an affair. The woman was trying to stop Fulton's father and mother from reconciling, according to Court TV's website records at www.courtstv.com.

Fulton decided students and future students need to hear stories like these.

"We're all going to talk about adversities and obstacles in our lives we've had to overcome," Fulton said.

She said the event will feature a few different speakers. Mary Beth Snyder, vice-president of Academic Affairs, will be making the opening speech.

Lenny Compton, junior, who was recently recognized

by President George Bush for his volunteer work through AmeriCorps and invited to the State of the Union Address in Washington D.C., will also be speaking.

Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne will also be making a presentation about his rise to mayor of Pontiac.

The speeches will be followed by a 10 minute question-and-answer session.

Golden Key invited 60 stu-

dents from Pontiac Northern High School leaving room for 40 OU students, faculty and staff.

According to Fulton, after the question-and-answer session there will be break out groups for the 60 Pontiac Northern students. Gloria Sosa, director of the Office of Equity, will be speaking to the students about mentoring and making success hap-

Please see LIVES on A7

New carpet for Kresge

By RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Visitors to Kresge Library this past week have probably noticed the building has recently acquired that 'new car smell.'

Carpeting on all four floors has been replaced as a part of a warranty agreement on the flooring that was installed during the summer of 2000.

According to Brenda Pierce, business manager for Kresge Library, the top layer on the previous carpet began peeling back, leaving no way to repair it.

"The reference area was extremely bad," said Pierce, pointing out chairs at the computer desks were one of the bigger culprits in the carpet damage.

"The carpet installed in the summer of 2000 was a new product, 'Solenium,' said Pierce. "It was supposed to be more stain resistant and durable than normal commercial carpet tile products."

"This time we are not using an untested product, but one that has been successfully proven to be durable at other locations with similar traffic conditions."

Interface Inc., the company which installed the original carpet, began replacing the carpeting before Thanksgiving and, after taking a break between Christmas and New Year's,

completed the project this past Thursday.

"I'm totally impressed," said Pierce. "I was expecting the University to have to put up a tremendous fight, but we did not have to fight at all. The company just came in and took care of it."

In October 1999, the OU Board of Trustees approved the carpeting replacement at a cost that was not to exceed \$875,000.

The last time that the carpeting was replaced before that was in 1989 when the new wings were added to Kresge Library.

In spite of signs posted in the library notifying students of where and when renovations were scheduled to take place, Pierce said she was impressed with the student's resolve during the reflooring.

According to Pierce, people would be studying at the end of an aisle where they were replacing the carpet. She offered to help them find a quieter place to study, but said that they would decline her offer and go right back to their books.

"As Interface just had to foot the bill for this replacement, I am sure they made sure we have a high grade of carpet," said Pierce.

"They would not want to pay for replacement again."



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

The library carpet is being replaced after just two years. It was replaced under warranty because it wore out quickly.

Swapping files

By TRACY ESTES
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students who trade music online are stealing that music and breaking the law.

Theresa Rowe, director of Information Systems in the Office of Information Technology said, "Providing Internet services obligates Oakland University to know who is using our network and how they are using it."

"The motion picture industry and the music industry monitor for illegal file sharing, and they periodically notify OU that material is being shared in violation of copyright. We are required to track down the source and to stop activity," said Rowe.

Since the groundbreaking lawsuit filed against Internet music provider Napster, Inc. in 2000, by heavy-metal band Metallica, file sharing has become a more sensitive and controversial subject among people all across the world.

"The problem is not Napster or WIN MX or downloading at all. The problem is the kid who comes in my store Tuesday, buys a CD, then turns around and burns it and sells 10 copies at school for \$5," said Bill O'Keefe of Rock-A-Billy's record store in Utica.

"Previewing music on the

Internet is a good sales tool, and when people give up on buying altogether, and download entire albums, that's when the problems start," he said.

Many students said they do not feel that downloading music is wrong. Since CD prices have risen, some students refuse to buy CD's.

Some students are aware that there is no way to stop file sharing as of yet. For this reason, they continue to download.

Michael Ott, post-bachelor English major, said that he would try to download because it is free.

Students' opinions differ about the consequences that could occur if caught downloading.

Dave Michael, senior, said, "If they could stop downloading, it would all depend on the consequences and how many people still did it, for me to keep on or stop file-sharing."

There have been acts implemented to track down and monitor individuals who break copyright laws, such as the Digital Millennium

Copyright Act.

OU's website has the DMCA available for visitors to view at the bottom of its home page.

The statement reads, "If you believe information residing on an Oakland University system or network is an unlawful use of your copyrighted material, please notify us."

According to Rowe, the problem with going against the system is it could directly affect student's tuition and use of the server due to the use of bandwidth that music and movie file sharing uses.

Rowe said, "Because we receive state funds, we are strongly obligated to make sure that we spend those funds consistently with the educational and research mission of the University, and that would imply that we comply with applicable local, state and federal laws, including copyright."

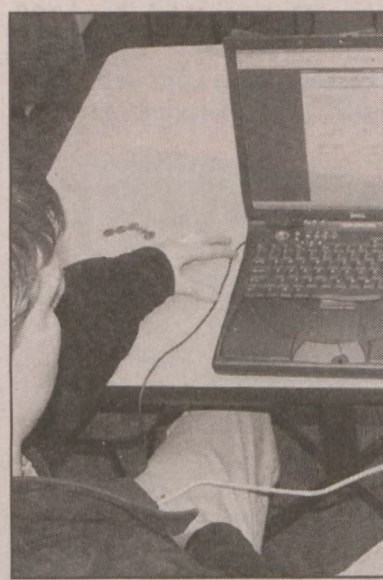
She said people tend to think the Internet is free.

"OU must purchase Internet access, and the fees charged are based in part on the amount of traffic," said Rowe.

"In order to make sure that OU keeps Internet costs under control

"We are required to track down the source and to stop activity."

Theresa Rowe
Director
Information Technology



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Downloading music is popular thing students who use the campus Internet connection.

and to make sure we do not have to raise tuition to provide Internet services, we have to limit the amount of this type of file sharing," Rowe said.

There are ways available to download and share files without breaking any laws or copyrights.

Scott Guy, a representative for Universal Records Music and Video, the company that handles Def Jam, Island, Roadrunner and Lost Highway labels, said Def Jam has given downloaders an opportunity on web site Liquid Audio to buy specific tracks for \$1 per song.

"So far, specific tracks from

Please see MUSIC on A7

Graduation countdown

By VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

Students planning on graduating at the end of this semester just missed the Feb. 14 deadline to submit their application.

"Students who missed the deadline will have to apply for graduation in the next available term," said Registrar Steve Shablin.

These students will have to act quickly since the deadline for the Spring Session applications is Friday.

In order to graduate, OU students are required to file a \$30 Application for Degree. Winter Semester applications are due on the second Friday in February. Spring Session applications are due on the first Friday in March. Summer Session is due the second Friday in July. Fall Semester is due the second Friday in October.

The forms are available online at www2.oakland.edu/registrar/graduation.cfm and can also be obtained in the Academic Records Office, 102 O'Dowd Hall, or in the Cashier's Office, 120 North Foundation Hall.

The non-refundable fee is payable by check or credit card. It can also be charged to the student's account.

For prospective graduates not to be delayed, Shablin recommends scheduling an appointment with an adviser at least one term before the anticipated graduation date to ensure that all degree requirements have been completed or are close to completion.

"All this information about graduation should be made more visible to the students, but at the same time, we should be old enough to go and get it by ourselves," said senior Elizabeth Pellerito.

Crime Watch

•A student's hubcaps were stolen from his black, 1995 Cadillac 4-door, between 1 and 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in the North Foundation parking lot. The student last checked on his car at 1 p.m. and found nothing missing. When he returned at 4:30 p.m. he found all his hubcaps had been

removed.

•An OUPD officer allegedly found a 21-year-old non-student rolling marijuana cigarettes in his car around 11:15 a.m. Feb. 21 in the OUPD parking lot. The officer had the man to step out of the vehicle and took the cigarette. The cigarette allegedly

field-tested positive as marijuana. The man was then arrested. The officer searched the car and allegedly found more marijuana in the glove compartment. He was taken to the station for processing and released. The marijuana was stored in an evidence locker.

•The police discovered a red Grand Prix at 4:05 a.m. Feb. 25 next to the "Saints and Sinners" fountain in front of Kresge Library. When the officer approached the vehicle he found the driver in his seat with blood on the jacket, shirt, and the interior of the vehicle. The driver

allegedly told the police it was his birthday and he had been at the Hamlin Pub. He decided to park in OU since he was too drunk to drive home. An ambulance was called and the driver was treated for a cut on his hand. The officer reportedly administered a sobriety test, then took

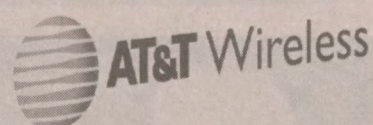
the man to Auburn Hills PD for a breath test. The man allegedly blew .18. He was taken back to OUPD for processing. After processing, his property was logged, and he was transferred to Oakland County Jail.

PETE YORN LIVE

GET 2 FREE TICKETS
AND MEET PETE.



GO TO ATTWIRELESS.COM/MEETPETE



✦ Hear the band,
shake Pete's hand.

sign up for a qualified
mLife Local plan

get
two tickets to see Pete Yorn live
and meet him after the show

also get
unlimited night & weekend minutes
and up to
600 anytime minutes
with
nationwide long distance included
all from your Home Service Area

\$39.⁹⁹ a month

plus get a
FREE PHONE after mail-in rebate.
Sales tax applies to original purchase price

add mMode for internet access to Pete's
music, his tour and more

GO TO ATTWIRELESS.COM/MEETPETE

mLife... your mobile life made better



AT&T Wireless Stores

AUBURN HILLS
3922 Baldwin Rd.
(By Great Lakes Crossing)
248 745-3806

NOVI
43267 Crescent Blvd.
(In the Novi Town Center)
248 347-1843

LAKESIDE MALL
14600 Lakeside Circle
(Upper level by Marshall Field's)
586 254-0506

TWELVE OAKS MALL
27304-X Novi Road
(Near JC Penney)
248 449-9092

MADISON HEIGHTS
32800 John R. Rd.
(Next to Toys 'R' Us)
248 589-2770

BIRMINGHAM
34200 Woodward Ave.
(South of 15 1/2 Mile Rd.)
248 593-8579

Important Information

An additional monthly \$1.75 Regulatory Program Fee will be added to your bill for each line of service to help fund AT&T Wireless compliance with various government mandated programs. This is not a tax or a government required charge.
© 2003 AT&T Wireless. All Rights Reserved. Requires new activation on a qualified plan \$39.99 or above, credit approval, valid credit or debit card, a \$36 activation fee, minimum one-year agreement, compatible device and up to a \$175 cancellation fee. Not available for purchase or use in all areas. Usage is rounded up to the next full minute. Unused monthly minute allowances lost. Sending text messages, roaming, additional minute and long distance charges, universal connectivity charge, surcharges, other restrictions, charges and taxes apply. Availability and reliability of service are subject to transmission limitations. Not available with other offers. Offers available for a limited time. You will be bound by the General Terms and Conditions and other printed materials. **Free Ticket Offer:** Two tickets and passes per each qualified activation and phone purchase. Phone must be active on AT&T Wireless service for 30 days. Offer available for a limited time or until supplies last. Other restrictions apply. See store or www.attwireless.com/meetpete for details. **mMode:** mMode not available on all devices, rate plans or available for purchase or use in all areas. Additional monthly service and usage charges and other conditions apply. **Night and Weekend Minutes:** Available on calls placed from the Home Service Area and applicable long distance charges additional. Night and Weekend airtime is from 9:00 pm - 5:59 am M-F; and F 9:00 pm - M 5:59 am. **Nationwide Long Distance:** No wireless long distance charges apply to calls placed from your Home Service Area to anywhere in the 50 United States. Standard airtime charges apply. **Nokia 3590 \$100 Mail-In Rebate:** Phone and service must be active for 30 days and when rebate is processed. Allow 8-10 weeks for rebate check. See rebate form for full details. mMode not available with this phone.

Dorm safety questioned

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

A recent robbery at Michigan State University has left some students, parents and staff questioning the security of university housing and dorms. In January, two men posing as solicitors for a charity robbed two students in their dorm rooms at knifepoint. The robbery sparked interest in the security of the MSU dorms and has now launched a statewide debate on campus safety. OU has not had any similar events on its campus. MSU is holding open forums March 7 and March 9 to let officials know what they think of current campus security and suggest any ideas for improvement.

The campus currently uses a swipe card system similar to OU's residence halls to gain access to the dorms. All of MSU's undergraduate residence halls are locked at midnight. Fred P. Kayne, MSU associate director of Housing, said, "Residents entering after hours must show their picture ID card to the night receptionist who will electronically scan it to see if the person lives in the hall." Some students have said they would like 24-hour card access to residence halls like the University of Michigan has in place. However, Charles Gagliano, MSU assistant vice president for Housing and Food Services, said this is unrealistic. Since many of the residence halls also house classrooms, closing the buildings

would be a "logistical nightmare for staff, students and visitors trying to get into classrooms and offices," he said. A compromise, however, is being looked into. A committee to look into security improvements has been formed from students, parents and staff, and new security equipment is being priced, according to Gagliano. Some MSU students think there is no need for new security measures, and they feel the situation is being blown out of proportion. Chris Masi, a freshman who lives in MSU's Hubbard Hall, is against more security and earlier lock down times. "I feel as safe as I can living in the same building with 500 strangers," he

said. When told OU's lock down police starts at 8 p.m. he said, "That's dumb, a lot of people aren't even back from classes by then." At OU, two of the student dorms, Hamlin Hall and Vandenberg Hall, require students to use a swipe card proving they are residents to gain entry to the building after 8 p.m. Other halls are locked at 8 p.m. but residents instead must use a key to gain entry. According to Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing and Food Services, OU also has a Nightwatch System that has been in place for more than 30 years. This system includes students monitoring the halls at night and making sure

Please see DORMS on A7

GLOBAL GLANCE

• A powerful bomb exploded in a Philippines airport on Tuesday killing at least 19 people and injuring more than 144. The explosion went off in the waiting area at the Davao City airport on Mindanao Island. A second explosion on the same island caused even more injuries, but details are still coming in. Officials do not know what kind of bomb it was. All air traffic was grounded until the investigators determine it is safe for flight. Around 80 people gathered to greet an incoming flight at the waiting area when the bomb went off. Mindanao Island officials had recently cracked down on terrorism due to the rising tension in the region.

• After four North Korean jet fighters intercepted a U.S. surveillance plane over the weekend, President George W. Bush and his administration plan to formally protest the actions. The plane was flying over the Sea of Japan about 150 miles off of the Korean peninsula when the armed North Korean jet fighters flew alongside the RC-135S surveillance plane for 20 minutes. The fighters came within 50 feet at points during the flight. This could also persuade China and Russia to be more open to U.S. requests to apply more pressure on North Korea, the Bush administration said. Tensions have run high in North Korea since it said it would develop nuclear weapons in October breaking an agreement set in 1994.

• A raid in Pakistan on Saturday lead to the capture of suspected al-Qaeda operations chief and mastermind behind the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. Upon going through his possessions, names of possible al-Qaeda operatives, some of which may be in Washington and other U.S. cities, was discovered. The CIA is interrogating Mohammed for more answers and the possible whereabouts to Osama bin Laden. The recent increase from yellow to orange in the U.S. terror alert system was said to be tied to Mohammed, according to White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. He said the increased amount of terrorist "chatter" was connected to Mohammed. The terrorist threat has recently gone down to yellow.

• With the recent order of another 60,000 troops to the Persian Gulf, the U.S. has deployed about 210,000 in the gulf region. The recent troops deployed are said to be "follow-on forces" that are not part of the main invasion force that would take part in a war with Iraq. U.S. B-52 bombers landed in England Monday. These bombers are capable of launching cruise missiles.

Global goof

• Besides taping plastic sheets on a house to protect against terrorist attacks, a District Court Judge in Lubbock, Texas found a different use of with duct tape, the product that can fix numerous jobs. Carl Wiley, 36, was ordered by Judge Jim Bob Darnell to have his mouth duct taped shut to keep quiet during a hearing outside the jury's presence. After pleas from both the judge and Wiley's own mother to be quiet, Darnell ordered the gray tape to be placed over Wiley's mouth after 20 minutes of interruptions. It was only after the jury came in did Darnell have Wiley, duct tape and all, removed from the courtroom.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources

Palace ramps close for repairs

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

The Detroit Pistons' slogan of "Goin' To Work" was taken literally by the Michigan Department of Transportation as it recently began road construction on ramps leading to and from the Palace of Auburn Hills. Even with the Pistons heading into the playoff season, MDOT officials said the construction that will eventually close two lanes on I-75 could not be delayed. "When is a good time to do road construction on I-75?" asked Robert Morosi, MDOT spokesman. "There is no good time." This construction may also cause delays for students who travel to and from OU from the north. Construction like replacing decks on the bridges connecting I-75 to M-24 (the two highways that are the main Palace ramps), painting and substructure repairs will round off the \$981,000 project, according to Morosi. Bridge ramps between I-75 and M-24 were the first to close earlier this week and will remain closed until May. Morosi said he expects the construction to be finished before Memorial Day weekend if the weather permits. "We took into consideration the Palace events now and Michigan tourism in the summer," Morosi said about the decision to do the construction at the end of the basketball season. "The Palace was agreeable to the March-May time instead of April-August." Jeff Corey, Palace Sports and Entertainment spokesman, agreed with Morosi about starting the con-



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Signage like this will be installed all around the Palace of Auburn Hills to help motorists seek alternate routes while construction takes place to repair bridge ramps connecting I-75 to M-24.

struction now because the bridges were built in 1960. "There is really no good time to do this," he said. "This is the best time because if it would have waited longer, the longer the construction would have been." Corey said the Palace and MDOT both agreed to start now because of the peak tourism time in Michigan is when it is warmer. The Palace also hosts numerous summer entertainment events. "If it wasn't now with (the Pistons), it would have been in the summer conflicting with our summer concerts and entertainment," Corey said. The Palace and MDOT are doing as much as they can with more signage for detours and alternative directions to enter and exit the Palace, according to Corey. The Auburn Hills Police Department is also getting

involved to alleviate traffic problems. "We have met with police and MDOT officials to work on a solution to traffic," Corey said. "Police are going to be more involved, and we are going to see what areas need the most involvement and seek alternate routes with signage." According to MDOT's website, www.michigan.gov/mdot, nearly 90,000 vehicles use this stretch of I-75 daily and 52,000 drive on M-24 through the area. "This will completely interfere with the daily commute," said Mia Humphrey, junior. She said she drives on I-75 almost everyday and the construction will really slow up the already backed up traffic. The Utica-based company Posen Construction will be the contractor on the bridgework.

Old cell phones get new use with seniors

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

With the updates and advances in technology, some students go through cell phones like they go through pizza money-fast. For all of the old cell phones students are not using, there is a program that can put the equipment to good use. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard's 911 Emergency Senior Cell Phone Program takes used cell phones that still work, but no longer has service plans, and distributes them to senior citizens free of charge.

It is designed to help senior citizens have mobile means to get emergency help wherever they go. "Bouchard wanted to improve senior citizen awareness," said Mandy Ford, Communication Liaison for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. "We have distributed 1,000 to 1,200 phones since the program started in August of 2002." The phones accept any unworked, inactive cell phones as long as it is in good condition and includes an AC/DC recharging unit. Ford said any cell phone will work with the 911 service as long as the phone is charged and on," she said. The Federal Communications Commission passed a law when cell phones became more prevalent that allowed any cell phone, not just active ones, to connect to 911 operators in case of an emergency. There is a tax on all cell phone bills to support this law. The Sheriff's Office distributes cell phones from 9 a.m.-noon every Friday and every first and third Saturday of the month at its office in Pontiac.

Ford said it is not possible to deliver phones to all who need it. "We have made trips in the past, but we do not have the manpower to do this," she said. "We just set regular hours for citizens to come and get a phone." "We once went to the Clawson Senior Center and gave away 70 phones. It was great," Ford said. Even though it is convenient to be able to dial 911 from anywhere, Ford suggested using connected phones from a house or payphone whenever possible.

Donations can be given to:

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office
1201 North Telegraph
Pontiac, MI 48341

"A LAN line is preferable if a senior citizen needs help at home because the 911 operator has caller ID and can locate where they are immediately," she said. Many cell phones do not have the capability to pinpoint its location. The operators can only determine what cellular tower it is using. "Cell phones can bridge the communication gap," said Funmi Arther, junior. "Letting seniors have access to an emergency connection for free is great. It is a great program." If the caller gets disconnected from the operator, he or she must call 911 back because there is no service contract associated with the phone.

Since the purpose of the program is to allow seniors access to emergency services, there are no ID checks to verify an age requirement. An unwanted cell phone can be dropped off or mailed to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. For any additional information, call the Oakland County Sheriff's Community Events hotline at (248) 975-9700.



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

The Salvation Army in Pontiac is one testing site for the AIDS organization.

AIDS partnership celebrates birthday

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

After two decades of service, AIDS Partnership Michigan celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding on March 3 at the Intermezzo Restaurant in Detroit's Harmonie Park. The birthday celebration was filled with an evening of camaraderie, reminiscing and, according to OU graduate APM Communications Representative Bree Felder, a bunch of fun. The evening began at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Susan Ager of the Detroit Free Press, the first reporter to write

about AIDS in the State of Michigan, was the special guest speaker of the night. "I really enjoyed the program ... working for APM has been nothing but great. I have always wanted to work for a nonprofit organization, and APM has been around for so long to help people," said Felder. Originated in 1983, the group first consisted of seven individuals who were concerned with what was once known as "gay-related immune deficiency." They then incorporated a nonprofit organization called Wellness Network, Inc. With time, not only did the name of the company change, but so did the name of the disease. GRID has

Please see AIDS on A7

Editorial

Board's threats won't fly

The OU community has something to say. After the apparent Open Meetings Act violation by OU's Board of Trustees on Jan. 15, *The Oakland Post* decided to circulate a campus wide-petition to be signed by members of our community asking the Board to reaffirm its commitment to open meetings. As of today, more than 1,100 students, faculty and staff have signed the petition.

Last week, the Board of Directors of The Oakland Sail, Inc., the corporation that owns *The Oakland Post*, received letters from OU's General Counsel and Secretary to the BOT Victor Zambardi attempting to censor *The Post* by threatening legal action.

To realize that a public university is threatening the student newspaper with a lawsuit and simultaneously trying to censor its work by intimidation is nothing short of outrageous.

Today, the BOT claims that as a public body it is not subject at any time to the OMA. It asserts that the Michigan Constitution requires it only to meet publicly when in formal session. OU's BOT schedules to meet in this "formal" way only six times a year. The BOT thinks it is being open by keeping its so-called working sessions open, too.

The Post started its petition drive hoping to resolve this dispute without the expense and embarrassment to OU of a lawsuit.

The petition gained a huge campus following. This cause applies to all students across the board and without exception.

And it's not just the students who are outraged. Many of the signatures on the petition belong to faculty and staff members. In fact, faculty have circulated the petition in their classes.

Two weeks ago, both OU Student Congress and OU Senate (faculty representation) created resolutions that passed unanimously asking the BOT to advocate open meetings.

The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances under the First Amendment. While we take classes, teach or work at OU, the BOT is our government. We have the right to scrutinize its behavior and call the trustees out on it because they are responsible for our education and jobs.

The Board's dedication to the OU community and students in particular will be evidenced today and in days to come by how they handle the petition.

Attend the Board meeting today at 2 p.m. in Elliott Hall.



The Oakland Post 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309

ANN ZANIEWSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF
GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL
EDITOR
REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR
ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR
RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR
DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR
LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR
SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR
BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR
DAN MCDUFFEE
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
MAREK OLECH
PHOTOGRAPHY ASSISTANT
KANIQUA DANIEL
KRISTIE FAVRO
PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS
DANIELLE KHOURI
ADVERTISING MANAGER
JIM GAMMICCHIA
ADVERTISING ASSISTANT

BENJAMIN TEKELLY
CIRCULATION MANAGER

JANE BRIGGS-BUNTING
FACULTY ADVISOR

Editor in Chief (248) 370-4268
Managing Editor (248) 370-2537
Campus News (248) 370-4267
Local News (248) 370-2848
Features (248) 370-4266
Sports (248) 370-4263
Photography (248) 370-2849
Fax (248) 370-4264

Send letters, comments, opinions and story ideas to editor@oakpostonline.com, and check us out on the web at www.oakpostonline.com

Volume 29 • Issue 22

OMA controversy

BOT lawyer's letter to Oakland Sail

Bruce Mann
President and Resident Agent
The Oakland Sail doing Business
under the assumed name of The
Oakland Post

Re: Notice to Cease and Desist

Dear Mr. Mann,

I am writing in connection with *The Oakland Post's* publication of defamatory articles about the Oakland University Board of Trustees, and *The Oakland Post's* accusations that the Board has violated the Open Meetings Act.

On May 4, 2001, Jane Briggs-Bunting acted on behalf of *The Oakland Post* and filed a criminal complaint against the Board with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, accusing the Board of violating the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Briggs-Bunting's criminal complaint was investigated by the Michigan State Police and dismissed by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office in July 2001, because the Board is not subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Despite the dismissal of Ms. Briggs-Bunting's 2001 criminal complaint, in January 2003, Ann Zaniewski acted on behalf of *The Oakland Post* and filed criminal complaints against the Board

with the Michigan Department of the Attorney General and with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, again accusing the Board of violating the Open Meetings Act. On Jan. 24, 2003, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office once again dismissed the criminal complaint because the Board is not subject to the Open Meetings Act. On Feb. 5, 2003, the Department of the Attorney General deferred jurisdiction of *The Oakland Post's* complaint to the Oakland County Prosecutor.

Despite the dismissal of the 2001 criminal complaint, and despite the Jan. 24, 2003 dismissal of the 2003 criminal complaint, *The Oakland Post* continues to publish articles accusing the Board of violating the Open Meetings Act, has called other newspapers soliciting their publication of similar articles, and has distributed a petition implying the same.

It has been my understanding that ethical behavior of a student newspaper included a firm dedication to accuracy, fairness, facts and honesty in all content of the medium. While I am not challenging *The Oakland Post's* guaranteed broad freedom of expression under the First Amendment, I am challenging *The Oakland Post's* past and continuing defamation of the Board.

At best, the foregoing evidences a total lack of editorial oversight. At worst, the foregoing evidences *The Oakland Post's*

exploitation of students and *The Oakland Post's* actual malice toward the Board. Why else would *The Oakland Post* file criminal complaints and publish articles in 2003 accusing the Board of violating the Open Meetings Act, when *The Oakland Post* knows these accusations to be false and in reckless disregard of the truth. It is telling that *The Oakland Post* has never published an article detailing the dismissal of its criminal complaints, or the reasons those criminal complaints were dismissed.

Finally Jane Briggs-Bunting has represented in writing that the Oakland Sail's Board of Directors is willing to take the issue of the Open Meetings Act to court.

Be advised. I believe the litigation threatened by Jane Briggs-Bunting would be without legal merit and I will vigorously defend any litigation the Oakland Sail chooses to initiate. In addition, if the Oakland Sail publishes another article stating or implying that the Board has violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act, or files another false complaint, I will recommend the immediate commencement of legal proceedings against the Oakland Sail as a corporate entity, and against those individuals responsible, personally.

Victor Zambardi
General Counsel and Secretary to
the Board of Trustees

Oakland Sail Board's response to Zambardi

The Board of Directors of The Oakland Sail, Inc., the not for profit corporate owner of *The Oakland Post*, received lawyer Victor Zambardi's letter last week. Its intent was clearly to intimidate and shut out discussion of what is an important issue to the Oakland University community – the budget cuts facing the university.

Mr. Zambardi is the University's General Counsel and Secretary to the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

Mr. Zambardi's letter contains some mischaracterizations and pointed omissions.

The Oakland Post has filed several complaints with both the Oakland County Prosecutor and the state Attorney General's office over the years about the conduct of the OU Board of Trustees and other public bodies relative to the state Open Meetings Act. The OMA, unlike the state's freedom of information law, gives the prosecutor and the Attorney General the discretionary power to pursue these complaints. Persons filing these complaints are privileged and protected under the law.

In the current dispute, the Oakland County Prosecutor's office declined to request a police investigation into the allegations, and the Attorney General's office referred *The Post* back to the prosecutor's office.

Prosecutors and the Attorney General generally choose not to get involved in these disputes. Their decision not to pursue does not equate with a legal determination on the merits or a court decision.

In fact, in the only Open Meetings Act lawsuit filed by *The Post*, in 1997, the Oakland County Prosecutor declined to pursue the matter. Yet the Oakland County Circuit Court issued an injunction to force OU to open up the search committee meeting where candidates for Provost were set to be interviewed in secret. OU ended up paying its own legal bills and all the attorney's fees of *The Post*, as required by the OMA. Several years previous to that lawsuit, *The Oakland Press* successfully sued OU for an open meetings violation, and OU ended up paying for its own and all the newspaper's attorneys' fees and court costs.

Mr. Zambardi's statement that *The Post's* "criminal complaint was dismissed" is inaccurate. Only a court can dismiss a complaint, and *The Post*, as yet, has not filed a cause of action in court.

Mr. Zambardi is also concerned because *The Post* has alerted other newspapers to the dispute at OU, and those newspapers have covered it. Newspapers routinely cover disputes involving government entities.

Mr. Zambardi complains *The Post* "continues to publish articles accusing the Board of violating the Open Meetings Act." *The Post* has always characterized the BOT's secret meeting as an "apparent violation" of the OMA.

Next, he charges the Petition *The Post* has circulated asking the BOT to keep its informal sessions open except where closure would be appropriate under the specific and very limited exemptions to the OMA implies the BOT is violating

the Open Meetings Act. The Petition does not accuse the board of anything.

It is troubling indeed that OU's General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees would characterize so basic and fundamental a right, guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, "to petition the government for a redress of grievances" as defamatory. It is a pity that Mr. Zambardi obviously does not understand this nor does he understand the basic fundamental principles underlying a university – the right and desirability of a full, frank and complete debate on issues and ideas and the commensurate right to listen.

He then challenges the ethical conduct of the newspaper itself in its coverage. *The Post* has covered its community to the best of its ability despite the continuing and ongoing refusal of many administrators to return its phone calls, answer questions or provide information. He accuses *The Post* of acting with actual malice, saying that its coverage of the BOT that questions the legitimacy of closure is publishing with known falsity "and reckless disregard of the truth." Evidently, Mr. Zambardi's interpretation of the law must be accepted as the only truth.

He also stated that Dr. Jane Briggs-Bunting, *The Post's* adviser, "has represented in writing that the Oakland Sail's Board of Directors is willing to take the issue of the Open Meetings Act to court." Dr. Briggs-Bunting has represented nothing in writing to any entity though she was accurately quoted in an article that the Sail Board may pursue legal action.

That is the purpose of courts: to interpret the law when two or more sides disagree. Clearly, the University of Michigan believes it is acting within the law on its affirmative action policy. However, courts have disagreed and now the U.S. Government itself has disagreed, and the case will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court this April. A fundamental principle of this country and the U.S. Constitution is the right for people to disagree and have their disagreements, if they can't be resolved any other way, to be decided by the courts.

The Post's position, which has been supported by some attorneys and not by others, is that the Michigan Supreme Court decision that OU's board is claiming allows it to conduct all but its formal meetings in secret, does not include OU.

That 1999 case, *Federated Publications, Inc. v. Board of Trustees of Michigan State University*, said that MSU's board, because it was created by the Michigan Constitution before the existence of the state's OMA, is exempt from the law at least as far as the board's constitutionally mandated duty to select a president for the university. The state Supreme Court said that because MSU was a constitutionally created entity it could not be restricted by a statute passed and signed by the legislative and executive branches. U-M and Wayne State are the other two universities with similarly elected governing boards. The Court noted the fact that the OMA was not in existence at the time

the 1963 constitution was ratified.

OU has chosen to interpret a paragraph in the decision to mean that the OMA does not cover its governing board at all.

The Post disagrees with this interpretation as far as OU is concerned for the following reasons:

Oakland University was created as a separate and independent university in 1970 by an act of the State Legislature that said specifically that OU's board had to follow the state OMA. (Public Act 1970, No. 33, Effective July 1, 1970; MCL 390.151 et seq.)

OU's trustees are not elected by the people of the State of Michigan as the governing boards of MSU, U-M and WSU are. OU's trustees are appointed by the Governor and are generally, though not always, donors to or supporters of the appointing governor's political campaigns.

In this instance, the Board met to learn and ask questions about the state's looming budget deficits, not select a new president. At the secret meeting discovered by *Post* editors, six of eight trustees were present to hear a lobbyist's appraisal of the state budget deficit, and its likely impact on OU. Even the two student liaisons to the board were not notified of the meeting. For any other public body, when a quorum of its members is present, it is covered by the OMA, and the meeting must be open to the public unless that body publicly votes to go into closed session under one of the specific exemptions allowed, though not required, by the law.

No topic this year is of more vital importance and concern to the students of OU and the OU community than the budget issue. Students, who pay more than 50 percent of the operating costs of OU, have been publicly told that they face a double-digit tuition increase by the President of the university. The trustees' briefing was by a lobbyist firm hired by OU and paid for with student tuition and taxpayers' dollars.

Mr. Zambardi closes with his own threat of litigation against the newspaper, its corporate owner and "those individuals responsible, personally."

The Post questions both the temerity and the legality of a public employee, such as Mr. Zambardi, being paid with public funds, to pursue and fund a lawsuit by a government entity on such a vendetta. There are a number of court decisions that would make that lawsuit ill-advised, more than likely unwinnable and costly for a university in the best of financial times let alone one facing serious budget cuts. A lawsuit of this nature would have one purpose: to stifle discussion on a matter of important concern by censoring the newspaper, and it would use public taxpayers' and student tuition dollars to do so.

The Oakland Post and the Oakland Sail Board of Directors hope the university community shares in its outrage over the threats in Mr. Zambardi's letter and responds accordingly.

Oakland Sail Board of Directors
March 4, 2003

MIP

continued from A1

cated, the student could only be referred to the dean of students for disciplinary action, he said.

The change in the law can be seen in the OU Crime Statistics. Gilroy said there would be a bigger spread between the number of liquor law violation arrests and the number of disciplinary action/judicial referrals before the law change.

OU's Crime Statistics show a 400 percent increase in liquor law violations on campus from 1999-2000, however, there was only a 23.5 percent increase in disciplinary actions/judicial referrals.

He said with the change in the law, "We are more effective in enforcement."

According to Reynolds, residents who are minors and found in possession of alcohol in the halls face student conduct charges, are required to attend an alcohol awareness program and may be issued an MIP ticket by OU Police.

Reynolds said that students are not kicked out of the dorms on the first offense because, while the residence halls staff and dean of students want to hold students accountable for their actions, they are more concerned with the student changing his or her behavior.

Although there was an increase in the number of disciplinary actions and judicial referrals from 1999-2000, in 2001, the number went down to 48, a 42.9 percent decrease.

Students who receive an MIP ticket must also appear in court. While Gilroy said students will not spend time in jail, there are a number of possible punishments.

He said based on the number of offenses, the minor will have to pay a fine. He said he or she may be placed on probation, be forced to be given random drug and alcohol screenings, take alco-

hol awareness classes and even make a trip to the morgue.

"Society in general and especially the criminal justice system has become more diligent in using every mechanism available to get compliance with the law," Gilroy said.

He said the biggest concern is the minor in possession getting behind the wheel of a car.

The effects of alcohol can be dangerous. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1,400 college students between 18-24 years old die each year from alcohol-related injuries, including drunk driving accidents. The NIAAA also states that more than 70,000 students are the victims of alcohol-related sex crimes each year.

Drinking can also be academically detrimental. According to the NIAAA, 25 percent of college students who drink have academic problems such as missing class, falling behind, doing poorly on tests or papers and, overall, receive lower grades.

While students over the age of 21 are allowed to have alcohol in their dorm rooms, there are rules for them to follow as well. This includes not furnishing alcohol to a minor.

University Housing, along with OUPD, takes an active role in informing students about the effects of alcohol and drugs. Both frequently work with the Center for Student Activities to provide informational sessions and activities.

Jean Ann Miller, director for CSA and Leadership Development, said on March 13 in Fireside Lounge there will be an event that will focus on "club drugs." A special agent from the Drug Enforcement Agency will speak about the effects of drugs and alcohol.

ENROLLMENT

continued from A1

a drop to remove class offerings.

"(Such a small drop) just wouldn't be a visible thing," she said.

Since winter semester enrollment is up, fall 2003 will also likely see an increase. OU grew from 15,875 students in Fall

2001 to 16,059 in Fall 2002.

Despite budget cuts and tuition increases, the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment projects fall 2003 could see another increase as high as 2 percent continuing OU's trend of ongoing growth.

DORMS

continued from A5

people who enter are residents or are accompanied by residents.

OU's card swipe system has been in place for about four years, according to Reynolds. She said the system is costly but seems to be working.

"I don't have a firm figure in the initial cost. However, we pay for all of the equipment which includes phones, portable work stations, card readers and work supplies in addition to the student employees," she said.

There are varied opinions on what system would work best for OU. Some support the security it provides while others believe it interferes with their privacy.

Shelita Koss, junior, has lived in Hamlin Hall for two years. She said she likes the Nightwatch system.

"I like that they make sure only residents come in so I always feel safe knowing there are no people in the building that shouldn't be there. I do think it starts a little early though because I don't even get out of class till 9:50 (p.m.)."

Even though this is one step in campus security, some universities have gone to an even more advanced system.

At U-M Ann Arbor, residence halls have 24-hour security locks. An officer is assigned to each building every night from 9 p.m.-7 a.m. The university is

also in the process of installing cameras in the halls.

Wayne State University is smaller than MSU or U-M Ann Arbor but still has a large security system.

Key-card access only allows students into the halls, which remain locked 24 hours a day. There is a 24-hour reception desk and Resident Assistants make rounds throughout the night. These halls also have video cameras.

Installing a newer high-tech security system at MSU has been proposed, but the outlook is "hazy," according to Lee June, MSU vice president of Student Affairs.

"Lots of things have been suggested. Even if we do them, they would be a response but not necessarily a solution," he said.

Students should take steps to keep themselves safe in their dorms like locking doors and keeping valuables at home, Declan Lugin of the Department of Public Safety at MSU, said.

The group at MSU reviewing current security issues will report to MSU President Peter McPherson on March 15 with an estimated cost of new equipment and policy changes.

AIDS

continued from A5

become identified as acquired immune deficiency syndrome-AIDS, and the company providing service to its victims is now known as AIDS Partnership Michigan.

According to the company's website, www.aidspartnership.org, APM is the oldest nonprofit AIDS service organization in Michigan, and the fifth oldest in the U.S.

"It's great that we've been able to provide service to those in need for such a long time," Felder said. "But on the other hand, it's unfortunate that we need this type of organization because AIDS has no cure."

Angela Powell, sophomore, said, "APM is a great service, not just to AIDS victims, but to everyone."

The company provides a wide range of HIV care and prevention services in the Metro Detroit area.

Some of the care services include case management, transportation, home delivered meals, medication and counseling, according to APM.

The Michigan AIDS hotline and website, HIV counseling, testing and condom distribution are all part of the services provided by APM.

"(APM) doesn't just help the people affected by AIDS, but they also help teenagers like me prevent it from ever happening," Powell said.

For more information, call (313) 446-9800, or visit their website at www.aidspartnership.org.

MUSIC

continued from A3

artists, such as new rapper 50 Cent are available without breaking the law," said Guy.

For OU students, downloading has become very prominent both on and off campus due to high CD prices and availability.

"If CD prices were lower, say to about 10 dollars, we wouldn't have half the problems we have

now," said O'Keefe.

Although lowering prices will not stop all file sharers, OU and the professional industry are trying to educate and inform people each day of the consequences and downfalls to downloading.

LIVES

continued from A3

pen. Glen McIntosh, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and dean, will be talking to the students about goal setting.

She said she hopes this will help get people talking about a wide range of topics. She said that is when people really begin to heal.

Besides telling stories about being successful after overcom-

ing obstacles, Fulton said she hopes to make information about help available to students.

"It's nice to know there is help out there," Fulton said. The Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives program is sponsored by Golden Key and the Students in Free Enterprise.

Oakland University Eye Research Program S.U.P.E.R. 2003

Summer Undergraduate Program in Eye Research

Conduct independent research projects under the guidance of ERI Faculty. Up to five Research Fellowships of \$3,000 each will be awarded for the period May 12 -August 1, 2003. The program is intended for Oakland University sophomores and juniors who are contemplating careers in biological and biomedical research or teaching. Research interests of the ERI faculty include cyclic nucleotides in retina, biochemistry of the lens and cataract, photoreceptor structure and disease, physiology, biochemistry of the retina, gene expression, retinal ganglion cell death in disease and development. For more information and an application, contact Ms.

Paulette Realy, 416 Dodge Hall.

(248) 370-2390 or visit: www.otus.oakland.edu/eri

HEARING

continued from A1

"If we're going to recycle, then recycle," said John Zimmerman, director of Community and Customer Relations for Meijer. "There's no difference between a milk jug and a jug of washer fluid. It's the same plastic."

A comprehensive recycling program has been suggested as the most cost-effective solution by grocers and bottlers for many years now, said Zimmerman.

However, Michigan hasn't proven itself to be a responsible recycler with past comprehensive programs like curbside recycling. It is a program with only 28 percent recovery in non-deposit states and less in Michigan according to Kevin Dietly, a Principal of Northbridge Environmental Management Consultants in Westford, Mass.

"You find you get the most bang for your buck in beverage container programs," Garfield said.

"There's no difference in those bottles at all," Washington said.

"The only difference is that one can become litter very easily. The other can become a dime to someone walking along a highway."

Washington said Michigan is at least 20 percent below surrounding states in terms of recycling.

But despite all the praise for the bottle bill, Dietly said bottles don't account for that much waste.

According to Dietly, only 3 percent of the waste stream is from carbonated beverage containers. Non carbonated and alcoholic beverages account for a combined total of only 1 and 2/5 percent of the waste — less than half what the bill currently addresses.

Dietly says that expansion of the bottle bill program would see a cost increase of 140-170 percent to the bottling and grocery industry.

According to Dietly, the addition of juice containers alone would increase the current number of sorts performed from 25 to

280.

"Unfortunately, you can't put a square juice box into a reverse vending machine," he said.

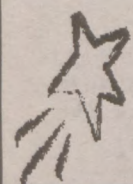
"All machines would have to be replaced," said Zimmerman.

But Garfield said these objections to the bottle bill are the same ones heard 27 years ago when the returnable bottle proposal was approved. He said none of the industry's predictions at that time have come true.

"For almost 30 years, the beverage industry has been crying wolf that it would hurt the industry to expand the bottle bill," Garfield said. "Crying wolf only works so many times."

"The bottle bill is recycling in one of its best forms," Washington said.

There will be seven more public hearings before the Senate Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force decides on a course of action to recommend to the Michigan Senate.



CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

49 Oakland Center, Rochester, MI 48309-4401 * 248-370-2400 * csa@oakland.edu * www.oakland.edu/currentstudents/csa

And now for something completely fun and free!!!

Learn about Handwriting Analysis

From Ruth Holmes
Professional Handwriting & Document Examiner

Thursday, March 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Lake Huron Room, OC

Handwriting is a reflection of intellectual, emotional and social capacities, when you look at someone's writing - a memo, a greeting card, a signature on a contract, an anonymous note in the news or the graffiti on the wall. Have you ever wondered what is really going on in the mind of the person who penned them? Are they extroverts or introverts? Are they agitated or emotionally stable? Are they problems solvers or processors? Artistic or strategic? Team players or loners? Are they better at research or sales and marketing? The answer to these questions and much more are revealed in the strokes of a person's handwriting. The accuracy and depth of an interpretation is only limited by knowledge, training and experience.

Ruth Holmes, CDE, is a professional handwriting & document examiner whose forensic and personnel consulting firm, Pentec, Inc., in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, advises individual, legal and corporate clients in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Ruth is a Certified Document Examiner by the National Association of Document Examiners and Board Certified by the American College of Forensic Examiners. She is court qualified as an expert witness in Federal, State and local courts.

OU Spring Blood Drive
April 7-9, 2003

Make an Appointment by calling: (248) 370-2400 or
going to the CSA Webpage and clicking on Spring Blood Drive.

CSA Annual Leadership Retreat

The Leadership Retreat is open to all OU students - from new to seasoned leaders! This overnight experience is a FREE opportunity to connect with other OU students and enhance your leadership skills! The Leadership Retreat will take place from Friday, March 14 - Saturday, March 15 at Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI. Sign up at the CSA Ticket Window (49 OC) to reserve your spot today! Spaces are limited!

The 20th Annual OU Photography Contest

Entry forms and rules are available at the CSA Office, 49 OC for the contest. Photos will be displayed April 14-16 in the Fireside Lounge, OC. There are two categories: 1) Black and White, and 2) Color. First and second place prizes will be awarded in each category: 1st Place - \$150; 2nd Place - \$100. The entry deadline will be April 11.



AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Reservations for:

CSA has arranged for discount tickets to be made available for the following shows and events for the entire OU Community.

- Detroit Pistons vs Philadelphia 76ers (March 20)
- Don Giovanni (April 30)
- Joffrey Dance Company (May 8)
- Beauty and the Beast (May 15 & 18)
- Die Fledermaus (May 16 & 21)
- Dead Man Walking (June 11 & 13)

Tickets for:

- ISA presents "Mela" (March 8)
- Barbara Ehrenreich Lecture (March 20)

Sign-up for:

- CSA Annual Leadership Retreat (March 14-15)
- SPB Trip to Toronto (March 20-23)
- Affirmative Action March (March 31-April 1)

The Student Life Lecture Board Presents:

Barbara Ehrenreich

She is a political essayist and social critic and author of the best selling book:

Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Noon in Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall
Admission is free but tickets are required.

Tickets are now available at the CSA Service Window.

**For more information call 248-334-1284
ext. 341.**

Women defend NIC title

By DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

Over the winter break, the OU men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed in and hosted the National Independent Conference Championships at the Aquatics Center.

After 134 events, 3,400 total points and four days of competition it came down to the last event for the women to win their second consecutive NIC championship title.

The men finished fourth overall in the championship with 528 points.

Western Kentucky University men's team captured its second straight NIC title, recording 771 points.

With a total of 896 points, the women defeated Northern Arizona University by one point thanks to a victory in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The final relay was crucial for the women Grizzlies to win the championship. The girls responded to the pressure by setting a new school and NIC record in the relay with a time of 3:21.23.

NAU finished third in the event, allowing OU to win the championship.

"We did what we needed to do, we got a little help from Florida Atlantic (who finished second) and it ended up in our favor so we're ecstatic," head coach Pete Hovland said.

The record-breaking time qualified the women's team for a possible invitation to the NCAA tournament in Austin, Texas.

If the girls 400-yard freestyle relay team is chosen to compete, all members of the relays will be able to participate in their respective events, which they have qualified to 'B' standards.

Hovland felt that the close score didn't lessen his team's dominance of the competition.

NAU scored high in the diving events which gave it an edge, but it was out-swam in almost every swimming event by OU.

The OU women had seven of the top 10 swimmers including senior Danielle Ward, juniors Tanya Korinyenko, Oksana



Top: The OU men's and women's swimming and diving squads get into the celebration after the women's team captured a second consecutive National Independent Conference Championship title. Right: The scoreboard was changing throughout the competition, but in the end OU was on top.

Strelets, Shelley Aurit and Angela Simetkosky, along with sophomore Tara Berringer and freshman Line Jensen.

Ward broke a long-standing record on the final night in the 100-yard freestyle when she swam a 50.06. Her time gave her first place in the event followed by teammates Strelets, Jensen and sophomore Karoline Freytag who took the third, fourth and sixth places, respectively.

Korinyenko was named NIC Women's Swimmer of the Year after her dominating performance in a number of events that made her the lead scorer for the team during the championship.

The men's 400-yard relay team also has a shot at being invited after they broke a school record

with a time of 2:56.65. "There is a lot of opportunity for us if we get invited. We've got our fingers crossed. It's a waiting game now," Hovland said.

The women will know who is going by Thursday, and the men will have to wait two weeks.

The men's team had some difficulties that denied them a third place in the championship.

On the first day, the 800-yard freestyle relay dealt a serious blow to the men who were disqualified because of a false start which cost them 32 points they had been expected to pick up.

The points would have been enough for the men to take third place in the championships.

Freshmen Scott Dickens and sophomore Chris Sullivan made

automatic standards to qualify for NCAA.

Sullivan, with the third fastest time in the country in the 50-yard freestyle, qualified to compete in the NCAA tournament.

Dickens qualified with a 54.17 in the 100 breaststroke, as well as, 'B' standard times in the 200 Individual Medley and the 200 breaststroke.

Saturday, the NCAA Last Chance Meet will be held for those still vying for an invitation to NCAA championships in late March.

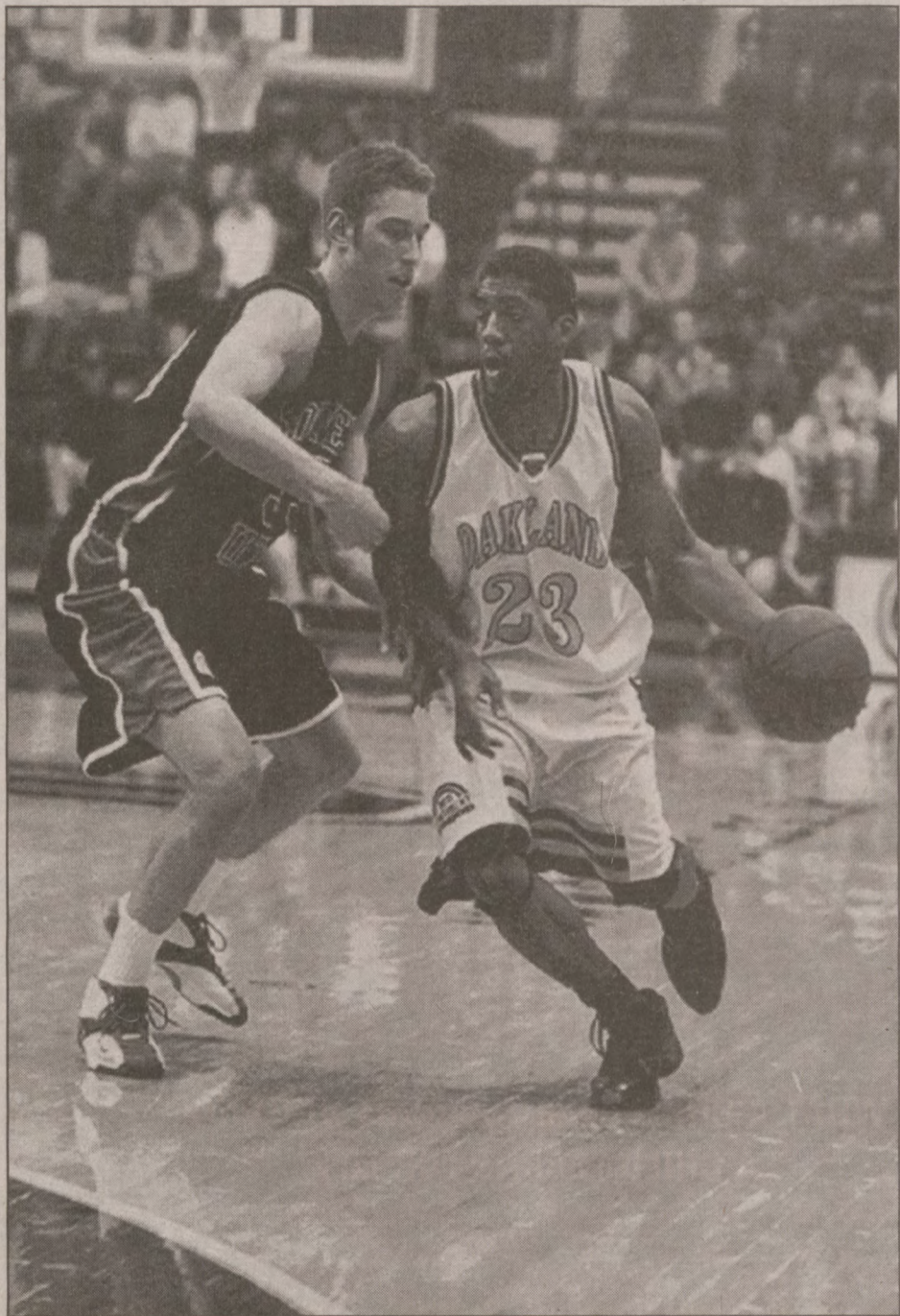
OU will be saying goodbye to five seniors this year: Doug Drazin and Jim Kanak on the men's side, along with Jessica Lau, Jordan Longhurst and Ward for the women.

WOMEN	
OAK	896
NAU	895
FAU	692
UNF	433
WKU	206

The five were recognized for their hard work and leadership during their years in the swimming program.

"It's always bittersweet, saying goodbye to those kids after they've given their all in a sport that's as demanding as ours is," Hovland said.

Tournament awaits men



Junior guard Mike Helms looks to make a move on a Southern Utah defender in Saturday's regular season finale, a 92-77 victory over the Thunderbirds.

By ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the OU men's basketball team, 10 out of 12 ain't bad. But from here on out, two out of three is no good.

After stumbling out of the gate, the Grizzlies (17-10, 10-4) won 10 of their final 12 regular-season games, securing a tie for second place in the Mid-Con with Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis.

Now they must win three straight at the conference tournament in Kansas City to achieve their season-long goal of making the NCAA Tournament.

The Grizzlies closed out their regular season at home, Saturday, against Southern Utah. The team's lone senior, forward Adrian Martin, was honored before the game and played an instrumental role in the Grizzlies' 92-77 victory. OU led for the entire second half, but with just under seven minutes remaining, Southern Utah went on a 9-0 run, cutting the Grizzlies' 13-point lead to four. The Grizzlies were on their heels until Martin broke a double-team and found sophomore guard Rawle Marshall under the basket for a wide-open dunk.

"Adrian made the play of the game," said head coach Greg Kampe. "We were reeling, and that was a big, big play."

The Grizzlies never looked back, putting together an 11-2 run of their own and maintaining a double-digit advantage the rest of the way.

Junior guard Mike Helms led all scorers with 42 points on 15-of-27 shooting, including 6-of-12 from three-point range. Sophomore forward Courtney Scott added a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Marshall chipped in 14 points, five assists and five steals.

Saturday's win marked a number of milestones for OU. Helms broke the school single-season record of 740 points, set by Scott Bittinger in 1987-88. Marshall's five steals gave him 77 for the season, breaking the single-season mark of 73 set by Eric Taylor in 1991-92.

The win also brought Oakland's overall

Division I winning percentage to .500 (71-71), a number Kampe takes great pride in.

"To get a program to 71-71 in its first five years of Division I, I don't know if that's ever happened before," he said.

Now the focus shifts to Kansas City, site of the Mid-Con Tournament. Kampe knows his young team has made impressive strides this season, but has concerns over the Grizzlies' lack of experience in a tournament setting.

"The pressure is going to be tremendous," said Kampe. "They've never really experienced (the tournament) as a group in a one-and-done situation. We have aspirations of going somewhere, so we're going to have to handle that."

Both losses during OU's 10-of-12 stretch run came against Valparaiso, a team OU has yet to defeat in ten tries over five seasons. After two hard-fought defeats in the last two months, the third-seeded Grizzlies can't wait to meet first-seeded Valpo on a neutral floor.

"It's personal now," said Scott. "We know we can beat them."

But before they get their chance for revenge, the Grizzlies must get past a pair of conference foes, beginning with sixth seed Southern Utah in the opening round. Despite sweeping the season series, Kampe has concerns about playing the Thunderbirds in back-to-back games.

"That scares me. To beat them twice, and to have to turn around and play them again ... they're good," he said.

Tip-off is set for 8:15 p.m., Sunday, March 9. If the Grizzlies advance, they will meet the winner of second seed IUPUI vs. seven seed Western Illinois in a televised game Monday, March 10. The Final will be televised Tuesday, March 11th at 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

Despite their unfinished business in the tournament, Kampe feels OU's regular season was a success.

"To lose four four-year starters, and to come back and go 10-4 and finish in 2nd place in a very competitive conference ... I'm very pleased - in fact, I'm ecstatic about it," he said.



ADAM SPINDLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Hey America, don't get your flag in a bunch

For the better part of a season, we didn't care.

Game after game, Toni Smith made her statement in the obscurity of Division III women's college basketball. And we never took notice.

Why would we? It shouldn't bother us if a role player at tiny Manhattanville College turns away from the flag during America's fight song.

Unless, of course, she's doing it against Merchant Marine Academy. Unless, of course, somebody gets offended and objects to her protest.

And if the offended party is a Vietnam Vet? Well, now we've got a problem.

Now we're going to have to ask some tough questions.

Which, of course, was Toni Smith's point all along.

Smith's warmup jacket may say 'Manhattanville' on the back, but it might as well read "Ask me why I don't salute the flag."

When someone finally bothered to ask, Smith's battle was won - because, with cameras rolling, it allowed her to pose a question of her own: why do you salute the flag?

The answer comes more easily for some than for others. Many see the flag as a symbol of all that's right with America - the freedoms we enjoy, the battles we've won - and that's fine.

But many, like Smith, see that same flag as a symbol of the battles we continue to lose in a country where the rich get richer at the expense of the poor.

Denying those Americans their right to such a perspective cheapens all freedoms.

It's easy to see a protest against the flag as a protest against the country it represents. Smith has made it clear, however, that this was never her intent. Her beef is with specific government policies that emphasize expansion of power over distribution of wealth. It's our own fault if we take that personally.

To call Toni Smith naive is fair. To call her un-patriotic or un-American is not. If Smith doesn't want to be here, she knows she's free to leave. But the fact that she stays and protests proves her love for America.

If she didn't believe this country was capable of changing for the better, why would she bother? She acted not out of hate, but out of respect for those who don't have the luxury of enjoying a ball game.

Those who say a sporting event is the wrong forum for such protest are being short-sighted. Where else is the anthem sung on a regular basis? Where else are American civilians asked to stand and salute the flag?

Smith never asked teammates or fans to join her in protest. She simply made a personal decision based on personal ethics.

For this reason, Smith is neither a hero nor a villain. She is just another idealistic college kid trying to live within her beliefs before the real world pushes her to shelve them. The fact that her silent protest has sparked such loud debate shows how insecure and fragile our patriotic ego is.

One would think that a country so caught up in protecting its liberties would be a little more supportive when one of its own chooses to exercise them.

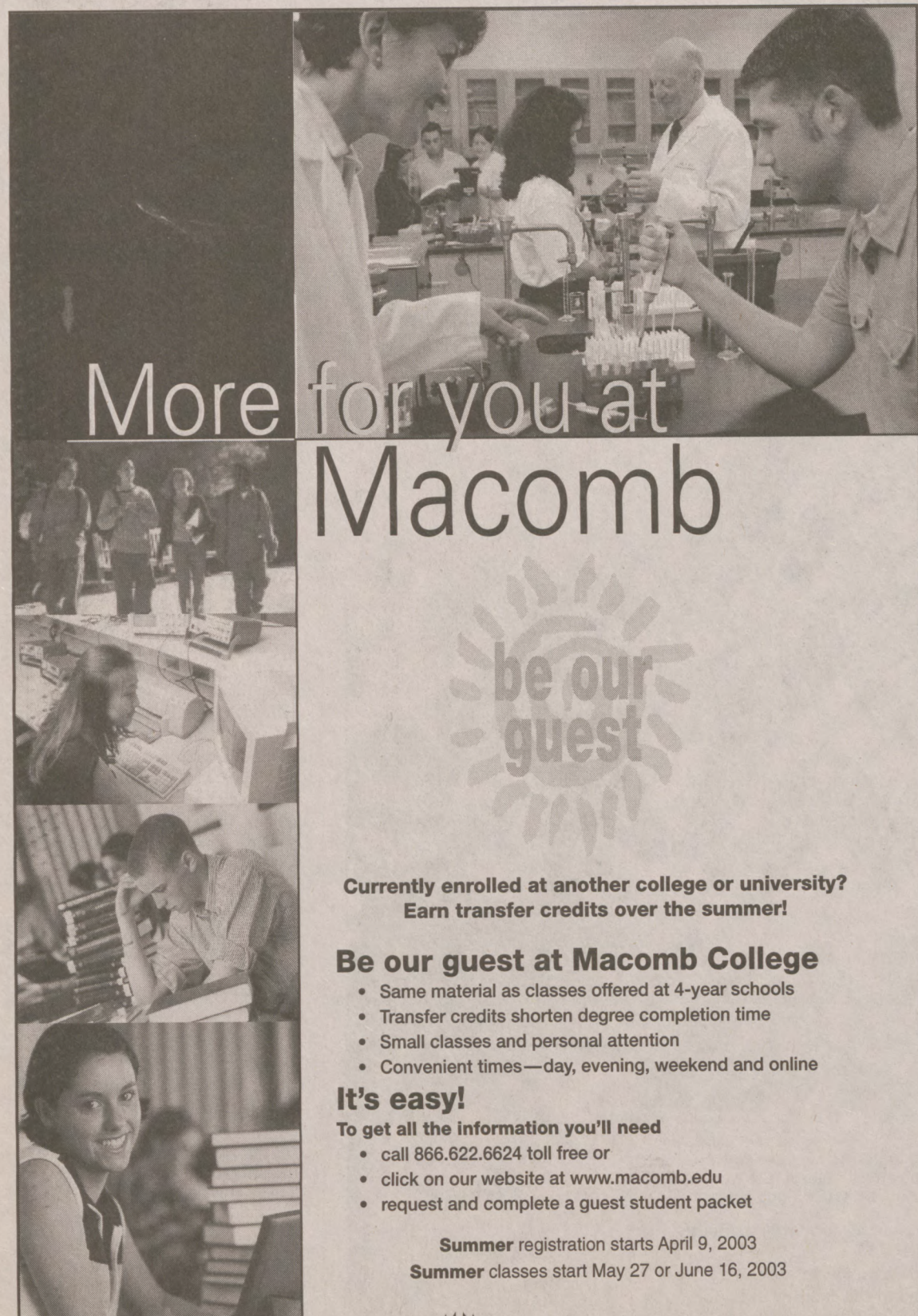
The point we often miss is this: our freedom lies not in our right to salute the flag, but our right to turn away from it. We have a weapon called dissent, and we shouldn't be afraid to use it.

That Smith understands this concept better than some who have fought wars for America is a testament to her wisdom.

In the end, Toni Smith doesn't care which way you turn. She just wants you to ask yourself why you're facing that particular direction.

Good question, isn't it?

Adam Spindler is a post-B.A. journalism student. Contact him at sports@oakpostonline.com.



More for you at Macomb

be our guest

**Currently enrolled at another college or university?
Earn transfer credits over the summer!**

Be our guest at Macomb College

- Same material as classes offered at 4-year schools
- Transfer credits shorten degree completion time
- Small classes and personal attention
- Convenient times—day, evening, weekend and online

It's easy!

To get all the information you'll need

- call 866.622.6624 toll free or
- click on our website at www.macomb.edu
- request and complete a guest student packet

Summer registration starts April 9, 2003
Summer classes start May 27 or June 16, 2003

 **Macomb Community College**
 A lifetime of opportunity. Close to home.
www.macomb.edu / 866.622.6624 (toll free)



Dream it. Do it. Disney.®

We're recruiting on campus!

Oakland University
 Wednesday, March 19, 2003
 12:00 PM, Heritage Room

Mark your calendars — All majors and all college levels invited.
 This is your chance to go inside this world-famous resort,
**build your resume, network with Disney leaders and
 meet students from around the world.**

Check out a Walt Disney World® College Program **paid internship**. 24-hour secured housing is offered.
 College credit opportunities may be available.
 Visit our website at wdwcollegeprogram.com
 and then come to the presentation.
 Attendance is required to interview.

 **COLLEGE PROGRAM** wdwcollegeprogram.com

EOE • Drawing Creativity from Diversity • © Disney

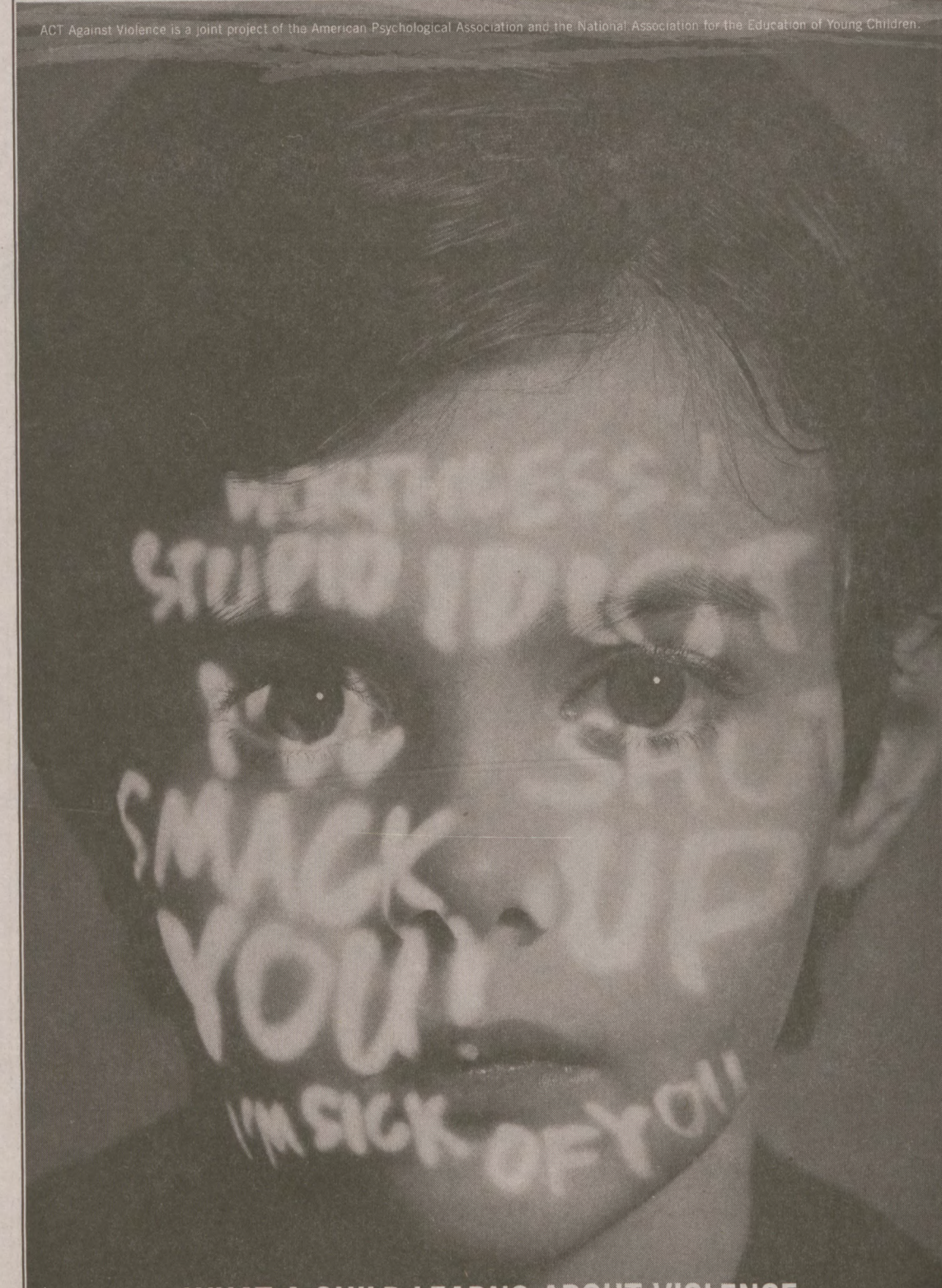
Oakland University Student Congress

OUSC MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2003
 @ 4pm
 Located in the Fireside Lounge

Please join us for food and discussion

ACT Against Violence is a joint project of the American Psychological Association and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



**WHAT A CHILD LEARNS ABOUT VIOLENCE
 A CHILD LEARNS FOR LIFE.**

Everything you say and everything you do serves as a lesson to your child about violence.
 A lesson that will never be forgotten. Teach carefully. We can show you how.
 Call 877-ACT-WISE for a free brochure or visit www.actagainstviolence.org.

Women on roll at right time

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

In sports, its believed to be best if a team peaks late in the season. The OU women's basketball team has done just that with two consecutive wins to end the regular season, heading into the Mid-Con Conference Tournament.

"Momentum going into the tournament was very big for us," head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "I think we had some disappointing losses earlier on, but finishing this way is more important."

On Saturday, the Grizzlies celebrated Senior Night with a lopsided 92-64 victory over Southern Utah University and closed out the season with a 72-62 win against Chicago State University on Monday.

OU (11-15) finished with a 7-7 record in the Mid-Con, placing in a tie for fifth in the league standings with Oral Roberts University, but ORU took the fifth seed after sweeping OU in the season series.

After losing three straight games, including two consecutive contests in which OU was beaten by more than 20 points, the Grizzlies took advantage of the two-game home stand that ended the season.

OU turned the tables completely against SUU, blowing out the Thunderbirds by nearly 30 points.

The women's two seniors, Romica Clint and Katie Wolfe, shined in the spotlight that Senior Night placed on them.

Clint was part of the starting lineup for the first time in nine

games and was up to the challenge. She scored 15 points and dished out a game-high five assists.

Wolfe led all scorers with 30 points, moving her past Sarah Judd, who graduated last year, into fourth place in career points in OU history.

She went 11 of 13 from the field and five of six from behind the arc in a scoring outburst that vaulted her into second place in Mid-Con history in career points.

But the upperclassmen weren't the only players to step up in the blowout victory.

Freshman guard Jayme Wilson continued to be an ever-rising scoring threat, tallying 22 points in only 22 minutes.

Anne Hafeli, another freshman guard, contributed 10 points and grabbed six rebounds. Sophomore Amanda Batcha tied a game-high with eight boards.

The Grizzlies closed out the regular season on a high note, holding off the Cougars of CSU with a strong free throw shooting stretch.

Wilson continued to show her offensive skills and tied for the game high with 25 points. She also hauled in six rebounds.

Wolfe came just two points shy of 2,000 career points with an 18 point night.

After scoring only two points in the first half, Wolfe found her groove after halftime, hitting six of her nine shots.

"She's had a couple other games like that this year," Shea-Hilliard said. "We talked about getting something shorter and getting something along the baseline. Katie's a scorer. You don't tell someone like that not to



Top: Senior guards Romica Clint (left) and Katie Wolfe (right) with their families at Saturday's Senior Night celebration. Right: Freshman guard Jayme Wilson attempts a fall-away jump shot over a Southern Utah defender in Saturday's 92-64 win.

shoot."

Clint joined Wolfe in the pair's last game in the O'rena, scoring 12 points and once again leading the game in assists with six.

"It's kind of an emotional day," Wolfe said. "I'll never come here to again to play another game. I just tried to enjoy every moment of it."

"It was great to win our last two games. I couldn't have asked for a better way to go out."

Batcha had nine rebounds and four assists while being limited to only 29 minutes of playing time due to foul trouble.

Now OU must look forward to the Mid-Con Tournament and a first round game against the host school, the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The final game of the four first round games set to take place,

the Grizzlies will tip off against the Kangaroos at 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

If OU can prevail against UMKC, the Grizzlies will move on to face the winner of the contest between CSU and Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. That semifinal matchup is scheduled to take place at 2:15 p.m. Monday.

Both the men's and women's championships games will take place on Tuesday, with the women's final started at 5 p.m.

In an added bit of inspiration, the newly formed OU pep band will be making the trip to Kansas City to support both the men's and women's squads.

If either of the teams advance, the pep band will follow the Mid-Con champions to the NCAA tournament.



Hockey falls short of expectations

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU men's club hockey team found out the hard way just how bewildering the playoffs can be.

Coming into the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II National Championship Tournament, OU was considered one of the more dangerous teams in the 16-team field.

But favoritism was not enough to help the Grizzlies overcome injuries and bad breaks as the team was unable to advance past the opening round.

"It was just one of those weeks where nothing seemed to go well," head coach Craig Furstenau said. "That just seems how this week panned out for us."

OU finished third in its pool at the ACHA National Tournament, recording one win and two losses, forcing the team to do much more sightseeing on its trip to California than it had hoped.

"Going into the tournament we had higher expectations than we had in the past," head coach Craig Furstenau said.

"Two seasons ago, we were happy just to make it to nationals. Last season it was the same type of thing, where they were happy just to go but they really didn't expect to win. This year we really had the belief that we could beat anybody."

The Grizzlies began the tournament, which took place at Anaheim's Disney Ice facility (the training site of the NHL's Mighty Ducks), on Wednesday with a game against Indiana University.

OU had dominated the Hoosiers during the regular season, winning the teams' two meetings by a combined mar-

gin of seven goals.

Even with the earlier success against IU, however, Furstenau was worried about playing the Hoosiers for a third time, and with good reason.

The third time proved to be the charm for the Hoosiers, as they prevailed 5-4 in overtime.

IU jumped out to a lead only 25 seconds into the game, giving OU a violent welcome to its third straight national tournament appearance.

The Grizzlies capitalized on a power play more than two minutes later when senior defenseman Karl Borgquist fired a shot past the Hoosier goaltender.

Senior forward Eric Wojno and freshman defenseman Matt Schafka picked up the assists on the game-tying goal.

OU took its only lead of the game with less than two minutes remaining in the first period thanks to a great individual effort by freshman forward Will McMahon.

McMahon took the puck at the IU blueline, but warded off the defense by skating backwards toward the goal. Just as he reached the crease, he quickly turned around and deked the goalie and fired the shot into the net.

The second period was fairly uneventful until the Hoosiers once again evened the score with more than six minutes remaining before the intermission.

In the third period, OU was unable to convert on its power play before IU

turned the table. The Hoosiers used an odd-man rush to score a shorthanded goal and take the lead nearly midway through the period.

The Grizzlies continued to fight back, throwing everything they had at IU in an attempt to tie the game.

Wojno made all that hard work pay off when linemates Ron Kolito, junior, and Ryan Teasedale, sophomore, assisted him on the game-tying goal with less than four minutes remaining in regulation.

Kolito gained possession of the puck in the corner and made a precision pass to Teasedale who found Wojno for a one-timer with a pass across the crease.

In overtime, OU came within inches of starting the tournament off with the right stride, but junior defenseman Jason Artymovich's shot ringed off the post and out.

Less than three minutes into the overtime session, IU won a faceoff deep in the Grizzlies' zone. The Hoosiers fired a shot from the point and the puck found its way through a crowd of players in front of senior goalie Shaun Zeldes.

An IU player in the crease prevented Zeldes from extending his leg to stop the oncoming shot, and the puck sailed into the goal, winning the game for the Hoosiers.

Thursday afternoon, OU held onto a slim chance of continuing onto the next round, but a 4-2 loss to the eventual-

national-champion University of Colorado sunk those hopes.

"I think after the first loss (to IU) we were kind of deflated mentally," Furstenau said. "The guys didn't think they had anything to play for."

The Grizzlies were held back by the loss of Kolito, the team's leading scorer, who left the game with a broken collarbone just two minutes into the game.

Junior forward Nick Shenduck (assisted by fellow-junior forward Dan Olesky and McMahon) and freshman defenseman Mike Ryan (assisted by Olesky) tallied the Grizzlies' two goals.

OU won its final contest of the tournament, 5-4, against Central Connecticut State University on Friday.

The victory marked the final game in an OU uniform for senior forward Geoff Acree, who has said he won't come back next season.

Acree went out in style, scoring a goal and would have finished the game in the penalty box if he had not been ejected from the game.

"I couldn't have written it up any better," Acree said. "To get one in my last games was really exciting. My parents would probably agree that it was definitely fitting of my hockey career to score a goal and get kicked out of the game. It sort of sums up my career."

Even with the lack of advancement in the national tournament, the Grizzlies had a very successful season.

For the first time in the team's four-year existence, it won twenty games, won the regular season Greater Midwest Hockey League title, led the GMHL in goals against and goals for, went undefeated at home in league play, held the

number one ranking in its division (which it accomplished twice), defeated the University of Miami-Ohio and won five straight games.

"There are so many things we can take out of this season that are the apex of all-ACHA hockey," Furstenau said.

"We're definitely one of the top 10 teams in the country. There's not many teams that can say they accomplished what we did this year."

All of the success is even more worthwhile because the team fought through an early-season coaching change to redefi- ne OU hockey.

The change was made even more difficult by the fact that Furstenau is barely older than his players at only 24 years old.

"The players have put aside the fact that I'm the same age as them," Furstenau said. "The guys have really been mature about that. They've listened to someone their age. We've accomplished so much, even with all of those things against us."

And although it's a sports cliché to 'wait until next year,' the Grizzlies are poised to make another run at the national title with only two seniors not choosing to exercise their right to a fifth year of eligibility and a strong recruiting class coming in.

"This year has been one of the best years I have had with any team," Borgquist, the team's captain and one of the seniors choosing to play another season, said. "You see the progression the team has made since I've been here."

"I've been part of the building process and I kind of want to see it through. I want to get that national championship."

"It just seemed like one of those weeks where nothing seemed to go well."

Craig Furstenau
Head coach
OU club hockey

Grizzly Sports Recap

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

Here's a recap of some of the sporting events that took place last week:

BASEBALL

OU 10, Wofford 3 – A four-run outburst in the seventh inning helped OU defeat Wofford College, 10-3, Sunday.

The Grizzlies' outfield trio of junior Josh Patton, freshman Bryan Marulli and sophomore Will Tollison led the OU offense.

Patton had three hits and scored two runs, Marulli drove in two runs and Tollison had two hits, two runs scored and a RBI.

OU 3, Wofford 2 – Senior catcher Chris Hilton led OU over Wofford Saturday, 3-2, with two RBI in the close contest.

Freshman Billy Schmieder picked up the first win of his col-

lege career, pitching five innings and recording five strikeouts.

Sophomore Kyle Boehm picked up the save.

OU 7, Wofford 3 – Tollison drove in three and scored two on three hits in a 7-3 win over Wofford in the first game of a doubleheaders Sunday.

Junior Steve Kniebbe picked up his first win of the season. Kniebbe struck out four batters in five innings on the mound.

OU 5, Wofford 1 – Junior lefty Dominic Carmosino pitched all seven innings, striking out five in a 5-1 victory in the second half of a doubleheader.

SOFTBALL

OU 6, Virginia Tech 4 – Five unearned runs propelled OU over Virginia Tech University Friday morning in the Grizzlies

first game of the Plant City Tournament.

Trailing 4-1 going in the bottom half of the sixth inning, OU capitalized on mistakes by VTU to escape with a two-run victory.

Seniors Megan Piar, catcher, and Jennifer Granger, first baseman, picked up the Grizzlies only two RBI, both in the crucial sixth inning.

Senior Linnea Utecht, the winning pitcher, had three hits and scored one run on offense. She also struck out four batters.

OU 2, Troy State 1 (Eight innings) – After scoring a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to extend the game, OU won the game in eight innings thanks to four walks in the extra inning.

Senior Julie Anderson pitched all eight innings for the win and struck out four batters in the process.

Junior shortstop Erica Judge

had only one hit, but it resulted in the game-tying RBI.

OU, South Carolina (Cancelled) – Due to the rainy weather that tormented the entire tournament, OU's early Saturday contest against 13th ranked South Carolina University was cancelled.

OU 3, Western Michigan 6 – Statistics were unavailable for Saturday's 6-3 loss to Western Michigan University.

OU 1, Central Michigan 2 – OU's offense was shut down by the Central Michigan University pitching in a 2-1 loss to the Chippewas. Utecht pitched strong seven innings, allowing only three hits and striking out four, but it was not enough.

Freshman Katie Jones, who had pinch hit, scored the Grizzlies lone run on a wild pitch.

GOLF

MEN – The OU men's golf squad resumed competition this weekend and placed fourth out of the seven squads that competed in the Mercer Invitational.

Freshman Jonathon Pauli was the Grizzlies top finisher, placing 14th with a two-day total of 154.

Senior Chris King shared the first-round lead after shooting a 72, but faltered on the second day and finished one stroke behind Pauli.

Sophomore Brian Stuard followed closely with a score of 156.

WOMEN – At the Blade Sportswear Intercollegiate, the OU women's golf team returned to action, placing 10th out of 11.

Seniors Jennifer Quinn, 171, and Emily Minnich, 178, were the Grizzlies top two finishers, placing in 20th and 30th, respectively.



Grizzly Spotlight

Junior swimmer Tanya Korniyenko was named NIC "Swimmer of the Year" at this past weekend's championship, and for good reason.

She captured individual titles in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly events, as well as, team crowns in the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relay events.

Her accolades continued when she was named Mid-Con Athlete of the Week on Tuesday.

2003's new spring styles

Looks that are hitting the shelves will soon hit campus

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Spring wear for men and women has arrived in department stores and will probably soon be seen all around OU.

This season's clothing isn't setting up new fashions, but students should say goodbye to stuffy and serious styles and look for eye-catching, flirtatious, comfortable clothing.

Local retail stores for women are seeing pastels for spring colors.

There's a lot of pink, said a sales associate at Bebe clothing store located in Somerset Mall in Troy.

She also said women's suits are coming back into style, as well as pleated skirts.

Abercrombie & Fitch recently brought out its spring collection, with styles like vintage clothing, cargo pants and tank tops.

Spring clothing has appeared in stores along with the right shoes.

Students can log on to www.stevemadden.com and find its top picks for spring footwear.

For those who have been eyeing celebrity shoe wear of Beyonce from musical hip-hop group Destiny's Child and singer Jennifer Lopez, Steve Madden shoe stores have arrived with its line of "HJOO," a pointy toe construction boot with a 3 1/4 inch stiletto heel.

The shoe look for men seems to be a contrast with bowling shoes, but in a more hip fashion.

One of the shoes is the "V-Stripe," a stylish, comfortable, casual athletic inspired shoe with two contrasting strips on the front upper.

A manager of the Old Navy in Farmington Hills said for women, they are getting a lot of

bright solid colors and stripes.

He said there are a lot of tank tops, and low waist jeans are continuing to this season.

For bathing suits, he said they have gotten mostly striped patterns.

For men, he said he is seeing a lot of Polo shirts and denim.

"Denim seems to be the big thing now," he said.

The look for spring is heading toward loose bottoms and fitted tops for men. A relaxed, thrown all together, messy look can be

seen at many men's clothing departments.

The top must-have spring things to be seen in day or night will be girly tops, flight pants and micro minis for women.

High-powered striped shirts, faded white denim jeans

and linen shirts will be popular for men.

Rhonda Ransom, junior, said she's seeing a lot of jean skirts and different belts.

"It's going to be more of a dresses and skirts spring," said Ransom.

Randy Dickow, senior, says people use clothes to express themselves.

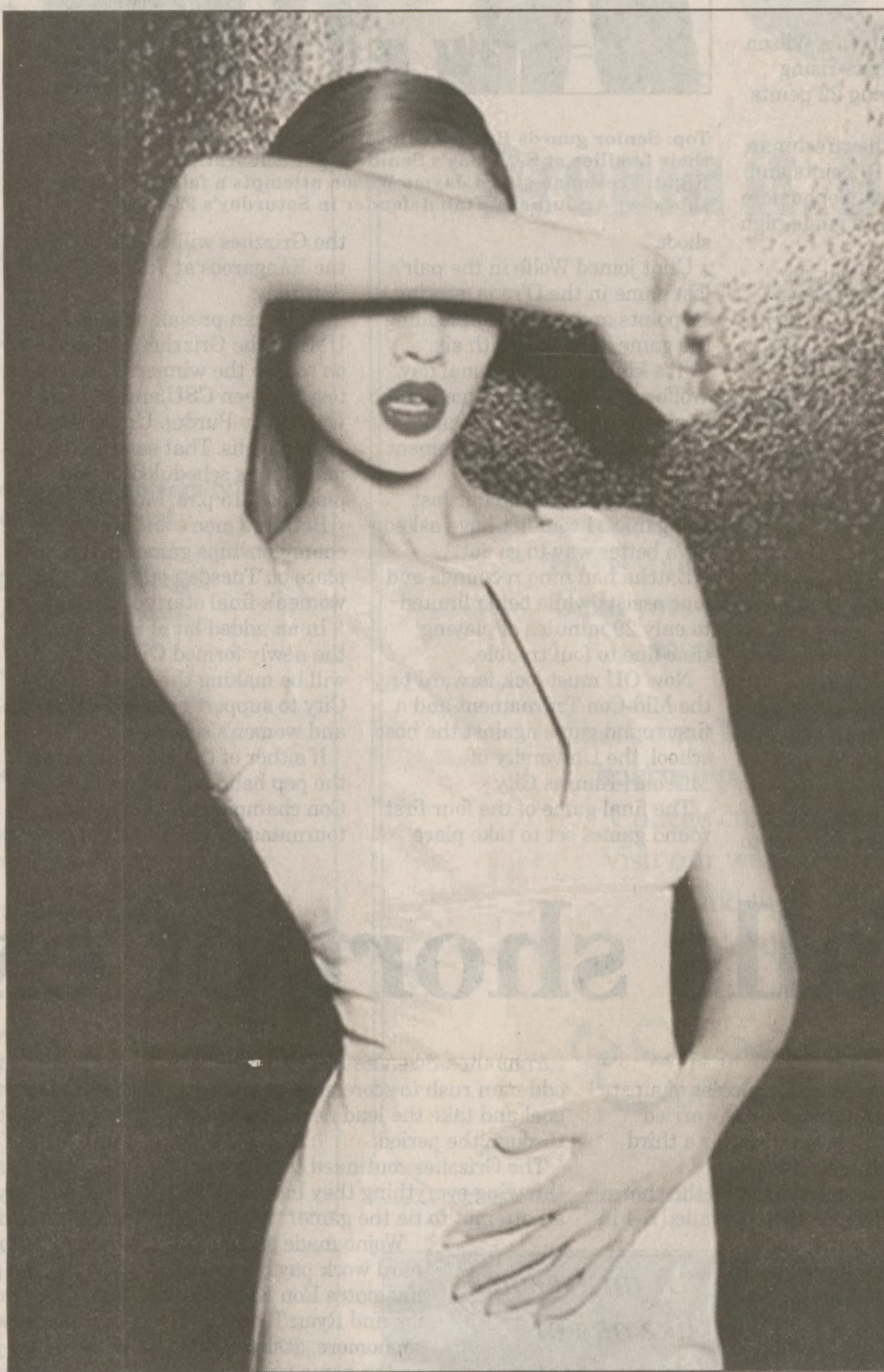
He recently shopped at Somerset Mall and noticed more creative, loud, attractive clothing. "Students will be wearing more vintage clothing this year," she said.

Louis Ciotti, junior, also visited local clothing department stores and said he is seeing many stores carrying a variety of striped button down shirts for men.

Check out clothing stores and websites for this season's new hip styles.

"(The style) is going to be more of a dresses and skirts spring."

Rhonda Ransom
junior



These styles are some that are supposed to be hot this spring. (Above) Light colors, like pastels, will be appearing in stores soon. (Right) The stiletto construction boot (middle right), as seen on many celebs, can be found at Steve Madden shoe stores and the wrinkled top is an example of this season's messy look for men and women. (Bottom right) The micro-mini skirt is another trend for women.

(Above) Photo courtesy of Bebe

(Right) Photos courtesy of Abercrombie & Fitch

Goin' up north

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The Student Program Board is offering OU students a unique opportunity to visit Toronto from March 20-23. Sophomore Erin Jenkins, SPB's Recreation and Leisure chair, organized the trip.

"I thought it would be a great event," she said.

Tickets for this trip are \$85 and that includes transportation and the hotel stay. Jenkins said students will be staying in the Marriott Hotel in Toronto.

There is also a suggested itinerary for students, including a visit to the Hockey Hall of Fame, the Skydome Tour Experience, a pool party and museum trips.

"It's a good price," said Jenkins. "You can see museums ... and for students who like parties, there are clubs."

Students can bring a guest on the trip. A non-OU student will be charged \$125 for their ticket.

Buses will leave OU at 9 a.m. on March 20 and will return at 4 p.m. on March 23.

Tickets sales have been slow so far, but Jenkins is doing what she can to increase popularity.

"I am doing as much publicity as possible and there will be tables in the OC next week," she said.

Many students do not have time for the trip, like Liz Dalton a grad student at OU.

"I am a teacher, so I don't have the time off," she said.

Nicole Phillips, junior, said that even though she doesn't have time to make the trip, she thinks other people might like it.

"It's a good idea," she said.

"It would be a good way to meet people," said freshman Agnes Derbis.

Interested students can get more information at the SPB's table in the OC next week and buy their tickets at the CSA Service Window.

ABCs of Q&A

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

With the end of the semester less than two months away, it is time for many students to start their job searches.

For many of the jobs out there, students will need to face an interview—and for some, that's a daunting task.

OU's Residence Halls are trying to help. Students will learn about interviewing techniques and skills from 7:30-9 p.m. today in the Hamlin Lounge.

Janece Hayes, director of Programming said a representative from the Career Resource Center will be the lecturer.

Aaron Walker, junior, usually thinks of the questions interviewers might ask, like "Why do you want the position?"

He also said students should check out magazines or online websites.

"Do as much research as possible about the company," he said.

Edward Cibor, senior, said, "Go to the Career Counseling Center, and talk to your adviser."

He also suggested searching online for interview tips.

Another resource for students is the internet. With sites like Monster.com and HotJobs.com, the internet has a wealth of information.

Both sites have much information for those looking for a job.

HotJobs.com advises students to bring their resumes for interviews.

"Make good-quality copies of your resume on a nice grade of paper," said the site. "Take more copies than you will possibly need, just in case."

The site also advised to store the copies in a folder where they will stay clean and

unwrinkled.

Also, practice makes perfect with interviewing, advises the site. It suggests doing a mock question and answer session in the days prior to the interview.

"The point of practicing is to 'warm up' to the process of answering questions on the fly," it said.

Monster.com is another site geared to help job seekers. It stresses preparing for an interview. From dressing well and doing some research, it suggests checking out the employer's website as a starting point.

"Your prospective employer's corporate website is the best place to see the company as it wants to be seen," the site said. "Do check out that annual report, but also look for a 'press room' or 'company news' page that links to recent news releases."

Another important thing to keep in mind is appearance.

"Don't underestimate the power of a first impression," advises the site. "People make assumptions about you based upon your appearance at your first meeting."

During the interview, Monster.com suggests focusing on strengths and avoiding negatives.

Another important tip from HotJobs.com — keep cell phones off.

For more information about resumes, interviews and networking, visit www.Monster.com or www.HotJobs.com.

Also, students can call Career Services, another valuable resource on campus, at (248) 370-3250.

Be sure to check out the Interviewing Etiquette lecture tonight in Hamlin Lounge.

Top 10 Interview Questions

According to Monster.com

1. What are your weaknesses?
2. Why should we hire you?
3. Why do you want to work here?
4. What are your goals?
5. Why did you leave (are you leaving) your job?
6. When were you most satisfied in your job?
7. What can you do for us that other candidates can't?
8. What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?
9. What salary are you seeking?
10. If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?

Celebrating women

Women's History Month kicks off on Friday

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The OU community will kick off its Women's History Month celebration with the opening ceremony at noon on Friday in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

The celebration will include remarks from Provost Virinder Moudgil and Director of Women's Studies, Suzanne Spencer-Wood. Students can also enjoy the music of Sista Otis during the event.

For the rest of the month students can expect many events geared to educate and entertain, said Spencer-Wood.

With events like "Love Your Body Day" and "Take Back the Night," the goal is to educate students about issues facing women, like eating disorders and date rape drugs.

"Love Your Body Day," which will be held at noon on March 13 in the Fireside Lounge of the OC, focuses on eating disorders and was something students were enthusiastic about.

Spencer-Wood said education on eating disorders is important because students might have them and not even know it.

"We want to heighten people's awareness of gender issues," said Spencer-Wood.

Sumaira Younis, sophomore and member of the Women's History Month committee, said eating disorders are a serious problem and it's important to educate people about them.

"(Love Your Body Day) gives you something you can see," she said. "We're showing the movie and then you can talk to people who have eating disorders."

On "Love Your Body Day," students will be able to see the movie "Dying to be Thin" and then speak with people who have or had eating disorders.

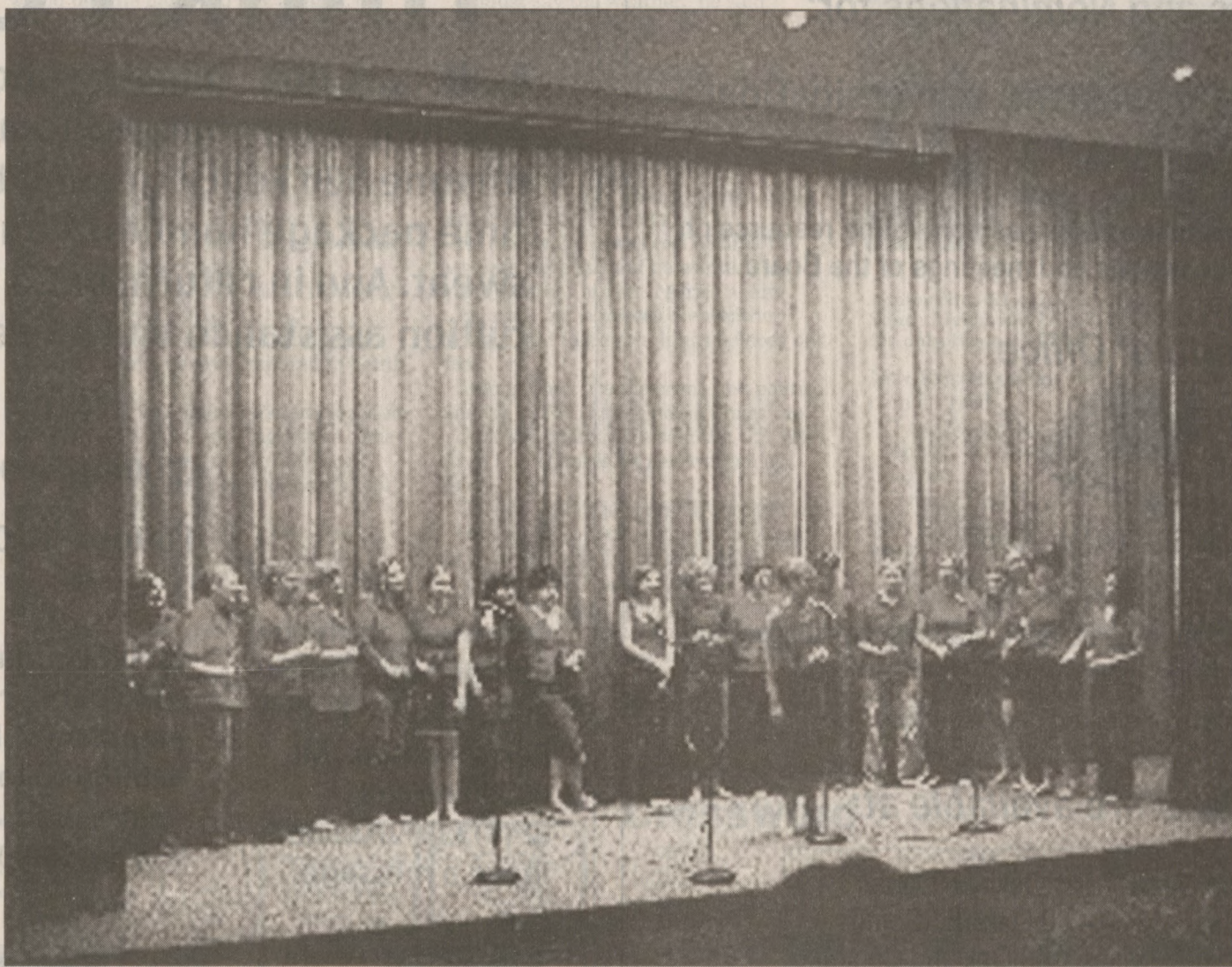
Sara Crampton, Center for Student Activities Student Leadership Development coordinator and part of the Women's History Month committee said another event to look forward to is "Take Back the Night."

"It is something that is important and students will enjoy it," she said.

"Take Back the Night" will feature a rally, march, candlelight vigil and Speak Out. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. on April 9 on the steps of the Kresge Library, and is sponsored by HAVEN and OU.

Also, the Social Work Club and HAVEN will have an informational table April 2, 3, 7 and 8 in the OC.

Spencer-Wood said that more students were involved with the planning of this year's Women's History Month than last year.



The cast of last year's production of the Vagina Monologues gather on the stage. The Vagina Monologues will be performed this year April 11-13 in 201 Dodge Hall.

The students involved include Younis, Jacque Hoagland and Sarah Buckland.

"It was very student driven this year," she said. "I think the stuff they are doing is really important."

Students pushed for more interactive events like "That Women's Show" a panel discussion about the lives of women in different generations, said Spencer-Wood.

Crampton said the panel discussion will feature students and faculty talking about changes between the generations. Audience members will be given a chance to respond to the panel members.

OU's Women's History Month is sponsored by several OU organizations. The Center for Student Activities, Student Life Lecture Board, Kresge Library, Graham Health Center, OUPD, the Honors College, Muslim Student's Association and the Women's Issues

Forum are all contributing to the celebration.

Also, the departments of Sociology and Anthropology, Applied Technology and Business, Women's Studies and Computer, Science and Engineering are participating.

Spencer-Wood said that the technology and business involvement in the planning is something she is pleased with.

"This is a whole new group we (Women's Studies) are building bridges with," she said. "We don't have courses in this area. Women's Studies students are traditionally not interested in business."

She said that since many of the students are involved in the business world, this is something that should change.

Spencer-Wood personally is looking forward to the "Collaborative Knowledge Networks" event that will be held at 11

a.m.-noon on Friday, March 28 in 235 Elliot Hall.

She said the event will focus on women networking on the internet.

"The internet embodies women's values to an extent," she said.

Another highlight of the month is the Phyllis Law Googasian Award that will be presented to Fatma Mili, associate professor of Engineering at the luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on March 19 in the Gold Rooms in the OC.

Spencer-Wood said this award goes to a faculty member that does a lot to get women students involved with science.

For more upcoming women's history events, check out the Low Down on B7.

Game show hits OU

By DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

Get ready to think fast on Wednesday, for the Think Fast game show presented by the Student Program Board.

The show is being presented by the Student Program Board at noon in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center, and is expected to be a fun time for all who attend.

The contest will consist of multiple-choice trivia covering a wide range of topics including American history, art, literature, TV, movies and music.

Any students who wish to play may participate by simply showing up, and there is virtually no limit to how many can compete.

Players will be divided into teams and given wireless remotes to answer trivia questions.

The winner will be given a \$200 winner-take-all cash prize.

There are several rounds in the game, including a speed round where the host fires a series of audio, visual and verbal questions at contestants who must buzz-in to answer them.

The game will feature an audio-visual experience for students, with two large projection screens, a backdrop and a contestant panel in the center stage similar to those in televised game shows.

An entertainment company called TjohnE will be running the show.

The host of Think Fast will be an employee of TjohnE.

The SPB puts on a variety of events during the year for students, which are funded by tuition fees.

"I think that this is a really good idea. It gets students involved and makes campus more fun," said Kirsten Jorgensen, sophomore.

SPB is always looking for volunteers for events.

Students who want to get involved can stop by the office in the basement of the OC.

Reviews

Notorious rapper's album hits shelves

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
(KRT)

50 CENT "Get Rich or Die Trying" (Shady/Interscope, 3 stars)

Shoot him. Stab him. Bust him. Dump him. Bootleg him. 50 Cent, hip-hop's "realest," most notorious rapper since Notorious B.I.G., won't be stopped.

After years in the biz, the former crack dealer, who routinely wears a bulletproof vest, has gotten his "big" via Shady CEO Eminem, a man who knows the value of fantastic flow, stark realism and how to market both. Shady's investment, ensured by 50 Cent's flow and Em's production of several ferociously beat-heavy tunes, should yield major dividends.

Heightened by dense Dr. Dre (or Dre-like) funk production, 50's quick-witted, metaphorical rhymes — as smooth, staccato and melody-driven as a Dexter Gordon sax line — always bite, whether dissing pop-hop playas ("Many Men") or ladies waiting to fill his needs ("In da Club").

Though never far from violence and the world of the streets ("P.I.M.P.," "High All the Time"), "Get Rich or Die Trying" in its willingness to reveal passions beyond money. Tenderness ("21 Questions") and a willingness to consider success as more than fiduciary gain ("Gotta Make It to Heaven," "Patiently Waiting"), could make 50 Cent as healthy, wealthy and wise as his benefactor.

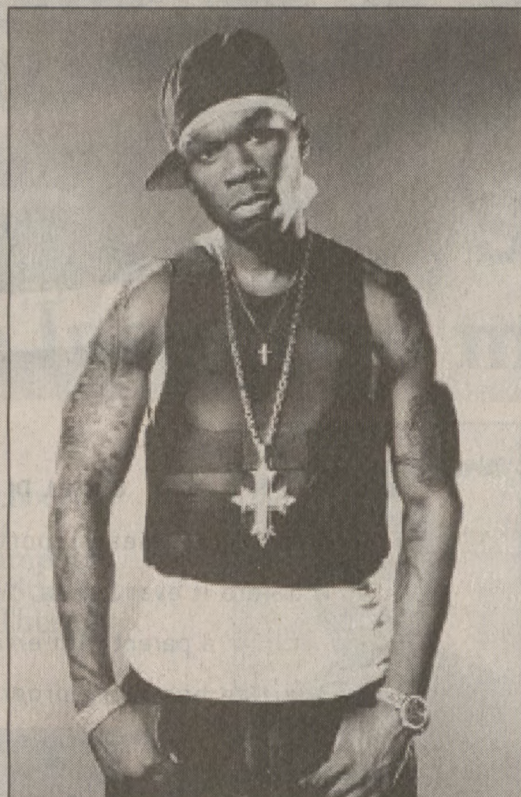


Photo courtesy of Aftermath/Interscope Records, Inc. 50 Cent's new album "Get Rich or Die Trying" hit stores in early February.

"Cradle 2 the Grave"

By CHRIS HEWITT
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
(KRT)

Is "Cradle 2 the Grave" a movie or an infomercial for Wilson's, the Leather Experts? Turquoise, tan, red, black, purple — there's every color of leather except cow in "Cradle 2 the Grave" and, despite its impracticality for people who run and dodge bullets a lot, virtually every character wears it (there is an 8-year-old whose leather isn't visible, but even she's probably wearing a suede teddy).

The leather is to let us know that all the people are tough but stylish, that their crimes are tough but stylish and that the way they die is tough but stylish.

It's one of those movies where we start out with bad guys (jewel thieves DMX, Gabrielle Union and Jet Li), but then some even worse guys show up, so the earli-

er bad guys become good guys (in the sequel, the even worse guys will probably get bumped up to good guys, and some extremely terrible guys will be the new — oh, whatever).

Things do get a mite confusing in "Cradle" because director Andrzej Bartkowiak doesn't pay much attention to things like plot or characters. But that's not necessarily a bad thing since the dialogue is pretty lousy and the story is pretty rote. Actually, less talking would be better, since it would give the movie a higher percentage of the improbable stuff that makes it fairly entertaining.

For starters, there's a zippy chase sequence involving an all-terrain vehicle and a motorcycle in a sprint that gets even more interesting when the drivers take it indoors.

There's a supremely cool stunt,

executed by Li (and his stunt double) on the side of an apartment complex. There's an insanely brutal ironman competition in which it develops that Li is more like a tungsten man. There's DMX's excellent convertible, which sustains no damage despite a head-on collision. And, most improbably of all, Tom Arnold is actually quite funny in his supporting role.

Arnold cues us that nothing in "Cradle" is meant to be taken seriously, least of all the auction for weapons of mass destruction that ends the movie, a loony affair in which the weapons go to the bustiest bidder. The scene would be scary if the way the bidders go at each other weren't so dopey, aggressively taking each other on while also making sure their hair is perfect. In other words, making sure they are tough but stylish.

Names in the news

By MURRAY DUBIN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
(KRT)

Playboy Magazine plans to do a picture spread on the "Women of Starbucks," and is asking latte-makers from its more than 6,200 coffee shops worldwide to send in photos.

Playboy's Theresa Hennessey said: "Starbucks is such a big part of American pop culture, and Playboy is always trying to stay on top of the latest trend, so it seemed like a natural fit ..."

Starbucks has not warmed to the idea of the joining of these two cultural colossi, saying that it does

not endorse the nude-coffee-makers issue.

Playboy's pic deadline is April 1, and the issue, featuring 10 to 15 women, should come out late this year.

♦♦♦♦

J.K. Rowling, author of the "Harry Potter" books, will make a guest appearance later this year on "The Simpsons."

Another guest in the episode will be actor Ian McKellen, said Fox publicist Antonia Coffman.

The Simpson family meets Rowling and McKellen on a trip to London, and Rowling fumes when young Lisa Simpson pesters her for details about how the "Harry Potter" books will end.



Now Accepting.....

Applications and Nominations for:

Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees

The role of the Student Liaison is to serve as non-voting resource on student issues at work sessions and meetings of the Board.

Term of Office:



- ◆ July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 or 2005
- ◆ Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
- ◆ Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (of which 28 are at Oakland University)
- ◆ Must not hold any other major elected campus office

Applications are available at:

Student Affairs Office – 144 Oakland Center
Student Congress Office – 62 Oakland Center
Center for Student Activities – 49 Oakland Center

**Applications are due at the Student Affairs Office by
March 31, 2003**



For questions, please call: 248-370-4200

Think Fast – Think FedEx!

FedEx ground. Thinking about some fast cash and help with college? Join the fast paced, fortune 500 FedEx ground team as a part-time package handler. You'll work up a sweat. And in return, get a weekly paycheck, tuition assistance and more!

Shifts

3:00am–8:00am

4:00pm–10:00pm

**Come and apply in person Mon–Thurs.
2pm–6pm at 1125 n
Perry Pontiac, MI
48340 or call
(248)338-2013 and
leave a message.**

Qualifications

- 18 years or older
- must be able to lift 50 lbs..
- ability to load, unload, sort packages,
- part-time, 5 day week
- \$8.50/\$9.00 per hr. scheduled raises

FedEx

Ground

Student Program Board

SPB

Oakland University

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 5th - Noon- Fireside Lounge-
THINKFAST! Game show- test your knowledge in this
team "battle of the wits" and win prizes in the process!

Monday, March 10th - Noon- Fireside Lounge-
Dave Coleman, Dating Doctor! - Hear advice, funny
stories and everything you need to know about happy and
healthy (or not so happy and healthy) dating. The
audience also gets the opportunity to participate!

Questions or comments? Give us a call at ext. 4295 or
stop by and see us in the basement of the OC- room 64!

photo: David Leach nyc

TO SOME, THIS IS A PLACE TO COOK
MACARONI AND CHEESE.

TO OTHERS, IT'S A PLACE TO MAKE
A KID **SORRY FOR**
WHAT HE DID.

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

doesn't just mean reporting it. Instead, you can help
stop it before it ever starts. With everything from simply helping
a parent with errands or babysitting
to supporting parenting programs in your community. Find out
the many ways you can help at

www.preventchildabuse.org or call 1-800-children.

A CHILD IS HELPLESS. YOU ARE NOT.



**Prevent Child Abuse
America**

Student Spotlight

Nico Kristen

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

A South African rugby player has made a home for himself in the U.S. and at OU.

Nico Kristen, 21, is a junior psychology major who plans to go to medical school after he graduates. However, he hasn't always had that plan. It's only since he moved her from Pretoria, one of three capitals in South Africa, that he has had that dream.

"I've been in the U.S. for two-and-a-half years," he said.

After Kristen finished high school, his dad, an engineer, was transferred to Michigan in 2000.

Kristen came to the U.S. with his parents and his now 8 year-old sister, Bianca, and planned to stay for only a year.

"I never made it back to the airport," he said.

Not all of his family is from South Africa. Kristen said his grandfather moved to South Africa after World War II from Germany. Just before he left, he met a woman whom he couldn't get out of his head. When he got to South Africa he wrote her a letter and told her she could come to South Africa to be with him, or he

would use the money to buy a car.

That woman married his grandfather, and Kristen's father was born. Kristen's father married a native South African.

Kristen said while he has adjusted to life in America, it was a big move.

"It is funny the stereotypes some people have about the U.S.," Kristen said.

He said people from South Africa either think of the U.S. as Los Angeles or cowboys because that is what they see on television and in the movies.

"I had no idea," Kristen said. "It was shocking when I got here."

He said he was impressed with how friendly Americans are compared to South Africans.

To ease the transition, Kristen played for the Detroit Rugby Club. Rugby was something he had enjoyed in South Africa.

"Rugby in South Africa is almost like a religion," Kristen said.

However, he had to quit a few seasons ago due to scheduling conflicts. It was a traveling club, and he didn't have enough time.

Kristen said the sport is a very important part of the South African culture and his country is very competitive.

Kristen there are things he misses from South Africa.

"I must say the weather," he said.

Kristen said in South Africa, it is 70-80 degrees year-round.

Snow was a new experience for him. He said the first snowfall barely covered the ground but his mom was calling people and taking pictures, because it was nothing the family had seen before.

"The first thing I thought was it had a funny texture," Kristen said.

He said while it was cool at first, the newness wore off, and he wanted the warm weather of South Africa again.

As much as he misses the weather, Kristen said there are things he does not miss.

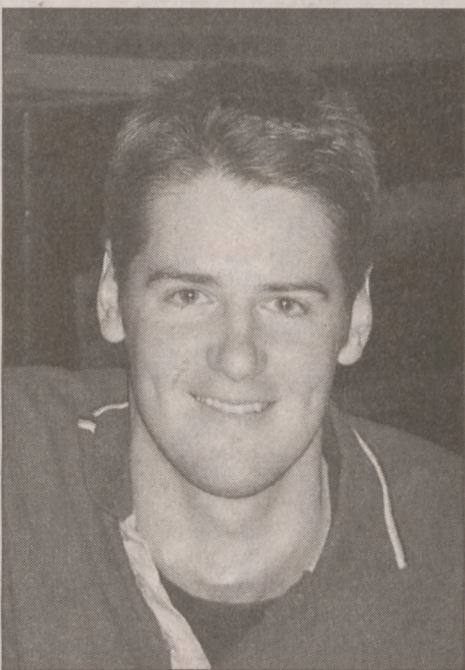
Among them are the crime and political climate, but mostly he doesn't miss the lack of opportunity. He said the U.S. has given him chances he never dreamed about.

"The only limit is yourself," Kristen said.

He said he is not making definite plans on where he will live in the future.

"I didn't even know I would be in America four years ago," Kristen said. "You never know where life will take you. If it's my choice I would go somewhere a little more warm."

He said had he stayed in South Africa, he planned on being a business major.



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post
Junior Nico Kristen, originally from South Africa, has been living in the U.S. for only two-and-a-half years.

Now, Kristen said he thinks he might stay here for good.

"I can see myself living here," he said.

Kristen is a legislator in OU's Student Congress.

"I never thought I'd be involved with student government," Kristen said. "I'm so amazed how Student Congress works."

Since coming to the U.S., Kristen has not been back to South Africa but plans on going there next summer to visit his family.

Kristen's native language is Afrikaans, although English is also spoken in South Africa.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, March 5

SPB will present a "Think Fast" game show at noon in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

There will be a one day national student strike against the war with Iraq from 12-3 p.m. in Gold Rooms B and C in the OC.

Thursday, March 6

CSA will present a lecture about how the stock market works at noon in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

There will be a reading and book signing by Thomas Lynch from 4-5:30 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

Friday, March 7

Women's Studies, Women's Issues Forum and CSA are sponsoring Women's History Month Celebration opening ceremonies from noon-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Residence Halls Programming will present Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Saturday, March 8

The Indian Student Association will present its annual cultural show at the Varner Recital Hall in Varner Hall.

"The Portrait of a Man" will be presented by Glory Phi God at 11 a.m. in room 125 in the OC.

Monday, March 10

SPB will present "The Dating Connection" at noon in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Tuesday, March 11

The Psi Chi and Psychology Club will present a guest lecture by Dr. Eberly on prosocial behavior in adolescents in Lake Superior Room A in the OC.

Friday, March 14

Poems for the English Department's Poetry Contest must be submitted by 5 p.m. in 517 Wilson Hall. For information, contact the Department at (248) 370-2250.

Saturday, March 15

SPB Rhythms Den will present "The Two Siberians" at 8 p.m. in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

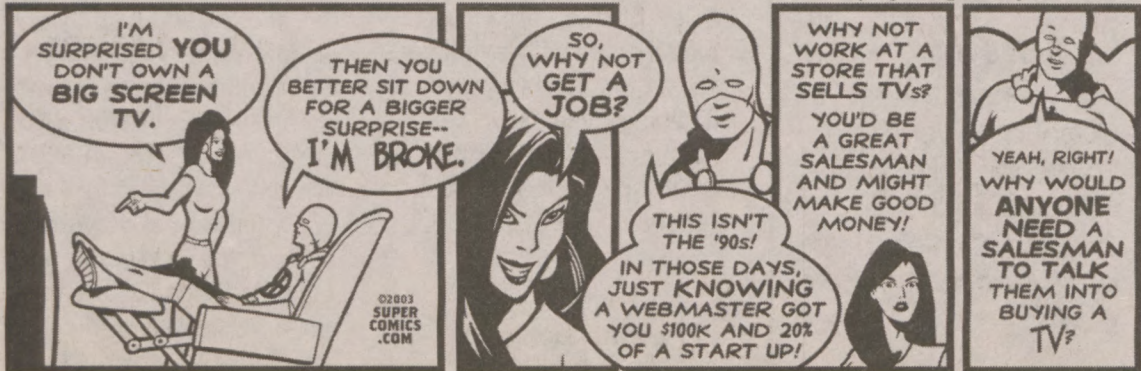
Friday, March 21

Residence Halls Programming will be presenting Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Saturday, March 22

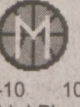
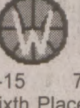
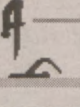
The Association of Black Students will hold its annual ball from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. in Pioneer Food Court in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

CAPTAIN RIBMAN® in Poor Excuse



Grizzly Sports Calendar

Games shaded in gray denote home contests. Records and standing in bold denote Mid-Con. Records and standings in *italics* denotes league.

	5 Wed	6 Thu	7 Fri	8 Sat	9 Sun	10 Mon	11 Tue
 17-10 10-4 Third Place				8:15 p.m. Southern Utah (Mid-Con) Tournament		8:30 p.m. Mid-Con Semifinals (Fox SportsNet)	8 p.m. Mid-Con Tournament Championship (ESPN2)
 11-15 7-7 Sixth Place				7:15 p.m. UMKC (Mid-Con) Tournament		2:15 p.m. Mid-Con Semifinals	Mid-Con Tournament Championship
 Last Chance Meet				T.B.D.			
 Tusculum Invitational				T.B.D.	T.B.D. Tusculum Invitational		
BASEBALL 4-3 0-0			Noon Dayton (Doubleheader)	1 p.m. Dayton			

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Jam-packed
 - Waves
 - School grad
 - Cathartic solution
 - Fearfully uneasy
 - Cheesy crust
 - Collide with
 - Actor Knight
 - Track ticket
 - Pose questions
 - London district
 - Highland shrub
 - The work week is over!
 - Tudor dynasty founder
 - Large nut
 - Leatherneck
 - Capital of Armenia
 - Stillness
 - Dispatch
 - Concepts
 - Elements of a strategy
 - Mental cup containing burning oil
 - "My Favorite Year" star
 - Sock's end
 - Gilbert of "Roseanne"
 - Inert gas
 - Hugh of "20/20"
 - Lendi of tennis
 - CIA's Soviet counterpart
 - Bridge opening
 - Org. of Couples
 - Pacifics
 - Ordnance officer
 - Most merciless
 - Ms. Plummer
 - Exceed
 - Spike and Pinky
 - Bellyflop effect
- DOWN
- NYC arena
 - Boat propeller
 - Nonessential talk
 - Regret words
 - Geraint's loyal wife
 - Winter quarters
 - Two-time
 - Wimbledon champion
 - Spoiled kids
 - Cross or Cranshaw
 - Epic tale
 - Cocktail choice
 - East letters
 - In the past
 - Mayday
 - 20 Springs
 - Chinese sauce
 - Have debts
 - Gazed briefly
 - Political refugees
 - Business abbr.
 - Service charge
 - Hand-cream additive
 - Obscure
 - Runner-up
 - Weighty weight
 - Snacked
 - Concocts
 - Tropical grassland
 - Period
 - Light brown
 - Ironc endings
 - Very overweight
 - Round toy
 - Well adjunct
 - Deed
 - B'way theater
 - sign
 - Holy smokes!
 - Ford fuel
 - Meese and Wynn
 - Cheerleader's yell

Solutions

HSVTJS SEETJDOT
YDNVWY LSTENRQ
BENNND SEBYNSV
VDA DIBRBY
NVAI SNMOD NOEN
VHVS EOT ETOOLO
JESSBO SOLLOV
SODE QNES
EONETIS NYASBA
ENIHYW OOT NEMO
JIGL ESHOD OHOS
KXY LEE DEL
OLNIDNYR NIIYHD
ONIOYEHQ ENITVS
VLD SBBB CBEBOW

Need Advice?
Email questions about school, love and life to life@oakpostonline.com, and look for answers in the new advice column!

OU says ...

What was the last good movie you've seen?



"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"

Marina Cracchiol
Freshman
Undecided



"Old School"

Brian Campbell
Graduate Student
Physical Therapy



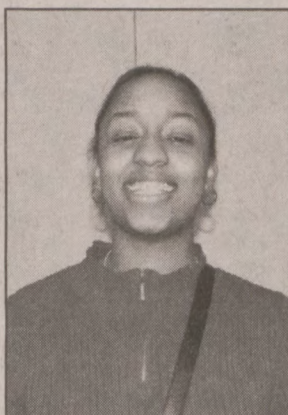
"Friday after Next"

Lorne Rolston
Senior
Communications



"Shrek" - It was funny."

Stephen Woloszczuk
Freshman
Computer Sciences



"Brown Sugar"

Dorian Dickerson
Senior
Medical
Laboratory
Sciences

Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

**Now accepting applications and nominations for:
Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees**
The role of the student liaison is to serve as non-voting resource on student issues at work sessions and meetings of the Board.

Term of office is July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 or 2005
Must have at least a 2.5 GPA

Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (28 from OU).

Must not hold any other major elected campus office.
Applications available at: Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center, Student Congress, 62 Oakland Center or Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center.
Deadline is March 31, 2003.
Call 248-370-4200 for more information.

2002-2003 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. These awards are available to recognize and encourage OU students and student organizations to become involved in volunteer services both on and off campus. Up to 10 awards of \$500 each are available to individual returning students and student organizations. Funds will be applied to the recipient's fall 2003 bill or the student organization's account. Deadline for both individual and group applications is Friday, March 21st.

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE JOB FAIR

Upcoming on Friday, March 28 is the annual Spring Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF) to again be held at Burton Manor in Livonia. Additional information on this event, including a list of employers currently scheduled to attend the event, is available on campus at Career Services (275 West Vandenberg Hall, 370-3250), or by visiting the MCJF web site at www.mcjf.org. Candidates may pre-register for \$10 or you may register "at the door" for \$20. MCJF is a statewide job fair for graduating students and alumni of Michigan colleges and universities. Opportunities will be represented for most majors, with the likely exception of medicine, law, and education.

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Welcome back! We hope you had a happy and safe winter break. Hopefully, you had good weather, were with friends and have come back to us feeling rested and healthy! If you came back with a bug, that hitchhiked its way back with you, we hope you'll keep Graham Health Center in mind. We're here to treat your coughs and sniffles, aches and pains, and get you back on track for a healthy spring. Call the Graham Health Center today for an appointment at ext. 2341, and let us help you to better health.

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Attention Oakland students! Discover your career potential! Let the professionals in the Career Resource Center help you learn more about yourself, identify a college major and explore career options within your major. You don't have to be lost. We can help you identify what careers suit you the best and help you achieve your goals. This service is FREE for all students and alumni. Visit us in 154 North Foundation Hall or call us at 370-3263.

DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Now hiring Peer Mentors (7 positions available) and Nightwatch Persons (1 male, 1 female) for the KCP Extended College Day Program at OU (a residential four week summer program for high school students interested in OU). Peer mentor positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying room and board and a \$275/week stipend. Nightwatch positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying a \$225/week stipend. For both positions, must have a 2.5 minimum GPA and sophomore class standing by end of spring term. Must agree to a background check and commit to all four program weeks plus training. For applications and more information, come to 103 North Foundation Hall. Interested persons should speak with Candace Rogers.

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND

Summer 2003 Jobs

Applications available in 261 South Foundation Hall for the following positions: Head Resident (graduate students or degreed adults only)

Peer Mentor (6 positions available)

Tutor/Teacher Aide (6 positions available)

Nightwatch Person (1 position available)

For more information stop by or call 248-370-3218.

Campus Rec Happenings

Half-Semester Membership

The half semester membership for the winter semester begins March 1st. The charge is \$85 for any affiliated individual (including student spouse, etc.). The rate of \$35 for children and young adults remains the same.

Wellness Wednesday

The next Wellness Wednesday on March 19th in the Pioneer Room at 12:05 PM will feature "Nutrition and Cancer" led by R.D. Nancy Kennedy. Cancer prevention begins with nutrition. Learn what should be a part of your daily food intake to reduce the risk of cancer. An OU mug will be raffled off. See you there!

Water Safety Instructor

The next Water Safety Instructor session starts on March 11th and goes through April 19th. The course enables those who pass to teach swimming lessons and also to be certified in American Red Cross. Contact Terri Eudy at 248.370.4533.

Please visit the Campus Recreation website for complete information on everything the Rec Center has to offer at www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec.

This Week

Wednesday, March 5

Wellness Wednesday, 12:05 PM in the Pioneer Room, features the topic "Healthy Brown Bag Lunches" and will be led by dietitian Antonella McGreevy. Compare a typical lunch that is bought at a restaurant to a healthy brown bag lunch. You will learn about good choices as well as some healthy choices to grab from Pic-A-Deli. A \$5 Pic-A-Deli gift certificate will be raffled off. See you there!

Friday, March 7

RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2003 Comedy Series presents comedian Megan Mooney, 7 PM Vandenberg Cafeteria. Megan's relaxed and approachable comedy style gains her instant approval with her audiences. Graduating cum laude from John Carroll University and moving to Austin, Texas, she was awarded the 1998 "Funniest Person in Austin" award. She just finished taping a Comcast Cable TV Comedy Production featuring national comics from across the country. Come join us for some free laughs and free refreshments.

The Oakland Post Classifieds

- Only 35¢ per word (\$7 minimum)

Publications

The Oakland Post is published on Wednesdays throughout the school year.

Deadlines

Insertion and cancellation deadline is the Friday before publication at noon.

Insertion after deadline cannot be guaranteed. Full price may be charged for cancellation after deadline.

Preparing Your Ad

No special form needed.

Type or neatly print your ad text.

Include your contact information: Full Name, Company Name (if Applicable), address, phone number, fax and email address (if possible). Ads will not be accepted without this information and all information will be kept strictly confidential.

E-Mail

advertising@oakpostonline.com

Cost

35¢ per word with a minimum of \$7.

Payment Method

The Oakland Post only accepts checks. Make check payable to "The Oakland Post".

Phone

(248) 370-4269

Fax

(248) 370-4264

Via Mail or In Person

61 Oakland Center
Oakland University
Rochester, MI 48309
(Located in the Oakland Center, downstairs, next to Bumpers Game Room.)

Don't forget ...

- \$7 minimum for all classified ads.
- All ads subject to standard abbreviations.
- The Oakland Post reserves the right to edit, categorize, or refuse classified ads as they see fit.

Figure Your Charges

_____ words @ 35¢ each \$ _____
Multiply by _____ editions \$ _____
Total Ad Cost \$ _____

- \$7 minimum for all classified ads.
- All ads subject to standard abbreviations.

Jobs

Bartender Trainees
Needed. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. (800) 293-3985 ext. 198

Clean Cut Reliable Student
with good driving record for summer outdoor work in the Mt. Clemens area. 5-6 days a week, \$400-\$500 per week. Please call (586) 783-1577. Ask for Ryan

Summer Childcare Provider

Female to watch over two daughters, 4 & 7 in our Rochester Hills home from June 9th until Sept. 4th. 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday- Friday. Call Patti at (248) 816-0343.

Join a high performance team!!! ALFLAC, a fortune 500 company has immediate sales positions available. Must be able to build relationships with employers as well as their employees. Training available. Please contact Michelle. Phone (586) 783-7600 or fax resume to (586) 783-7605.

Parents looking for Qualified Part-time Care giver for 10-year-old son. Flexible weekly schedule. Will negotiate tuition for time. Bloomfield Hills. Call Helen (248) 647-2546 or cell (248) 310-8220.

Students needed to work with our autistic son.

Great experience for education, social work, and psychology majors. Flexible hours, training provided. Sterling Heights. (586) 795-9344.

Looking for Weekend Evening Babysitter to watch 2 boys, ages 4 and 2 in West Bloomfield home. Great pay starting at \$8-9/hr. Please call Becky at: (248) 851-3493, or (248) 459-9191.

Misc.

Law Offices of Byers & Goulding
Attorneys providing solutions in MIP - Driving Offenses - Divorce - Wills & Trusts - Real Estate - Probate - Personal Injury - We welcome your call and will answer your questions on the phone. Close to campus. (248) 693-1500.

Roommates Wanted!!!

Rochester teacher looking for two female roommates to share brand new Oxford home. House faces lake and golf course. 25 min. to OU. Dogs welcome. Call Christine at (248) 236-9665.

A new state of the art veterinary facility is now open in N. Oakland County.

Michigan Veterinary Specialists- North is located at 3412 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI. 48326. We are now hiring for F/T & P/T afternoon and overnight shifts in the following areas: Licensed technicians, technician assistants and kennel assistants to provide assistance with procedures, client contact, paperwork and cleaning. You must be a motivated team player who loves animals. Fax resumes to (248) 371-3714 or email us at jobs@michvet.com or on our website: www.michvet.com.

As of September 5th, there is a **AA/Alanon meeting** every Thursday in the Graham Health Center. Conference Room at noon. This meeting replaces the Wednesday noon meeting from last year.

• **GRAVING • ZIMMERMAN •**
• **MAZZARA • BAIR •**
• **VERNIER •**
(NON-PARTNERSHIP)
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Serving the Communities of Macomb and Oakland Counties

- * All traffic tickets
- * All criminal matters
- * Traffic • Misdemeanors • Felonies
- * Drunk Driving • Drugs
- * Family Law • Divorce • Bankruptcy
- * **ALL OTHER LEGAL MATTERS**

Shelby Township Office
50258 Van Dyke, Suite F
(23 Mile & Van Dyke)

Call 24/7 Toll Free (877) 726-6980



CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

FREE Pregnancy Testing

Nurse on Staff, Ultrasound Available

Confidential & Friendly

CALL 248-293-0070

3205 South Blvd. (NW corner at Squirrel)

Auburn Hills, MI 48326

www.crossroadscpc.org

Jobs

Pharmacy Technician
Certification or experience preferred. Send application or resume to:
Patterson Pharmacy, 1 Washington Street, Oxford, MI. 48371 or call (248) 628-2538.

Misc.

Share a Prime Office Suite
\$225 mo.- First Month Free
Upscale furnished with waiting room and available conference room. Franklin road an Northwestern Highway (248) 358-4480.

The Oakland Post is always looking for writers and photographers. Please stop by and see us at 61 Oakland Center or call Ann at (248) 370-4268.