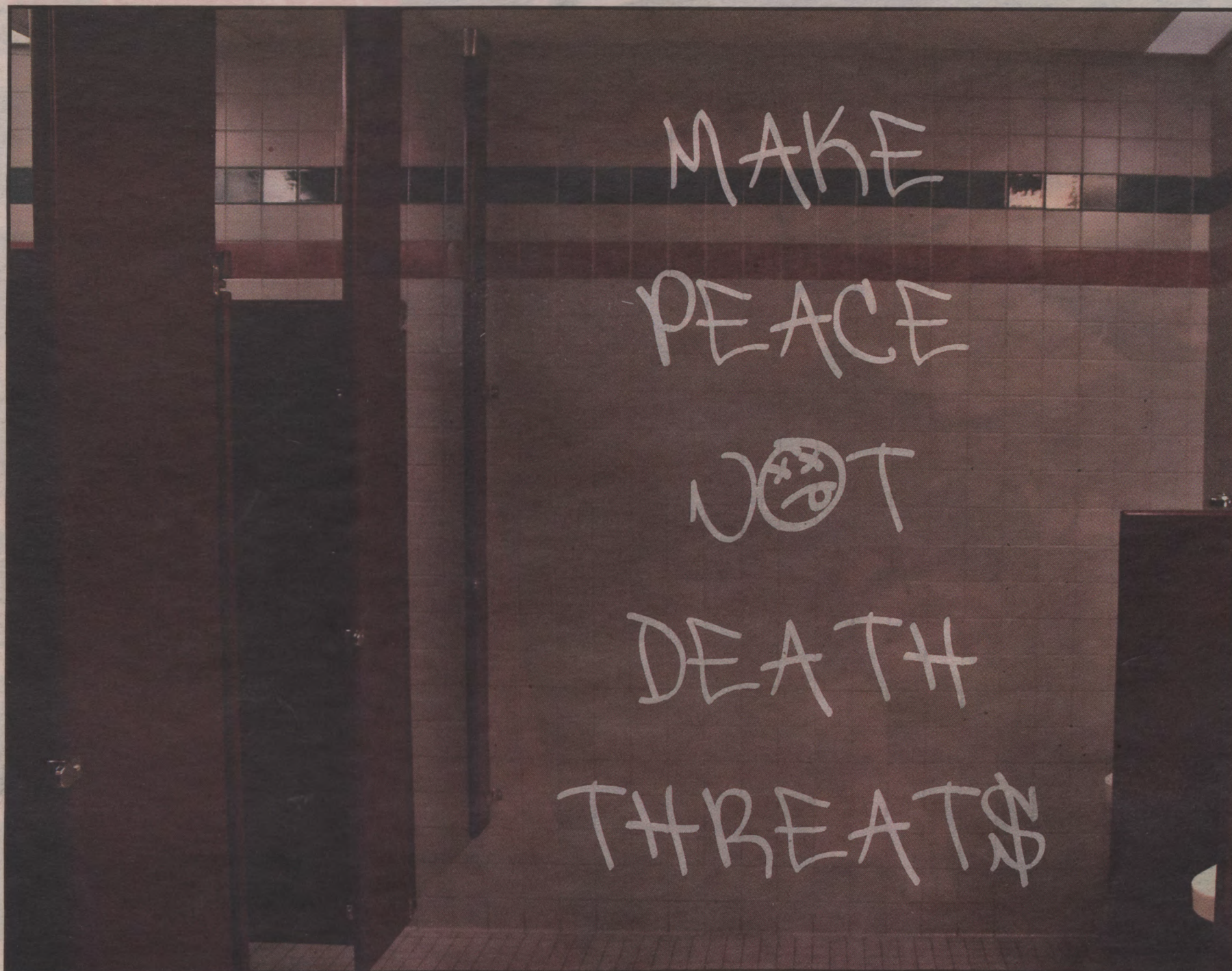


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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Oakland University is not a fantasy land

"Nothing will happen — I mean, it's Oakland University."

As the 2008 school year reaches its conclusion, many seniors are ready to move beyond the college campus and into the "real" world.

The threats of the past weekend have offered a final lesson for Oakland's near-future alumni and students.

We live in an imperfect society where even words around toilets and urinals are taken seriously.

This is a direct reflection of the many tragedies that have occurred around the country. In a world where drastic events certainly do happen, "nothing will happen" is not the best attitude to adopt.

Homeland Security was alerted of the situation, but "Don't worry," the chorus chants, "It's only Oakland University!"

It's highly unlikely that the other schools that shut down this week have any more possibility of an attack than Oakland.

Is Saint Xavier University a hub for violent activity? Has anyone ever considered Grayslake Middle School to be much more active than Oakland University?

Nor is it likely that students at Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois or Columbine High School ever thought it more likely for a school shooting to take place on their respective campuses.

These were not centers of crime, nor locations well-acquainted with tragic events of such nature.

It seems as though, Oakland University students are apathetic even when there is a major security threat. OU is no more special than any other university. We have, essentially, the same environment as the other universities — we have no potion that makes us any more safe or secure.

Students will hopefully understand this message: There is no basis for the idea that nothing will happen because "this is OU."

Even before the threats were written, this same perspective could have readily been defended.

Imagine if a week ago, the claim was made that it was possible that a threat would be written in a variety of bathrooms, and that the remarks would parallel comments in other schools around the nation.

The same lazy skeptics would retort: "Of course not at OU — that never happens here!"

Yet we still hear this response after something major actually does happen. OU is suddenly part of the national news.

Something major has just happened; what more is necessary for students to grasp this concept!?

Instead of winding down the semester with spring weather and studying, we are dealt a hand of reality.

In a society where we must be concerned with every last bathroom wall, we should not dismiss all possibilities so quickly.

There are a multitude of possible reasons for writing the message, many of which have severe consequences.

After tragedy unfolds, there is always an outcry as to what type of behavior could have hinted to future dangerous activity.

Precautions had to be taken to ensure that all measures were taken to avoid a tragedy. There is no denying sordid threats (even on bathroom walls) fit under this category, and should be viewed seriously.

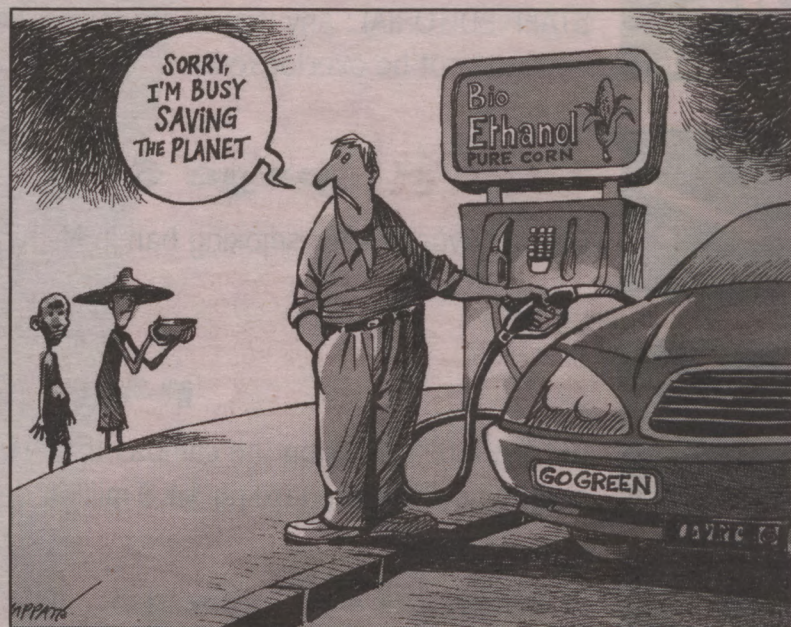
With the history of school shootings in America, if there is someone who is disgruntled enough to write such words, there should be a large reaction.

Alas, school shootings of the past are what highlighted the threat as a major concern in the first place.

The fact is that terrible things do happen, regardless of how much we tell ourselves that it could never happen to us.

That is the reason we are concerned with graffiti in the john to begin with.

Hopefully this will teach OU students a one more valuable lesson before school is out for summer.



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# Deferred payment decision falls short of a graduating senior's expectations

## Guest Column

**Joshua Miller**  
History Major  
Graduating Senior



Earlier today, Tuesday, April 15, 2008, the Oakland University Board of Trustees voted on a plan to spend the \$4.8 million deferred payment the university received from the state of Michigan a few months ago.

Amazingly, this plan did include a refund of some money for students.

However, the student refund only amounted to about \$1.1 million of the total, meaning the university plans to keep and spend the rest of the payment.

Hopefully most students are now familiar with this issue.

Not only has it attracted a great deal of publicity, but students actually voted on how they would like to

see the money spent in the March elections.

That vote overwhelmingly said: "OU, give us our money back!"

Clearly, though, the university doesn't want to listen to the students.

They would rather raise our tuition, tell us to go lobby Lansing for more money and then keep it when the state actually comes through.

I'm sure that you'll hear a lot of arguments about how wrong I am to speak against this plan. After all, we're getting money back, aren't we? Certainly we are.

Probably just enough to placate most of the student population. (By the way, it won't be the entire student population getting money back.)

And isn't most of the money going to go to campus developments?

Yes, it is.

Except that most of those developments won't benefit students who

won't be going to school here when they are finished.

Last summer, when our tuition was increased nearly 14 percent, we were told repeatedly that some two-thirds of that cost was because the school did not receive their full payments from the University.

Guess what, OU? We helped you get it.

Telling us that the student rally in Lansing in September had no impact, or that the tuition increase and the deferred payment have nothing to do with each other shows a profound and disturbing lack of respect for those you are speaking to.

Hopefully the student body will remember this in the future when Oakland University increases tuition again and then tries to pin their failures on the state government.

In the mean time, I'd (still) like my money back.



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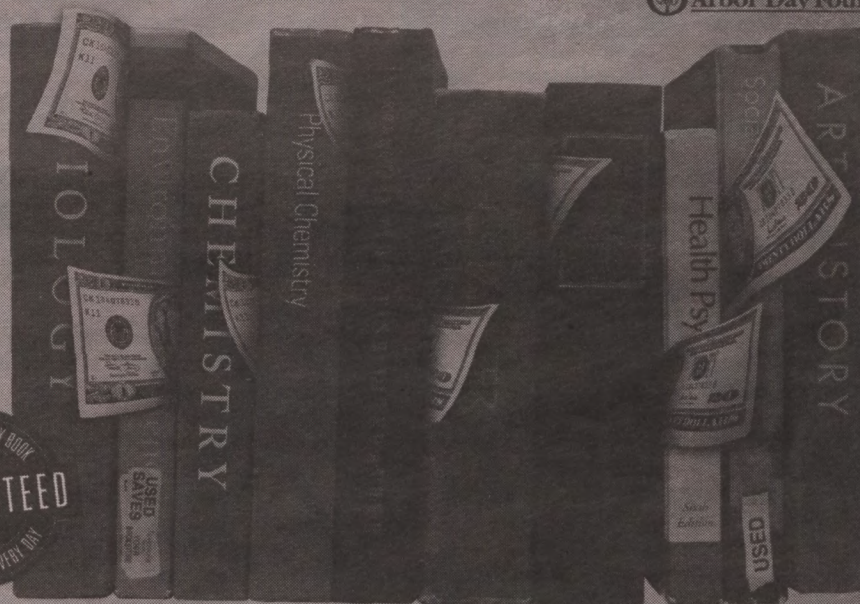
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## Group pushes for Mich. smoking ban

By KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. — Smoking bans in other states don't have any net economic effect on bars and restaurants, according to a study released Tuesday.

The study was released by former Michigan Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, now of Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing think tank.

It was prepared for The Campaign for Smokefree Air. The group is trying to get the state Senate to take up a House-passed bill banning smoking in all work places, including bars and restaurants.

A spokesman for the Michigan Restaurant Association said Tuesday that bars and restaurants should be allowed to set their own policies based on what customers want. More than 5,000 of the roughly 16,000 bars and restaurants in Michigan already ban smoking, up from around 2,200 in 1998, Andy Deloney said.

Spokesman Lance Binoniemi of

the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association also disagrees with having a statewide smoking ban for bars and restaurants.

"Any time they come out with an overall economic impact, they really fail to see the impact on the small family business," he said. "During these economic times in Michigan, I don't know why we'd try to negatively affect anyone."

But Sikkema said studies have shown secondhand smoke affects the health of customers and workers in places that allow smoking, affecting not just lungs and respiratory systems but hearts and cardiovascular systems. Scientific evidence indicates that having a separate nonsmoking section or cleaning the air doesn't eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke, he said.

He noted that smoking bans recently took effect in two states — Iowa and Nebraska — and that 24 states already ban smoking in restaurants and bars, while four states ban smoking in res-

taurants.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, looks unlikely to change his mind and allow the smoking ban to come up for a vote. Bishop has said he thinks the decision on whether to go smokefree is best left up to individual bars and restaurants and that the bill would put unnecessary government restrictions on and possibly hurt private establishments.

But Sikkema, a Republican from the city of Wyoming, said he would have passed a similar bill while he was Senate leader if he'd known then what the new study shows.

"This is not a Republican or Democratic issue," Sikkema said, noting that eight Republicans joined Democrats to pass the measure last year in the House. "The evidence is overwhelming ... (that) this bill will have no net economic effect on the Michigan restaurant and bar industry."

Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said she would sign a smoking ban.

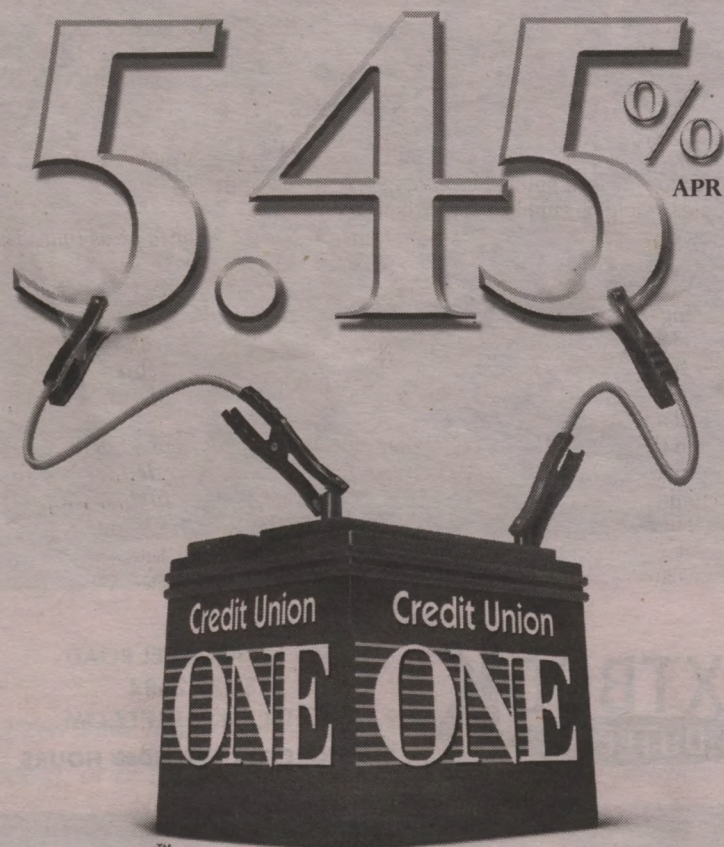
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#### Small cars, big production

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. says it will increase production of its Focus small car by 30 percent this year to meet higher demand. The redesigned car is taking 7.6 percent of the U.S. small car market. The Focus can get up to 35 miles per gallon on the highway. Its increased sales are part of a market that is shifting toward smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

#### Sheriff takes vacation in county-leased vehicle

BAD AXE, Mich. (AP) — Huron County officials are investigating the sheriff after he used a county-leased vehicle for a family vacation to Florida. Sheriff Kent Tibbits has a county-leased Mercury Mountaineer. County commissioners, the prosecutor and the county's corporation counsel have met to discuss the matter. They recently found out Tibbits used the Mountaineer for a Florida vacation March 27 through April 6. The county is conducting civil and criminal investigations.



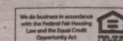
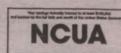
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## Multiple threats close campus

By JESSE DUNSMORE  
Senior Reporter

Empty.

It's the simplest way to describe Oakland University on Monday, April 14, the day all classes were canceled, and the main campus was closed.

Normally filled to capacity, the lot in front of Vandenberg Hall held perhaps a fifth of that. Save for a couple local news vans, the massive lot in front of the OC was a vacant desert of concrete. A lone vehicle on Meadowbrook Drive occasionally broke the stillness.

This was the silent aftermath of a series of threats in the form of bathroom graffiti found in three men's rooms around campus.

Though OU Police Chief Samuel Lucido said the department hasn't released — and says he won't release — the specifics of the messages, they were threatening enough to close the campus, and for OUPD to encourage residents to steer clear of OU until Tuesday morning.

### A NEW DAY

"Today's reopening has gone very well; without incident. It's just like any other day," Lucido said Tuesday.

But that's not true for everyone.

Interim Director of the Journalism Department Garry Gilbert is a graduate of OU. But when he held class on Tuesday, he locked the door — something he said he's never done. "I've spent almost 20 years here. I feel safe here," he said. "It insults me to a degree that something like this happened here."

Gilbert said five or six students e-mailed him explaining they felt too nervous to come to class on Tuesday. "I told them I feel OU is safe," said Gilbert, "but that I understood their anxiety."

Though some students said they didn't believe any real risk existed when the news broke, the majority still went home.

"If there was a chance for something to happen, why would I risk it and stay here?" said sophomore Nicole Fortin.

### STAYING PUT, OR GETTING OUT

Some residents never left. Most of the roughly two dozen students who could be located for comment in East and West Vandenberg on Monday said they felt safe on campus.

"I'm not afraid of anything," said sophomore Justin Hill. "Typically, threats don't precede events like this. Usually they just happen."

Sophomore biochemistry major Alex Castronova went home to Pinckney (a multiple-hour drive) for the weekend, and came back to discover the lockdown situation. "I've just got to stay here. I'm not going to spend the time going back."

Hill, a business major, added, "The administration knows what they're doing. The OUPD knows what they're doing."

Almost every student interviewed praised the university's handling of the situation. "I think we'll all be okay because they're taking this so seriously," said Elizabeth Miller, who learned about the situation online while in Toledo, Ohio.

However, some students saw room for improvement with the security procedures.

The measures taken included ordering all guests in the residence halls to leave, FBI involvement, increased police patrols, 24-hour Nightwatch in the dorms, and a closed main campus.

"I'm not sure locking people in the dorms is such a good idea," said sophomore Andrew Dickinson. "If anybody's in the dorms, and they happen to be the crazy person ... then you're just sort of keeping them all stuck in one place."

(Note: Students were not literally locked in the dorms, but were not permitted to wander campus.)

"I don't know if I would have just stated it would be closed for one day, then open campus back up the next day," said Derek

Sokol, an electrical engineering major. He pointed out that Saint Xavier University in Chicago, which discovered similar messages on campus last week, was closed indefinitely.

### TECHNOLOGY AT WORK

Without a doubt, technology played an integral part in alerting students to the situation at OU. Residents interviewed said that they learned of the situation via the mass e-mail alert sent to the entire student body, but also by voicemail sent to residents at their dorms, text messages and cellular phone calls from their friends, the post on OU's Web site and the television news.

Michelle Moser, assistant director of media relations, said that the university is aware that students aren't constantly checking their e-mail. "We needed to get people in classes and walking between classes."

Beginning in the fall, students will have a more efficient way to receive vital emergency information and updates: text messages from OU.

In the event of an emergency on campus, said Lucido, students will be text-messaged with basic information and instructions to look online for more info. Updates would be supplied throughout the emergency.

Any student with an OU e-mail account will be able to sign up for the service by providing basic information on a Web page still under construction, Lucido said.

The service itself wouldn't cost students anything, though regular text-messaging fees will apply.

When the service becomes available, the university will publicize it as much as possible, said Moser.

On Tuesday, April 15, the Center for Student Activities launched a hotline to address any student concerns relating to

the threats. The hotline, reachable at (248) 370-2400, will be open at least through Friday, April 18.

Lucido said the hotline is there to respond to student concerns, but actual tips regarding suspicious or threatening behavior should be reported directly to OUPD.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, as the sun dipped lower in the sky, cars pulled up one or two at a time in front of the residence halls. Students got out with their backpacks or luggage. They entered their buildings, checked in with the 24-hour nightwatch posts, and moved back into their dorm rooms.

Even in the absence of bloody violence, some students said on

Tuesday they felt affected by the threats alone — specifically, they felt more vigilant.

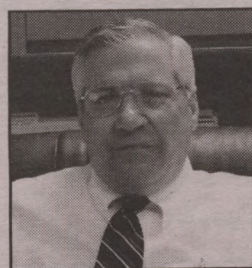
"I definitely think about those things more," said Jillian Hepinstall, a freshman musical theater major, "and it makes me more sensitive to other people, because you never know what kind of life they're having and what's going to make them flip."

Jeremy Drake, a sophomore communication major, agreed, saying, "When somebody goes for their pockets or wallets, I feel a little bit nervous," said "But it just makes me pay more attention on campus."

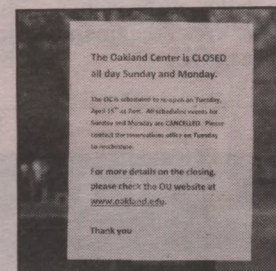
Just prior to press time, *The Oakland Post* received a tip that graffiti similar to the previous threats had been discovered in Van Wagoner Hall. OUPD officers confirmed that graffiti had been discovered, but upon investigation, determined the threats to be the efforts of a prankster or copycat.

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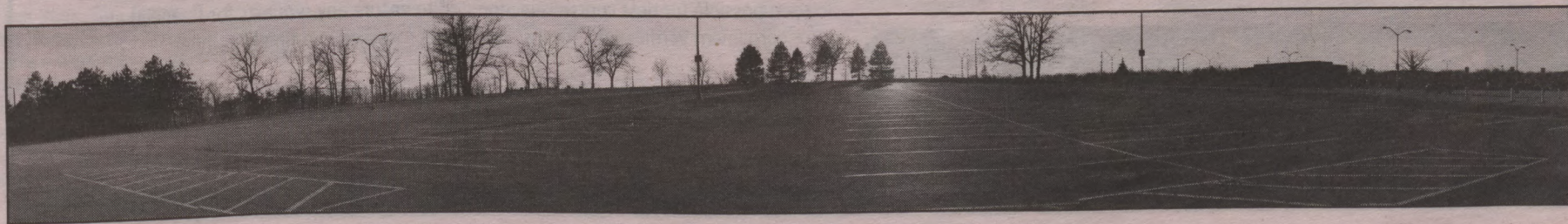
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OU Police Chief Sam Lucido



A flyer posted around campus alerting students of OU's closing





# Decision is made on \$4.8 million

By NICK DEGEL  
Campus Editor

After six months of speculation, meetings and opinions, a resolution has been confirmed for the spending of the nearly \$4.8 million deferred August payment.

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved the plan submitted by Vice President of Finance and Administration and Treasurer John Beaghan at their April 15 meeting.

The payment will be allocated through a direct payment to the students and six other capital projects set to benefit the educational experience at OU.

"I think this is a great plan," Beaghan said. "I think students felt a credit back to them was necessary so we have done that, which accounts for about a quarter of [the payment]."

Direct payment to the students will arrive in the form of a reimbursement for the charge for orientation. This accounts for \$1,139,424 of the \$4,764,454 deferred payment, and will include average refunds of \$81 for about 14,000 students who registered and paid for orientation Fall 2007 or Winter 2008.

According to Beaghan, the long process of creating the plan involved multiple meetings with student leadership, tours of academic labs and the involvement of the cabinet and board leadership. Completion of the plan was contingent on getting a better picture of the financial climate in Lansing, as it pertains to OU.

"We feel more confident that the state budget will not result in a mid-year cut," Beaghan said.

Former student president Rob Meyer, along with student liaisons Samir Hanna and Aaron Kochenderfer, was very involved in bringing the students' ideas to the forefront of the debate surrounding the payment's allocation.

"I think it's great that the university and the administration was able to take the students input and work with us hand in hand in actually coming up with ideas of what to do with this money," Meyer said.

Part of this involvement included student feedback from last month's OU Student Congress elections. Of the 1,486 students who voted, 1,006 voted for a full direct student refund of the entire sum.

"I originally aimed for the full refund but, obviously, that didn't happen," Meyer said. "I think that the administration didn't think it would be responsible of them to actually give us a full refund because they felt there were other things necessary to do with that money on campus."

At the time of publication, the president's office had been contacted but had not yet responded.

The six capital projects include renovation of instructional laboratories, improvements in classroom technology, renovations to Dodge Hall, moving Career Services into North Foundation Hall, an upgrade of the Center for Student Activities, and upgrades for the art and art history studios.

As it is outlined in the plan, 18 academic labs have been identified as priorities to receive renovations or improvements, including complete renovations of the chemistry, biology and physics labs. These will account for \$2 million of the delayed payment.

Moving Career Services to North Foundation Hall will account for \$800,000 of the proposed budget according to the official plan.

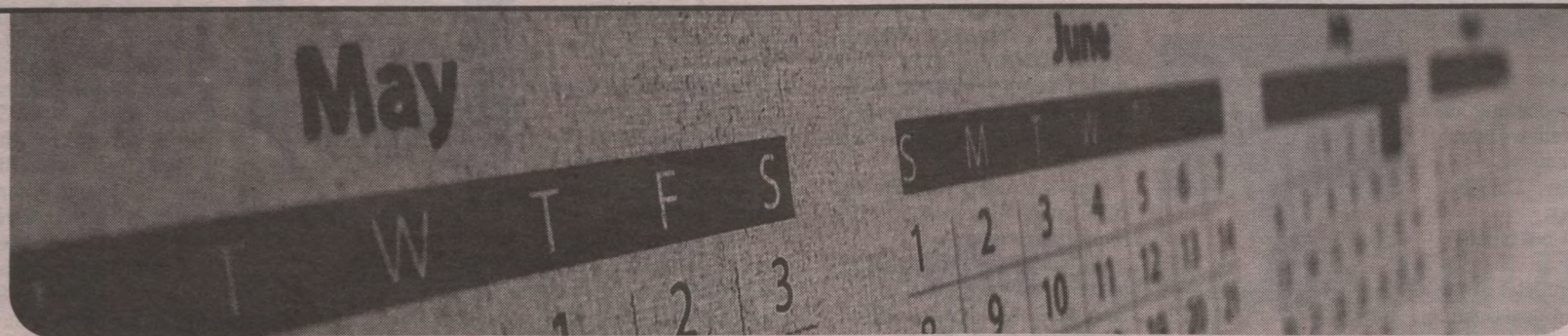
"It's going to bring in a lot of other [students] that wouldn't have initially used [Career Services] when it was in Vandenberg," Hanna said. "Now, if students don't have a job ... they can come back and say 'Hey, Career Services, I need some help.'"

The art and art history studios, located on the bottom floor of Wilson Hall, will receive their first upgrades since 1975, to the tune of \$305,030. To better accommodate the 160 student organizations at OU, the CSA office will receive \$200,000 of the budget for upgrades.

A high-traffic area surrounding the Dodge Hall lecture rooms will receive a \$52,000 revamp, which will include new furnishings, an LCD TV and whiteboards.

Though a resolution has finally been settled upon for a matter first brought to the table in October 2007, it does not mean that the final decision was an easy one. Trustee Dennis Pawley touched on this before a packed room for the formal Board of Trustees meeting.

"This really has been a tough decision," Pawley said. "The \$4.8 million is not a windfall from Lansing, it was a payment that was taken away from us."



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In order to improve services to students, Oakland University has merged spring and summer terms into one extended summer semester. The new format helps students get ahead in their studies by offering greater flexibility in scheduling and increased opportunities to complete required courses. While most courses fall into the two 7-week sessions previously offered during the spring and summer terms, a limited number of 2-, 4-, 10-, and 14-week courses are also available.

Students can register now for the summer semester by logging into SAIL and searching for available classes using either the course name or the date range in which they wish to attend. The start and end dates of each course should be noted, as some courses are offered during multiple sessions. Students should register as soon possible for best course selection and to ensure any requests for financial aid or enrollment verifications for insurance are processed in a timely manner.

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# MaTilDa Awards honor past and present

By **BRENDAN LOSINSKI**  
Staff Intern

Oakland University's best and brightest performers were honored Monday night during the ninth annual MaTilDa awards.

Named after Matilda Dodge Wilson, the founder of OU, the ceremony is put on to honor outstanding achievement from the music, theatre and dance department.

"It's like the Oscars for OU," said Kerro Knox, the organizer and master of ceremonies for the event, and also a professor in music, theatre, and dance at OU.

The ceremony included performances from various students within the department, singing and instrumental music from various genres, comedy routines from some of OU's actors and different styles of dance.

"It's also a bit like MTD's prom," Knox joked.

The ceremony included awards in all three areas of the department and was designed to distinguish Oakland's highest achievements in specific categories, such as Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Voice Performance and Outstanding Student in Jazz.

Other categories featured awards for Distinguished Community Service and Theatre Production.

"It lets us recognize those unseen people backstage, as well as the performers," Knox said.

Some awards were given to OU alumni who have

achieved success post-graduation.

The Alumni Achievement in Music was awarded to OU graduate Walter Szymanski who is now a highly accomplished jazz musician. The Alumni Achievement in Theatre was given to Jack O'Reilly, who, despite not continuing on in theatre, has become mayor of Dearborn and a lawyer.

The MaTilDa awards were held the same day as OU's closure due to security concerns stemming from threatening messages posted in campus bathrooms. Knox said no one saw any reason to cancel the awards since they were being held off campus at the Marriott at Centerpointe.

"It was notable because while the actual campus was empty, [the ceremony] still happened," Knox said.

Knox was happy with the turnout and running of the event and said he thought it was a great way to demonstrate the depth of the creativity present at Oakland University.

"It's a celebration of the art ... and sort of a sampler to show what the department can do," he said.

Knox also said that the event was a great way to demonstrate what Oakland students can accomplish.

"I think it's a great way to show recognition that they're achieving, beyond just giving them good grades. The only downside is that we can only honor a certain amount of people," he said.



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Students, alumni and faculty involved in the music, theater and dance departments gathered on Monday for the MaTilDa awards. The event was not cancelled due to the fact that it did not take place on campus.

## Students, faculty awarded for service at OU

By **AMANDA SAOUD**  
Staff Intern

The 30th annual Student Activities and Leadership Awards were held in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center on Thursday, April 10.

The awards are presented by the CSA office each year to recognize outstanding student and Greek organizations on campus, as well as to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in the past year to help their campus and community.

The most prestigious award that a campus organization can win is the Organization of the Year award, granted this year to two Greek organizations, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and to student artist organization LaPittura.

Greek organizations were also honored for their academic records throughout the last year. The Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Delta Pi and Gamma Phi Beta sororities were all recognized for their scholarship achievements.

The new student organization of the year award was presented to the dance group Xpressiv B.T.Z, whose president, Angie Freeman, won an award for New

Student Organization President of the Year.

"We'd also like to recognize those students who have given their time to improve life for others on campus and in their community by participating in our Volunteer Incentive or VIP program," said Melissa Kindred, CSA staff intern.

Awards were given to 177 participants of the Volunteer Incentive Program, who completed a combined 1,900 hours of community service during the past year.

OU student employees Amanda Benjamin, Celson Belton and Geeta Katira, were awarded the Sidney Fink Memorial Award Scholarship, given to student employees who have demonstrated an on-going commitment to improve race relations on OU's campus.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 were also given to a number of students through the Volunteer Service Awards and the Commuter Involvement Awards which are given to students who exhibit extraordinary effort both on campus and in the surrounding community.

Individual students were also honored for their work with campus organizations. Amanda Rymiszewski, who was awarded both VIP and Greek of the Year awards, also won the Leadership in

Community Service award for her work with Up 'Til Dawn and other campus organizations with which she is involved.

Former Student Body President Rob Meyer won the award for Student Leader of the Year.

The Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award was given to Denise Jones for her work with the Student Technology Center, and former Student Body Vice President Jameelah Muhammed won the Leadership in Diversity Award.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, presented Dr. Virinder Moudgil, vice president for academic affairs and Provost, with the second annual Black and Gold award. This award is presented each year to the faculty or staff member who has gone above and beyond for the students of Oakland and the campus community as a whole.

"Dr. Moudgil is one of the most, if not the most, active supporter of student leaders, activities and organizations," Miller said. "He represents the Oakland University community proudly in all that he does, and is a sincere ally of student affairs on this campus."

The closing of the awards ceremony honored the hard work and dedication

of Cressie Smith, assistant director of Student and Greek life, who will be leaving Oakland at the end of the year.

"Cressie has made invaluable contributions to the student organizations and the campus as a whole," said Jean Szura, assistant director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. "She has done outstanding work for OU and she will be very missed."

For a complete list of awards, find this article at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

### Also on the Web...

Varner Studio Theatre hosts "Spotlights," a Cabaret and night club show





(Above) The ladies strutted their stuff in cocktail and everyday designs by Golden Hanger. The designs were a favorite for some in attendance. "Golden Hanger was the most eye-catching," said Chloe Davis, a junior exercise science major. "I liked the leopard dress."

(Right) Aside from performing four of their songs, members of Day 26 also took part in the runway show, to the great delight of the crowd. The group is a collection of the winning competitors in Making the Band 4.

(Below) Men's wear included vibrant colors from God's Label, including color text, geometric shapes and drawings.

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(Below) Actress and model Melyssa Ford hosted the show, which took place in Shotwell Pavilion.

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# Red Haute

By SHANEIA CALDWELL  
Contributing Reporter

A blitz of high fashion hit campus as "Haute: A Fashion Experience" mirrored images of New York fashion week on April 11.

Students and guests flooded Shotwell Pavilion as seats surrounded a T-shaped runway, complete with pink lights behind a white backdrop. Photographers stood in front of the stage ready for action. Actress and model Melyssa Ford hosted the event.

"When I envisioned this show, I wanted to produce a different type of fashion show at Oakland," said Brittany Gaynor, who headed the fashion show as associate chair of SPB. "I decided to call it 'Haute,' so that it would focus on the fashion and have a sense of high class and exclusivity for the designers, models, as well as the audience."

"Haute" is a French term, which means fashionable and high-class.

Haute was a big departure from past fashion shows held at OU. "I knew that we would be able to put on the biggest and best fashion show ever at Oakland if we got the opportunity," said Gaynor, who has been a member of SPB for four years.

The event closed with the audience screaming, surrounding the stage and snapping to the beat of special guest Day 26, from MTV's Making the Band, as they performed four songs, including their single "Exclusive."



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Sept. — The Greeks on campus started the year off with their Greek carnival on Sept. 6. Gamma Phi Beta hosted a pie-throwing contest. Other events included Sigma Pi's 13th annual Pig Roast.



Oct. — Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Bob Woodward discussed the war and the Bush administration at the Fourth Annual Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities.



Nov. 8 — Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, a retired member of the rap group RUN-DMC visited OU during Cultural Awareness Week. He spoke about his career, as well as the past, present and future of hip-hop.

## It happened

With the 2007-2008 school year coming to a close, we take a look at some of the year's events. Visitors include an established journalist, a rapper and a violinist. "epiphany" moments and some of us danced the night away at the Meadow Brook Ball.

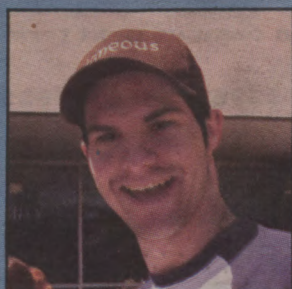


Trenise Bradley and Dat Nguyen have shared many laughs since they met through the International Allies program. The program matches international students with others.



## Best of the year ...

What was your favorite moment this year?



"SPB Student Relaxation Day was pretty cool. The music and stuffed animals and everything was a really good idea."

Michael Brown  
Sophomore,  
Elementary Ed.



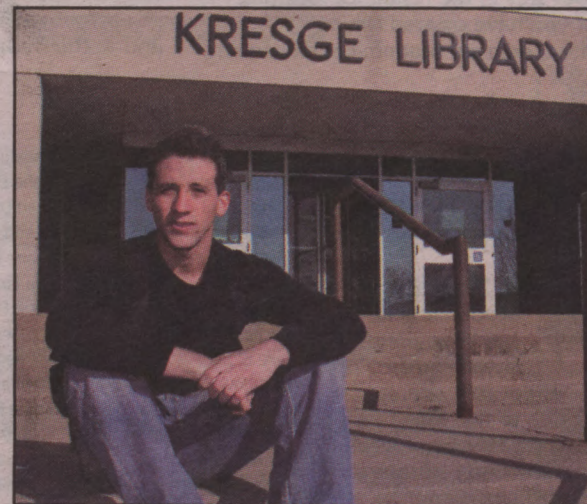
"When the men's basketball team beat Oregon at the Palace. That was really cool."

Brian Gingrich  
Freshman, Biology





(Left) Dec.— Sophomore Johnathon Jones (23) and freshman Tim Williams (33) celebrate after defeating the University of Oregon, 68-62, at the Palace of Auburn Hills Dec. 22.  
(Above) Feb.— Over 336 attended Meadow Brook Ball.



March— OUSC's student body presidential election garnered record voter turnout and on Friday, March 28, Steve Clark was announced as the winner. Clark and his running mate Dan Evola took 580 of the 1699 votes cast.

# d at OU

a close, The Oakland Post visitors to campus included olinist. Athletics had their ed the night away at the



(Left) Nov. — Downtown Rochester's Bright Light Show was on display Nov. 26 through Dec. 31.  
(Above) Feb. — The "Hollywood Fashion Show" was a part of OU's African-American Celebration Month.

## Chh-chh-changes

What would you change about this school year?



"I definitely wish I would have been more involved in the school."

Nicole Del Bel  
Freshman, Undecided



"The school could have more activities. MSU has everything."

Tracy Hubbard  
Freshman, Business

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*A personal note from the Director of Housing*

With the academic year drawing to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to the students who chose to live in our residential facilities during the 2007-08 academic year.

During your stay in the residence facilities, I hope that you have created lasting relationships, enjoyed academic achievement,

joined an organization, attended an athletic event, or participated in the many other opportunities that OU residence life offers each student.

To the seniors and graduating students, I offer special thanks for your many years of commitment to on-campus living. As you move towards what is certain to be a bright future, I hope that you will carry with you many fond memories of Oakland University. The best of luck to you in all of your future endeavors.

As each of you readies yourself to move out, and as the Department of Housing begins

planning for the summer, I find myself already missing the energy that is generated by our residential community. I truly believe that living on campus puts you in middle of the excitement, and deeply appreciate the opportunity to work in the heart of that excitement every day.

I wish you all much success on your final exams, and a happy and prosperous summer. I will look forward to seeing many of you again in September!

Sincerely,  
Lionel Maten  
Director, University Housing

### A Special Thank You to the University Housing Student Staff



The 2007-08 academic year has been a most rewarding and enjoyable one, in large part due to the 148 outstanding student employees working in University Housing during the fall and winter semesters. The residence experience would not be what it is without the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by each and every one of these dedicated individuals. To those members of the staff who are graduating this spring, I offer heartfelt congratulations and my wishes for great success. To all of our staff members, I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation. Working with you has been a true pleasure.

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# 2007-2008

## AN OAKLAND POST RETROSPECTIVE

As we wrap up production for the winter semester, The Oakland Post would like to thank readers for making this another memorable year. We hope you have enjoyed our coverage. Good luck in the future, and make sure to visit [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com). Plus, stop by campus to grab our summer print editions.





## Taking a final time out

*The Oakland Post recaps the 2007-08 sports seasons and looks ahead to next season*

### ANALYSIS

By THE OAKLAND POST SPORTS STAFF

#### CROSS COUNTRY

As a team, the men's cross country team looked strong, almost always finishing in the top half or better in their meets, including a second place finish in the Summit League championship in October. Leading the way were senior Jason Young and junior Andrew Lawrick, both whom earned all-conference accolades.

For the women's team, their young roster of 16 underclassmen usually finished in the lower rung of meet finishes as a team, but clocked in experience that should propel them as they continue with the program. At the Summit League championships, freshman Kelsey Carmean and sophomore Kayla Doan finished in the top 25.

**2008-09 status:** With both teams losing few or no seniors, the squads look to build on the experience gained in 2007-08 and cross the finish line with top times.

#### MEN'S SOCCER

Returning from a disappointing 2006-07 campaign, the Oakland University men's soccer team surpassed expectations and even found new ways to triumph. The Grizzlies tied a school record with 12 wins en route to a 12-7-3 record and went undefeated in Summit League play. The team won its sixth league tournament title. With an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in hand, the Grizzlies defeated Michigan State by a 2-1 score to secure the first win for any Summit League team in the NCAA postseason.

The Grizzlies fell to Notre Dame in the second round by a 2-1 score, but not before establishing themselves as a future force to be reckoned with in NCAA postseason play. Juniors Ian Daniel, Martin Sandell, Steve Clark and Piotr Nowak all reached the first team all conference squad, while sophomores Stew Givens and Sebastian Harris were selected to the second team.

**2008-09 status:** Despite the departure of Michael Reyes, Endre Osnes and Adam Brent, the Grizzlies appear ready to make another serious run in the NCAA tournament.

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Grizzlies opened Summit League play 1-2, but came back to rattle off five straight wins, compiling a 6-2 record. In the post-season, Oakland knocked off Southern Utah and Western Illinois to clinch the Summit League championship. The Grizzlies fell short in the NCAA tournament, losing 4-0 to Purdue. The Grizzlies finished the season with a 10-8-2 record.

The Summit League named senior Kristi Tomczyk its Offensive Player of the Year and was also named to the first team all-league squad, along with senior Kristi Mitchell and junior Jessica Boyle.

Senior Jamie Hulet, who joined the team in 2007 as a walk-on and freshman Elizabeth Watza were named to the Summit League's all-newcomer team.

**2008-09 status:** The Grizzlies are losing six seniors, including Tomczyk and Mitchell, but have added eight recruits for the coming season.

#### VOLLEYBALL

The Grizzlies saw an immediate turnaround in head coach Rob Beam's first season. Oakland went from a dismal 1-25 in 2006, to 8-21 in 2007, marking the most wins in a season for the team since joining Division I in 1998.

Junior Lauren Duquette broke her own school record in digs for a season, finishing with 619. She led the Summit League in digs, was ranked 13th in the nation in digs per game and is OU's all-time leader in the category. She was named to the second team all-Summit League at the conclusion of the season. Freshman Katy Wilson was also named to the Summit League's All-Freshman team.

**2008-09 status:** With only one graduating senior from the 2007 squad and a full season under Beam's belt, the Grizzlies can only improve.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team (17-14 overall, 11-6 conference) went through more drama than a soap opera in their 2007-08 campaign.

There were highs, including a 68-62 victory over nationally ranked Oregon University Dec. 22, marking the first time Oakland had defeated



Photos courtesy of Michigan State University Athletics and Oakland Post Files  
Top: Members of the men's soccer team celebrate their first round victory over Michigan State University. Bottom: Zoltan Horvath was a key member of the men's swim team this season, clocking in multiple record times.



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## RECAP

a top-25 team. Then there were lows, most notably the loss of senior sixth man Brandon Cassise after he violated probation.

But the Golden Grizzlies finished the regular season with strong momentum, winning seven of their last 10 games, and as a third seed in the Summit League tournament, made quick work of Western Illinois University, 80-66. But the ride would be short-lived, as the team fell to Summit League Player of the Year George Hill and his IUPUI Jaguars in the semi finals, 80-65.

Junior Derick Nelson led the team with 17.3 points per game this season and made the conference's first team, while sophomore Johnathon Jones, who led the conference with six assists per game, made second team.

**2008-09 status:** With the loss of only one senior in Patrick McCloskey and three strong recruits coming in, OU is looking to put its program back on the national map come March.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Same time, next year? The 2007-08 Oakland University women's basketball team's season ended much the same way that the previous year's had, falling in the Summit League Tournament to rival Oral Roberts. The semi final loss was a disappointing end to a season that will be remembered for its triumphs, especially the Dec. 2 victory over No. 21 ranked Florida State. Led by junior Jessica Pike, who picked up her second consecutive first team all-conference nod, and sophomore Melissa Jeltema, who made the second team all-conference squad, the Grizzlies managed to secure a 19-9 regular season record and the number one seed in the Summit League Tournament.

**2008-09 status:** With a returning starting five, the Grizzlies will work to capitalize on their regular season success and win the Summit League tournament.

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

Both men's and women's swimming and diving teams clinched their ninth consecutive Summit League championships in late March.

The men compiled a score of 1,050, breaking the league record it set in 2000, by eight points. Centenary, which finished second, scored a mere 556 points. The women edged out their nearest opponent by 455 points as the Grizzlies scored 1,023 points.

For the second consecutive season, Marcin Unold represented Oakland in the NCAA championship in both the 100 and 200 backstrokes. He won the consolation heat in the 100 back and placed fifth in the 200. He is also still trying to earn a spot on Poland's Olympic team.

**2008-09 status:** With 29 years of experience coaching at Oakland, Pete Hovland knows what it takes to pull together a winning team. No other Summit League

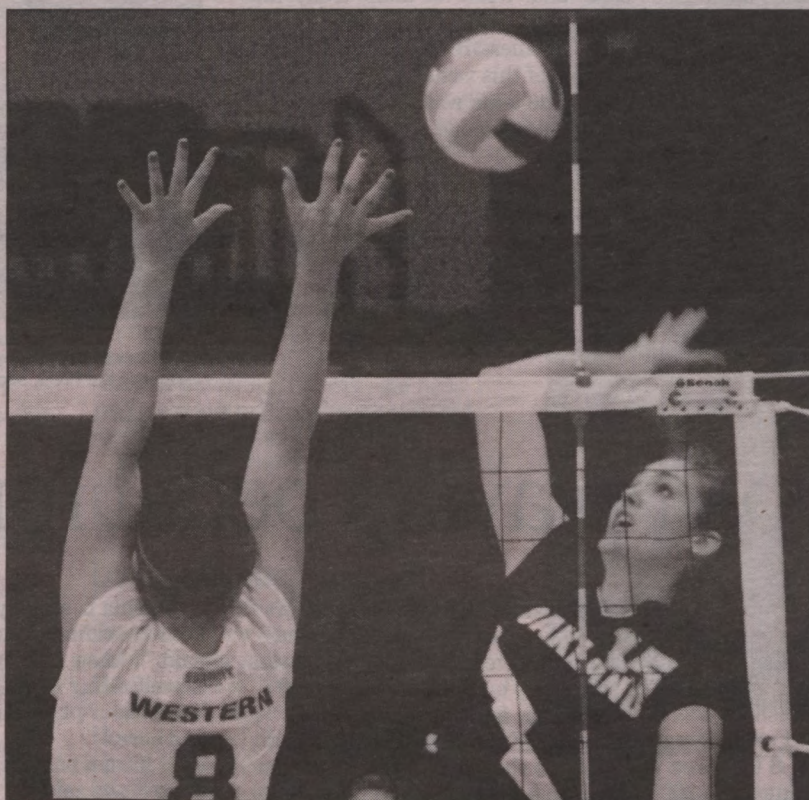
school has challenged Oakland for the championship and there's no reason to believe anyone will in the near future.

## CLUB HOCKEY

Oakland had to make some adjustments after losing four-time American Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Year Will McMahon following the 2006-2007 season, revamping nearly half its roster. The team's inexperience might have led to the Grizzlies' first-round departure at the national tournament in March. It was the first time in five seasons the Grizzlies didn't make it to the championship, where the Grizzlies had won three of four titles. The Grizzlies finished the season 23-11-0-1.

Brent Cooper led the Grizzlies in scoring with 57 points (29 goals, 28 assists), but the biggest surprise came from freshman Kevin Kranker, who finished second in scoring behind Cooper, with 29 points (18 goals, 11 assists).

**2008-09 status:** With a core group of up-and-comers returning, the Grizzlies have a lot of ground to make up after establishing a name for themselves in the ACHA.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post File Photo  
Adrienne Leone (right) helped lead her team to a Division I record eight victories this season.

## BASEBALL

The Grizzlies are at approximately the halfway point of their season and hold a 6-14 record through their first 20 games. Faced with a tough non-conference schedule, the Grizzlies have put the wins together when it counts the most. They are 4-2 in Summit League play.

Rob Merkle leads Oakland with 19 runs and Andrew Stafford has 17 RBIs. Both Stafford and Dustin Joffrion have knocked in three home runs this season. Matt Trausch has emerged as the Grizzlies top pitcher.

**2008-09 status:** It's still too early to predict what the rest of 2008 has in store for the Grizzlies, but with two more Summit League wins, they will surpass last season's 5-15 record. With a year's experience in hand for coach John Muscchio after this year, the Grizzlies should improve next season.

## SOFTBALL

After losing over half of its starting roster following the 2007 season, Oakland University's softball coach Glenn MacDonald looked to surround all-conference selections Jessica Granger and Julie Owen with plenty of talent to compliment their abilities. One could argue that due to the number of cancellations and rainy weather forecasts that they've had to play through, reviewing the Grizzlies' season to this point is a foolish endeavor.

What we do know is that their record currently stands at 10-15, with a 2-5 record in Summit League play, and that the first-time starters seem to be fitting in effortlessly with the rest of the team. Granger and Owen continue to light the path, but junior Caitlin Lynch and sophomore Angela Righetti are also having great years.

**2008-09 status:** The Grizzlies suffer only a few losses of senior leadership, but look to improve upon their record.

## TRACK

Only in its third year, the Oakland University track and field team is already making waves, breaking record after record as the program grows.

Both teams wrapped up their indoor seasons at the Summit League indoor championship in early March. The men's team broke three school records there, including sophomore Zack Jones' fourth place finish in the 5000-meter run with a time of 15:00.41. On the women's side, while the team only scored in two events, they both set records.

Track and field is now in the midst of its outdoor season and will compete in the conference championships May 15-17.

**2008-09 season status:** With school records breaking left and right and only four seniors between both teams, there will be plenty of talent returning next year for what looks to be a promising fourth season.

## TENNIS

The Oakland University tennis team is looking to finish the 2007-08 season strong after a rough start. After opening in October with a victory over Valparaiso, the Grizzlies came back in February and dropped seven of their next eight matches. However, since Valparaiso defeated OU on March 29 in the re-match, the Grizzlies appear to be reborn.

They've gone 3-3 since then, anchored by the play of freshman Jackie Dinicu and the doubles performance of sophomore Gabrielle Gogas and junior Amanda Scheer. The Grizzlies' record currently stands at 5-10, but they will get another opportunity to improve upon that with a tournament at Fort Wayne, Ind. starting on April 18.

**2008-09 status:** With no seniors on the roster, the Grizzlies' tennis team is looking to build upon their experience and improve going into next year.

## GOLF

The Oakland University men's and women's golf teams look strong heading into the Summit League Championship Tournament on April 21. The women began the year finishing second in the Huskie Classic, highlighted by junior Nikki Swan's individual victory with a two-day total of 150.

The Grizzlies men will look to improve upon sixth place finishes at the Butler Spring Invitational and the Beu/Mussatto Invitational as they march toward the championship tournament at Western Illinois.

**2008-09 status:** With few losses of senior leadership, both golf teams will look to score well in this year's Summit League tournament and beyond.



# Oakland U. strikes out at home

## Golden Grizzlies lose only game in postponed series

By TIM RATH  
Contributing Reporter

Oakland University's baseball team suffered a heart-breaking 8-5 home loss to South Dakota State University Friday. Few would have blamed the team had they not wanted to play the rest of the scheduled four-game series with the Jackrabbits.

Thanks to rain and Sunday's school closure, they didn't have to call in sick.

After fighting back from a 5-3 deficit in the seventh inning to tie the game after a clutch home run from junior shortstop Andrew Stafford, the Grizzlies allowed three runs in the top of the ninth to fall behind for good.

Junior second baseman Rob Merkle and freshman left fielder Eric Ogg led the Grizzlies at the plate, combining for four hits and two RBI.

"(Merkle and Ogg) have done a great job all year; they stepped up today and produced for us. Hopefully tomorrow, one-through-nine, we'll get guys contributing a little more," said head coach John Musachio.

Merkle got the Grizzlies off to a fast start in the bottom of the first inning, blasting the first pitch he saw over the center field wall to give OU an early 1-0 lead.

The Grizzlies added two more in the second inning after an RBI double from sophomore catcher Brad Geschke scored freshman designated hitter Dan Gliot from second base, and Ogg singled in Geschke.

OU bats would turn silent as South Dakota State

scored five runs off of senior pitcher Mike Takashima. The Grizzlies' bats came alive when junior first baseman Taylor Traub hit a leadoff dinger to right center to narrow the margin to 5-4, and Stafford's homer in the eighth finally sealed the comeback.

However, junior reliever Shane McCatty allowed three runs off of four hits in the top of the ninth to give the Jackrabbits an 8-5 edge, which the Grizzlies could not make up. McCatty took the loss for OU, while South Dakota State reliever Matt Baerlocher got the win.

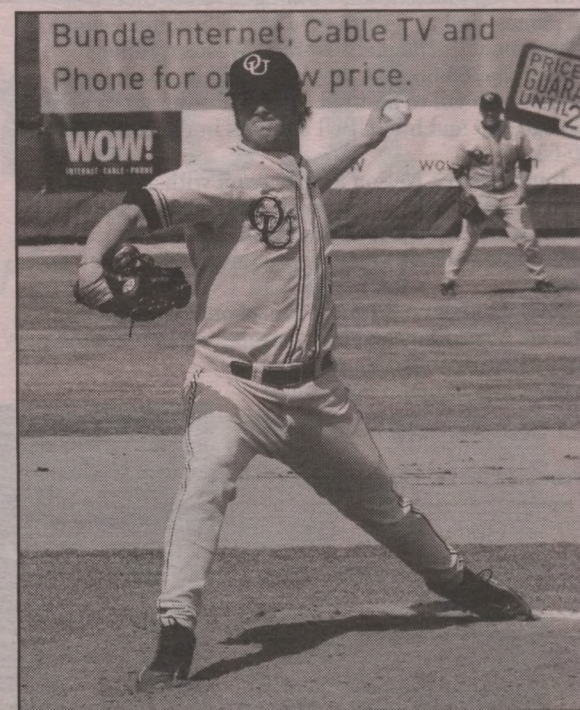
Mike Takashima started for the Grizzlies, working seven innings and allowing five runs (four earned) off of eight hits. He struck out six and allowed three walks.

"Takashima pitched his tail off and he pitched around some mistakes, but we made a few too many today, and South Dakota State capitalized," said Musachio.

Despite the loss, the Grizzlies are not hanging their heads. Prior to the events of this weekend, Musachio said that his message to the team was to take what they had learned from Friday's game and use it to their advantage.

"At the end of the day, we're looking at a four-game series. As much as losing a game like this hurts, you just have to put it behind you, stay positive, and focus on the bigger picture, which is the series," he said.

Musachio continued, "Our approach at the plate needs to be cleaned up a bit. We're a little impatient as far as attacking pitches, and our defensive play needs to improve."



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post  
Sophomore lefty Andrew Estes was named Summit League Pitcher of the Week back on March 10.

# Women's basketball players pedal for a cure

By LINDSAY SCARLATELLI  
Contributing Reporter

Lou Gehrig's disease affects 350,000 people worldwide each year and members of Oakland University's women's basketball team are determined to raise awareness for the disease and bring that number down.

In 1939, Lou Gehrig was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a neurodegenerative disease that paralyzes the body but leaves the mind completely intact. Named after the famous baseball player, the life expectancy of those diagnosed with ALS is two to five years. Not only is it a slow and painful way to die, as the disease deteriorates the muscles in one's body, but it is also incurable.

According to the ALS Therapy Development Institute, the world's leading ALS transitional research center, there are 8,000 new cases diagnosed each year.

In an attempt to raise awareness for the disease, the ALS Therapy Development Institute has come up with the Tri-State Trek.

The Tri-State Trek is a three-day, 270-mile bike ride from Boston to New York City, beginning on July 18, 2008 and ending on July 20, 2008. Riders participating in the Trek need to fundraise a minimum of \$1,800, with over \$0.87 of every dollar raised going directly towards the research for a treatment or cure for those affected by this disease.

Three members of the Oakland University women's basketball team, Aubrey Freshour, Jessica Pike, and Melissa Jeltema, have committed to ride for a cure this summer. Affected personally by the disease, Aubrey Freshour was first to commit to the grueling Trek.

Freshour watched as her friend Mary Lou lived with ALS for seven years, before she died in 2007. Then, on January 5, 2007, Freshour's uncle was also diagnosed with ALS.

While it was an easy decision for Freshour to commit to the trek, Pike and Jeltema didn't think about it until Freshour approached them about it.

Freshour explained how she and her teammates are training for the event.

"Basically, I'm just biking everyday. [I'm also] strengthening my gluts by taking a spinning class three times a week. I also think about what songs to rock out to along the way."

Pike said that before Freshour approached her about the Trek and the disease, she knew of ALS, but was unfamiliar with the progression of the disease.

"I didn't realize that it is such a slow and painful way to die," she said.

As Freshour trains for the July event, she is still missing a key component.

"It's going to be difficult. I still don't have a bike," she said. "I'm the only one who would sign up to do this without a bike."

Jeltema is already thinking about next year's trek.

"I am riding to support Aubrey and her family," she said. "I know how much it has affected them. I could see myself riding again."

Freshour plans on participating every year until there is a cure.

"I have a passion for life and a passion to help this cause," she said.

To donate to the Lou's Crew team, visit [www.active.com/donate/trek2008](http://www.active.com/donate/trek2008) or donate to each individual at their personal pages.

For Aubrey Freshour's page, go to [www.active.com/donate/trek2008/aubreyfreshour](http://www.active.com/donate/trek2008/aubreyfreshour).

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# The Golden Green Grizzlies?

By **JESSE DUNSMORE**  
Senior Reporter

The trees will soon be green, but will Oakland University? An unscientific survey conducted by The Oakland Post suggests that a majority of students are somewhat environmentally minded, though there is plenty of room for improvement.

A survey of 98 students found that 59 recycle, 77 shut off lights when leaving a room, and 65 turn off other electronic devices. Only a few offered other examples of "green" activities.

Kolby Reed, a freshman, admits that she forgets to stay green sometimes, and that worries her. "I feel like no one really cares about [the environment]. And sometimes I forget, so that means that other people are forgetting. All of us forgetting together cannot be good."

But some efforts at OU may serve as a reminder.

## A DAY FOR MOTHER NATURE

With Earth Day approaching on April 22, OU is gearing up for the annual Earth Day Expo, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 19.

Presented by OU and the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center, the "Healthy People, Healthy Planet" expo will include exhibits in and around the Oakland Center, with hands-on demonstrations and presentations.

The presentations will be on both environmental topics (renewable energy, conservation, sustainable living and green building, and lawn and garden care, for example) and personal health topics, such as complementary medicine, holistic fitness, exercise and nutrition.

Some of the activities slated for the day are an Earth Day film festival, a kids' arts and crafts corner, and free massages and yoga classes.

The expo will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A full schedule of events is available at [www.earthdayexpo.org](http://www.earthdayexpo.org).

## NEW OPTIONS ON THE HORIZON

Only 34 students surveyed by The Post said they avoided driving when they had other options. OUSC Student Services Committee Chair Jordan Twardy has proposed a shuttle service on OU's cam-

pus to encourage students to take mass-transit.

The line would serve not only the main campus but also the surrounding areas, which Twardy calls the "OU neighborhood."

The idea is still in its infancy. Twardy said other colleges with similar programs have been contacted, and their opinions have been favorable.

"I think it would be better for people to be taking this to and from school than clogging up the roadways at OU between classes," said Twardy.

Proposed stops on campus include the Rec Center and the parking structure.

"That thing [the parking structure] is always empty," said Twardy, "but no one likes to park in it because of the walk, so we thought it might be a good spot for a stop for the shuttle."

As for payment, Twardy said he is seeking ways to fund the shuttle that would eliminate any need for fare.

"We're not going to make the students pay for this. They don't have to worry about that."

## LIVING IN A 'GREEN' HOUSE

President of the OU Environmental Coalition Avery Neale said she is excited about a major project beginning in the fall semester of 2008.

Neale will be meeting with Director of Housing Lionel Maten April 16 to seek approval for a plan to make two "eco-interest" suites in Hamlin Hall.

The suites — one male and one female — would be set aside for students who express an interest in ecological concerns. Neale said they would be used to test technologies like high-efficiency showerheads and faucets and motion-activated light fixtures.

Residents in these rooms would participate in the Environmental Coalition by hosting or helping out with events and going on an occasional environmentally themed field trip.

The eco-interest suites are a stepping stone to Neale's goal for the 2009-10 school year: an eco-interest floor. The floor, planned for Vandenberg Hall, would include the students from the suites as well as anyone with an interest.

The coalition has already placed recycling bins in every residence hall floor lounge and has added bins to other build-



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post  
Oakland students can stay environmentally friendly thanks to the many recycling bins on campus.

ings throughout this school year. Next on the list is the Rec Center and O'Rena, set to get bins in late April or May.

"The Rec Center has an unbelievable amount of plastic bottles they go through on a daily basis," said Neale.

She also said the recycling program will be better organized next year, due in large part to the creation of two new paid student positions, tentatively called "Sustainability Outreach Peer Educators."

One SOPE will oversee the program in the residence halls, while the other will be in charge of the student apartments.

"This is the first year of our recycling program ... and I think you're going to see a huge difference next year with organization," said Neale. "We're taking a big step in the right direction."

Ever been to Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the Oakland Center?

Make sure you check out the on-line exclusive profile of Bumpers employee Lindsay Cassidy and all that the gaming lounge has to offer students.

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## OU students comprise local band 'The Evening Raid'

By AMANDA MEADE  
Contributing Reporter

According to LastFM user SinstarClaudio, "The Evening Raid is composed of five cute dudes from the suburbs of Detroit."

Lead singer Mike Johnston, vocalist and bass guitarist Cam Brazelton, guitarist Josh Cycone, guitarist Garrett Vernon and drummer Kevin Severance make up these "cute dudes," with all but one member being current or former Oakland University students.

The indie-rock band is in the process of finishing their second EP, "Our Fire That Defines," which is planned to be released in July.

The band is also performing at shows and hopes to tour throughout August.

Johnston and Brazelton recently sat down with The Oakland Post in the Oakland Center between classes.

**The Oakland Post:** How long have you been together?

**Mike Johnston:** Three and a half years.

**Cam Brazelton:** We got our initial start right out of high school, in 2004.

**The Post:** What bands have personally influenced you?

**Brazelton:** We all come from basically the same genres, but I think everybody has their own thing. Green Day was a big influence. I remember growing up I was really into Blink 182, then I went through my Finch and The Used phase, so we're kind of all over the map. Garrett's the metal kid.

**The Post:** Where do you find inspiration in things other than music?

**Johnston:** On our latest record, a lot of stuff comes from personal experience. We have a couple songs based on literature and current events.

**The Post:** What's your favorite song to perform?



Photo courtesy of Mike Johnston

The Evening Raid is composed of mostly Oakland University students. From left to right: Kevin Severance, Cam Brazelton, Mike Johnston, Garrett Vernon and Josh Cycone. The band plans to release their second album in July and hopes to begin touring in August.

**Johnston:** In our sets right now we have a really solid opening song and a really good closing song that fits the set so well. Our opener is a song called "We All Have Demons," and that is so much fun to play and it's really energetic. We have a song that closes the set called "Home," and that's just really epic.

**Brazelton:** In the practice stage, however, the favorite song to play is "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man." Practice time tends to get a little bit silly and that song lends well to a little goofing around.

**Johnston:** We can't imagine there being another band that's just so ridiculous. We think if somebody came to our practice for five minutes and saw everything that went down, they would think we were the lamest guys.

**Brazelton:** I mean, we've played in the dark, we actually all went into different rooms at one point, Garrett's behind

the chair, and I'm in the closet playing...

**Johnston:** We've made songs that were really outside of our genre, like we made a song as if we were Jet or AC/DC and the lyrics were all vulgar and gross and disgusting.

**Brazelton:** Alright, we're getting a little carried away.

**The Post:** Okay, what's your most memorable show moment?

**Brazelton:** When we played at the Hayloft with the Ataris we were able to get our friend Danny to come on stage, he does guest vocals on one of our new songs, and he did his part in the song.

**The Post:** All but one of your band mates attend OU; what are the rest of you majoring in?

**Brazelton:** Elementary Education  
**Johnston:** I'm in film. Kevin is in

Germany, but he's still enrolled at OU, and when he comes back he'll be taking classes for business. Josh graduated from OU with a degree in English. Garrett is thinking about transferring here from Michigan State, but he's still undecided.

**The Post:** You mentioned you have played with the Ataris, what other bands have you played with?

**Brazelton:** The Audition, As Tall As Lions, This Providence, Spitalfield, Search the City.

**The Post:** What do you hope to accomplish with your music?

**Brazelton:** I think it's everyone's dream to take it as far as it can go, but at this point it's such a long shot with everyone going to college. It is kind of hard to make it to that level without sacrificing pretty much your entire life, which I'm not sure everyone's down for right now.

**Johnston:** We have a great passion for it, but at the same time we don't put all our eggs in one basket. We're realistic about it.

**Brazelton:** If we could just practice a couple times a week, play some shows on the weekend, maybe create a little bit of an online buzz and buzz around the cities, maybe go on a few short little mini-tours, and maybe get a record deal offer without having to tour for three years. Basically, we'd like to accomplish a miracle.

**The Post:** Alright, anything else you want us to know?

**Brazelton:** Well, if you're in the area around August, keep your eyes and ears peeled. All things go well, we're going to get back on the rock train.

**Johnston:** Yep, we're gonna ride the rock train, all spring long.

Go to [www.myspace.com/theeveningraid](http://www.myspace.com/theeveningraid), to listen to and download a few Evening Raid tracks.



# Unnerving obedience

By KATIE JACOB  
Contributing Reporter

Imagine this: It is the first day of Logic and Reasoning 204. The professor begins by announcing that there has been a murder. Not a real murder, but a potential murder. If the victim and her potential killer are not found within six weeks, then she will die.

What would you do?

That is what author Will Lavender expects readers of his new thriller, "Obedience," to ask themselves, as they follow the exploits of three students who risk health, safety and sanity to solve the mystery and save the unknown, perhaps imaginary, victim.

The aforementioned scenario was patterned after a real-life experiment conducted by Stanley Milgram, in the 1960s. Milgram was attempting to address questions about civilian complicity in the atrocities of Nazi Germany. To answer the question, he wanted to see how far one subject would go in inflicting pain upon another, when asked to do so by someone in authority.

The twist on the Milgram experiment, which is woven into the plot of "Obedience," is that somebody wants to find out how far the students will go to save a life. But as the plot unfolds, the reader finds out that even good intentions can have unintended conse-

quences.

Lavender, a former professor, is familiar with the dynamic between professor and student, and wondered about the question of authority.

"In a college classroom, the power that a professor often has can really be taken to an extreme. A student will follow you and believe what you say because of their eagerness to learn," Lavender said.

He admits that in real life, students probably wouldn't go along as far as they did in the book, but still said, "I could have done quite a lot."

Lavender also admitted that what happened in the story could never happen in real life.

"After the Milgram experiment, they put in guidelines and protections so nothing like this could ever happen [again]," Lavender said.

Lavender wrote "Obedience" in approximately two months on the days he wasn't teaching.

The book's surprise ending was even a surprise to Lavender himself, who admitted that he didn't know how it would turn out until he was over half-way through.

After the commercial success of "Obedience," Lavender quit his job teaching to devote himself to writing full-time. He is now at work on a second novel, and said that the story has been planned to the very end.

# Late nights at the DIA

By ANDREA MATTHEWS  
Contributing Reporter

If you have any preconceived notions about the Detroit Institute of Art having nothing to offer a younger crowd, you may want to think again.

The Marble Lounge is the DIA's newest program geared toward 18- to 35-year-olds in metro Detroit. It combines art with live entertainment and music.

"The 32-consecutive-hour grand re-opening event attracted many 18- to 35-year olds, especially at 1 or 2 in the morning," said Pamela Marcil, public relations manager for the DIA.

"The DIA has a lot to offer a younger audience and we want to get that age group involved," Marcil added.

On Thurs., May 22, the DIA will open from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for the late night Marble Lounge party.

A DJ will be mixing live to open the night, which will feature a performance by Mexican Luchadores from Kronk Gym, a legendary boxing facility in Detroit.

Luchadores are Mexican wrestlers that incorporate exaggerated, theatrical moves into their fights. The performers

also wear the signature face masks.

The performance of the Luchadores connects with the DIA's exhibit "Life's Pleasures." The exhibit features 80 paintings from the beginning of the 20th century, depicting life's luxuries. Some of these paintings include scenes from the boxing ring and wrestling matches.

The exhibit will be closed during the Marble Lounge, but images from the exhibit will be projected onto the walls.

The "Give it a Rest: People at Play in American Prints and Drawings 1890 - 1945," exhibit, will be open during the event.

The exhibit features approximately 100 works that show all kinds of American leisure activities. Most of the works featured during this exhibit are by Martin Lewis John Sloan, Glenn O. Coleman and George Bellows.

Local punk-rock band Snake Oil Slick will close the event.

Cover is \$10. A cash bar and food will be available throughout the night.

Marcil said that the first Marble Lounge event in March was almost filled to capacity with about 400 people, so be sure to get there early.

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## Work here: We pay

By JESSE DUNSMORE  
Senior Reporter

A lot of important network organizations have mottos. CNN is "The most trusted name in news." Fox News says, "We report. You decide. (We tell you if your decision is correct or treasonous)." C-SPAN's is "Now with two cameras!" American Idol has "Seacrest, out."

Here at The Post, we've finally adopted a catchphrase, one that we hope will echo in your minds throughout the coming weeks: "Work for us. We pay money."

Due to a horrifying alignment of the planets and college careers of our staff members, the vast majority of our staff is graduating in May. This is obviously a problem, as it takes 14 people just to operate the printing press in our sub-basement, 15 if you want someone to keep scaring away the plague-rats.

We'll probably be upgrading to a steam-powered press over the summer, though, and we should have the staff for that. But we still need people to produce/spew and edit/mutilate content for the paper.

I can tell you right now, the perks of working for the paper far outweigh the disadvantages of being eaten alive by sea lampreys.

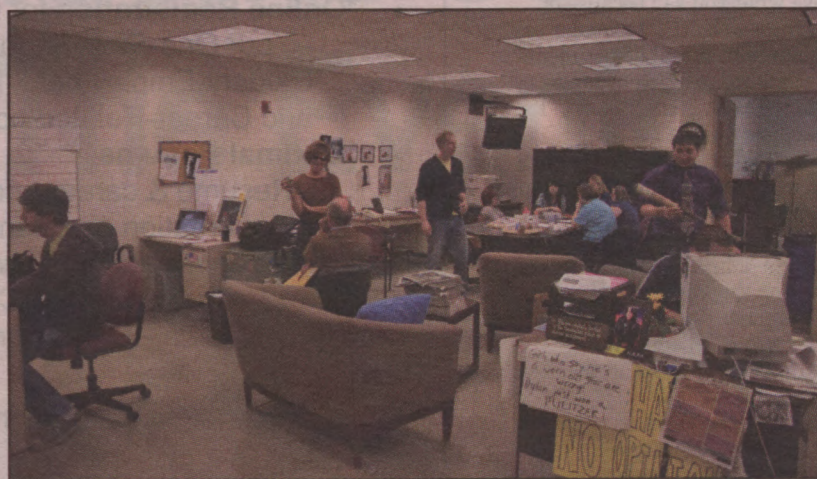
You can get involved just by showing up at any of our Monday writers' meetings, where you can hear a bunch of story ideas listed off and then pick one based on how likely it is you'll be able to finish it before "The Office" comes on. If your schedule doesn't let you make it to a meeting, just e-mail every single editor demanding to be put on their story list. Use at least 10 exclamation points throughout the e-mail, and if possible attach a photo of yourself snarling.

As a freelancer, you'll make money per story, based on word count, our budget, the time of the month, and the price per barrel of oil. Check first.

If you can afford more commitment, come in and get an application. There are several positions open, though I honestly don't care to check which ones.

Suffice it to say that as a newspaper, we have several sections, each with its own editor, and if you have any desire to crush the dreams of a writer, you should go for one of these.

You'll be responsible for coming up with story ideas, setting deadlines, watching them fly by without a peep from writers, and madly assembling your section at 4 p.m. on our final



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

The Oakland Post newsroom is an enjoyable place of constant activity and a variety of personalities. The managing editor is the guy holding the baseball bat.

production day. We supply three intravenous bags of pure adrenaline for each editor to help keep them at peak energy levels throughout the semester.

Or you could apply for the managing editor position. I don't have the job description handy, but I'm pretty sure from observation it involves stealing my guitar, watching funny videos on YouTube, and assisting the editor-in-chief by demanding new headlines for most of the stories at 10 minutes to midnight the day before the paper is published.

Unfortunately, the editor-in-chief position has been filled. Four times, in fact, over the last two years. One of them fled the state, I think.

But regardless of the position you seek, I can promise you that it will be a great source of experiences. Take note, I didn't say "experience." I mean, you'll get that, too. But what can compare to these opportunities?

■ Help returning editor Nick Degel quit smoking! Nick had, at some point, quit smoking. Then he became an editor. His desk currently features multiple signs bearing the words: "EVERY TIME YOU MISS A DEADLINE, NICK SMOKES A CIGARETTE. WHY DO YOU INSIST ON KILLING HIM?" I figure if writers got him into this, they can get him out.

■ Develop an emotional bond with a co-worker, only to have your heart shattered. Those who know me know that I am of course referring to my turbid relationship with Mouthing Off editor Alex Cherup. Until recently, I was his favorite columnist. But as soon

as a hairier chin came along ... Alex, I DRESSED AS A COWBOY FOR YOU! Would Butkovich do that? Would Palmer? Well, Palmer posed naked. But pardon me for not being easy!

■ Enjoy lucrative offers, like, "Hey, Jesse, I bet you want to go to the DIA today to cover their grand re-opening!" Also, forget that the DIA isn't open to the public on Monday or Tuesday. Then realize you forgot to charge your camera's batteries as it dies while snapping pictures of the exterior of the DIA. Oh, and enjoy the hail. Yes, this all happened in one day. It was spectacular.

■ With a totally straight face, ask over a dozen people if they use condoms regularly, and try not to laugh when they tell you they don't think that this is an area where anyone has AIDS. Try to find a nice way to phrase a question about whether or not they regularly sleep with people they aren't dating.

■ Learn the true meaning of futility as you ask OU students for their opinions on anything. My impression of an extremely eager OU student giving a comment: "Oh, yeah, I care about [issue]. Why? Uh, I dunno."

■ The final and most compelling reason to work here is to replace me. I'm leaving—and there's gotta be someone funnier.

Dunsmore, out.

Jesse Dunsmore is not an authorized recruiter for The Oakland Post, and his reasons for working here do not mirror those of The Post. In fact, we really wish he'd move off the couch and stop yelling at us during our meetings.



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# Thanks for everything, Oakland University

By ALEX CHERUP  
Mouthing Off Editor

It's April 2008 and it's last call for Oakland University's winter semester. As it frantically looks for someone to go home with, let's honor those seniors who will no longer experience the palpably alive walls and pathways of the native Golden Grizzly.

I have taken the liberty of composing a send-off to those who will never read another issue of The Oakland Post again.

The past \_\_\_\_\_ years (add whatever numeral fits) have been an intense, yet fulfilling portion of our lives.

As at any university, we soon-to-be graduates have been exposed to a wonderful environment where we can exist as philosopher kings (Journalism majors, ignore the previous line).

We have been given free reign to learn about our world and how we, as adults, can be a productive part of it.

However, OU has done so much more than teach us how to interact with the world.

We should not only thank the university for what it has taught us academically, but also for the valuable lessons that carry over to important parts of life.

For instance, after four years at OU, students should be thankful for now being able to hike across the Northwest Territory. Because of Parking Lot \_\_\_\_\_ (I can't remember the name of the lot across from Buddy's Pizza), I have been given the tools to survive long-distance foot travel in below-freezing temperatures.

No wonder tuition was raised. Everyone unintentionally was given an extra four-credit course, "The Basics of F--- Michigan Weather."

Where else can you start your day off like a page in one of those "Worst-Case Scenario" books?

And OU deserves a good pat on the back for the parking situation on campus.

The time spent cruising for a parking space gave me a few minutes to listen to WXOU. Just yesterday, while parking, I heard my favorite Lou Reed song. I think it was Lou Reed, he sounds different with nonstop static.

I distinctly heard "ZZZZZZZZwildZZZZ-side."

The parking situation has also given me fodder for a quick retort to my parents' complaining.

I now say "Yeah, well not only do I

have to walk two miles to school, but that's after 15 minutes finding a parking space, uphill and both ways, of course."

After I graduate, I may even have some parking lot stalker follow two inches behind me when I walk out to my car.

I'll miss that feeling of being violated as I go to my vehicle.

Also, thank you, Oakland University, for teaching me that just because someone is looking with glazed eyes at a computer screen does not mean he is a porn addict.

Unless someone is getting pleasure from loading, loading, loading ... I have learned the person is just waiting for an e-mail to be deleted and fighting off 2008's most deadly computer virus: "Oakland University Webmail."

This semester's "War with Webmail" has taught me a new meaning to "stay the course."

Now, with the new Gmail account, I hope the midterm paper I sent in January will make it to my professor. I keep assuring him it's in the mail.

In fact, recent statistics show that Oakland University students, on average, spend 25 percent of their time parking and 25 percent waiting in front of the computer.

I also have learned the best way to increase attendance to an event is to provide free sandwich wraps, chips and lemonade.

It might add two or three more people to the eight already present.

Thank you also for educating me in the art of purchasing books. Before becoming a Grizzly, I never knew that \$159.99 is an acceptable price for "Introduction to Child Psychology."

Not only has it helped me to understand the norms of the textbook trade, but it has also shown me that child psychology is an amazing field.

It even involves toilet training.

Thanks to the OU bookstore, I now know the guy from the commercial with the question marks on his suits is really not a scam.

Really, \$39.95 for a book that tells you how to get things for free is a bargain.

So, I will miss my time here at OU. I'd recommend it to anyone.

Ultimately, OU is completely about higher education ... except during the 50 percent of the time that it's focusing on waiting.

And even during that waiting time, we are learning.

Thank you, Oakland University.

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## Food crisis in Haiti continues

By JONATHAN M. KATZ  
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's president has lowered rice prices and the Senate has sacked the prime minister. But hungry Haitians who rioted over food prices still want more.

Aid organizations said Sunday they feared the nutritional crisis could deepen in impoverished Haiti, where skyrocketing food prices have already led to deadly protests and the ouster of a top politician.

With anger over food prices threatening the stability of this Caribbean nation already haunted by chronic hunger, the U.N. World Food Program appealed for donations to meet its \$96 million aid goal for Haiti.

The president of the World Bank on Sunday announced an additional \$10 mil-

lion in aid to Haiti for feeding programs. Robert Zoellick said the ouster of Haiti's prime minister after a wave of rioting and looting over food prices underscores the importance of quick international action.

The chief of the International Monetary Fund, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, also sounded the alarm on food prices, warning that progress on development can be destroyed by spiraling food costs, which can lead to starvation and shake the stability of governments.

On Saturday, President Rene Preval announced subsidies to lower the price of rice and Haitian lawmakers fired Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis for failing to boost food production.

But aid workers said the measures might not be enough to ease popular anger if hunger continues to rise.

Mamadou Mbaye, who heads the U.N.

World Food Program's office in Haiti, said fixing Haiti's systemic problems like unemployment and dependence on imported food cannot be accomplished immediately, and that means unrest could continue.

Haiti imports almost all its food and global food prices have risen 40 percent since mid-2007. Locally, prices of rice and pasta have doubled in parts of Haiti, a country where 2.4 million people already cannot afford the minimum daily calories recommended by the World Health Organization.

Many are now calling for Haiti's exiled former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide to return to office.

A week of hunger-provoked protests and looting have already left seven people dead, including a Nigerian officer with the U.N. police force.



PIER PAOLO CITO/Associated Press  
Pope Benedict XVI waves to spectators upon his arrival at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

## Pope addresses clergy sex abuse during U.S. visit

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON  
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ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE—Pope Benedict XVI stepped onto U.S. soil for the first time as pontiff Tuesday, arriving to a presidential handshake and wild cheering only hours after he admitted that he is "deeply ashamed" of the clergy sex abuse scandal that has devastated the American church.

Benedict gave hundreds of spectators a two-handed wave as he stepped off a special Alitalia airliner that brought him from Rome. Benedict tackled the most painful issue facing the U.S. Catholic Church — clergy sex abuse — on his flight to America.

Seemingly in a nod to his American flock, the pope spoke in English as he answered questions submitted in advance by reporters.

"It is a great suffering for the church in the United States and for the church in general and for me personally that this could happen," Benedict said. "It is difficult for me to understand how it was possible that priests betray in this way their mission ... to these children."

"I am deeply ashamed, and we will do what is possible so this cannot happen again in the future," the pope said.

Benedict pledged that pedophiles would not be priests in the Catholic Church.

"It is more important to have good priests than many priests. We will do everything possible to heal this wound."

There were 691 new accusations in 2007, according to an annual report from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The U.S. church has paid out \$2 billion in abuse costs since 1950, most of that in just the last six years.

Benedict described his pilgrimage as a journey to meet a "great people and a great church."

### N I W BRIEFS

**4-09** | At the San Francisco Olympic torch relay, the first torch runner strayed from the route and disappeared into a warehouse. | American Airlines cancels more than 1,000 flights in order to meet federal guidelines for wiring on its MD-80 jets.

**4-10** | A NATO convoy in Kandahar, Afghanistan, is targeted by a suicide bomber, resulting in the deaths of eight citizens.

**4-11** | Somalian pirates release 30 hostages kidnapped aboard a yacht off the Gulf of Aden.

**4-14** | Delta Airlines reaches an agreement with Northwest Airlines to take over Northwest and create the world's biggest airline. | Conservative leader and media mogul Silvio Berlusconi reclaims power in Italy after clinching victories in both houses of parliament.

**4-15** | The price of oil reaches a record high \$113 per barrel. | A Congolese jetliner crashes on takeoff, careening off a runway into a busy neighborhood, and bursting into flames.

## Uruguay fires up the grill



MARCELO HERNANDEZ/Associated Press  
Uruguayan cooks barbecue meat in an attempt to break a record for the world's largest barbecue in Montevideo, Sunday, April 13, 2008.

## Beijing instituting measures to limit pollution for Olympics

By STEPHEN WADE  
AP Sports Writer

BELJING — Beijing will implement a series of temporary measures to stop construction and close heavy industries, all aimed at cleaning the city's notoriously polluted air when the Olympics begin in four months.

All digging and pouring of concrete on construction sites will be suspended from July 20 to Sept. 20, the city's Environmental Protection Bureau said.

Nineteen heavy-polluting companies also have been told to cut their emissions

in the same period by a further 30 percent.

Pollution — in addition to the violence in Tibet and other human rights issues — has been a major concern for China before the games. The International Olympic Committee has said it will postpone outdoor endurance events of more than one hour if the air quality is poor.

Beijing is one of the world's most polluted cities. A mix of particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide often blankets the city at levels five times higher than World Health Organization's safety standards.

Du Shaozhong, deputy director of the

environment body, said specific details to remove vehicles from Beijing's streets would be announced later. Officials are expected to ban about half of Beijing's 3.3 million vehicles during the Olympics.

The environment body said gas stations, oil depots and tanker trucks would cease to operate unless they were equipped with "oil vapor recovery" technology. Outdoor spray-painting will also be banned.

Du said even more "strident" measures would be taken during the games "in case of extremely negative meteorological conditions." Hot, humid and stagnant air often settles over the city in August.