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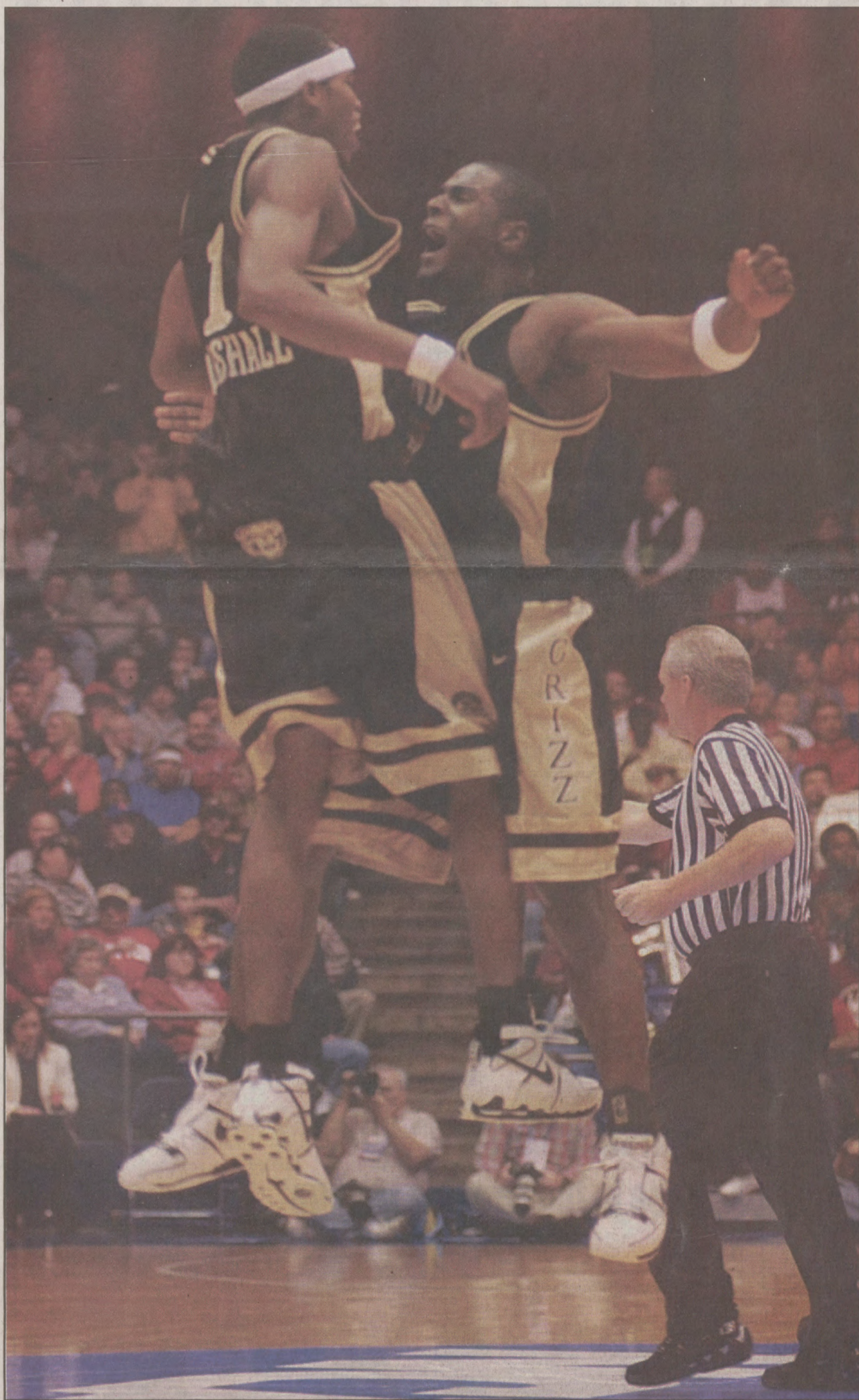
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# DANCE FEVER



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Senior Rawle Marshall and junior Pierre Dukes fly high as they jump for joy after their 79-69 win, making this not only the Grizzlies' first-ever NCAA Tournament game, but their first win. This is a higher achievement than some more-experienced teams can claim. OU will now try to put on the Cinderella sneaker when they face number one seeded North Carolina, Friday at 3 p.m.

## Grizzlies send Bulldogs home with tails between their legs

By DAVE PEMBERTON  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The dream season continued for OU's men's basketball team on Tuesday night. OU defeated Alabama A&M 79-69 in the NCAA Opening Round game to advance to the first round of the NCAA Tournament, where they will face the number one seeded North Carolina.

OU began the second half on a 15-2 run, giving them a 54-37 lead. Alabama's Obie Trotter hit two quick 3-pointers to end that run. The Golden Grizzlies then went on a 15-4 streak to take a 70-49 lead and put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs.

The Grizzlies came out strong even though it looked like the Bulldogs had the momentum going into halftime. Trotter hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut OU's lead to 38-35.

During halftime, OU head coach Greg Kampe told his team to forget that last play.

"They looked devastated by that shot. I said forget that. We only need to be one point ahead when it's over, so it doesn't matter," Kampe said. "The first five minutes were of the utmost importance, and we had to keep our crowd in the game."

Bulldogs' head coach L. Vann Pettaway said his team ran out of gas, but he gave the Grizzlies credit for their performance.

"Oakland came in with a great game plan. They did what they tried to do all season," Pettaway said. "They wanted to get the ball to (Rawle) Marshall and (Courtney) Scott. You have to give them credit. They were well-coached and well-prepared for us. They knew all of our offensive sets and each defensive scheme we threw at them."

Marshall continued his great play over the last few weeks, leading the Grizzlies with 29 points and pulling down nine rebounds. Marshall also played the point during the game to help combat the Bulldogs' full-court press.

"That's something coach (Kampe) has experimented with all season. I was able to make things happen, but credit my teammates because they opened up the game for me," Marshall said.

Scott added 21 points and nine rebounds. OU won the rebounding battle 43-29 and were led by freshman Patrick McCloskey's 11; he was a key to OU's run to begin the second half. McCloskey scored all five of his points in the first five minutes.

After OU won the Mid-Con Conference tournament, Kampe said he thought it would be great for OU to play in the Opening Round game, and after the game he thanked the NCAA for having it.

"This is the greatest experience our kids have ever had and don't change it," Kampe said to the NCAA. "We wanted to be in it, and it was everything we wanted. You do it for the kids, and you made 15 kids' lives tonight."

Being only a four-hour drive from Rochester, Dayton, Ohio may have helped OU advance in the NCAA tournament. Marshall said the crowd was the team's sixth man. That will change, however, when they face the Tarheels in Charlotte, N.C. on Friday.



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## Students experience first voyage to NCAA Tournament

If you're an OU student, the past week has been fun. If you're an OU student and a sports fan, the past week has been a dream come true.

The men's basketball team's first berth to the NCAA Tournament is something we all knew would happen one day, but no one expected it this year.

In the past few days, our rela-



LIBBY BAKER

Editor in Chief

tively quiet commuter campus has been transformed. We're singing (or learning) the fight song and

proudly wearing our black and gold.

The excitement could be seen during the Selection Sunday celebrations in the O'Rena and Monday's lunchtime pep rally.

But the spirit was probably best seen last night at the University of Dayton Arena. Hundreds of students, faculty and alumni made the trip south to cheer on our

Golden Grizzlies, and it was an experience most of us will never forget.

Relentless. It's the only way to describe the OU student section. Their cheers started long before tip-off and continued well after the final buzzer.

School spirit is important on any college campus, and before last week, the spirit at OU was

minimal, at best. Our moment in the spotlight is something we all can share in, and with any luck, this is a turning point for our university.

Hopefully, our excitement and pride won't come to an end when this season does. We've come too far now to let that happen.

My time at OU will soon come to an end, and I have many won-

derful memories that will remain with me forever, but none will compare to the past week as an OU student.

It's something I always wished for, but always believed I would not be around to see.

So thank you to Coach Kampe and the men's basketball team, for giving us all something to remember and be proud of.

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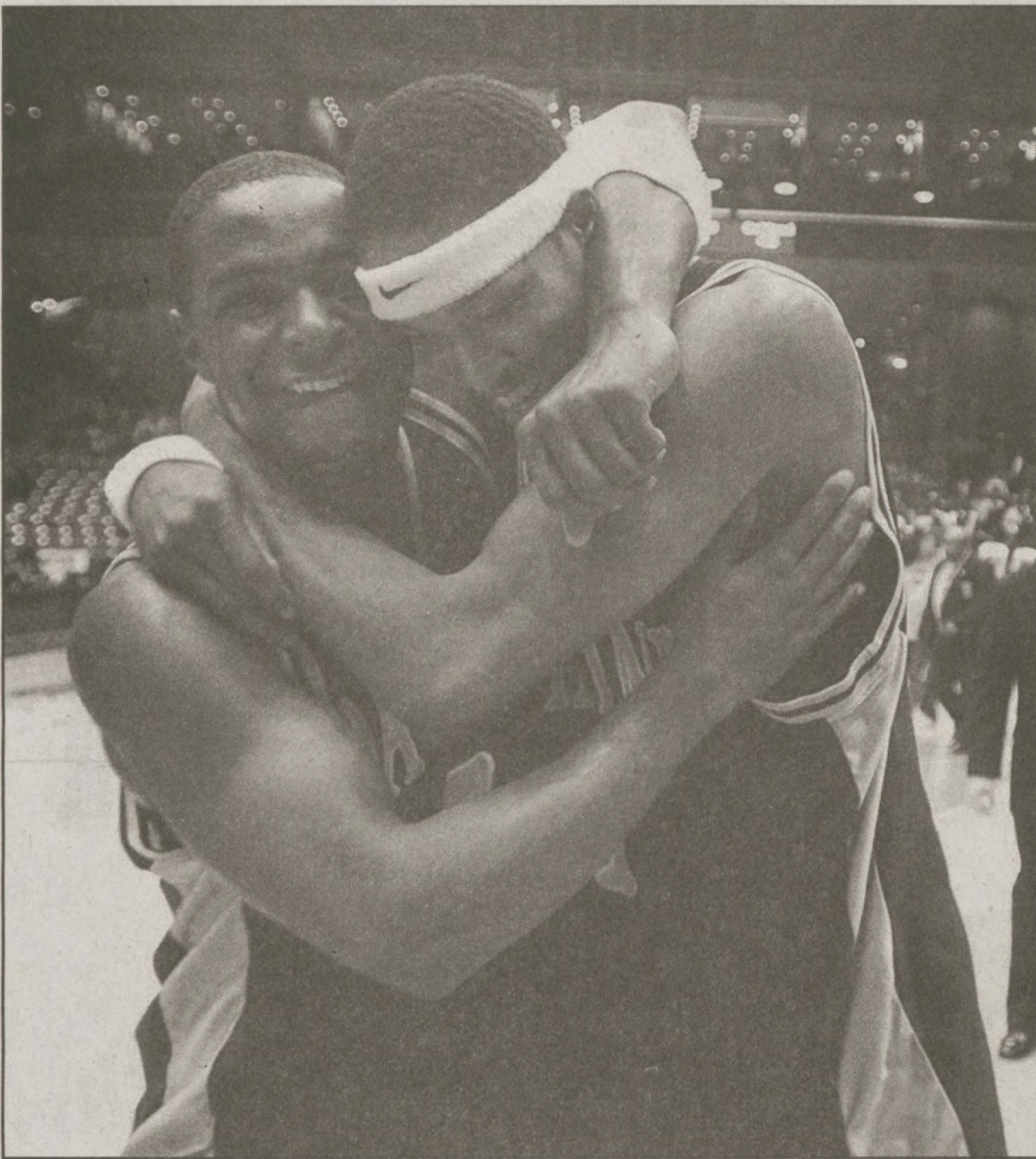
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### WEEKEND OUTLOOK

| Friday        |    | Saturday     |    | Sunday        |    |
|---------------|----|--------------|----|---------------|----|
| High          | 36 | High         | 38 | High          | 42 |
| Low           | 22 | Low          | 25 | Low           | 27 |
| Mostly Cloudy |    | Snow Showers |    | Mostly Cloudy |    |





JOSE JUAREZ/THE OAKLAND PRESS  
OU senior Rawle Marshall and junior Pierre Dukes walk off the court proud and overcome with emotion after winning the opening game and moving on the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Marshall added a game-high 29 points to send the Bulldogs to the doghouse after OU's 79-69 win.

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*~Head Coach Greg Kampe to the NCAA*

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The top three educational, social, or recreational programs that yield a diverse audience will get the event paid for by SAFB and also win \$500.00 upon completion of the event. Proposals will be available in the CSA office Thursday February 10, 2004.

Organizations should submit the proposal by March 4, 2004.

For more information contact Charity Jones at  
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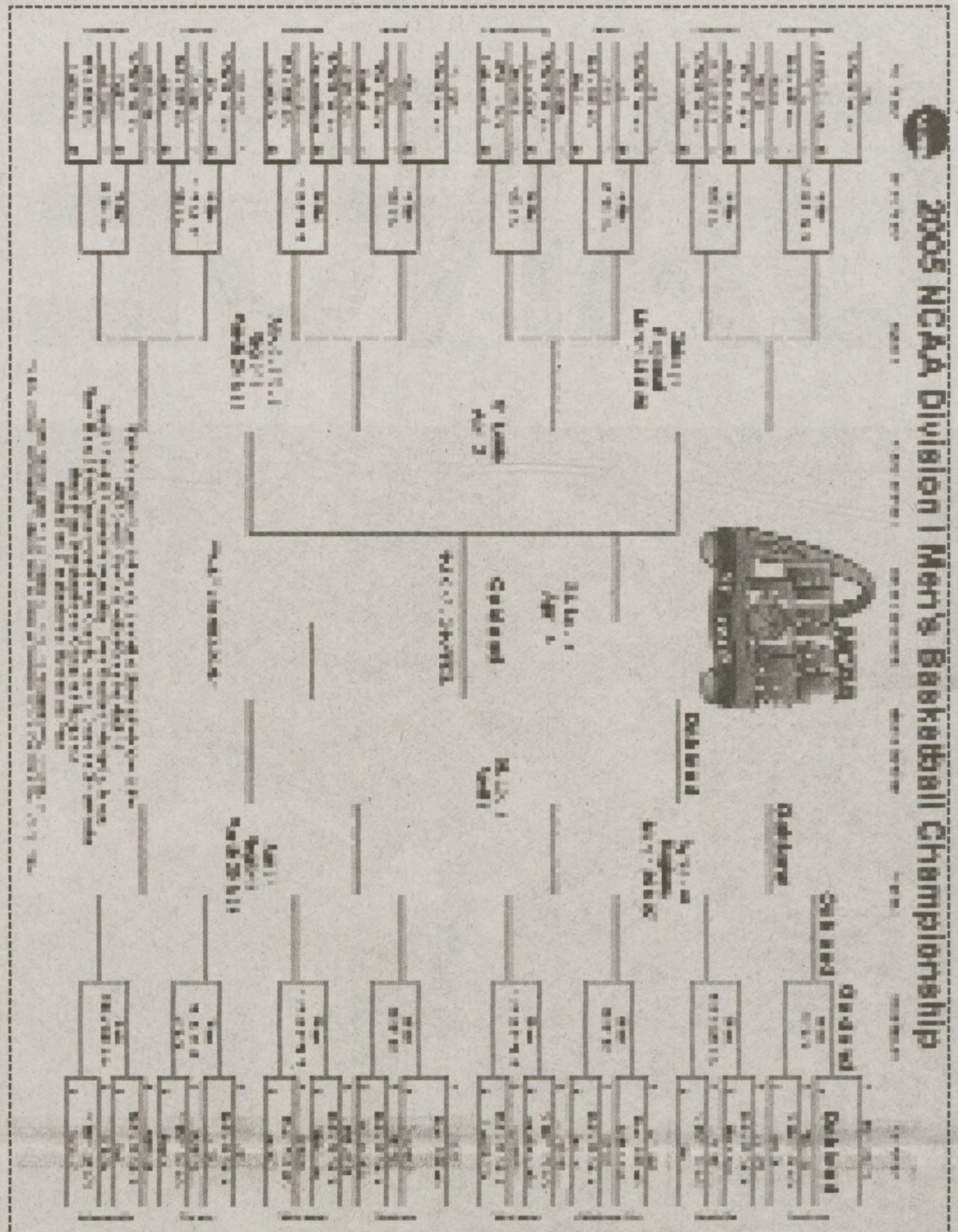
Meetings are Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Applications are available in the Student Congress office

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*Make sure you cut out your NCAA Tournament bracket and make your predictions from Round one to the sweet sixteen, the final four and the NCAA National champions.*

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## 2005 OUSC ELECTIONS ARE COMING...

### Presidential Debates

Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Noon in the Fireside Lounge



### VP Debates

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## OUPD issues warrants

*Campus events still closed to public, dance ban still in effect*

By ALLISON BRUNNER  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The men's basketball team may be dancing, but they won't be doing it on campus. Dances, as well as non-OU students are still banned on OU grounds.

Some students are worried their par-

ents and friends will not be able to attend their on-campus events.

The bans were made after several altercations on the evening of February 18.

Warrants were issued for five individuals involved in various offenses that night. They all turned themselves in, and none were OU students.

Three separate incidents occurred the night of February 18, and those investigations are ongoing.

The first, which Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OUPD said was the least critical, is the fight that occurred in the OC.

The second case was a felonious assault in a hallway of building 3000 of the University Student Apartments.

Four warrants were issued from that incident, including three for aggravated assault and one for felonious assault.

The third and final incident of the evening involved a group of individuals who forced their way into a room in building 2000 of the University Student Apartments.

Misdemeanor charges have been filed in that incident, including unlawful entry and two counts of assault, Gilroy said.

Warrants have been issued and arraignment dates have been set.

There is still no information on whether the dance ban will be lifted.

## Fire ignites in Hannah Hall



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

The Auburn Hills Fire Department arrived on campus Monday at 1:24 p.m. and extinguished a fire that evacuated Hannah Hall of Science for a few hours.

Fire Inspector for the AHFD, Joshua Boyce, said a construction crew was taking down the metal brackets from the 1960s, when some hot work fell through the baseboards and ignited some of the expansion boards in between the walls. It is believed smoke got sucked into the building.

"The damage was minimal," Boyce said. Students, faculty and staff were quickly evacuated and the fire that took the AHFD 30 minutes to find with a thermo-imaging camera, was extinguished in seconds, Boyce said.

~ Allison Brunner, Senior News Writer

## Board meets after three month recess

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

New SpiritCards with debit features and direct deposit will be available due to an approved lease with Credit Union ONE.

The board of trustees approved a seven-year contract with Credit Union ONE that entails the control of four campus ATM machines along with a branch location in the OC, at its March 2 meeting.

Credit Union ONE will also implement the SpiritCard Plus program, which combines current SpiritCard and SpiritCash programs with features of MasterCard debit transactions and international ATM usage.

Direct deposit of payroll checks and financial aid reimbursements will also be available to students with Credit Union ONE accounts.

Trustee Henry Baskin expressed concern that support of student programs given from OU's previous exclusive financial institution, MSU Federal Credit Union, will suffer.

But Vice President of Student Affairs Beth Snyder assured that "Credit Union ONE will participate with student programs."

MSU Federal Credit Union's ATM will stay on campus for the duration of its one-year contract.

The new SpiritCard Plus cards will be distributed to incoming freshman.

Cards currently used by OU students will still function as usual, but the plan is they will be weeded out of the system within a year.

Students who wish to switch

to the new card will not incur any fees for the change.

The board also approved discontinuation of charging high school dual-enrolled students with fees for student activities and Recreation Center usage.

The fees, which total approximately \$95 each semester, are currently charged to the 100 to 200 dual-enrolled students, despite their lack of access to the recreation and activity programs at OU.

Dwayne Hicks, OU lacrosse team captain, approached the board to request usage of facilities on campus for practice purposes.

Hicks said that the team pays \$100 per hour to use the Silverdome from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Golden Grizzlies' lacrosse team has offered to pay the same amount for the use of the OU bubble.

The on-campus location will reduce safety concerns regarding students driving to practice during the late hours, Hicks said.

The team, who was denied usage of the bubble in previous years due to damage claims, has been offered free access to practice at the Recreation Center and use of the bubble for \$130 an hour.

Hicks said that the hardwood floors of the Recreation Center are hazardous to the players and their equipment.

The board suggested that he continue to negotiate the hourly price for usage of the bubble.

The board will meet next at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, in Elliott Hall Auditorium.

## Former congressmen meet with students

By ALLISON BRUNNER  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The program Congress to Campus brought two former congressmen to OU for a few days to share their experiences in politics and public service, and to discuss current issues facing the nation.

In their two and a half day trip to OU,

Republican Arlen Erdahl and Democrat William Roy visited classes, held forums, met students and faculty and were interviewed by local media.

Former Democratic congressman David Skaggs, head of The Stennis Center which sponsors Congress to Campus, said people rarely hear about the "honest day-to-day work" of elected officials.

Erdahl represented Minnesota as a congressman from '79-'83 and was a member of the Foreign Affairs, Small Business, Education and Labor committees.

Roy, a registered Republican until he served in Congress from '71-'75, represented the second District of Kansas as the second Democrat elected from his area in 110 years.

Roy is best known for losing to Bob Dole in a senatorial race by less than one percent.

He also served on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and the Health and Environment Subcommittee.

Erdahl kidded that Congress opens more doors than a Phi Beta Kappa key.

The golden key is the society's emblem, recognized as a symbol of academic achievement. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's leading advocate for the liberal arts and sciences at the undergraduate level.

Both are fathers of six children each. "Mine are all boys except five, and

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## Students screened for eating disorders

By LOREEN BAHRI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Do you weigh yourself every day? Do you count calories every time you eat or exercise? Then you may be on your way to an eating disorder, according to Graham Health Center experts.

The GHC hosted an Eating Disorder Screening on March 2 in the main hallway of the OC from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Clinical psychologist Pamela Marsh, along with GHC interns, was present to help students find out if they are at high risk for an eating disorder.

The screening was assessed by answering a questionnaire, which was provided by the National Eating Disorder Screening Program.

Marsh said about 63 students took the assessment, which is only used as a

screening tool to show if a student's behavior is high risk for developing an eating disorder.

"I learned that I don't have an eating disorder, which I already knew, but some college students might not think they have a problem and then find out they are borderline," said senior Ariana Toth.

Students who were found to be at high risk received referrals to visit the GHC and were given the option of a private consultation in room 125 of the OC.

"We had about eight folks that scored high and needed referrals. Four of them did want to seek treatment, and two scored high but did not care for treatment," Marsh said.

The first six sessions of counseling at the GHC are free, afterward there is a fee of \$12 per session.

The GHC receives a fair share of students who have eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia, Marsh said.

But depression may also play a role by causing someone to overeat in order to cope.

"A lot of times what kicks off an eating disorder is a fad diet, it sets off a chemical reaction in the brain, and there are certain aspects in the way they diet that can impact the disorder," Marsh said.

For more information, call (248) 370-3465 or e-mail counsel@oakland.edu.

**Not everyone with an eating disorder has to fit into a Size 2 dress tonight.**

In the U.S., up to 10 million females and 1 million males are struggling with eating disorders, including anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, and borderline conditions.

Graphic courtesy of Graham Health Center. Edited by Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Representatives from the Graham Health Center offered students eating disorder screenings before break.



## Congress discusses Chartwell contract

By VERA MARZOUQ  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU Student Congress discussed Monday whether it would be in the university's best interest to renew Chartwells' contract with OU.

Chartwells is the current food service provider. It has been at OU since June 2002, and its future with the university will be decided in the coming months.

Chartwells Dining Services provides food service at over 230 colleges and universities across the country, including the University of Miami, Arkansas State University and DePaul University. Its ultimate goal is to make OU the company's main showcase school.

If the contract is renewed on April 30, Chartwells plans to invest \$1.5 million to renovate the cafeteria in Vandenberg Hall.

Chartwells will also extend their hours and change two of their vendors.

Shaquonda Binion, Student Program Board chair, said the food is "out-right nasty" and does not wish to see Chartwells contract renewed.

Along with providing food to students, Chartwells also caters events on campus.

"Chartwells' food (cost) to student organizations is ridiculously high," said legislator Katie Miller.

The former Starbucks stand in the OC, which has been vacant for two years, is on the agenda as well.

"A few different departments are fighting over it, including the OU bookstore," said Stefanie Marshall, student liaison to the board of trustees.

The \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award Scholarship was also discussed Monday.

Currently, students who receive satisfactory scores on their MEAP tests receive the scholarship.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm suggests what some legislators found to be a more practical idea of giving students \$1,500 for high scores on the test and, furthermore, giving students a \$4,000 scholarship upon completion of two years of higher education.

"The state is trying to utilize their money to the fullest extent," Miller said.

This proposal will encourage students to continue their education. College students are by far more likely to drop out of school their freshman or sophomore years than their junior or senior years.

"This will encourage students who have gotten to that point to continue," Miller

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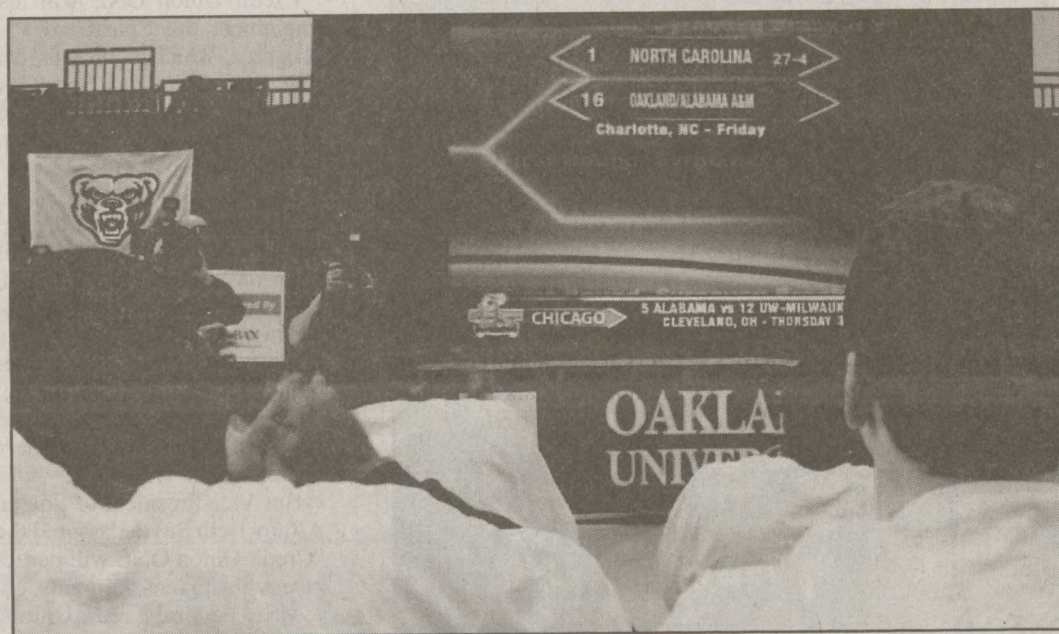
Left: OU men's basketball team members watch season footage as The Grizz cheer in the background.

Bottom: Senior forward Cortney Scott was named to the All-Tournament Team.

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## GRIZZLIES await selection decision



Above: OU community rallies around the team as they see their first matchup, Alabama A & M.

Below: OU President Gary Russi receives a framed photograph to commemorate the team's Mid-Con victory that sent them on their way to the NCAA tournament.

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The O'Rena was a sea of black and gold Sunday, as OU students, family and community members came out to show their support for the Golden Grizzlies.

Fans eagerly anticipated the announcement of the NCAA matchups and stood behind OU's seated heroes both in body and in spirit.

All eyes were on the TV screen, and the O'Rena fell silent as CBS announced Oakland would be pitted against Alabama A & M in the first game.

Grizzly fans shattered the silence with spirited cheers and applause as OU's Dream Team sprung from their seats in celebration as they were mobbed by fans and media eager to get a word with the champs.

For the first time in OU history, basketball fans are writing OU on their NCAA brackets, and Grizzlies are proud to be cheering the underdog to the biggest dance of their life.

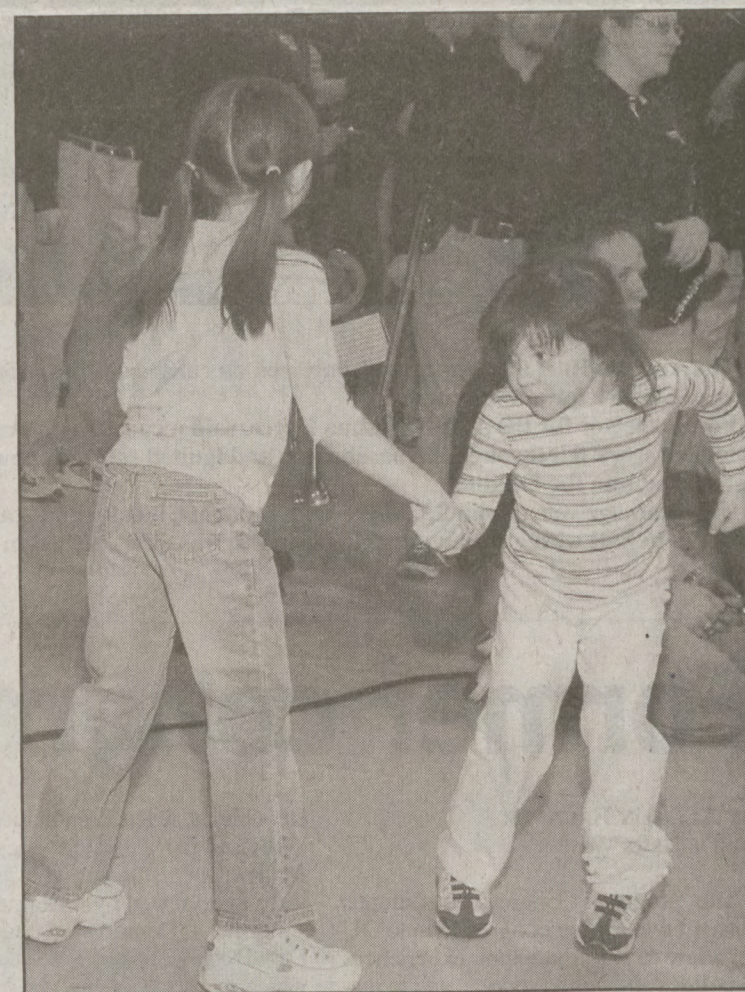
~ Elizabeth Gorecki



Above: OU's pep band cheers on the men's basketball team at the Selection Show party held Sunday.

Below: (Left) Hannah Kroesche, 7, and Heather Kroesche, 4, dance to the pep band's tunes. Their father is the pep band director.

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### CAMPUS RECREATION

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Coming Soon: IM NCAA Bracketology, registration deadline 3/16. Call 370-4913 or send an email to IMSports@oakland.edu for more details. It's Time to Kayak!!

On April 3rd and 10th the Recreation Center and PaddleWize will be offering Kayak instruction at the pool. The 5-hour class will be split into two 2-hour sessions held on Sunday morning from 9-11:30 AM. All necessary equipment will be supplied. The cost for students is only \$85 and non-students \$100. For more information, contact Mila Padgett at Padgett@oakland.edu

### GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

When was the last time you had a pap test? GHC offers routine gynecological services and uses the latest technology for performing pap tests. If you're 18 years of age, or if you're younger but sexually active and it's been a year or more since your last GYN visit, you should have a pap test. Your exam will be performed by a female nurse practitioner, and she can answer your questions regarding your gynecological health. Call ext. 2341 for an appointment today. GHC...The Place to be for a Healthy Me!

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## Cobo plans turn private

By KADIDJRI LAHAB  
THE OAKLAND POST

Based on a study by the Tourism Action Group, the plans to expand Cobo Hall Convention Center's 600,000-square-foot main exhibit space by 300,000 square feet will cost \$663 million. The North American Auto Show has requested more space, and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick wants to give it to them by 2010.

The biggest issue is who will pay for it. Tri-County executives clamored for private funding to protect their constituents from higher taxes.

Early this year, Venetian Group, the operators of the Venetian Resort and Casino and Las Vegas' Sands Expo and Convention Center, met with Detroit and Tri-County officials and proposed to privately fund the expansion. This proposal appealed to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who had opposed taxpayers funding the project.

The current snag in this solution is that Venetian Groups does not have a casino license. There are only three casino licenses in Michigan. Detroit's MGM Grand holds one and is in the process of a merger with Mandalay Bay Resorts, a chain that already owns more than 50 percent of MotorCity. If the merger is successful, one license will be for sale because under federal antitrust laws, one company cannot hold two casino licenses in a city.

But first, MGM must settle a lawsuit filed by Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians against Detroit's casino bidding process. MGM could then sell to the Venetian group.

"We are looking to see if there is some resolution to this issue around casino investment, because that's what trumps everything else - no pun intended," said Jim Townsend, executive director for the Tourism and Economic Development Council.

When asked whether public funds would be needed if a potential private investor like a casino came into the mix, Townsend said, "That is possible. It all



Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center and adjacent Cobo Arena have been a major part of the cities' skylines and history since it opened in 1960. It underwent a \$225 million expansion in 1989, and now there is talk of more renovation causing controversy over funding.

depends on how huge that casino investor is, and whether they are interested in shouldering the entire cost or only a portion of it."

"You find people quoting statistics about one-third of convention centers being privately owned - that's true," he said, "but that is not true of large facilities like Cobo, which is in the class of the top 15 largest conventional centers."

Only two of those top 15 are privately owned, and those two are in Las Vegas,

Townsend said. One of them is owned by the Venetian Group.

There are auto shows held annually in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and abroad in Geneva, Switzerland, Frankfurt, Germany and in odd-numbered years in Tokyo. The concern from Detroit officials is that Detroit may lose the North American Auto Show to larger convention centers. Townsend explains why Detroit's show is unique.

"The Detroit Auto Dealers Association

that stages the Auto Show became the North American Auto Show about 16 years ago," he said.

"There are dozens of auto shows around the country, but there is only one auto show in all of North America that is designated to be an international auto show, and the designation means a lot," Townsend said. "It means that it's among the top handful of shows in the world in terms of the number of new products that

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## \$3 million mosque, center approved

By MARINA CRACCHIOLO  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Ahmadiyya Movement of Islam no longer has to use rented space and private homes to pray. They will have a \$3.3 million mosque and community center.

The Ahmadiyya metro Detroit chapter recently purchased a site for \$325,000 for their future mosque and community center at the intersection of Crooks and Auburn roads. The 19,500-square-foot mosque will include classrooms for Sunday school and a multicultural library.

The Ahmadiyya Metro Detroit chapter has raised \$1.5 million from local contributions and pledges. They will be taking an internal loan from the Ahmadiyya national headquarters in Washington, D.C. for the remaining \$750,000.

They have extended invitations to the soon-to-be neighbors of the Rochester mosque and community center to answer any concerns they may have. "We should have a positive influence on the community. Our goal is to provide something back to the community - absolutely open door situation," said Mujeeb Ijaz, secretary of public relations for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Detroit chapter.

Construction of the center is expected to start June 2005, with a target date of completion of May 2006. DeMattia Group of Novi designed the community center.



The Baitul Islam Mosque, Maple, Ontario, Canada is one of the Ahmadiyya mosques closest to Detroit.

However, the builder is still in bidding.

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad established the Ahmadiyya Movement in 1889 in the remote village of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the "expected reformer" and the final prophet of Islam, spreading his message of peace, tolerance and submission to God.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, one of the 73 Muslim sects worldwide, is a religious organization with branches in more than 178 countries. Most local members live or work in Oakland and Wayne counties, according to Ijaz.

Currently there are 350 members of the Ahmadiyya movement in the Detroit metro area.

The mosque and community center will serve as an epicenter for the followers.

"There hasn't been that anchor point," said Ijaz.

"Every religion needs a place of worship.

If that's what the people of Rochester are looking for, than there is nothing better than that," said Nora Mohammed, vice president of the Muslim Students Association at OU.

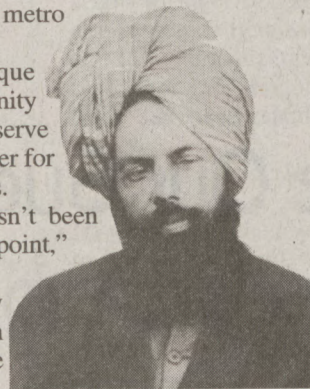
The Ahmadiyya Movement of Islam is growing rapidly. The number of converts has doubled every year from 1992-2002, now reaching more than 200 million worldwide followers, according to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Web site, www.alislam.org.

However, in the Middle East, Ahmadiyya has faced some resistance for their disagreements over the last prophet, said Ijaz. Most Muslims believe Muhammad (571-632) was the last prophet. In Ahmadiyya, the followers believe that the founder of the sect, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1839-1908) was the last prophet.

"It is the fastest growing sect of Islam. That's the biggest threat to the Arab world," said Ijaz. "Most Arab worlds find it [Ahmadiyya] blasphemous."

Conversely, The Ahmadiyya Movement in Detroit has not encountered any conflict over the mosque and community center in Rochester.

"We will deal with them as a neighbor; Islamic teachings are to deal with neighbors as we do with our own families," said Imam Mohammed Musa of the Bloomfield Hills Muslim Center.



## Prices on the rise

By ELIZABETH GORECKI  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Gasoline prices jumped over the \$2 per gallon mark last weekend, but they're still a penny shy. Shy of reaching a record high, that is.

The average national price for gas as of Tuesday was \$2.056 per gallon, less than one cent less than the highest-ever recorded price, \$2.064, set in May 2004.

Michigan's all-time average high is well above the national average. Michigan's average price for regular grade gas peaked at \$2.13 in May of 2004.

Tuesday, the state's average price was at \$2.09, according to AAA Michigan, and rising.

Michigan motorists are paying more than 30 cents a gallon more than they were when the year began. Since the start of 2005, the average statewide gas price has skyrocketed a total of 33.9 cents per gallon, according to AAA Michigan.

Here in metro Detroit, the average price per gallon for regular grade gas is at \$2.065, up more than 38 cents a gallon from last year.

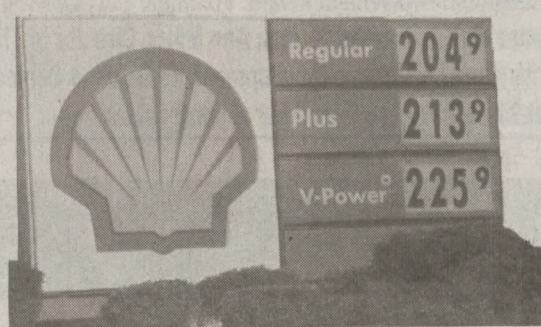
"Prices are getting ridiculous," said senior Heather Rice. "It costs me about \$40 a week in gas just to drive to school and back," said the Harrison Township commuter student.

Other students agree that driving to and from school is putting a big dent in their gas tanks and their wallets.

"I have a 10 a.m. class and a 6:30 night class Tuesdays and Thursdays. I used to go home and sleep or study or go out between classes, but once prices hit \$2 a gallon, I decided just to stay here and do homework or watch TV in the OC," said junior Mike Carlin.

"The forty-minute drive to Chesterfield used to be worth it to get some sleep, but now it's just too expensive."

*Please see GAS on A6*



### Fuel saving tips

- **Slow down** - speed affects your gas mileage so even a small mph decrease can help.

- **Keep tires properly inflated** - under-inflated tires cut fuel economy.

- **Use regular grade gas** - unless it's considered necessary by the manufacturer, stay away from mid-grade or premium.

- **Don't idle** - idling uses a half-gallon of gas an hour and wastes more fuel than restarting the engine.

- **Avoid quick starts and stops** - accelerating and braking slowly uses less fuel.

Source: AAA Michigan

## Global Glance

### No deal in Iraq

Iraq was still without a new government Tuesday, the day before its first scheduled parliament session, with leading Shiites and Kurds split over the share of outposts, and the Kurds seeking greater control of the north.

The Shiite alliance, which won a slim majority in the Jan. 30 parliamentary elections, met to try to resolve the stand-off with the Kurds after weekend talks on a new government failed.

### Ebbers guilty on 9 counts

Bernard Ebbers, the former CEO of WorldCom, was found guilty Tuesday for his role in the accounting scandal that resulted in the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

After eight days of deliberations, a federal jury in New York convicted Ebbers on all nine counts that he helped mastermind an \$11 billion accounting fraud at WorldCom, now known as MCI.

He faces up to 85 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for June 13.

### Global warming takes toll

Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain, is being seen for the first time in 11,000 years without its snowy glacier peak. The Climate Change group, which led a project to document the effects of global warming across the world, has organized an exhibit of the photos in an attempt to educate others about the global warming crisis. Scientists have warned that snow is melting and likely to disappear completely by 2020, triggering major disruptions to ecosystems on the dry African plains.

### Hobbits hit the stage

After conquering the film box office, "The Lord of the Rings" is taking to the stage in a musical adaptation that will premiere in Toronto next year, the show's producers announced yesterday.

The \$22 million show will open in March 2006 at the Princess of Wales Theatre with a largely Canadian cast, producer Kevin Wallace said.

The three-hour stage adaptation has been in the works for four years, and producers hope to take it to Broadway after the Toronto premiere and a London opening.

## Global

### goof

#### Puppets' sexuality questioned in video

A children's music video showing SpongeBob SquarePants, Miss Piggy, Oscar the Grouch and many other children's TV characters singing the 1979 disco hit "We Are Family" is coming under fire for advocating homosexuality to youngsters.

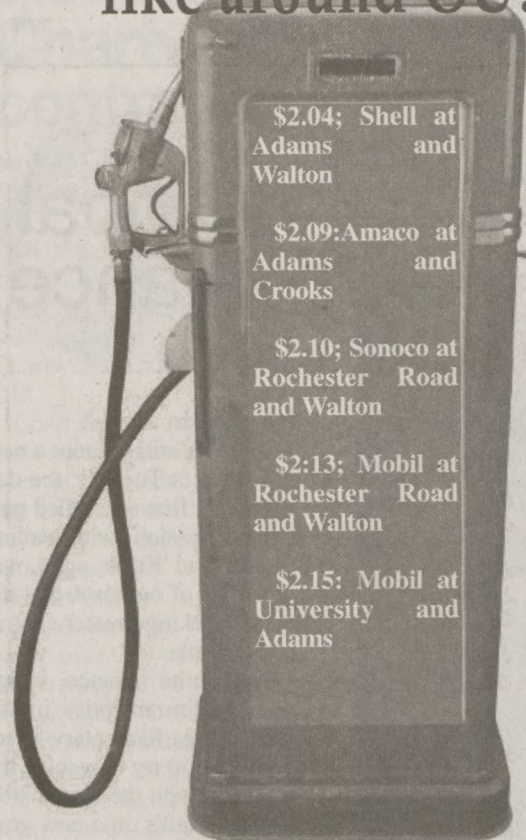
The video, produced and distributed by the Anti-Defamation League and the We Are Family Foundation - a nonprofit founded by a producer who co-wrote the original song, comes with a teaching guide that promotes tolerance of diversity.

Conservative groups such as the American Family Association and Focus on the Family have charged that the video has a pro-gay subtext. An editor who first criticized it calls the video "innocuous," but says the teaching guide "distorts the definition of family."

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki  
Local News Editor  
Information taken from various news sources.



## What are gas prices like around OU?



**GAS**  
Continued from A5

Samir Hijaz, who works at a BP in Clinton Township, said that prices tend to go up in the spring and stay there throughout Memorial Day and well into the summer months.

"This is one industry that the sales stay pretty much steady no matter the price. Gas is something we all use to get from one place to another, so we might look for the lowest price, but at some point, we're all going to have to give in and pay to fill up."

Many OU students agree that it's a good idea to look for a low price, especially around OU's campus.

"The jumps in the prices around here are crazy," said junior Keiffer Hall. "I saw it for \$2.05 on the way here today and then about a mile down the street it was \$2.13."

Sal Mauller, a Rochester Hills resident filling up for \$2.10 at the corner of Rochester Road and Walton, said he thinks prices are higher in the area purely because of the location and the industries.

## Commuter students feel price hike in their wallets

DaimlerChrysler headquarters is right here, the colleges are right here, and there are a lot of new businesses here with the Village," Mauller said. "This is a high traffic area with lots of people passing through each morning on their way to work and school. The stations realize this."

The area around OU does have a great variety in gas prices.

Detroitgasprices.com is reporting prices ranging from \$2.04 to \$2.15 a gallon in Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills.

And while there are still stations with gas prices in the \$2 and single-cent range, prices are expected to keep rising.

One reason for the recent increase can be traced to the price of crude oil, the main ingredient of gasoline. Crude oil is sold to gasoline manufacturers and companies by the bar-

rel, and each gallon of gasoline requires one equal gallon of crude oil, according to the American Petroleum Institute, a group that represents some U.S. oil and gasoline manufacturers.

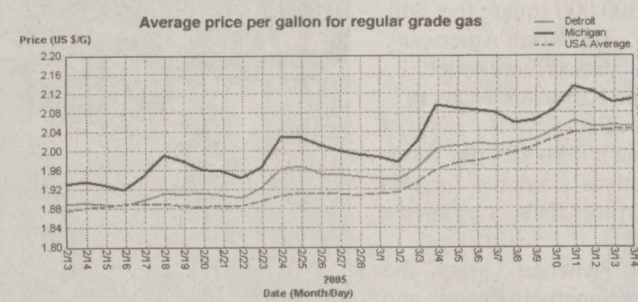
Recently, crude oil prices have risen to more than \$55 a barrel, causing the sudden jump in gas prices.

"The market is always changing, so it's hard to predict if the prices are going to rise more or stay steady," a statement by the API

said. "It's supply and demand. If people fear the supply of oil decreasing, they will demand more and prices will rise."

Until prices go down, there are things consumers can do to save gas and money.

AAA Michigan suggests driving slower, carpooling and avoiding heavy trafficked roads and rush hour. For more information and fuel saving tips, go to [www.aaamichigan.com](http://www.aaamichigan.com) and click on 'Fuel gauge.'



The graph to the left compares national, state and local average fuel prices over the last month.

Information from michigan-gasprices.com

## Future spending on Cobo must come from private sector; Patterson

**COBO**  
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get premiered at the show."

In 1989, under Mayor Coleman Young's administration, the expansion of Cobo Hall's 400,000-square-foot convention center to 700,000 square feet was completed. That year, Detroit staged its first International Auto Show.

"Prior to 1989, Detroit had a regular regional auto show that was no bigger than a show you'd have in any region of the country that had the same size population wise," Townsend said.

"Detroit did not have an auto show that was reflective of our status as the Motor Capital of the World," he said.

Kilpatrick scraped a \$1 billion plan to build a new Cobo convention center on real estate he left

undisclosed. Tourism Action Group recommended renovation of the existing Cobo convention center, primarily because building

new would double the cost. Also, TAG cited the problem Detroit faces with over capacity issues in real estate doesn't justify demolition.

Cobo II: A n Oakland County Perspective presents the terms in which they are willing to participate in the expansion plans. The Cobo II report recommends

that Detroit secure private funding and includes the participation. Others who must contribute funding are the American auto companies, automobile dealerships and suppliers, casinos, the State of Michigan and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

S E M C O G includes nine counties: Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, Lenawee, St. Clair, Monroe and Livingston.

Townsend recognizes the belief that the International Auto Show

and other business will not immediately leave Cobo Center if it is not expanded. But, he said, probably by 2009 or 2010, these other convention cities with newer, larger and better facilities are going to be able to chip away at our advantage.

"The reason that the show is such a huge draw, and the reason it brings so much economic activity to metro Detroit is that thousands and thousands of visitors outside the region come and visit the show," Townsend said.

"The estimated economic benefit of a regular regional auto show is \$100 million compared to \$550 million for one auto show with international participation - that's the equivalent of two super bowls," Townsend said.

"Are we going to just walk away from that kind of economic benefit?"

**Are we going to just walk away from that kind of economic benefit?**

-Jim Townsend,  
Executive director of Tourism Action Group

The plan to expand or rebuild Cobo without using taxpayer dollars, as outlined in Cobo II: An Oakland County Perspective

- \$100 million direct contribution from automobile companies - General Motors Corporation, Ford Motor Company and DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

- \$75 million direct contribution from the State of Michigan

- \$50 million direct contribution from Automobile Dealerships and Suppliers

- \$50 million in either a direct contribution or a downtown parking or hotel surcharge on casino hotel rooms paid over the lifetime of the bonds from Detroit's major casinos - Greektown, MGM Grand and MotorCity.

- \$10 million direct contribution from the City of Detroit (the relatively modest amount of capital contributions is in recognition of the annual operating subsidy relating to a level of effort requirement of roughly \$18 million, before inflation adjustments.)

- Total - \$285 million.

Source: June 1, 2004 Cobo II: An Oakland County Perspective

## LOOKING FOR \$CHOLAR\$HIPS\$

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### COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AWARD

The Commuter Involvement Award recognizes those commuter students who have made significant contributions to improve the quality of campus life through their participation in campus activities and student organizations. There are up to twenty \$500 activity-based awards available for returning commuter students for the 2005-2006 academic year.

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Volunteer Service Award recognizes individual students and student organizations that have been actively involved in community service activities on and off Oakland University's campus from May 1, 2004 until April 1, 2005. There are up to eight \$500 awards available to returning individual students and registered student organizations for the 2005-2006 academic year.

### SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Sidney Fink Memorial Award is given to OU student employees who have demonstrated an on-going commitment to improve race relations on Oakland University's campus. There are up to four \$100-\$200 awards available to undergraduate and graduate students currently employed on OU's campus and returning for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Questions about the Commuter Involvement Award, Volunteer Service Award, and the Sidney Fink Memorial Award can be directed to Jean Ann Miller, Director of The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, 49 Oakland Center, call her at 248-370-4332, or email her at [jam@oakland.edu](mailto:jam@oakland.edu).

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## EDITORIAL

### Men's basketball team exemplifies meaning of true teamwork

One of the most important tools a person can learn is how to work with others, and it can be a hard thing to accomplish. It's not something a college course can teach, yet it's a tool that proves invaluable in life's journey.

It isn't always easy to be part of a team. People often have different opinions about things, and it can be difficult to compromise.

These obstacles are encountered in all phases of life, even at the university level. College students are often assigned group assignments, and while some students enjoy this kind of work, many dislike it, because it usually seems like one or two students do the majority of the work.

Unfortunately, this sort of group work doesn't end when you walk across the stage at commencement.

In whichever career path you choose, and down whatever path your life takes you, you will need to work with others.

As difficult as teamwork can be, when done correctly anything can be achieved, and last week, the nation saw firsthand what a true "team" can do.

It came on a Tuesday night in March, while OU students enjoyed spring break, and it happened many, many miles from Rochester, Mich.

It was on a basketball court in Tulsa, Okla., where a team came together as one and accomplished its goal in classy fashion.

After a difficult regular season, the OU men's basketball team came out shining at the Mid-Continental Tournament, defeating highly-favored Oral Roberts in the final game.

The victory earned them nationwide recognition and its first ever bid to the NCAA tournament, something that the entire OU community can take pride in.

More importantly, they showed the country and the world all that is good about Oakland University. They believed in themselves and each other, put their differences aside for the good of the group and worked hard.

They weren't supposed to win, but they did. And they did it in style.

We all have reason to be proud. And we can all learn a thing or two about teamwork from our Mid-Con champions.

## CONGRESS UPDATE

### OUSC gets ready for upcoming elections



KRUPA  
UJLA

OUSC  
Administrative Assistant

There is always something new brewing within the congress community, and the start of the new year brought in the buzz and anticipation of the 2005 elections.

Candidates were announced soon after petition packets were submitted, and campaigning began promptly on Feb. 28 and will continue throughout the election period.

The OUSC Candidate Meet and Greet took place Monday, Feb. 28 at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

Students, as well as staff and faculty, all gathered together to take advantage of the opportunity to communicate one-on-one with each individual candidate.

Upcoming events include the presidential debates this Thursday at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

Following are the vice presidential debates, which take place this Friday at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

If you are at all interested in learning about each candidate and where they stand on issues concerning the OU student body, this is a wonderful opportunity to see them voice their opinions.

If you happen to feel that all of your questions have not been answered, you can attend the Open Forum taking place next Monday at noon in the Fireside Lounge to get clarification.

How do you vote? It's simple. ALL voting is done online at <http://www.oakland.edu/voteou>. The voting period begins at 12:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28 and ends at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30.

All you have to do is go to the OU Web site, submit your Grizz ID and PIN, choose one president/vice president team, choose up to 15 legislator candidates, write in any candidates in the write in sections, vote on whether to adopt proposals which are up for approval, then click "SUBMIT VOTE," and you have successfully cast your ballot!

Students should note that there are two very important proposals up for approval. Proposal A explains the percent distribution of the Student Activity Fee.

The last change in the SAF was made in 2001. A copy of the then current and then proposed ballot issue was presented to the committee.

The SAF is broken down and distributed currently to the six organizations under the percentages that were made in 2001. Two percent will be taken from Student Congress or SAFB for the deficit safety net.

This is to ensure that all accounts used by student organizations that receive funding from the SAF never go into deficit. If no accounts are in deficit at the end of each winter semester, the deficit safety net will continue to grow in case future circumstances arise. Funds from this line item will be under close watch, but it has been agreed by all members of SAFAC to be untouched for at least two years.

Proposal B is the edited OUSC Constitution. Over the past semester, it has been refined by the Constitutional Commission for clarity and updated to fit our current needs, and must go before the student body for approval.

Voting is extremely important because the higher voter turnout, the better OUSC can represent its student body. So I encourage you all to get out there, educate yourselves on each candidate, and remember, "It's yOUr Vote!"



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ban on student organization events is unreasonable

Dear Editor,

Over the last two weeks, a situation has arisen at Oakland University that has not gotten much attention thus far.

Due to altercations at two student organization events this school year, the university administration has decided to institute a blanket ban on all outside guests attending on-campus events.

As the president of an organization planning to host an event, the GSA's 2nd Annual Drag Show, and a legislator on the university student congress, I am concerned that this policy, developed as a knee-jerk reaction by the administration, will have adverse effects not only on my event, but on others as well.

No student input was given to this decision; protests are duly noted but summarily dismissed by the administration.

All attempts to compromise meet a similar fate.

While I realize that the administration is attempting to protect the Oakland University community, I am deeply offended that it seems a finger is being pointed at all student organizations, as if all 150+ organizations are to blame for the previous altercations that have resulted in this policy.

Further, I am puzzled as to why the administration considers my 60-year-old mother, who wanted to attend our event, a potential threat to campus safety.

As it seems the administration is unwilling to revisit their decision, I urge all student organizations, as well as the student body, to voice your feelings on this matter to anyone who will listen.

This is our university; we should at least have a say in the way it is run.

Joshua Miller  
President, GSA  
OUSC legislator  
History  
Sophomore

### OUSC legislator encourages participation in upcoming elections

Dear Editor,

Make a move to the student congress ballot box from March 28-30.

All students need to get educated on issues and vote for those they feel will best represent the needs of the entire student body in your student government elections.

Do not accept at face value what many of the current congress officers are telling you.

They came back from winter break and are acting totally positive, completely forgetting the situation they have put the student body in.

Please. Put the eggnog down. The real reason there is a sudden push for unity is because an election is on the horizon.

OUSC has had some positives this year. But let's also not forget the experiences we should learn from.

OUSC budgeted nearly \$225,000 this year. What value the average student got out of that, I am not sure.

I know nine executive board members were allocated more than \$85,000.

This makes them the highest paid executive board in the nation, according to February 2003 research done by the American Student Government Association.

We robbed student organizations of bright futures by limiting funding and stifling their growth potential with new SAFB guidelines.

We allocated \$6,000 for a failed voter registration drive as we can't tell those students which registered with us even if they are now officially registered voters.

We passed a resolution on an out of order motion and censored view points by telling, not educating, students to vote "No on Proposal 2" and used student money/resources to aid the cause of fairmichigan.org, an off campus political organization.

We suppressed opposition by trying to hide.

We ended up canceling a meeting as criticism we refused to face was directed toward us.

We betrayed the trust and lost the confidence of the students. Many students complain about OUSC.

I remind you again: If things are to change, it is up to the student body to get involved in the process.

Voting this month is a way to start.

Doug Merriam  
Public administration and  
Public policy  
OUSC legislator  
Senior

### OU apparel should be offered off campus

Dear Editor,

As an Oakland University alumnus, I'm overjoyed at the recent success of Oakland's men's basketball team.

I watched the Mid-Con Championship game in a crowded Ann Arbor bar filled with old and new Golden Grizzly fans.

But I was the only Oakland fan in the place wearing an OU T-shirt.

There are six apparel stores in Ann Arbor that sell apparel from every Michigan University - even Michigan State - but none sell any Oakland U. merchandise.

I'm told by other frustrated alums that the Oakland athletic department is afraid to let its trademark out, for fear of dilution and lost profits.

The only places I know where one can get a fair selection of Oakland merchandise are the on-campus bookstore and athletic department store.

Both are in Rochester, miles from where alumni and prospective students live.

I'm also horrified to note that the only places to get Oakland apparel on the internet appear to be through a print/faxable order form on the ougrizzlies.com Web site and through eBay.

The concept of not having an online ordering system for apparel is fine if you're a community college.

It's inexcusable for a Division I program.

I own a Grizzly hat and I bought it on eBay; it was much cheaper for my time and money to do so.

Oakland has succeeded in making its apparel scarce enough to find that it's driving a secondary market; it's good for them that they're making profit for somebody, anyway.

The inability to purchase school apparel outside of a store or two off campus will also hinder the recruitment of all those high school athletes whose eyes have been recently opened to OU.

Example: If I'm an Oakland recruit from, say, far-off Toledo, my parents will have to drive up to Rochester (or fire up the family fax machine) to buy a sweatshirt for my grandparents.

That same Toledoan can get a University of Detroit, Michigan Tech or University of Alaska Fairbanks sweatshirt, however, at the local Steve & Barry's or on the internet.

An Oakland University shirt is a walking billboard; what profits lost on third-party distribution will be made up over time in exposure, ad revenue and tuition dollars.

The lost profits Oakland should be concerned with are not those taken by a hat manufacturer off the top; they're of the frustrated hat-buyers who see our logo on ESPN and want to buy a hat at their local mall.

Mr. Mehl (OU athletics director) should stop giving our future tournament opponents locker room quotes (1) and boldly lead the athletic department into the year 1998 by offering apparel on the internet and to any store who will stock Grizzly merchandise.

He's been literally handed a gift from the athletic god's courtesy of Pierre Dukes and Greg Kampe; he owes it to them, his school and the University community to seize it.

(1) "On Wednesday morning in all those office pools, four million people are going to write Oakland University on their bracket to beat North Carolina" (The Detroit News, March 14, 2004).

Sincerely,  
Mike Murphy  
OU alumnus, '01  
B.A., journalism

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# CONGRESS

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Erdahl's are all girls except four," Roy said.

Roy spent about three years in Detroit working at a hospital as a resident.

The pair began their visit to OU on Sunday afternoon and enjoyed dinner out with political science professors David Dulio, John Klemanski and Peter Trumbore.

Monday kicked off with a breakfast with faculty of OU's political science department.

Erdahl and Roy sat in on an Introduction to American Politics class, met with Honors College

students and the Center for Multicultural Affairs. They had lunch with students and visited other classes, including Introduction to China and Public Policy.

College Republicans and college Democrats gathered together to talk with the former congressmen.

Tuesday was similar, with classroom visits and lunches with students and faculty.

Erdahl said most politicians try their best to represent their constituents.

Almost all politicians were idealists in their career at some point; they wanted to make the world better, Roy said.

Dulio said he felt students gained benefit from the visit.

"I was struck by how many students came up after we visited different classes and thanked the members for their visit and their comments, and said how interesting their discussion was," Dulio said.

Roy and Erdahl departed Tuesday afternoon.

The Stennis Center for Public Service is a federal, legislative branch agency created to promote and strengthen public service in America. The Stennis Center helps the youth of America understand their country better and love it

more through its Congress to Campus program.

The center sends a pair of former members of Congress, one Democrat and one Republican, to college campuses across the nation. Last year there were 20 campus visits.

Congress to Campus has been making visits to campuses since 1996. They have visited universities and colleges, including the University of Georgia, Florida State, the University of Mississippi, Auburn, the University of Texas, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

# OUSC

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said. A resolution to increase Pell Grants to \$5,100 as promised in President George Bush's campaign, was passed.

"This will give more money to students, and that's what it's all about," Miller said.

Next week's discussion topic of the week will be how to congratulate

the OU men's basketball team on making it to their first Division I NCAA Tournament, as well as promoting events related to student congress and involving more students in on-campus events.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS:

• Joshua Miller was elected as the new Steering Committee Chair. Derrick Putansu resigned at the

meeting held before break.

• OUSC visits the capitol on Thursday, March 24. Transportation will be provided. You may reserve your ticket at the CSA ticket window located in the basement of the OC.

• March 14 through April 17, OU is putting on a number of events in honor of Women's History Month.

• OUSC will meet next Monday, Mar. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

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# Grizzlies define March Madness

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One shot.

One moment.

In a flash, OU's entire season changed. When Pierre Dukes hit a 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds to put OU up 61-60 in the Mid-Con Championship game, he erased all the bad memories before OU went to Tulsa, Okla.

Forget 0-7. Forget players quitting the team. The Golden Grizzlies were going dancing.

Dukes was the unlikely hero. He considered quitting the team in the fall, but OU head coach Greg Kampe convinced him to play. The final possession was not designed for Dukes to take the last shot, but he made the most of it.

"As soon as Rawle got the ball they put some pressure on him, and I thought I could release the pressure and get it back to him. But when I got it, I looked at the clock and there wasn't enough time to get it back to him. So I let it fly," Dukes said.

When Dukes' shot went in, 6,000 Oral Roberts fans went silent, but Kampe was worried because the game was not over just yet.

"I thought we were going to get a technical foul because these idiots were running on the court. I'm so glad Scott called timeout because I thought they were going to 'T' us," Kampe said. "The bench was cleared and Rawle and Pierre were down there kissing or whatever they were doing. There was still a second to go, and I've seen teams lose in a second."

OU deflected the Golden Eagles' inbound pass, but sophomore guard Ken Tutt was able to get a shot off which fell short.

After the game senior forward Cortney Scott was named to the Mid-Con All Tournament team, and senior Rawle Marshall was named the tournament MVP.

Marshall filled up the stat sheets all weekend long, averaging 20 points, 11 rebounds,

2.3 assists, two steals and 1.67 blocks per game during the tournament.

Marshall said OU knew they could win this game.

"This season we went through a lot of adversity and a lot of tough losses. It couldn't get any worse," Marshall said. "We just wanted to go out there and play because we knew the pressure wasn't on us. It was on them and they were supposed to win."

"We knew if we came out and played Oakland basketball we could be successful. We knew we could beat them. There was no doubt in our minds."

Coming into the tournament OU was 0-3 in Mid-Con tournament play and was facing the number two seeded University of Missouri-Kansas City in the first round.

OU had beaten UMKC on the road a few weeks earlier. OU jumped out to a 18-6 lead and went into halftime with a 10-point lead. The Grizzlies were able to hold on in the second half and never trailed the entire game.

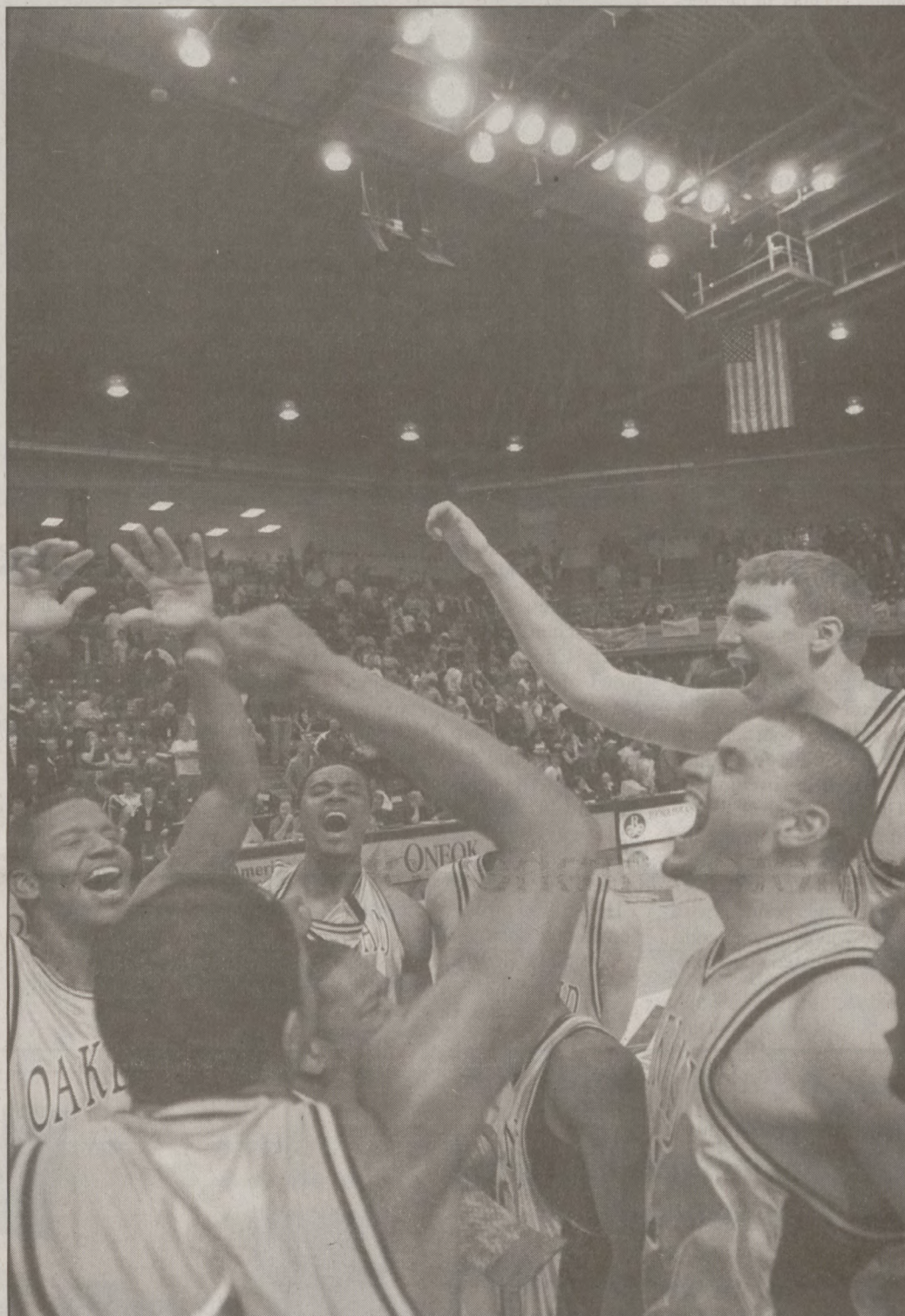
"We're ecstatic about the win. We played the first half, I think, about as good a basketball as a team is capable of playing," Kampe said after the victory over UMKC. "We knocked down some shots and it gave us great confidence and we were able to hang on."

Chicago State University upset number three-seeded Valparaiso University the following day to earn the right to play the Grizzlies.

The two teams came out sluggish in the semifinal game, but OU was able to take a 23-22 lead into halftime despite Marshall being held to six points.

Scott attacked Mid-Con Defensive Player of the Year Deji Akindele throughout the game and was able to get Akindele in foul trouble. Akindele was limited to nine minutes in the first half and 17 for the game.

Both teams played back and forth in the second half, but



The OU men's basketball team celebrates after defeating Oral Roberts University in the Mid-Con Tournament Championship game, giving the Golden Grizzlies an automatic bid to the Big Dance.

OU led 54-49 with 1:19 left to play. The Cougars were able to get two quick buckets to pull within one and were forced to foul Marshall with 14 seconds left on the clock.

Marshall sank both free

throws to seal the Grizzlies date with Oral Roberts in the championship game.

"We know no Oakland team has done this. I'm really proud of my teammates," Marshall said. "Cortney and myself stepped up.

It was a hard fought game."

Kampe described the game as ugly, but was glad to get the win.

"At this time of year, all you gotta do is have one more point than the opponent at the end," he said.

Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez/The Oakland Press

## NCAA berth has wide-reaching effects

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

OU's Mid-Con Championship is not only great for the athletic department, it is great for the entire university.

"This has brought visibility to Oakland that couldn't be bought," said OU President Gary Russi. "It's mil-

lions and millions of dollars in advertising during the last (few) days. Every major media outlet has picked it up. We have become the Cinderella story across the country."

Russi said the full impact the tournament berth will have cannot be determined yet.

"It will take several months to deter-

mine that, but because of the visibility it will change the opportunity for more admissions, more fund raising and more opportunity for the athletic programs to recruit students," Russi said.

"The bottom line in all this is, this is all part of the academic experience. The centerpiece for Oakland has to be education. This just enhances those

opportunities for our students, whether they are players or they are spectators."

Russi said this is what they envisioned when OU decided to go Div. I. "There was no doubt in our minds when we started this," Russi said. "We knew as we continued to work at it, the men's basketball program would break through."

## Slow pace ends women's tourney

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior forward Amanda Batcha couldn't enjoy finishing her career as the Mid-Con all-time leading rebounder.

"It's a good accomplishment," she said. "I am proud of it, but it is just hard to deal with it being that today is our last game."

Those were Batcha's thoughts after a 56-53 loss to the University of Kansas City-Missouri in the semifinals of the Mid-Con Conference Tournament last week.

"I don't think it's any surprise that this was a disappointment for us today," OU head coach

Eileen Hilliard said. "You have to give UMKC an absolute lot of credit."

The Kangaroos controlled the pace of the game, running the shot down to as low as 15 seconds before running their offensive sets at times.

"We haven't done that all year," UMKC head coach Bo Overton said. "Honestly, we're not trying to stall the game. We are resting Liz (Obrecht). It's that simple."

Giving Obrecht the breather paid off, as the junior center went 5-of-9 from the field and 3-of-4 from the free throw line to record 13 points. She also hauled in 11 rebounds.

Both teams struggled from

the field, with neither squad shooting over 40 percent.

OU never led against the Kangaroos, falling behind by as many as 14 before clawing its way back into the contest.

The Grizzlies pulled within three points with 21 seconds left, and got the ball into the hands of junior guard Jayme Wilson for a three-pointer.

When Wilson's shot rimmed out, she fought for the offensive rebound and drove to the basket.

Senior center Petra Manakova took a pass from Wilson and converted a lay, but it was too little too late.

Freshman Kangaroo center Alysa Klein hit two free throws

with two seconds remaining, and Wilson's desperation three-quarter court shot came up short to give UMKC the win and a trip to the finals against eventual tournament champion Oral Roberts University.

While OU fell short of its NCAA Tournament goal, the team finished the season with 21 wins, the most since it made the jump to Div. I.

The Grizzlies fought through season lows in field goals made (18), field goal attempts (49), three-point field goal percentage (14.3 percent) three-point field goals made (1) and tied a season low with three-point field goals attempted (7).

"I told them that they were absolutely allowed to feel disappointed," Hilliard said. "I don't think there is anyone who doesn't, but they have nothing to feel ashamed of."

"They have had a good season. They are good kids. We played with a lot of heart tonight."

Wilson led OU over Southern Utah University in the tournament quarterfinals, scoring a season-high 31 points to lead the Grizzlies to a 66-58 win.

Batcha and Manakova, along with senior guards Leigh Tully and Ashley Holenka, suited up for the last time in a Grizzly uniform with the loss to UMKC in the tournament semifinals.

Coming up:  
Continued coverage of the  
OU men's basketball  
team's trip to the  
Big Dance.

*Sweet victory  
was worth  
the wait*



BRENDAN J.  
STEVENS

Sports Editor

Four years.

I've been to the Mid-Con basketball tournament the last four years.

And it finally happened.

While the women's team gave me my first taste of the NCAA Tournament, affectionately known as the Big Dance, what has transpired over the last week is beyond comparison to any event I've experienced in my young life.

To say it was emotional trivializes the pure joy everyone watching, either in Tulsa, Okla. or on television, experienced when the final seconds ticked off the clock in the Mid-Con Championship game.

The OU men's basketball team had done the unthinkable. The unimaginable. And, what I believed most, the unexpected.

Each of the previous three years, I went to the Mid-Con tournaments (in Fort Wayne, Ind. once and Kansas City, Mo. twice) with high expectations.

Some of those hopes may have simply been naïveté, but I truly believed each year was "the year" the men's team would take the next step.

I watched as my older colleagues at The Post and WXOU left disappointed and early each of the previous three years.

This time around I refused to go with high hopes, having seen the emotional distress the early exits had caused my predecessors.

I still had expectations. But, honestly, I expected for history to repeat itself and for the men to suffer a first round defeat.

Throughout the year, I defended head coach Greg Kampe, called out senior guard Rawle Marshall and cringed as I watched a team with so much potential fall so short.

But when it came to the tournament, I could do nothing but prepare for the worst.

But the team had a different mindset.

OU dealt with traveling problems, personnel problems, equipment problems ... the list goes on.

There was even a chance the Grizzlies would be forced to play in Oral Roberts University's road uniforms because their luggage was lost.

For a time, they didn't have shoes or jerseys for their opening round game against UMKC.

But, just like the rest of the obstacles that slowed them this year, the Grizzlies overcame adversity and prevailed.

Upsetting UMKC would have been enough for me, honestly, but OU wasn't done.

Chicago State University pulled off an upset of its own and kept the Grizzlies from having to deal with the other monkey on their back: Valparaiso University.

The win over the Cougars was ugly, but it got OU where no one, especially me, expected it to be: the Mid-Con Championship game with a chance at an automatic bid to the Big Dance.

Even then, I didn't allow myself to hope. Winning one game, let alone two, was already enough for me. Asking for a conference title and a trip to the NCAA Tournament would just be greedy, wouldn't it?

The men's basketball team didn't think so. In fact, strangely enough, the Grizzlies felt they were where they belonged.

Watching the university community rally around the team has shown us all we are where we belong.

Whether you've waited one, four or even more years, this is special. We're all going dancin'.

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# Hockey falls just short

## Grizzlies lose to Spartans in overtime

BY ANTHONY STACK &  
BRENDAN J. STEVENS  
THE OAKLAND POST

Falling one-goal short, the OU men's club hockey team failed to defend its American Collegiate Hockey Association crown, losing to Michigan State University in the tournament's championship game.

MSU and OU fought over the top ranking in the Central region of the ACHA and finished just three points apart in the final Greater Midwest Hockey League standings, with the Spartans coming out on top in both cases.

Freshman MSU forward Ryan Fix helped the Spartans get the best of the Grizzlies again, scoring the game-winning goal nine minutes into overtime to give MSU the 2005 ACHA title on March 5.

OU fought back from a two-goal deficit in the contest, but fell just short to its fellow GHML foe.

MSU got on the board first with a power play goal 4:25 into the opening period by freshman defenseman Ryan Merz, assisted by sophomore forwards Bruce Dudley and Corey Clearman.

The Grizzlies evened the score with a power play tally of their own, with just 25 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. Junior defenseman BJ Belliotti recorded his third goal of the tournament, assisted by senior forwards Ron Kolito and Dan Olesky.

MSU broke the tie game more than midway through the second

period with two unanswered goals.

Freshman Spartan forward Marco Trevino put his team ahead with more than nine and a half minutes to play in the second stanza with an unassisted, even strength goal.

Trevino also picked up, an assist on MSU's next goal, getting the helper on a power play goal by senior forward Jim Stephenson. Senior forward Brandon Lipari also picked up an assist on the goal that gave the Spartans a two-goal lead.

OU cut the deficit in half with a power play goal of its own 15:38 into the second period.

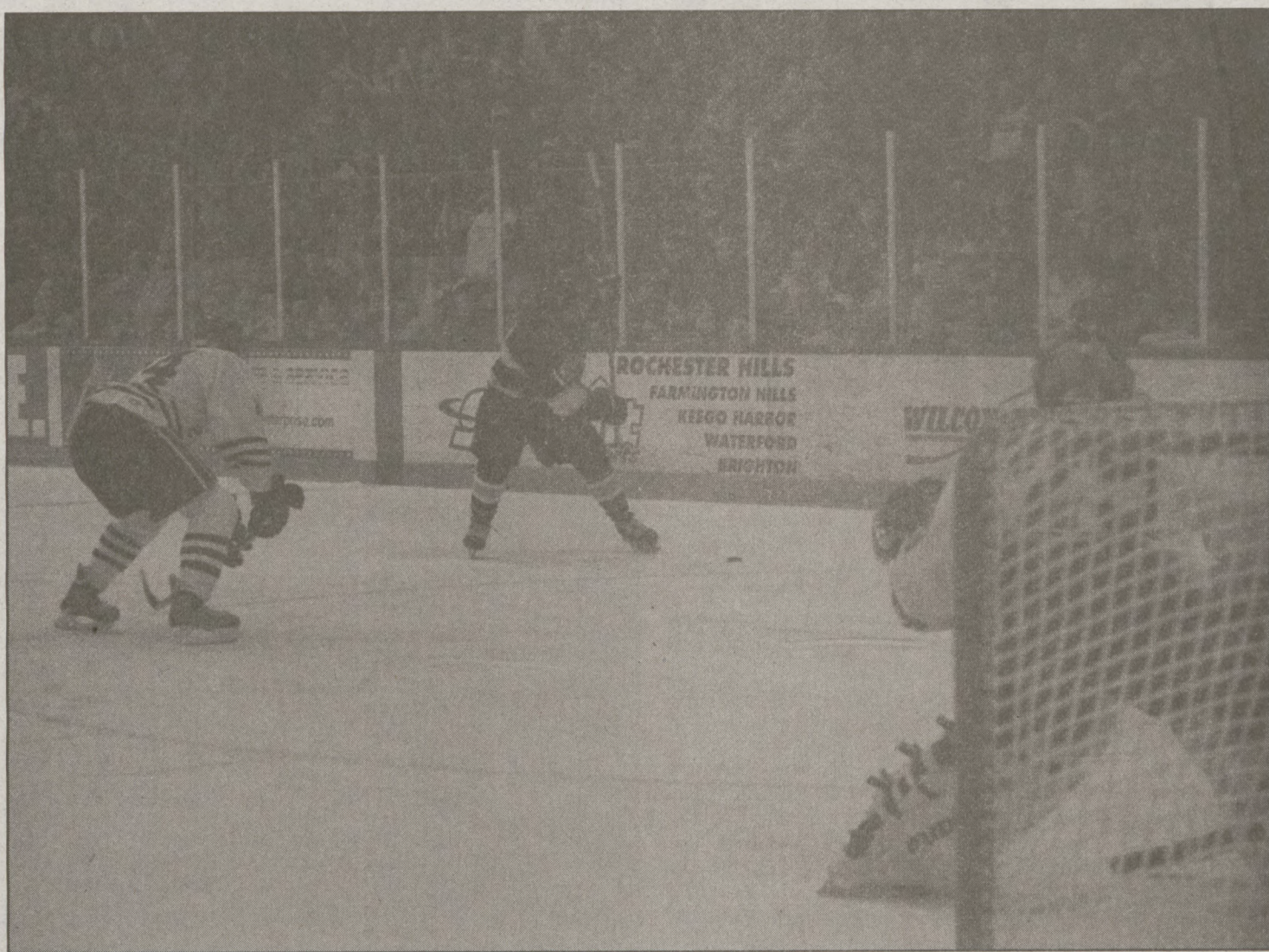
Sophomore Will McMahon tallied his tournament-high 10th goal with the man advantage, assisted by freshman forward Vincent Jalaba and Olesky.

Still trailing by one goal, the Grizzlies continued to put the pressure on MSU as the third period wore on.

OU finally evened the score 10:46 into the final period, when Kolito capitalized on a give-and-go with Belliotti. It was Kolito's third goal of the tournament, and both players seventh point overall. Regulation ended with the teams knotted at 3-3, so the ACHA title game was forced into overtime.

The Grizzlies controlled play in overtime, out shooting the Spartans 8-5 in the extra session.

Both teams had their chances in the overtime period, with Fix's game-winning goal coming just after a missed opportunity by OU.



OU senior forward Dan Olesky winds up for a shot against Michigan State University junior goaltender Nick Griffin in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II National Tournament Championship game on March 6 at the ONYX Ice Arena in Rochester.

"We threw in everything but the kitchen sink," said head coach Craig Furstenau. "I'm proud of the guys. Both teams put on a great show."

The championship game was Furstenau's final game as head coach for OU, although he is unaware of what his next step will be. Assistant coach Sean Hogan will take over the reigns of the club hockey program.

Hogan was proud of the team he will take control over.

"We played terrific," he said. "We haven't lost an overtime

game in two years. We couldn't have asked for more. We battled back the whole game long."

The Grizzlies, winners of Pool A, earned a bid to the ACHA championship game by defeating Indiana University of Pennsylvania, winners of Pool C, in their semifinal game. The Spartans, who won Pool D, beat Wagner College, winners of Pool B, in their semifinal game.

OU finished round robin pool play with an undefeated 3-0 record, defeated Siena 9-3 on March 3, Utah State University

8-3 on March 4 and claimed the Pool A crown with a 3-2 victory over Indiana University on March 5.

Eight Grizzlies finished among the top 50-point scorers in the tournament, including McMahon, who led all scorers with 10 goals and tied for a tournament high with 12 points.

Jalaba finished with eight points (tied for fourth), Belliotti and Kolito chipped in seven points, Olesky had six overall points, freshman forward John Paul Ferrari totaled five points,

while sophomore forward Jordan Ingram and junior forward Ryan Teasdale had three points each.

Although he will graduate this spring, senior forward Marc Granger has a good idea of what it will take to keep the Grizzlies at the top of the ACHA.

"We just need to get hungry for next season," he said. "We have a good core of guys coming back next season that will want to go for it again."

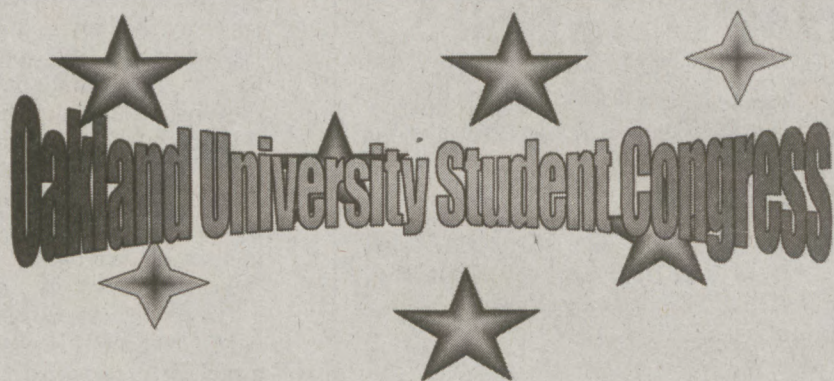
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# Spring sports take field

## Baseball

### OUTFIELDERS



**WILL TOLLISON**  
5-10, 190, Sr./2L

Senior  
Will Tollison



**TIM DOIG**  
6-2, 215, Jr./2L  
**BRYAN MARULLI**  
6-0, 190, Jr./2L  
**TAYLOR TRAUB**  
6-0, 175, Fr./HS

Junior Tim  
Doig

### SECOND BASEMEN



Senior Bryan  
DeLamielleure

### SHORTSTOP



Sophomore  
Kyle Crepeau

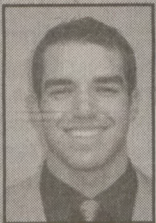
**KYLE CREPEAU**  
6-2, 195, So./TR



Junior  
Matt Bloom

**MATT BLOOM**  
5-11, 200, Jr./RS  
**BRAD NOEL**  
5-11, 170, So./1L

### THIRD BASEMAN



Sophomore  
Chad Winkler

**CHAD WINKLER**  
6-5, 215, So./1L

### DESIGNATED HITTER



Senior Ty  
Herriott

**TY HERRIOT**  
6-2, 220, Sr./3L

### PITCHERS



Sophomore RHP  
Ryan Phillips

**BILLY SCHMIEDER**  
RHP, Jr./2L  
**KEVIN HALE**  
RHP, Jr./TR  
**CHRIS WAY**  
RHP, Sr./1L  
**AARON HINES**  
RHP, Sr./TR  
**ADAM JOHNSON**  
RHP, Jr./TR  
**JORDAN WHEELER**  
LHP, Jr./TR

**SCOTT BOLESKI**  
RHP, So./1L  
**DANIEL DOBBEROWSKY**  
RHP, So./TR  
**DAN STINCHCOMBE**  
RHP, So./1L  
**LANCH BELLHORN**  
RHP, Fr./HS

### FIRST BASEMEN



Sophomore  
Ryan Heath

**RYAN HEATH**  
6-1, 180, So./1L  
**RYAN JOFFRION**  
6-1, 195, Fr./HS  
**SEAN GALLAGHER**  
6-0, 215, Sr./1L  
**ADAM WELCH**  
6-3, 210, Jr./2L  
**NICK TYE**  
6-3, 225, Fr./RS

## Men looking to take final step

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

A 10-13 mark in Mid-Con play put the OU baseball squad on the outside looking in when it came to postseason play last year.

This year, the Golden Grizzlies return 14 letterwinners, including preseason all-conference member senior Ty Herriott and pitcher Paul Phillips,

named one of the top 50 sophomores in college baseball.

Herriott led the league with 18 homers, while Phillips was forced to sit out last season due to an injury.

Although picked to finish fifth in the preseason poll, the team can earn a berth in the postseason tournament by finishing amongst the top four teams in the Mid-Con.

### MID-CON PRESEASON POLL

1. Oral Roberts 36 (6)
  2. Western Illinois 27 (1)
  3. Southern Utah, 25
  4. Centenary 22
  5. Oakland 17
  6. Valparaiso 13
  7. Chicago State 7
- (First place votes in parentheses)

**KURT ROSENACKER**  
5-11, 170, Sr. / 1L  
**NATE RECKNAGEL**  
6-2, 210, Fr. / HS  
**ANTHONY LALAMA**  
5-11, 190, Jr. / 2L  
**AARON DISTELRATH**  
5-8, 180, Fr. / HS

### CATCHERS



Senior Kurt  
Rosenacker

## Softball

### OUTFIELDERS



Junior Camie  
Knorr

**CAMIE KNORR**  
5-7, Jr./2L  
**CHRISTINA SCHULTE**  
5-2, Sr./3L



Sophomore  
Maria Benza

**MARIA BENZA**  
5-8, So./1L  
**LINDSEY SCHALLER**  
5-2, Jr./TR  
**MISSY PITERA**  
5-2, Jr./TR

### SHORTSTOPS



Junior Lisa  
Colores

**LISA COLORES**  
5-8, Jr./TR  
**ABBEY HERNANDEZ**  
5-1, So./1L

### SECOND BASE



Sophomore  
Natalie Webb

**NATALIE WEBB**  
5-6, So./1L

### THIRD BASE



Freshman  
Alexandra  
Perrino

**ALEXANDRA PERRINO**  
5-8, Fr./HS  
**KATE JONES**  
5-10, Jr./2L

### PITCHERS



Senior Nicole  
Marzano

**NICOLE MARZANO**  
5-7, Sr./3L  
**JESSICA BRUBAKER**  
5-8, Jr./TR  
**LAURA CHOMOKOS**  
5-7, Jr./TR  
**SHELLEY CYBULSKI**  
5-3, Jr./TR

### FIRST BASE



Junior  
Stephanie  
Zellner

**STEPHANIE ZELLNER**  
5-6, Jr./TR

## Grizzlies hope to regain glory

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Injuries and a high number of new players led to a disappointing 2004 campaign for the OU softball squad.

This season, the Golden Grizzlies return only nine players while welcoming 11 newcomers.

After playing through pain last season, the pitching staff's

anchor, senior Nicole Marzano, is looking to return to the form that earned her Mid-Con pitcher of the year honors as a sophomore.

OU will integrate the new parts of its team with the returning players, with a return to the top of the conference as a goal.

The Grizzlies won back-to-back league titles in 2002 and 2003, but finished with an 11-42 record last season.

### CATCHERS



Junior  
Danielle Nutter

**DANIELLE NUTTER**  
6-0, Jr./TR  
**DANIELLE SHAMUS**  
5-3, So./1L  
**BRITTANY WEST**  
5-5, Fr./HS

### MID-CON PRESEASON POLL

1. Centenary 33 (3)
  2. Western Illinois 30 (2)
  3. Valparaiso 25 (1)
  4. Southern Utah 24 (1)
  5. IUPUI 16
  6. UMKC 12
  7. Oakland 7
- (First place votes in parentheses)



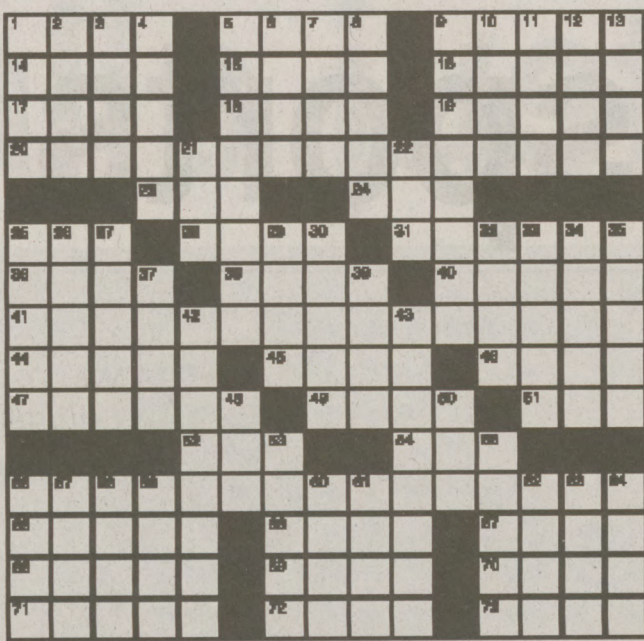
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- 5 Mailbox attachment
- 9 Snapshot
- 14 Singer McEntire
- 15 Give a new look to
- 16 Varnish ingredient
- 17 Mimic
- 18 Creative flash
- 19 Chart stand
- 20 Two caps
- 23 Hankering
- 24 Min. part
- 25 LAPD call
- 28 Icelandic poem
- 31 Reading river
- 36 Last book of "The Alexandria Quartet"
- 38 Capp's hyena
- 40 "Maria \_"
- 41 Two cops
- 44 Rampages
- 45 "My \_ Lady"
- 46 Makes lace
- 47 Shenanigans
- 49 Scottish dagger
- 51 Zodiac sign
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- 66 XXVII + XXVI
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- 68 Vigilant

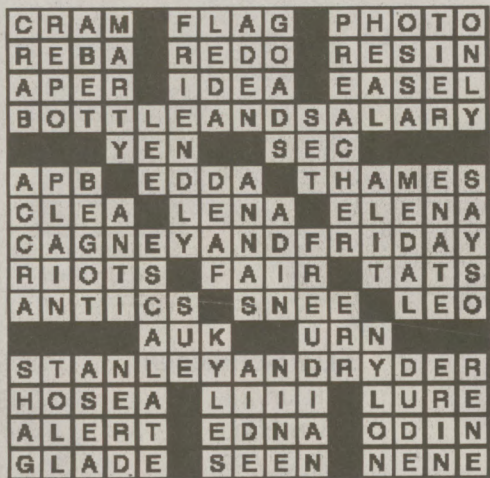
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- 2 Finance company take-back
- 3 Cover for a crook
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- 5 Amicable
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By Philip J. Anderson  
Portland, OR

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# Horoscopes

By LINDA C. BLACK  
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## Today's Birthday (03-16-05)

There's a treasure close to home, all you have to do is find it. And this year, you could change how you feel about yourself. You're strengthened by disagreements; don't fear them.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

**Today is a 6:** Don't believe everything you hear, just because others do. Education is knowing how to make up your own mind. Maintain objectivity.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**Today is a 6:** The work looks like fun and the money's good, so what's to worry about? Perhaps the fact that you can't take time for a leisurely lunch with friends. Later, do that.

## Gemini (May 21-June 21)

**Today is a 7:** Logic may not work all that well with an emotional type. Tug on his or her heartstrings instead with a story that makes you look good. Humor helps, too.

## Cancer (June 22-July 22)

**Today is a 6:** You'll find out all kinds of interesting things over the next couple of days. Gather up all the information you can, and keep what you know to yourself.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

**Today is a 6:** Friends are full of lovely schemes and lots of reasons why. Conditions are still not particularly good for taking risks, however. Wait.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**Today is a 6:** You could do quite well financially in the next couple of days. Sell the idea even if you don't have the product yet.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**Today is an 8:** You're very good with words today and tomorrow, but take care. Don't make promises you can't keep. You can bet somebody will hold you to them.

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**Today is an 8:** You're a source of stability for a loved one who's insecure. Reinforce the rules and the faith that give you both comfort and guidance.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**Today is a 6:** The trouble with taking on a partner is all the arguments. When you let others get involved, they always have opinions. Some, however, are good ones. Chill.

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**Today is a 7:** A person who has a lot on her mind, and is lousy at making decisions, could use a little more help from you. Make sure you get paid well for it.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**Today is an 8:** Love seems abundant but financial discussions could get rather heated. You'll find out whether this person loves you for yourself or your stuff, that's for sure.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

**Today is a 6:** Things are rather disrupted at home. Don't worry about the mess. Something else is more important now. You can clean up the house later.

# Comic

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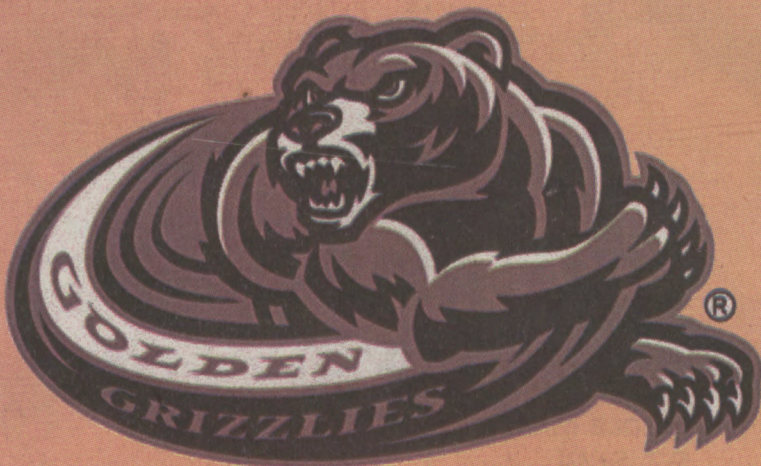


BY BILLY O'KEEFE www.MRBILLY.COM

# Congratulations

## to the OU men's basketball team

## on qualifying for the NCAA Tournament



# You've made us all proud

— From The Oakland Post staff



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# The Post mix

SPEAK GAELIC: Tabhair  
pog dom, taim Eireannach!

TRANSLATION:  
Kiss me, I'm Irish!

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**A**s part of the campus-wide project honoring those who survived the Holocaust entitled "All Remember So We Don't Forget," Varner Studio Theater presents a story of resistance in **"The White Rose."** Written by Lillian Garrett-Groag and guest directed by

## Out and About

Music, Theater, Dance

Meadow Brook Theater Artistic Director David Regal, "The White Rose" runs from March 31 through April 10 (Tickets \$6-\$15). In this historical drama, a group of students at

the University of Munich advocate the overthrow of Hitler's regime during World War II, through a series of underground publications entitled "The White Rose." After a dramatic but fateful gesture made by one of the members of this resistance



Cast members  
Lutz and Mantyk

group, the students are captured and dealt horrible sentences. For more information, call the Varner Box Office at 248-370-3013. A performance will be interpreted for the deaf on April 9 at 8 p.m.

## Two Minutes With

Scout, the Leader Dog



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

By Leslie Shepard-Owsley  
The Oakland Post

**P**erhaps you've come across him resting quietly at Ritazza at lunchtime or strolling through the door of The Post with a buddy, but regardless of where he's headed, he takes that extra minute to stop and say hello to just about everybody. He's just a social animal.

You'd know him anywhere. He isn't the traditional student on campus, but he's popular. Despite the fact that he's a golden retriever and the unofficial journalism program mascot, Scout's sweet-natured personality is a welcome distraction around campus.

"Scout has become a focal point for people and faculty at work to talk more with each other. He has the capacity for helping to make connections between people," said rhetoric professor Margaret Willard-Traub.

Garry and Holly Gilbert, husband and wife journalism instructors, and their son, Jackson, are in charge of raising Scout. He's a tail-wagging, high-spirited friend whom the Gilberts have fostered since he was only 7-weeks-old.

"He invites smiles. Everyone smiles when they see him. He's easygoing and generates good karma," said Holly.

Scout is a nomad of sorts. Even if he is in a dead sleep, just a jingle of the keys, and he is ready for the occasional weekend jaunt to Home Depot or the grocery. He has even tagged along on ski trips. He's a part of the Gilbert family and a regular on campus too.

When he's not around town, the one-year-old pup spends his time playing with Eddy, the Gilbert family's mutt, and their cats, Kosmo and King. As an avid television critic, Scout rates animal programs as his number one pick. When animals run off camera, Scout circles the house looking for them.

All too soon, on May 9, Scout will graduate from OU and leave home to attend a rigorous program for leader dogs of the blind. The Gilberts cross their fingers and hope he will do them proud.

Scout leaves behind a success story students can relate to. He began life as a pup in a loving family. He made some friends, learned many lessons along the way, sometimes the hard way. Then at a pointed time, he's unleashed. Yes, the Gilberts will probably shed some tears, wave goodbye and keep the 8x10 glossy on the mantle, but their job is done. The rest is up to Scout.

## DANTE'S ENIGMA

By Dante Ciullo



The crowd gathered to support the OU Grizzlies on NCAA Selection Sunday at the O'rena. The picture below has been altered, and The Post challenges you to find all nine changes.



ANSWER

A2 (tail missing), A3 (vest color change), A6 (duplicate person), B3 (head missing), C3 (strip missing on uniform), C3 (added belly button ring), C5 (soccer logo change), C5 (name tag missing), D6 (shoe missing)

## Clean Up Your Act

ENVIRONMENT

Every day we use gallons of water and don't even realize it. Without water, we couldn't survive, but did you know that there is less than one percent of fresh water left on the planet! That is why it is important to not waste or pollute our precious water supply. Here are some simple ways to start conserving water:

© Turn off the water when you're not using it, especially

when brushing your teeth, washing your car or before taking a shower.

- © Take shorter showers. One minute = ten gallons.
- © Do full loads of laundry at once, instead of lots of smaller loads. That goes for dishes, too.
- © Don't pour chemicals down the drain—it may end up in your water. Try to use natural cleaning agents like vinegar and baking soda.

Courtesy SPIN (Students Participating In Natural Preservation)  
<http://www.oakland.edu/org/spin/>

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good reasons to hit the door  
during the coming week

### THURSDAY 17

The party is still on! Learn how to salsa and merengue at the SPB's "Salsa Magic" from 8-11 p.m. in the OC's Banquet Rooms.



Salsa dancers



OU basketball

### FRIDAY 18

OU danced all over the Bulldogs so North Carolina better watch out! The Grizzlies play the Tar Heels today in the NCAA tournament at 3 p.m. on CBS. Go Grizzlies!

### MONDAY 21

Dr. Hunter O'Reilly shows students that biology can make interesting art, today from noon -1 p.m. in 124 Wilson Hall.



"DNA in moonlight"



Tibetan Sand Mandala

### TUESDAY 22

Come watch Tibetan monks begin to create a mystical sand painting in the Fireside Lounge today at noon.

## Recommended

READING

**W**hile a lucky few travelled to tropical hotspots, most students picked up a few extra hours at work or a few extra hours of sleep for spring break. Many just relaxed and picked up a good book. Here's what OU students recommend:

**"The Diary of a Napoleonic Foot Soldier"** by Jakob Walter is the true story of the



German-born author's own harrowing experiences as a member of the French army during the early 1800s. A large portion of the 208-page book is devoted to the horrific

account of Napoleon's 1812 invasion of Moscow, in which only 25,000 out of 500,000 of his men survived.

Natalie Dewandeler, a German major in her third year at OU, says she enjoyed the book because "it is a story about real people and events. It was interesting to read actual diary entries that show you exactly what (Walter) was going through."

"I also liked the fact that this book takes place all over Europe, including Germany," continues Dewandeler. "I had to read this book for my history class, but being able to relate it to my major made it a lot more fun for me."

— Jeremy Salweski

**S**enior music major, Michael Wilanowski, reads **"The Orchestra"** by Paul

Bekker when he wants a break from practice. If you're devoted to music or enjoy learning about the theory and history behind the evolution of the orchestra, he says you should pick up this 320-page book.



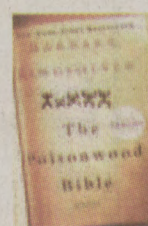
"The Orchestra" is packed with a wealth of information like Mozart's use of lyricism and ability to unite the voice with instruments of the orchestra, as well as Beethoven's establishment of mood behind the music.

"Reading this book makes me enthusiastic about certain elements in music, learning about the passion that these people had," Wilanowski said. He says that music majors, or anyone who loves music, will find this book to be well-written, detailed and to the point.

"I got this book mainly for the musical notations and for the history ... I really enjoy reading about events in history and the theory behind music," he said.

— Nicole Beattie

**M**itchell Jackson, OU political science major, picked up **"The Poisonwood Bible"** by Barbara Kingsolver, not only because his mom suggested it, but also because of interest in the colonization of Africa.



"The Poisonwood Bible" is about a missionary family stationed in the Belgian Congo of Africa. They are there just as the Congo is gaining freedom from colonial rule. The African way of life and African roots affect each member of the mission family.

Although reluctant to admit that the title is on Oprah's Book Club list, Jackson says he enjoyed the book.

"The book makes people aware of the enduring legacy of colonization in Africa (and it will) help people contextualize the American way of life," Jackson said.

For those not intently studying worldly issues, fear not. The book covers such a broad range of topics and material that the reader does not need prior knowledge or deep interest in the subject in order to enjoy the book, Jackson said.

— Micaela Ions



## news IN short

### Stress management available to students

Are you stressed out? Do you need stress management tips? Maybe you should join the Stress Management Group for students and staff every Wednesday through April 16 at 3 p.m. in room 250 of Pawley Hall.

For more information or to register, call (248) 370-2633.

### Students attend two-day retreat

The Center for Student Activities is holding its 12th annual Student Leadership Retreat, starting Friday at 4 p.m. and ending Saturday at 6 p.m.

The retreat offers student leaders the chance to meet each other and learn more about leadership. Registration is free. Call (248) 370-2024 or e-mail [crampton@oakland.edu](mailto:crampton@oakland.edu).

### Easter is in the OC

Help fill Easter baskets with candy, stickers, pencils and toys to be given to children in Pontiac by stopping by the OC Monday, Feb. 28 at noon.

### Parents of autistic children can attend a special workshop

OU professor Dr. Gerald Freeman, in partnership with Jack's Place for Autism, will host a workshop for parents of children with ASD, or autism spectrum disorder, Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Jack's Place is a non-profit organization founded by Detroit Tigers' broadcaster Jim Price and his wife.

Jack's Place will provide funding to hire staff at OU to begin coordinating current programs and develop new projects.

### Eastern's loss, Oakland's gain

Oakland is gaining a new vice president for finance and administration.

John Beaghan, vice president for business and finance at Eastern, will end his 14 year career with the Ypsilanti school on April 12.

In addition to taking the reigns of the vice presidential position, Beaghan will sit on the board of regents as treasurer and chief financial officer of the OU Foundation.

Beaghan oversaw hundreds of employees and was also treasurer to Eastern's board of regents.

## election LOW down

Student body presidential debates were postponed until Thursday, March 17 at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

Student body vice presidential debates were postponed until Friday, March 18 at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

Student body presidential and vice presidential candidates will be available for an open forum at noon in the Fireside Lounge on Monday, March 21.

~ Compiled by Allison Brunner, Senior News Writer

# "I'm Bart Simpson... who the hell are you?"

## Voice-actor Nancy Cartwright entertains OU students with characters' voices

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Nancy Cartwright is the voice behind the famous 10-year-old-boy Bart known for his smart-aleck remarks such as "Eat my shorts" and "Don't have a cow, man," on the long-running animated show "The Simpsons."

Cartwright, who yesterday visited OU, shared her experiences as a voice-actor and promoted her book, "My Life as a Ten-Year-Old Boy."

"(Bart) sometimes takes these rollercoaster rides emotionally," Cartwright said. "That's the thing that makes that show so successful because you can relate to what (the characters) are going through."



Sheila Kosztowny/  
The Oakland Post

In addition to Bart, Cartwright plays schoolyard bully Nelson Muntz, Ralph Wiggum, Todd Flanders and many other characters on "The Simpsons."

"It's kind of wierd because you really don't have those cartoons to look at," Charles LaCasse, a graduate student, said of the lecture.

"I thought it was hysterical," Andy Hansen said, a freshman.

"I thought it would be just another life lecture, but she made it entertaining."

Cartwright did numerous character voices for the audience, making the audience laugh and reflect on episodes of "The Simpsons."

She has created over 30 characters in her 24 years as a voice-actor. The list includes Chuckie from "Rugrats," Mindy Sadler from "Animaniacs," Betsy and Ross from "Problem Child" and Rufus from "Kim Possible."

Cartwright has perfected her voice and continues to create new characters.

"I haven't figured it out," Cartwright said of the way she creates a voice. "I don't have a method. I am an artist."

Her career has led her to expand outside of voice-acting into producing. Cartwright created Cartwright Entertainment, Inc. and SportsBlast, LLC.

SportsBlast, along with Turner Sports Interactive, produced "The Kellys," an animated Internet series about a family of racecar drivers for [nascar.com](http://nascar.com).

She also recently worked on a Cartoon Network pilot, "The Replacements," about a family of superheroes.

Before her career escalated, Cartwright studied theater at Ohio State University, but decided to transfer to UCLA to be closer to voice-actor Daws Butler, known for playing Yogi Bear, Elroy Jetson and Huckleberry Hound.

Two weeks before heading to UCLA, her mother passed away.

"That was one of my biggest challenges I've ever gone through," Cartwright said. "The way that I overcame that loss is by emerging myself into my work. I did what I loved."

In 1979, Cartwright began to work with Daws Butler, who introduced her to Hanna-Barbera.

In the spring of 1987, Cartwright auditioned for an animated bumper on "The Tracy Ullman Show." The bumper was about a dysfunctional family named the Simpsons, and Cartwright read for the part of Lisa. However, after auditioning for creator Matt Groening, she landed the part of Bart.

The show received a half-hour time slot in 1990 and is now approaching its 17th season.

Aside from voice-acting, Cartwright's real passion is through charitable deeds, and she said she uses her career "in order to make the world a better place."

"I do things for mankind," she said. "That's the direction that I am heading."

Cartwright is active in numerous organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Famous Fone Friends, The World Literacy Crusade and Citizens Commission on Human Rights.

Last Wednesday, she visited a young man with cerebral palsy.

"I have no problem doing it. I love it. I can just make a kid so happy when they are going through so much stress," she said.

"I'm passionate about tomorrow. I'm passionate about the future."

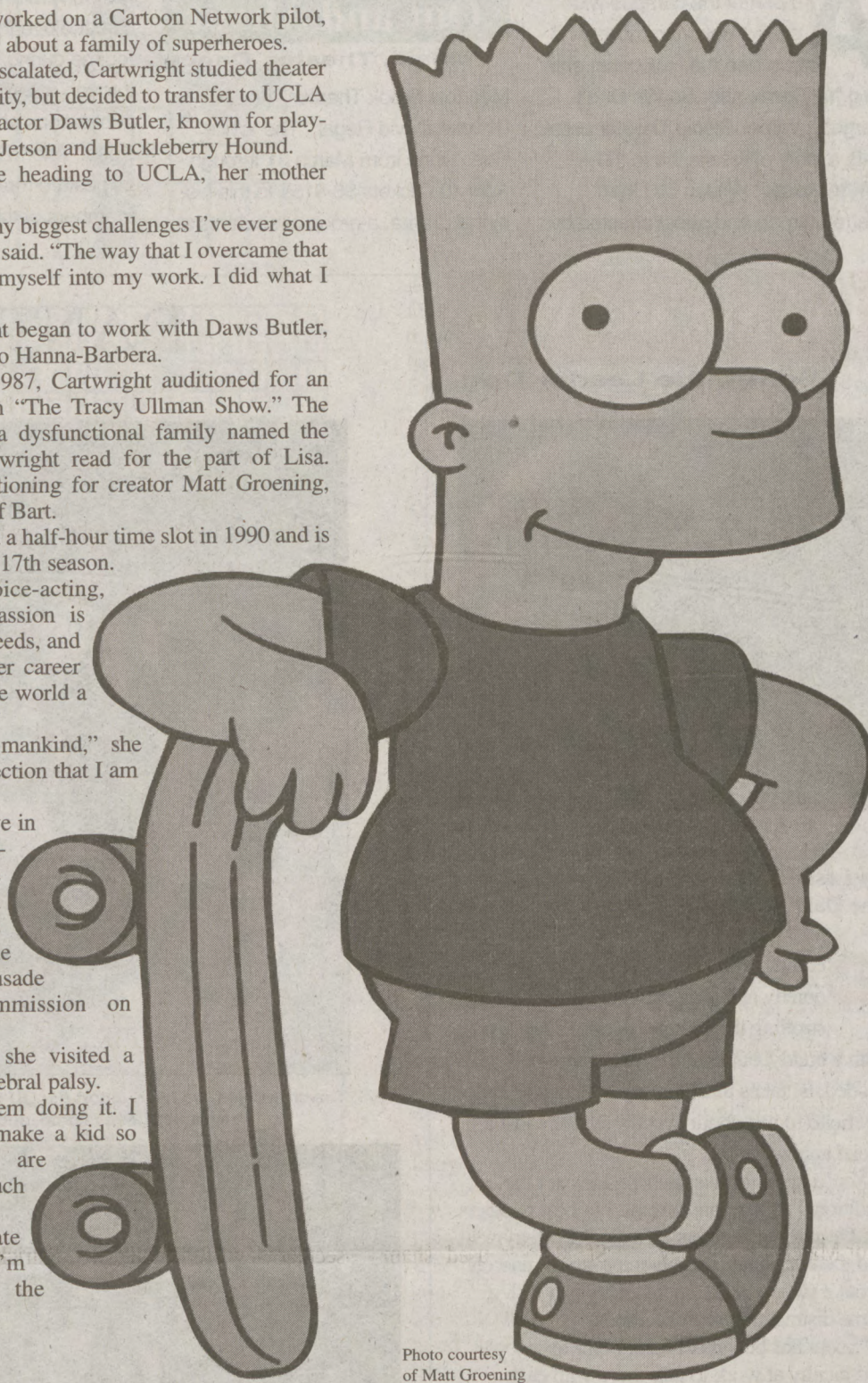


Photo courtesy of Matt Groening

## Ford Co. brings new technology to students



Photo courtesy of Henry Ford Museum

Mustangs and Thunderbirds of the past are displayed in the Ford Rouge Factory tour.

By ANDREA KRUGER  
THE OAKLAND POST

All students, including Oakland University students, are in need of educational resources, and the opportunity is just around the corner at the Henry Ford Rouge Factory.

The factory, located in Dearborn, is a historical relic combined with technology and offers innovative avenues for students. In its peak, the factory produced automobiles and aided in manufacturing for World War II.

"It's a great research tool. It's like a library," said Jennie Holladay, a Public Relations Assistant at the Henry Ford Museum. "You can't check things out, but you can research for free and come explore our collection."

For students, the attraction is the Ford Rouge Factory Tour, or FRFT, a step-by-step excursion through its recently refurbished facilities for attainable and entertaining research opportunities.

Henry Ford's plant began production in 1917 producing its first automobile, the Model A, in 1927.

In World War II, the Rouge plant was instrumental in making tank and aircraft engine components.

For the next six decades, the Rouge adapted to the new concepts of environmental awareness and dependence on outside resources for manufacturing materials versus internal production.

However, the late 1980s and early 1990s brought a period of dropping employment and virtually nonexistent production. The Rouge's community was driven to attempt to save the floundering object of their heritage.

Ford Motor Company CEO Bill Ford Jr. sparked a renovation of the factory. The renovation added up to \$2 billion.

This renovation is what visitors find today at the factory.

"(The tour) starts at the Henry Ford main complex, (where) the visitors get on a bus and travel over to the Ford Rouge complex," Holladay said.

Visitors then enter Station One, a small room called the Legacy Theater, where they are shown a video that recounts the history of the

Rouge.

After Station One, is the Art of Manufacturing, a seven-screen theater showing the production of a Ford F-150.

"(It's a) multi-sensory experience," Holladay said of Station Two. "When the steel is poured, you get a blast of heat. When they paint the car, you get splashed with water."

Molly Nelsen, a 26-year-old graduate of Iowa State University, visited the factory recently.

"The interactive thing is like Disney World," she said.

Station Three is reached by elevator, which lifts tourists to an 80 feet high observation deck, whose windows look west, north and south around the grounds.

To the west, the "Green Roof" is a manifestation of the Rouge's concern for the environment and stretches 500,000 square feet.

"It looks like grass, but it's called sedum," Holladay said. "It makes (the factory) environmentally friendly."

The fourth and final station is the Dearborn Truck Plant, or DTP, where they produce actual F-150s.

In the past, the plant used to produce Thunderbirds and Mustangs.

"You get to see all different aspects of what is going on around the floor," Pat Soltysiak said, floor manager of the FRFT and part of the staff involved in creating the different tour phases at the factory.

"Students love theater two. (They) will whoop and holler because it's great," Soltysiak said.

"It's not your grandfather's manufacturing plant."

"It's a huge teaching facility. We also have history."

## OU grad journeys with old, lost spirit

By ERIN MALLARD  
THE OAKLAND POST

Linda Alice Dewey, a 1971 graduate at OU, has an amazing story to tell.

Her self-published book, "Aaron's Crossing," documents her experiences with the lost spirit, or ghost, of Aaron Burke.

Dewey and Burke journey together to reunite him with his loved ones in the book, which was based on a real experience, Dewey said.

Dewey's background in music, theater and teaching, as well as her ability to communicate with the spiritual world, has helped her to present this story in an innovative way.

To help spark interest for "Aaron's Crossing" in her community, Dewey presented the book in "reader's theater," a technique she learned as a remedial reading teacher, similar to a musical workshop or studio production.

"When you self-publish, you have to find a way to market yourself ... that is going to be absolutely thrilling to yourself and everyone else," Dewey said of the "reader's theater."

The concept involves actors, without costumes or props, reading the book to an audience. The characters involved in each scene face the audience, while the other characters have their backs turned to the audience.

The cast includes seven actors, who perform in two acts that include instrumental and choral pieces composed by the author.

"You learn a lot about yourself and what's important in your life as you read the play," said Tina Taghon, who plays the part of Burke's wife. "It's not just a ghost story ... it's more of a personal experience. It's more than just a crossing-over experience."

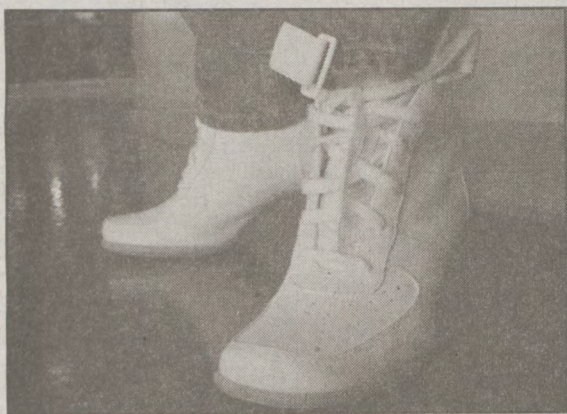
Dewey describes "Aaron's Crossing" as a story about assessing your strengths and abilities, while discovering one's purpose in life.

"You pull together everything that you have, (and ask) what are the qualities that I have that I can build on?" Dewey said.

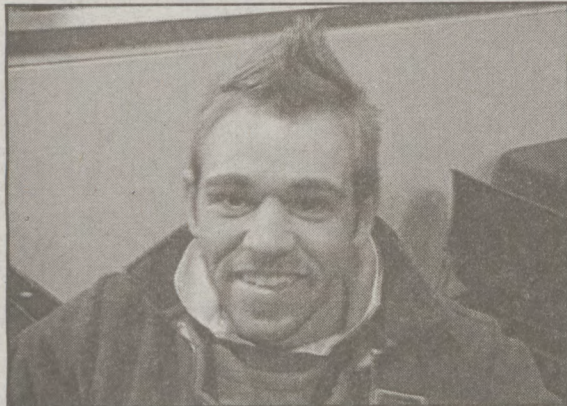
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# Fashion world revives trends



Sheila Kosztowny/The Oakland Post  
Sophomore Deanna Dillworth walks campus in these high-heeled leather tennis shoes.



Sheila Kosztowny/The Oakland Post  
Sophomore Jarrett Johnson struts his new and improved mohawk, a hair style from the 1980s.

BY LAUREL DROZ  
THE OAKLAND POST

Everything old is new again. Don't believe that? Look at fashion.

With fashion, most everything old is new again, even the things that weren't great the first time.

And while this probably won't be the year parachute pants make a comeback, you're sure to see clothes that inspire a sense of déjà vu this spring and summer.

Clothes that look like they came straight out of the '60s, '70s and '80s are all over the place. Try counting the number of '80s-style ripped jeans, off-the-shoulder shirts and retro jewelry (is anyone else surprised jelly bracelets came back? Have we learned nothing?) you see on campus in a single day, you'll be amazed.

So why do trends repeat themselves? Fashion news writer for "Nylon Magazine" Andie Cusick offers one theory:

"The evolution of a trend happens in various stages, the complete cycle lasting about seven years. It's really the trickle down theory that Malcolm Gladwell states in his book 'The Tipping Point'.

It applies to fashion in a big way, (often) starting at the top with a designer – but not always – who initiates, say, brocade as a running theme in his or her collection," Cusick said.

"This then trickles down to the early adopters, namely fashion folk, then celebrities, high-end retail and so on, until it reaches the mainstream public, by which time the earliest (those who wore the fashion right away) have moved on to something new. And so, when it appears again a few years down the line, it can be considered new again," she said.

Students have other theories about the fashion cycle.

"Fashion will always repeat itself," said junior Beth Vannoy. "Not because designers today don't have their own ideas, but because people are interested in past fashion and the history that goes with it."

"Designers enjoy taking an old look and giving it new life. Good fashion will always be good fashion whether it's two weeks old or 50 years ago," she said.

Vannoy said she enjoys vintage fashions because "each piece is unique and has its own story."

She said she loves the new/old

bohemian look that's popular this spring.

Style writer and columnist for "GQ" online, Marcus Jaye, said, "The bohemian/hippy trend is a stylish way of dealing with the heat of the summer."

And while admitting the look can be hard to pull off, "the slouchy, loose, oversized shapes allow the wearer to have a more casual and simplistic look, which can be enhanced by accessories," Jaye said.

Graduate student Kerry Campbell, 25, is also a fan of the look.

"I like that it's very eclectic, and that you can kind of pick and choose what you like and kind of create your own style with it," Campbell said.

Not all OU students are fans of the retro fashions.

"I don't think you should have to pay \$100 for jeans that have rips in them," said sophomore Lauren Zerba.

Sophomore Stephanie Hickson said, "It's weird to pay for used-looking clothes."

With fashion, love it or hate it, you'll probably see it again.

Maybe we should all warn our kids about the parachute pants.



Sheila Kosztowny/The Oakland Post  
Freshman Ashley Kuwik wears aviator glasses and moccasins, fashions of the past.

## Is St. Patrick's Day all about the green beer?

BY CARRIE KOLASA  
THE OAKLAND POST

"Wasn't (St. Patrick) the guy that invented green beer?" said Ashley Wood, an education major.

OU students are preparing for March 17, but they are doing so without the real meaning of St. Patrick's Day.

"I guess I never really thought about it, but whoever he is, I'll still drink green beer and wear green

to celebrate him," she added.

Traditionally, St. Patrick went from village to village preaching his Christian beliefs. He combined his beliefs and customs with the Irish.

St. Patrick used shamrocks to explain the Christian trinity when he preached.

"Many Irish believe to this day that when they die and go to heaven, St. Patrick will be standing at

the gates of heaven waiting to judge them," said Joe Serra, an elementary education major.

Since that time, our American culture has somewhat focused its thoughts toward a more secular view of the holiday.

Rachel Sanders, a communications major, believes that the holiday has lost its true meaning.

"Now the holiday is just an excuse to go to over-packed bars and drink

green beer even though no one knows why," she said.

Janna Clasman, an education major, said, "I have no idea what or who he is. All I know is that I think it is ridiculous that you have to wear green on St. Patrick's Day or you get pinched."

So why do we wear green on this day?

Most people say because it is the color of spring, Ireland and the shamrock. The shamrock was not

only used in St. Patrick's teaching of the trinity, but it is the national symbol of Ireland.

Leprechauns are also another figure associated with St. Patrick's Day. Leprechauns are said to be a type of Irish fairy. If treasure hunters ever catch this fairy, he must tell them where his hidden pot of gold is.

"I don't care where I end up, but my green beer consumption will be ridiculous," said Ron Kolito, an elementary education major.

As the Irish Blessing goes, "May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

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Although the story of Burke's life includes several heartbreaking scenes, the descriptions of which leave the author with glistering eyes, the ending is ultimately a happy one.

"Everything needs to have a happy ending," Dewey said. "The ending might not appear to be happy here, but it's not over."

Dewey feels that "the Aaron project," as she has come to call the many artistic endeavors related to the story of Aaron Burke, draws on many of her abilities and life experiences, including her education from OU.

Dewey graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

music education. She spent only one year at OU, but she said her experience "opened me up ... I had space at Oakland to blossom."

Dewey remembers her professors as appreciators of individual talent, who gave her many opportunities.

"It is a wonderful experience to be a music student at Oakland University," Dewey said.

In addition to writing books and screenplays, Dewey is a painter, a jazz and blues performer, and writes radio jingles.

"Aaron's Crossing" will be available in July in bookstores and at Amazon.com.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.lindaalicedewey.com>.

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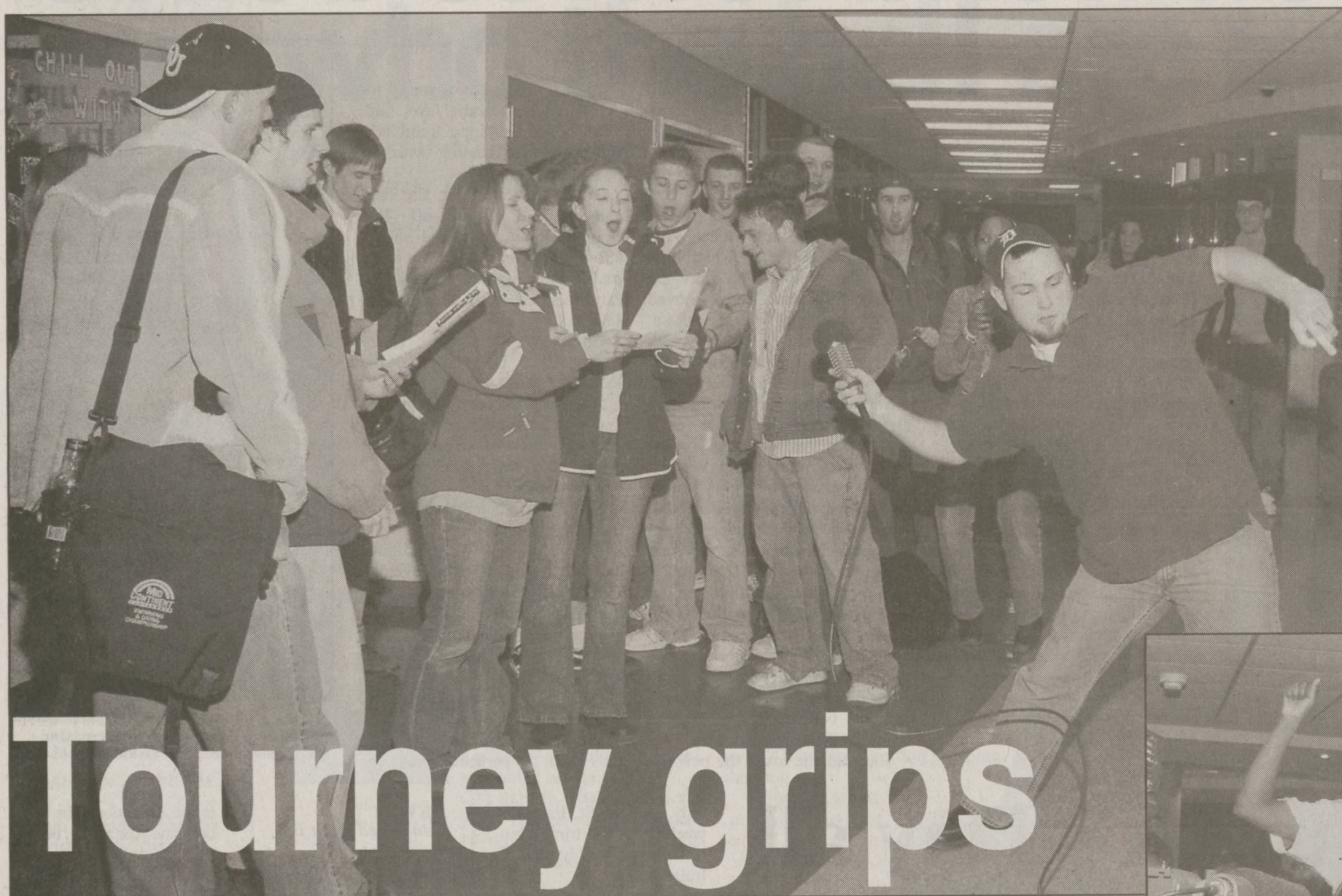
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Top Left: Patrick Kyc, a WXOU radio host, dances while a crowd gathers to sing the OU fight song for the radio station.

Bottom Right: Students gather around for news media in the basement of the OC after the Grizzlies won against Alabama A&M on Tuesday night.  
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## Tourney grips OU community

When sophomore **Kathy McCarty** walked into Pioneer Food Court on Monday morning for the big pep rally celebrating OU's men's basketball team's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament, she was just another spectator among a sea of students, faculty and media.

She never expected that she would end up onstage leading the cheer.

But after student body President **Jonathan Parks** offered \$100 to anyone who would sing "OU Fight," McCarty eagerly rushed toward the stage, jumping up and down and waving her outstretched hand like a Fourth of July sparkler.

There she stood with a microphone in her hand, leading the school band, the Golden Grizzlies' mascot and the audience through a spirited performance of the OU fight song.

"I just learned it over the summer," McCarty said, "but (now) I know all the words by heart."

McCarty, who attended a few of the home games this season, was thrilled when she found out about OU's entry into the Big Dance.

She hopes the Grizzlies will advance to play against No. 1 seeded North Carolina.

The rally was the second gathering this week to support the men's basketball team after they defeated Oral Roberts in the Mid-Con Tournament.

The defeat placed the Grizzlies with their first championship title.

Last night, the team defeated Alabama A&M, bringing them one-step closer to North Carolina.

"This is so awesome. I'm so proud of our team," **Renee Orow** said.

**"They're a Cinderella team. It's like rooting for David against Goliath."**

**Jonathan Parks**  
Student Body President

Like Orow, many fans were dressed in Oakland and Golden Grizzly apparel at the rally to show their support.

Parks rushed to the stage and took front and center. "The OU men's basketball team is going dancing," he said.

Parks has supported the team by attending 85 percent of the home games.

"This just goes to show it doesn't matter how you start off, it matters where you end up," Parks said.

"The team is hungry. They're at the table and ready to eat."

"Anyone can appreciate Oakland," he said. "They're a Cinderella team. It's like rooting for David against Goliath."

Sophomore **Corey Hagood** agreed, and he was stunned by the Grizzlies' rise to fame since it came "out of the blue."

However, he felt the team has a shot at the title.

"They're ready for anybody. They'll put up a fight," he said.

Hagood, a regular follower of NCAA basketball, is revved up, caught up in the heat of the moment.

"This championship has created quite a stir. Already ESPN, CBS and NBC have called for the audio from the championship game," Hagood said.

**Vincent Tinch**, a senior, said, "This win has given OU national recognition and will encourage more people, athletes and non-athletes, to consider Oakland."

**Madalyn Miller**, a freshman, was in total disbelief when a friend informed her that her school had just appeared on ESPN.

"This is one of the most exciting moments of the year," Miller said.

**"They're ready for anybody. They'll put up a fight."**

**Corey Hagood**  
Sophomore

**Michael McGuinness**, a junior and vice president of OUSC,

said he had never seen "such a tremendous outpouring of school spirit, even at the regular season games."

While both Miller and McGuinness had plans of campaigning in the OC for the upcoming student body elections, neither could resist the chance to be a part of the excitement.

"As members of student congress, we have been pushing for the student body to become more involved with the athletics program here at Oakland University."

"Now we have a great foundation that should build the OU fan base significantly," McGuinness said.

"Congress began the season by encouraging students to learn the OU Fight Song, and now the effects of our efforts will be seen as OU students pack the seats," Miller said.

**Lynsey Clabo**, a junior and former OU cheerleader, attended the rally and was encouraged by the students' school spirit.

"The team has made it this far, now all we can do as a student body is give them our support," she said.

Freshman **Catie Hormel** was still hyped up from the pep rally after the crowd dispersed.

She said the winning team would improve OU spirit and "might even make more people want to go to school here."

"The Big Dance is a big deal, not only to Oakland's men's basketball team, but to OU's student

body," Clabo said.

"This the first time in history that Oakland University has made it into the NCAA Tournament, and hopefully, it won't be the last."

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**Lynsey Clabo**  
Former OU cheerleader

Not all students came to school Monday aware of Oakland's victory.

After a long spring break, some students, senior **Andrea McNinch** wondered why there was such a commotion on campus.

"I was very surprised by the news," McNinch said.

Andrea felt that OU's chances of getting any further in the tour-

namment were very slim, but the victory would help OU gain attention.

"It's exciting to see such school spirit," McNinch said.

**Euvena Ward**, a sophomore, was surprised and shocked by the team's progress.

"We are a small university, and when people watch the game ... they are going to wonder who the Oakland Grizzlies are," Ward said.

"I think that they have a lot of team spirit, and they can do it if they put their minds to it. They are a very good team."

"I do student tours and get asked questions about our sports, and now I can brag about our basketball team who made it to the Big Dance," she said.

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## Fans join team in O'Rena for Selection Show party

**BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS**  
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Nothing is going to stop OU's men's basketball team head coach Greg Kampe's mom from dancing.

After convincing the Ohio native not to make the trip to Tulsa, Okla. for the Mid-Con Tournament, Kampe said nothing was going to stop his mom from following the Golden Grizzlies as they experience the Big Dance for the first time.

Kampe's mother is one of many OU fans who have shown their support for the team as it prepares for the NCAA Tournament.

Hundreds of fans joined the players and coaching staff in the O'Rena to watch CBS's Selection Sunday, where the Grizzlies found out their NCAA fate.

Fans and players alike heard the announcement that OU would play Alabama A&M in Tuesday

night's play-in game, with the winner earning the 16 seed in the Syracuse Region and a match up with the University of North Carolina in the first round.

The play-in game took place in Dayton, Ohio.

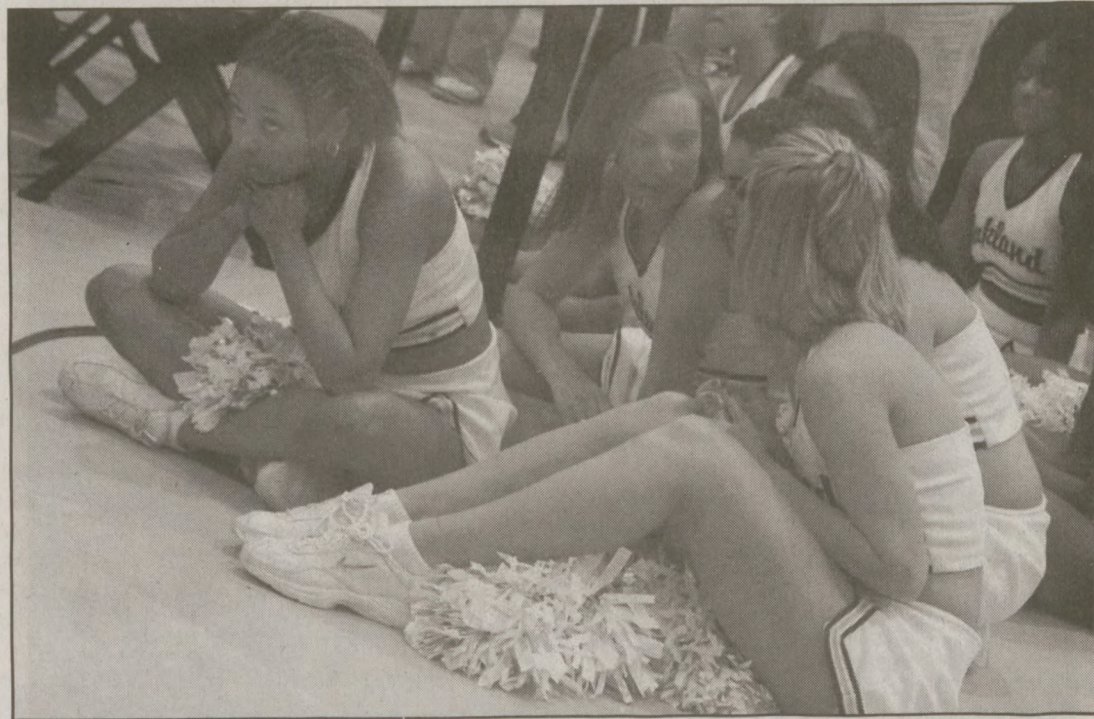
"I think we got what we wanted. Dayton is only four hours away," Kampe said. "It is going to be a heck of a game, and we will need to play our best basketball. I think we are at that point right now."

Athletics Director Jack Mehl was confident in the team's chance at success.

"Come Tuesday night, four million people will have to write Oakland in their brackets against North Carolina," Mehl said.

The Selection Show watch party was one of many events scheduled to show support for the Grizzlies.

A pep rally took place in the Pioneer Food Court Monday afternoon, and numerous watch parties were set up to give fans an opportunity to join together to watch OU play Alabama A&M.



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In the O'Rena while watching CBS's Selection Show, OU's Cheerleading Team receives news that they will not attend the Grizzlies' game against Alabama A&M in the NCAA Tournament.