



## Racing to the finish line

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Thousands of runners, including some from Oakland University, continually paced near Meadow Brook Hall on a chilly Sunday morning in eager anticipation to start the fourth annual Brooksie Way Half Marathon and 5K Run.

Nearly 4,200 runners readied themselves with constant ballistic stretches to warm up for the 40 degree sunless eight o'clock start time, while families and friends watched from the sidelines.

"Brooksie was very nice," alumni Matt Shipes said. "The weather was a bit cooler and it was a beautiful day."

The Brooksie Way course showcased the intense elevation changes throughout Rochester and Auburn Hills, ensuring the racers put forth a tenuous amount of training for the event.

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## Hirees face hurdles

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Michigan's hard-hit economy has created a new job task for Oakland University President Gary Russi – personally approving and denying the school's new hires. The state budget cuts have forced the university to make changes and slow the hiring process to cut costs.

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