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Sports

**Pioneer pros?**  
Some former OU  
athletes succeed  
overseas in sports.  
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## Features

Every cloud has a golden lining for members of Golden Key Honors Society, which honors students who excel academically, "And no pocket protectors!"  
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## Sports

First-year Head Coach Steve Lyon will rely on speed and pitching to make claim to the GLIAC title in 1994. The Pioneers are off to a 10-5 start, 2-0 in the league.  
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# The Oakland Post

## Tuition rate expected to balloon soon

**8% hike projected**

By ROBERT CARR  
News Editor

Students at OU will probably see their tuition costs go up by 8 percent, starting this summer, regardless of an apparent increase in state appropriations.

The vote for state monetary help will occur this summer, and it has been speculated by Oakland's administration that the Higher Education appropriations committee in Lansing will vote a 2.3 to 4 percent increase in aid to colleges throughout Michigan.

However, a tuition hike is still expected, no matter how much is given to these schools, according to Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration.

"We expect about \$800,000 in aid," said Bissonnette. "That's not very much money when you're dealing with a \$75 million budget."

He said that part of an increase would go toward infla-

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## Ethnic diversity arrives at OU

By ERICA BLAKE  
Staff Writer

A new class requirement which explores American ethnic diversity was added to the list for those students entering Oakland University in Fall 1994.

This requirement, which has been in the works since the

University Senate approved the legislation in April of 1992, can be fulfilled through courses which have been approved by the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction.

"There are various ways of looking at ethnic diversity, there are multiple perspectives,"

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The Director of the Office of Minority Equity Glenn McIntosh hopes the new classes will enhance ethnic understanding.

## 'Jane, how do you stop this crazy thing?'



Kathleen White and Danielle Miller test out their rollerblades on Beer Lake's bridge last week. Students and Ground Maintenance workers (below) seized an opportunity to go outside last Thursday and Friday and enjoy temps of 75 degrees.

"I played a lot of Frisbee and just stayed outside because I knew the weather was too good to last."

Rick Allio  
Freshman



"I felt like a male peacock for the first time. I was able to spread my wings and show my true colors."

Brendan Tully  
Senior

## Inter-racial dating still viewed in bad light by peers, family

By LARRY V. WEISS  
Staff Writer

When interracial love blossoms, bigotry can wilt the relationship, or make love grow stronger.

Spike Lee's movie, *Jungle Fever*, shows the saga of a Black/White love affair doomed to failure. Lee, who refuses to date white women, concludes Bensonhurst and Harlem can never reconcile.

Despite that kind of attitude, love still con-

quers. Last year *Jet Magazine* reported 246,000 interracial marriages exist in the United States.

Yet the rising numbers of interracial couples do not indicate a lessening of racial prejudice, heads still turn even at Oakland University.

"I've dated the whole rainbow ...I get stared at all the time," said Michael Simon, 19, a communications major at OU.

Simon is also the newly elected student congress president. He recently attended a

forum on interracial dating. Simon, who has "dated more people of non-African descent" took some heat for his views at the conference.

"I was called a weak link in the chain to keep the black race strong."

Race is a volatile issue when the social focus occurs.

But the real pressure comes from parents. And it doesn't matter whether they're black, white, Asian, Arabic or Indian, mom and dad

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## Briefly...

### Kilbourne Lecture

Dr. Jean Kilbourne, internationally recognized authority on the media, advertising and sex roles, will be on OU's campus on April 5 to speak about "The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women," a lecture that examines the perpetuation of women as sex symbols and other negative images in advertising. Tickets are available at the CISO service window in Oakland Center's lower level.

### Human Rights Rally

A human rights rally in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. takes place at noon on Tuesday, April 4 outside the Oakland Center.

### Summer Scholarship

The English Speaking Union is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to anyone who wishes to take part in British Studies at Oxford University this summer. Call Prof. M.B. Pigott at ex. 4131 before April 8 for further information.

## Search team pursues new VP

By EILEEN OXLEY  
Staff Writer

The search continues for a new vice president for student affairs to replace Wilma Ray-Bledsoe who resigned from the position last November.

A 17-person committee composed of student and academic affairs personnel, faculty members, students and one Board of Trustee are still screening applicants and will invite candidates to Oakland University's campus during April, according to the chairperson of the political science department and search committee chair, William Macauley.

"We are holding the information confidentially at the candidates' requests," he said. "I don't think the final decision will be made by the board of trustees until sometime in May,"

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# STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD

## CONCERT / DANCE

THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS  
SIX BANDS COMPETE FOR \$500

Featuring:  
The Dabblers  
Dawn Marie Prince  
The End  
Pot Swamp  
Steve Acho  
West African Drumming

Wednesday, April 6  
O.C. Crockery  
8:00pm  
Free Admission

## COFFEEHOUSE

HONORING EARTH MONTH  
After the featured performer  
there will be an open mike  
segment in which both students  
and staff are welcome to perform.

Saturday, April 9  
Abstention (a.k.a. The Underground)  
8:00pm  
Free Admission

## SPECIAL EVENTS

MURDER MYSTERY II

Last fall's murder mystery had such  
a great response SPB and STAGE  
decided to do another one.  
This one will be a masquerade with  
a Mardi Gras Theme.

Friday, April 8  
Meadbrook Hall  
8:00pm

Tickets \$3.00 at the CIPO service window.

## FILM

JOY LUCK CLUB

Friday, April 8 and  
Sunday, April 10  
Dodge Hall both nights  
7:00pm both nights  
\$1.50 admission at the door

## MAINSTAGE

THE SPENCERS  
These two magicians will be  
performing David Copperfield  
style illusions.

Thursday, April 14  
Varner Recital Hall  
8:00pm  
Free Admission