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## Proposals, incumbents litter voter ballots

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS & DAVID RUNK  
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Detroiters and metro Detroiters alike came out to the polls Tuesday to cast their votes for a plethora of mayoral candidates, referendums and proposals.

Challenger Freman Hendrix led incumbent Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick with more than half of the precincts reporting, putting Kilpatrick at



Kilpatrick

risk of becoming the first Detroit mayor since 1961 to be defeated for re-election.

With 53 percent reporting early Wednesday, Hendrix had 38,343 votes, or 52 percent, and Kilpatrick had 35,929 votes, or 48 percent.

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, Hendrix addressed supporters at his post-election party at the State Theater. He said technical difficulties meant results could be delayed 90

minutes to two hours.

"We've been campaigning for 21 months," Hendrix said. "If we have to wait for two more hours to claim this victory, then we can do that. ... Stay as long as you want."

Shortly after midnight, Kilpatrick rallied his supporters, who were gathered at the Renaissance Center along the Detroit River. He said he was optimistic about the turnout and his prospects as votes were being counted.

"Everybody's got a right to vote today," Kilpatrick told the cheering crowd.

"And when that vote comes in, I know what you're going to see. You're going to see: Kilpatrick, four more years." There were, however,



Hendrix

delays in counting absentee ballots. The U.S. Attorney's Office said in court that they delays were caused because the FBI is investigating problems with the absentee ballots, including the possibility that votes were cast in the names of

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## CADAVER LAB

About 16 cadavers are brought into Oakland University's Science and Engineering Building every year. And every semester, students slip on rubber gloves and grab their scalpels ...

## In Time for the Dissection



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Dr. Mary Tracy-Bee (right) and Teaching Assistants Fred Burg (center) and Soneata Marogy (left) lead human anatomy classes. In Tracy-Bee's class, six TAs dissect a male and female cadaver each semester to teach students the intricacies of the human body.

By JEREMY SELWESKI  
Contributing Reporter

It is likely that most Oakland University students would be surprised to learn that several of the university's health sciences classes use cadavers as part of their study of the human body.

Here's a typical scenario. It is a cold, dark basement filled with cockroaches and rats, a dungeon with filthy concrete floors stained with blood and a dim light that flickers incessantly.

Water drips steadily from the ceiling. There are low, murmured voices all around, and the piercing sound of stabbing and cutting can be heard as people in long white coats dissect. But this scenario could not be further from the truth.

"Everybody thinks it's going to be this scary thing, but it



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post  
Junior Charles Nichol, a medical laboratory sciences major, studies a human pelvis bone model.

really isn't," said Dr. Mary Tracy-Bee, special lecturer of health sciences, who has been teaching at OU since 1998.

**A day in the laboratory**  
In reality, courses like

Human Anatomy (BIO 205/206) study cadavers in an environment that is not all that different from any other classroom.

In one of the rooms in the basement of the Science and Engineering Building, there are two rows of black table tops and high stools, a long counter with several cabinets, a chalkboard, a projector screen and a small office in the back.

In addition, two large sinks sit at the end of the room, along with several human skeleton models and the various bone replicas that rest atop the tables.

Approximately 20 students and six teaching assistants sit and discuss anatomy.

As class gets underway, Tracy-Bee leads her audience through a jam-packed lecture, interspersing jokes within a staggering amount of technical

information.

After the lecture ends, the lab portion of the class commences. Two bodies, a male and female, are rolled into the room, and the smell of formalin — a chemical that preserves the bodies for up to one year — saturates the air.

No one even bats eye. They do not fear them.

Instead, the students continue their conversations as they casually saunter over to the cadavers to begin the day's work.

They see the cadavers in a different light and have come to appreciate the gift donated by the deceased in order to further science.

"Most of my students adjust to the cadavers within the first day," Tracy-Bee said.

This appears to be the

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## BOT rolls fees into tuition

Decision garners support, criticism from students

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI  
Campus News Editor

Student bills will look a little different this upcoming winter semester as Oakland University's board of trustees voted to end fees, a charge that cost all students approximately \$300 each.

The four fees (general service, Recreation Center, student activity and course fee) will now be charged on a per-credit hour basis, causing some full-time students to pay more and some part-time to pay less.

Mixed emotions on the proposal surfaced from both trustee members and the student body.

"I just need to be able to justify 44 percent of students paying more to have 56 percent pay less," said trustee Henry Baskin.

"Part-time students have actually been subsidizing the other students by paying substantially high fees," said John Beaghan, vice president for Finance and Administration.

The proposal states that by rolling fees into tuition, more financial aid awards will cover students' cost, since most scholarships covered tuition only and not fees.

### The board of trustees rolled fees into tuition. Here are the facts:

■ Fifty-six percent of students will either see a decrease or no difference in cost.

■ Part-time students no longer pay the same amount in per-semester fees as full-time students (previously per-semester fees were charged regardless of the number of credit hours taken).

■ Spring and summer courses, usually taken with smaller loads, will be more equitably priced.

■ Some students will pay a little more, some will pay less, but the average student's cost will decrease by \$41 per year.

■ There is no new revenue to the university.

"I would have liked this to happen two years ago when I came here. Since I have the MET (Michigan Education Trust) program, it pays my tuition, but doesn't pay all

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## Communities divide over SMART service

By PAUL KAMPE  
Senior Reporter

When gas prices rise, one topic that comes up is the public transit debate. At a time when this is a popular topic, Oakland County communities are mixed on one current solution: the SMART bus service.

Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation bus service has a pick-up and drop-off point on Oakland University's campus, located at the main entrance from University Drive.

The service got its name in 1989 after previously operating under the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority.

Funding for the service comes from a

0.6 mill (\$0.60 tax per every \$1,000 taxable home value), bus fares and federal and state appropriations.

While Rochester Hills and Bloomfield Hills chose to opt out of the service in mid-1990s, the Farmington Hills City Council is expected to debate the issue in January, said City Manager Steve Brock.

"It seems like a very inefficient system when you have a lot of big busses running around with very few people on them," Brock said. "We're trying to see if there's a better way, a more cost effective system."

Figures according to SMART spokespeople show there is almost a 25 percent increase in riders since 2002.

"Recently, we've seen some dramatic

increases," said SMART spokeswoman Beth Gibbons.

"Things have changed considerably over the years, people in general, the jobs aren't located in the city, they're out in the suburbs," she said.

Gibbons acknowledged that the bus service might not be the best option for people who have their own car. SMART figures show that 40 percent of riders do not have a car and 60 percent of their riders are using SMART bus routes traveling to and from work.

The service boasts a 200,000-person average in weekly of riders.

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