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OU Student Congress president re-elected

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One of Parks' major accomplishments this year was to increase the number of overnight parking spaces available in Lot P-62, near Anibal House and Fitzgerald House.

"There were 40 spots designated for overnight parking, yet we have 156 students living there," Parks said.

Working with Greg Kampe, chair of the Parking Committee, Parks increased the number of spaces available for overnight parking to 250.

During his next term, Parks' top priorities are expanding student services, including the SAIL system.

"Currently the system can tell you the classes you've taken, but doesn't tell you what you still need to take," he said. "This would be really helpful for juniors and seniors."

Parks already has contacted the Registrar's Office to discuss the possibility of expanding the options of the system.

He also is hoping to get more students involved in state politics. Forty-two students traveled to Lansing on March 31 for OU Day at the Capitol to talk to Michigan lawmakers about tuition increases and other issues facing students.

During his second term, Parks plans to continue on the path he began forging this year, working with administrators on the issues most important to Oakland University students and its campus.

"I'm passionate about working with the administrators," Parks said. "The congress is the student voice, and we work to enhance student life on campus. I want to make sure my time spent at OU is well spent."

2004-2005 Oakland University Student Legislators:

Christopher Ballach
Derek Brown
Kori Caver
Kristen Creech
Mark Ewing
Alicia Feys
Brandon Galbraith
Allison Hilliker
Ginger Houghton
Duane Hurt
Charity Jones
Matthew Kelly
Brian Koss
David Lauber
Lindsay McCullough
Doug Merriam

Joshua Miller
Montrell Porter
Derrick Putansu
Stephanie Rogers
Donald Stuckey
Saman Waquad
Stefen Welch
Elizabeth Wilbur
Sumeera Younis

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