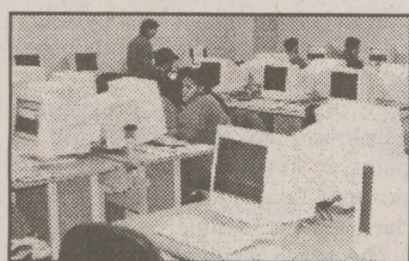


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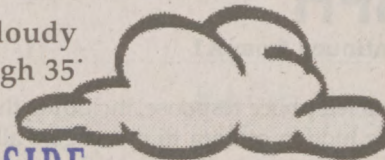


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• Applications are being accepted for Publicity Director and Financial Student Congress. Applications can be picked up in 62 OC and are due January 26. Call (248) 370-4290 for more information.

• Kweisi Mfume, President and CEO of the NAACP will be speaking at Meadow Brook Theatre at 3:00 p.m. Friday. Student tickets are free through Thursday, and can be picked up at the CSA Service Window in the lower OC.

• The Diversity Career Fair, sponsored by the Placement and Career Services Office, will be taking place on Thursday from 12-3 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. For more information on Career Prep Week, call (248) 370-3250.

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## Teeters slaps OU with lawsuit

By RamezKhuri  
SPORTS EDITOR

Former swimming coach Scott Teeters is suing Oakland University. The lawsuit, filed January 19 in U.S. District Court, alleges that the school's Athletic Department intentionally discriminated against women student athletes and that male swim-

mers were often given preferential treatment over the women.

The suit alleges Title IX violations. Title IX requires that women's and men's sports be treated equally on campus with equivalent scholarship and playing opportunities open to both sexes.

The suit also alleges that Teeters was unfairly terminated in June

2000.

According to documents acquired by The Oakland Post, the Athletic Department's decision not to renew Teeters' contract was made for other reasons. The documents were acquired through a Michigan Freedom of Information Act request made in October.

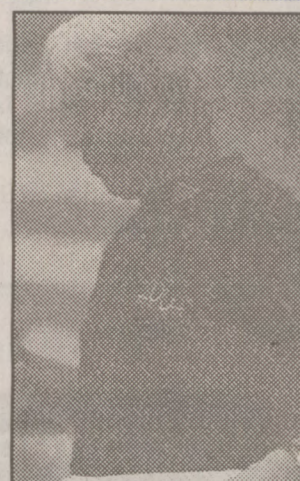
Teeters' attorney Gerald D.

Wahl is convinced otherwise.

"The Athletic Department is just trying to cover up the real motive for his departure," Wahl said. "Scott is someone who stood up for gender issues."

Wahl also said that money was not the reason Teeters filed the suit.

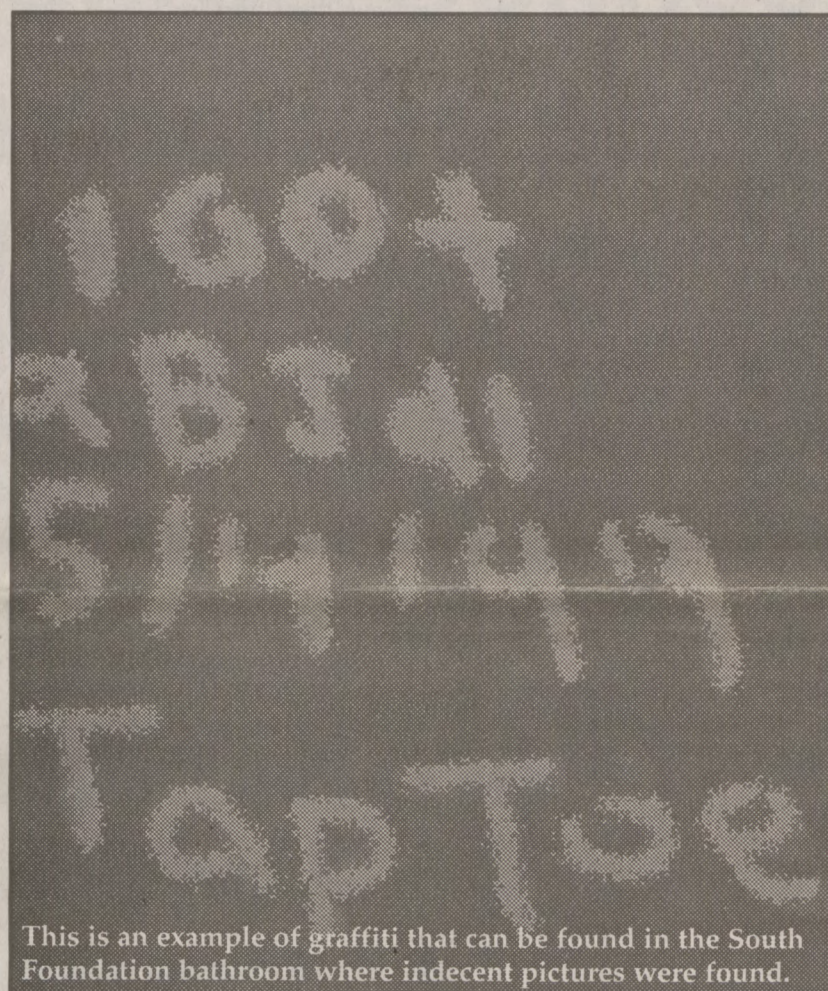
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Scott Teeters, ex-women's swimming coach recently filed a lawsuit against the university for alleged unfair treatment of the women's team.

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This is an example of graffiti that can be found in the South Foundation bathroom where indecent pictures were found.

## Explicit pics found in SFH

By Mike Murphy  
THE OAKLAND POST

Two reports in the past two weeks have OU Police Department investigating suspicious circumstances of a sexual nature in the second floor men's bathroom in South Foundation Hall.

On two occasions, custodians have found what appear to be photographs depicting acts of fellatio in the bathroom, and reported it to police. On both occasions, the photographs have had stains on them which appear to be an unknown fluid.

The police are looking for a tall black male, with a medium or light build and short natural hair, in connection with these incidents. Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of OUPD said that he does not have any information that would lead him to believe that the man has been involved in a crime.

According to the police report, the custodian told OUPD that the man has been seen loitering in the

bathroom for several hours a day, and has been known to approach male students, stand very close to them, allegedly to invade their personal space.

Also according to the report, the custodians admitted to a continuing problem with homosexual graffiti and pictures depicting homosexual acts in a stall in the same bathroom. They indicated that they believe some of the graffiti was written by the same man. The wall reads, "Hot, big male, GQ look, student, 38c/32w/7' uncut; 150, masc stud, good looking, to suck. Leave time and place. (sic)"

Gilroy said that OUPD will respond to the reports by increasing the visibility of uniformed officers in the area to deter further activity.

Gilroy added that his goal is to prevent further incidents so as to prevent the heavy traffic that area has had in previous years.

An Oakland Post article published Sept. 22, 1999,

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## Campus dark from broken lights

By Michael Hoskins  
LOCAL EDITOR

Inadequate outdoor lighting in several key spots has made OU darker than usual lately, adding to the already dangerous conditions that the weather has created.

At the time of print, nearly 50 lights around campus were not functioning properly. More than 80 percent of those lights were not working at all, while the rest faded off and on repeatedly.

Dan Niezurawski, Deferred Maintenance Project Manager, Campus Facilities and Operations, estimated that around 450 lighting fixtures are installed on campus roads, walkways and parking lots, with various wattage depending on the locations.

The problem, according to Campus Facilities and Operations and OUPD Lieutenant Mel Gilroy, stems from an ongoing project of converting to a new lighting system,

which added 113 new lighting fixtures to the OU landscape.

Contracted out to Plummer Electrical of Detroit, this job began last April and has been delayed until the snow is removed and workers can get below ground.

"The project is about 95 percent complete," said Niezurawski. "Most of the old lights have been removed and the new Franklin style lights have been installed. There are just some punch list items left (to be completed)."

These items, he continued, include circuits that are out, removing the rest of the mushroom lights, concrete modifications and landscaping touches.

"The lighting is terrible," said Rachael Weigand, sophomore, physical therapy. "Especially around the internal areas of campus."

"It's good (about the new lights), but we need more than that," she added. "Even in the spots where



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PILING UP: The old fixtures that were removed and replaced last semester can still be found in some areas on campus. Nearly 50 of the new fixtures on campus do not work, leaving parking lots and sidewalks dark at night.

there are lights, they need to be brighter than they are."

The Oakland Center parking lot is one main area that has been plunged into darkness recently. For the past week, the three large lights

remained unlit for the entire evening, forcing students and dorm-residents to find their way in the dark.

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## Student organizations trying to raise SAF

By Tracy Minnis  
MANAGING EDITOR

The popularity and numbers of student organizations are hitting high marks, but the fees needed to fund them are falling short.

At Monday's Student Congress meeting, an increase in the student activity fee was discussed as a possible solution to the problem.

OU is currently facing many issues related to growth, such as a lack of classroom availability, limited library resources and even more

limited parking. According to Adam Kochenderfer, Student Body President, the increase in the number of student organizations is one of the more positive facets of campus growth.

"The number of student organizations has increased so much. In 1994, we had about 73 organizations. Now we've got 107. That's a huge jump," said Kochenderfer. "With some of the more active organizations, inflation has cut their fees revenue. So what we're looking at is a \$6 increase, bringing the

Student Activity Fee up from \$15 to \$21 each semester (\$10.50 each spring and summer semester). But the money essentially goes right back to the students in the form of an enriched campus life experience."

When students take the opportunity to vote on this increase, they will also be determining how the increase will be appropriated to campus organizations.

One such appropriation issue included in this funding proposal is the current funding for the Forensics

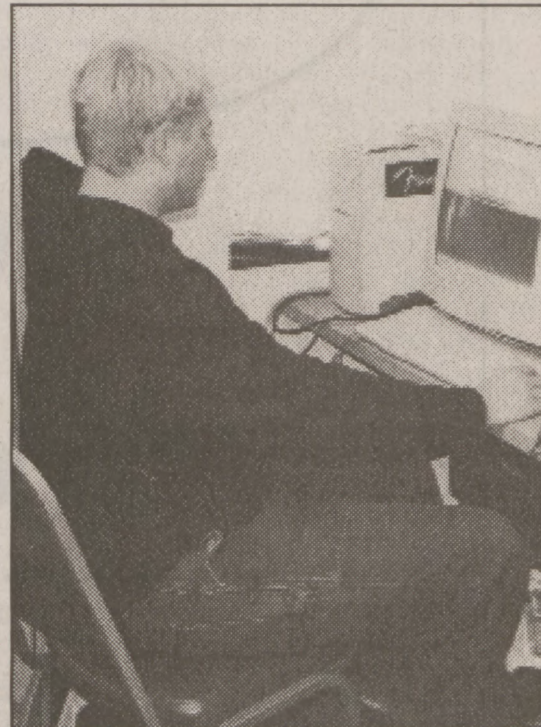
team. The funding for this organization is currently being reviewed due to the fact that Forensics is now allotted more funds than they use.

For students who may not be familiar with it, forensics is a club to help students improve their public speaking and persuasive speech skills by performing in competitions. Students can compete in such categories as poetry, prose and informative speeches. This team is a branch of, and is housed within, the

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WIRELESS IS THE WAY: Some dorm students were surprised to return from the holiday break and not have the wireless internet up and working. OU is the first university in Michigan to implement wireless internet.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post



## Wireless net not installed in dorms

By Rachel Rybicki  
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Wireless Internet in the Residence Halls has been set back again because of complications with the contract between OU and Lucent Technologies.

According to Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing, the wireless Internet project should be completed and up and running by the end of January.

Drilling for the wireless project started in September. University Housing had considered providing cable

modem service to dorm students in the past, but that project was canceled because of delays in the upgrade of service caused by a merger between cable modem provider TCI and AT&T.

"We decided to move forward with another company in the process because it would have taken too long for cable," Reynolds said. "Our goal was for it to be completed after the holiday break, but we were set back."

Reynolds said that student activity fee was discussed as a possible solution to the problem.

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### SFH

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detailed police response, including the use of a hidden camera to investigate alleged criminal sexual activity. At that time, the bathroom was featured as a popular site to engage in sexual activity on the web site www.crusingforsex.com.

The website has currently removed OU bathrooms as a preferred place for activity and has posted an alert describing the police's actions to warn off potential violators.

OUPD made one arrest in August 1999 as a result of their investigations, according to Gilroy. The individual was charged with gross indecency and as a sexual delinquent, a charge relating to his previous offenses, added Gilroy.

"This is not a morality issue," Gilroy said of his department's investigation. "If this stuff is happening in private we wouldn't touch it. But the fact that it may be happening in a public restroom makes it a public issue."

OUPD was first contacted last Friday, Jan. 12, in reference to the two photographs that were found, and again last Friday, Jan. 19, because another photograph was found.

Anyone with further information on this case can contact OUPD at 248-370-3331.

### OUSC

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Communication Department, but receives no interdepartmental funding. It currently receives an automatic 4 percent of the Student Activity Fee. The team is considered an academic organization.

There are three different drafts of the proposal ballot before OUSC at this time. The drafts will be voted upon by congress, and the succeeding draft will then be presented for student voting in the middle of March.

Another issue addressed during the Monday meeting included campus safety concerns, on which congress passed Resolution 01-05 to help create a safe and accessible on-campus environment for all students. The resolution will be forwarded to the OU administration for further advisement.

An update on Aramark food service in the OC was brought to the floor by legislator (Name Here), who stated that "although Aramark issues have been addressed, and Aramark has been willing to work with us, we are still not seeing any major improvements." The OUSC Aramark Committee will continue to follow up student concerns on food service related issues.

### NET

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dents who are living in the dorms can expect to receive detailed information by the end of this week or the beginning of next week about how to use the new technology.

University Housing will be training people to use the new system and answering any questions they might have.

Because of the set back, students will receive free Dataphone service for this semester.

With wireless Internet, each student will have an Ethernet device that creates a wireless connection, which operates at a speed comparable to that of a cable modem.

When completed, this project will make OU the only university in Michigan to offer wireless ethernet Internet access to its on campus residents.

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### LIGHTS

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OUPD said that a complaint about the Oakland Center parking lot was made Monday morning.

He also said that there are several lights on campus that have been out for two consecutive weeks.

"We have also increased patrols in these areas," Gilroy added. "We are doing our best to cover all (campus) areas and maintain safety for students."

The OUPD also conducts a monthly lighting survey on campus, making sure all of the lights are checked and safety standards are being met. This survey is then turned into maintenance.

"Once (the problem is) reported, we try to get it fixed within a day," said Niezurawski.

The winter weather, which bombarded Michigan with snow and ice more than a month ago, also continues to be a problem for students and faculty. Several of the walkways and parking lots around campus are still obstructed or covered with layers of ice, causing dangerous driving and walking

conditions.

In the past week, at least two slip and fall accidents on campus have been reported to the OUPD.

In one instance, a university employee was walking along a pathway in front of the police station and, unable to see the ice in the dark, lost his footing.

The other incident occurred on the opposite side of campus, when a student using the walkway in front of Anibal House slipped on the ice-covered sidewalk.

The OUSC, responding to increased student concerns, passed a resolution on Monday that addresses the issue. Resolution 01-05 "advises that pedestrian walkways, roads and parking lots be cleared from snow and ice as expeditiously as possible, to ensure a safe and accessible campus for all OU students."

The resolution will now be passed on to OU administration, where it will address and taken under advisement.

### SUIT

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Athletic Director Jack Mehl declined to comment until he reviews the entire case.

A National College Athletic Association Gender Equity Survey taken on October 16, 2000 indicates that during the 1999-00 season, members of the women's swimming team received 23 scholarships from OU, and the men received 15. The women received \$189,573 in scholarship money compared to \$133,755 for the men. The women received \$265,284 in institutional support, compared to \$225,469 for the men. These figures would place the university in compliance with Title IX, according to a spokesperson from the Athletic Department.

Teeters was a popular coach among his athletes and two of them, who ultimately transferred because of his departure, came to his defense in a story published

earlier this year in The Oakland Post.

But now, at least some members of the team, just want to move on.

Some of the student athletes who were here when Teeters was the swim coach said they just want this whole thing to go away.

"All conflicts have been resolved, and we will not let this affect our team," said Megan Cagney, a senior swim captain.

Katie Szopo, who was a captain last year, and is now a fifth year assistant coach agreed. "There were conflicts two years ago, but they have been all taken care of, and now we are one team. The men and the women are one team because we are coached by the same coach, and if anything, this whole ordeal will make us stronger."

Senior captains Yvonne Lynn and Laura Sorley agreed with their teammates.

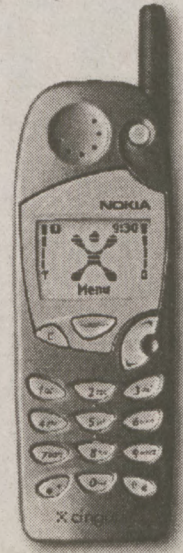
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