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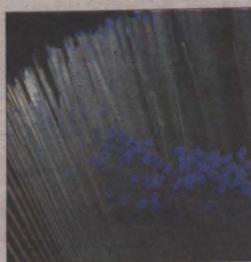
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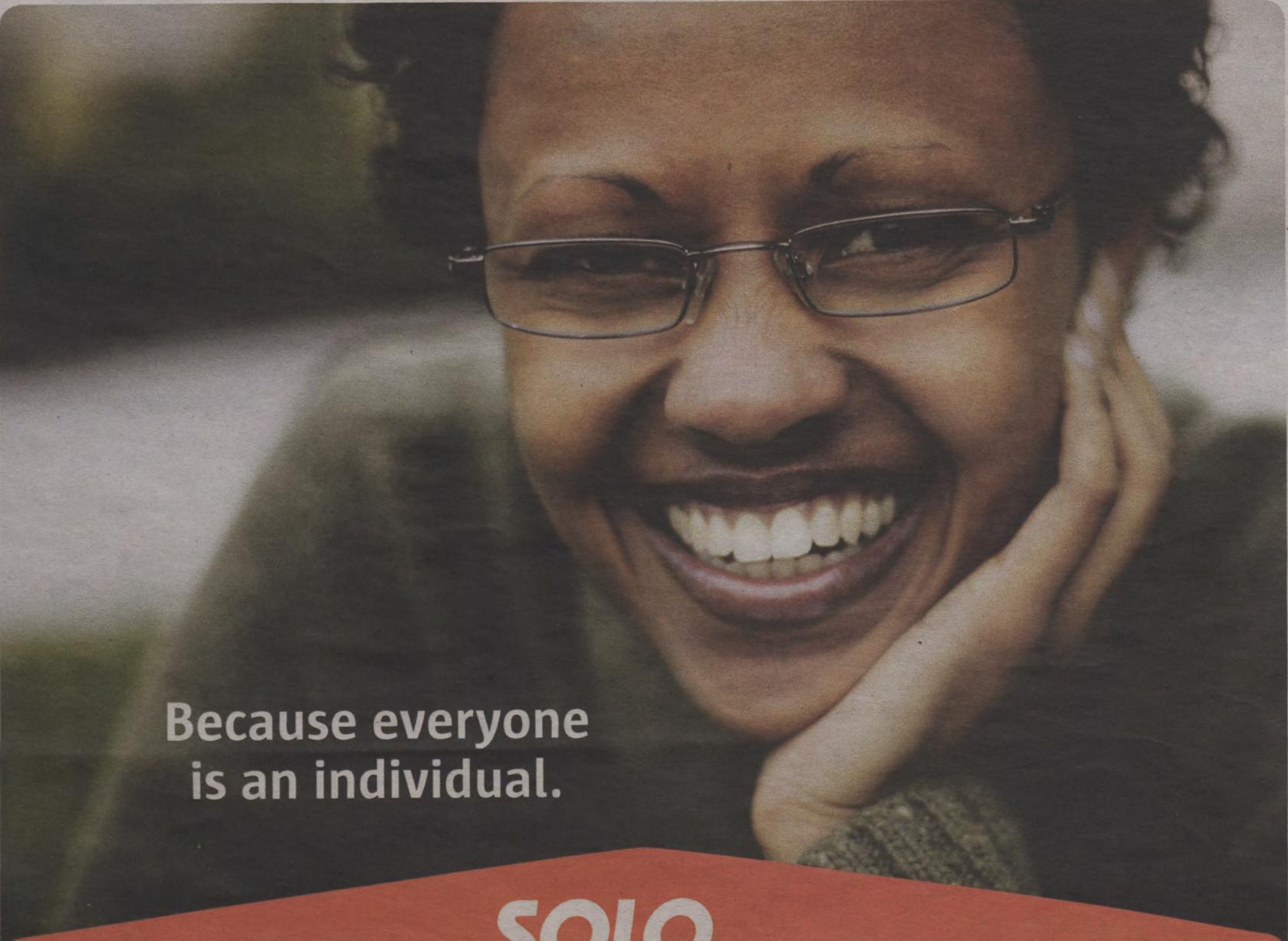
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# Perspectives

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## We want a re-vote!

### *Club sports referendum mishap is cause for do over*

Student voting had a shaky start Monday morning.

Forty-one students cast their online ballots before a problem with the referendum regarding club sports funding was fixed.

The ballot question asked whether club sports should directly receive 5 percent of student activity fees. They currently receive about that same amount of money through the Student Activities Funding Board. In turn, the SAFB would receive 5 percent less of the fees. This was proposed originally by the SAFB and club sports.

What should have been a yes or no question, the referendum presented some of these first voters with three options from a 2008 student election about what the university should do with excess funds. If the referendum question wasn't confusing enough, the completely unrelated options presented to some of the voters made it worse.

If this were any other game, everybody at the table would be screaming misdeal.

Even if the final count is one way or

the other regardless of these 41 votes, there needs to be a re-vote.

Perhaps the reason why Oakland University Student Congress and the representatives from club sports don't seem worried about this is because they assume they wouldn't make a difference.

One OUSC member admits that he doesn't think it would matter because students will vote yes for anything. In 2005 and 2006, similar yes/no questions regarding percent changes in funding for the direct-funded organizations were passed.

Every year, a committee of leaders from direct funded student organizations, including The Oakland Post, look at the appropriations of funding. This year, the committee took their own vote on whether or not the club sports issue should be presented for students to decide.

The Oakland Post, WXOU and Student Video Productions all voted against putting it on the ballot. While we can't and don't speak for other organizations or individuals, it makes sense

that people might think the margin won't be significant enough to have a re-vote.

Voters probably assume that something is on the ballot because it's a good idea. It's not as if there was a petition going around to get it on the ballot.

It's not as if there was any more publicity for this change other than what The Post printed in a news story (that admittedly, not everybody reads).

One of the reasons The Post did not want this issue to be voted on by students at this point in time was because of the fact that there is very little knowledge of what club sports does or has available.

We believe the club sports representatives when they say the club sports council is working to remedy this lack of awareness, but shouldn't that have been done before the students even voted?

Candidates for president and vice president were out in full force telling students what they stood for.

We expect the same from any group that is looking for us to pass anything in their favor.

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- 1) What's the third school that may partner up with OU for dual enrollment?
- 2) What exercise does Fit for Life focus on each Friday?
- 3) How many times does Hadi Alzawad pray each day?
- 4) Why is Towbey Kassa important to the women's lacrosse team?
- 5) What noise can be likened to a robot giving birth in an electrical storm?

Directions: The first reader to answer all five questions correctly will win a prize!

E-mail your answers to oakpostcontest@gmail.com with "Trivia Contest" in the subject line.

#### CORRECTIONS CORNER

• Last week's Local piece "Get your noodle on" incorrectly stated that guests would receive 25 percent off their meal. It was meant to read that if the customer mentioned the National Kidney Foundation, Noodles & Co. would donate 25 percent of their purchase to the foundation.

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# The lesser of two evils depends on your party



**Daud Yar**  
guest columnist

We all — at one time or another — have taken some time out of our busy schedules to sit down and watch television. Unfortunately, with great innovation comes unforeseen but inevitable side effects: mutants that are unwanted but creep to the surface. MSNBC and FOX NEWS are two of these mutants.

As much as both networks are complete opposites, one compliments the other like Batman and the Joker; Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort; Yin and Yang. Launched just 4 months apart from each other, these networks have niche characteristics that any viewer can associate with; conservative FOX is entertaining and comical while liberal MSNBC is boring and juvenile.

FOX knows how to popularize its agenda or pre-constructed narrative. People need to be told opinions — even with extensive blackboard use — no matter how factual or creative they are. This is something MSNBC fails to understand. Air America's demise is a good example. Never challenge people to think, tell them what to think. It is clear both strategies could better suit the public.

So who benefits from these two media mutants? Look no further than those that run our glorified country: Politicians. The lawmakers of our land reap the rewards from the labors of both these networks via live inter-

views. This platform allows any politician to articulate his or her position on current legislation while criticizing the other party. These tactics allow for audiences to favor a certain party over the other.

Politicians do help with extreme partisanship of both networks, but there is more than one way to skin a cat. There are two other kinds of broadcasting: opinion and news. What carries the most influence? Well lets find out ...

Most would think the pundits do most of the work, but this is not the case. Take Bill O'Reilly for example. O'Reilly has an audience of three million people on average over his 16 years on the air. He is, also, the most popular TV pundit to date. Three million is only 1 percent of the overall U.S. population. This means no one watches pundits. Even Rush Limbaugh only yells at 16 million or 5 percent. The pundits are the most politically fundamentalist group, but they are as influential as Keith Olbermann's rhetoric.

So the pundits are peanuts. That leaves the reporters. For those of you who attended journalism classes, you know news folk are strongly suggested to report without opinion and prejudice. Well it turns out both these networks should report unbiased, objective news, but they would rather make money. Every day both of these networks supply the hottest and most popular stories, and they are not afraid to skew the facts a smudge. It's like selling your soul for ratings.

Both networks may not be objective, but there are underlining tones in their reporting. FOX tends to report on stories that make us feel uncomfortable about

national security. The other FOX theme is simply "Yay America." Can you say Republican values?

MSNBC tends to report like Senate Democrats: What are we doing? Why are we here? Can we just think about this for a second? Fortunately amongst the confusion, the network sticks to the script with the help of Democrats willing to speak about Washington business.

Let us not forget about the selection of experts each network offers. Their opinion may look like news, but a simple click to the next network shows an equally wrinkled face spewing a different point of view about the same topic. Who's right? Well ... are you a Republican or Democrat? Either way, partisanship is the only product being offered.

This is the goal. It is much easier to influence a constituent than a centrist on any issue. Let's assume a Republican cheats on his wife. Conservatives will be more considerate and may forgive the politician for his actions even though the politician violated a core conservative belief. A liberal individual will be as sympathetic to Democrats who do not pay their taxes. And why does this happen? Because most individuals become very partisan as FOX NEWS and MSNBC fan the flames of their biases.

FOX NEWS and MSNBC are complete opposites, but they share a common objective apart from making a profit. The goal of their TV programming is to create a choice between good and evil; right and wrong; black and white with no other alternative. So next time when a news story reports on heroes and villains, do yourself a favor. Change the channel.



## POLL OF THE WEEK

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### LAST ISSUE'S RESULTS

total votes: 81

How do you feel about the newly passed health care bill?

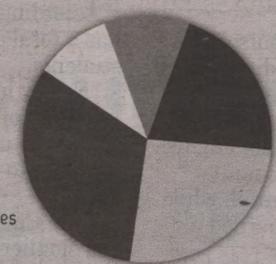
**A** I think it's awesome, and will have a positive influence on our country.  
17 votes > 21%

**B** I think it's a terrible piece of legislation, and will be detrimental to our country.  
21 votes > 26%

**C** It's a small step in the right direction, but more action needs to take place.  
26 votes > 32%

**D** This bill has been re-written so many times that I don't even know what's going on.  
8 votes > 10%

**E** I haven't decided yet - I'm going to wait and see what happens.  
9 votes > 11%



### CURRENT POLL

Do you think the OUSC voting snafu warrants a revote?  
See our editorial on page 4!

**A** Yes, I don't care if the 41 invalid votes make no difference in the outcome -- I still want each vote to count.

**B** No, because it's just going to be a waste of time.

**C** I don't really care. I didn't even vote the first time.

**D** Yes, but only if the numbers are close enough that it would make a difference.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There are at least a couple of reasons for skepticism about the AAUP's "no confidence" balloting:

- The AAUP leadership, hardly a neutral party to the ongoing fight, appears to have been solely responsible for counting the ballots, either electronically, by hand, or both.
- A snap (24-hour) poll like this one works to the advantage of those most agitated and/or aware of the process. Add that it was held on a Monday — when faculty are most likely to be distracted with the week's preparations — and one can expect significant bias to the outcome. It is pretty clear that the intent was to advantage the "true believers." Turnout was reportedly 48 percent.

In fairness, the AAUP's "no confidence" initiative has had the salutary effect of bringing the president back to earth regarding communication. That its architects could not bring themselves to declare victory at that point makes this look more like a jihad. The scorched-earth sextet at the heart of this darkness must retreat for now. They will bide their time and return sooner than the rest of us wish to resume hostilities. Meantime, the several external threats to the institution loom ever larger, even as OU moves forward. Shared governance is actually a two-way street, requiring all of us to match "I want mine!" and "We're watching you!" with "How can we help?"

Pat Piskulich  
Political Science

## OU, OCC launch partnership

*O2O program allows for cheaper undergraduate education*

By MIKE SANDULA  
Senior Reporter

Leaders of Oakland University and Oakland Community College gathered at OU's Meadow Brook Hall on Thursday morning to celebrate the announcement of Oakland 2 Oakland, a new concurrent enrollment program.

"This has been a long time coming, from my perspective," said Jacqueline Long, OU board of trustees chair and an alumna of both OU and OCC.

OU President Gary Russi and Provost Virinder Moudgil signed a celebratory agreement with OCC Chancellor Timothy Meyer and Martha Smydra, interim vice chancellor of academic and student affairs, making their partnership official.

"The O2O program will enable a more timely completion of the associate's degree and the bachelor's degree," Russi said.

The new program will go into effect starting with the winter 2011 semester.

The program offers joint admission to both schools through one application as well as coordinated financial aid and advising. Students would be concurrently enrolled in both OU and OCC.

"With one single admissions application, the students can take advantage of resources and course selection at the Oakland University campus and the five Oakland Community College campuses throughout this county," Russi said.

And because they would be "indistinguishable," Mary Beth Snyder, VP of student affairs and enrollment management, said students enrolled in O2O would be eligible to live in OU student housing.

"If the students want to live in our housing, this is now an affiliation agreement that would allow them to live in campus housing — subject to space," Snyder said.

In addition to housing services, all campus services offered to OU students would be available for O2O participants.

Scholarships would also be available. Moudgil said he anticipates that citizens of Oakland County would want to assist the program financially.

"There will be people who have



Photo courtesy of OU Communications  
Timothy Meyer, chancellor of OCC, OU President Gary Russi, Martha Smydra, interim vice chancellor of academic and student affairs for OCC, and senior vice president for academic affairs and Provost, Virinder K. Moudgil signed the celebratory agreement in the drawing room of Meadow Brook Hall.

resources who would like to support students ... because that makes the community more vibrant, it makes a great place to live and work in ... and it helps the economy," Moudgil said. "Also, we keep our young people in the state."

Current OU and OCC students and transfers with 32 or fewer credits, as well as those in their first year, are eligible. International students, those seeking a second degree and others are not eligible.

Freshmen students need a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher to enroll, while transfer students must have earned a minimum GPA of 2.5 to apply.

Students may not have completed more than 32 hours of university course work to qualify for the O2O program.

O2O mirrors the Macomb 2 Oakland program, which started in 2006 and currently enrolls 531 students.

"M2O was the first of its kind and it became a model partnership," Moudgil said. "Other schools in the state are doing this now, but not on this scale."

Cost per credit hour is substantially less at OCC — \$60.10 compared to \$292.75 in the lower division and \$319.75 in the upper division at OU — which may make students less apt to attend OU for a full four years.

"But what we lose, potentially, at the

freshman level, we'll make up at the junior, senior level," Snyder said.

And Snyder said students who enroll in the program "have every intention of graduating from Oakland University."

According to Meyer, OCC currently has a total enrollment of about 74,000 students.

"Nearly half of them have the clear intention of transferring. I'm very proud to say the majority of those who do transfer come to Oakland University," Meyer said.

Jane Choi, a sophomore, said she liked the smaller class size of OCC, adding that the teachers were "hands on." She transferred from OCC in winter 2009 and came to OU for its political science program.

Because she has over 32 credits at OU, she wouldn't be eligible for O2O, but said she'd have considered it were it around when she started college.

Snyder said the program should make school more "economically feasible" for families in the community.

Kristen Mishark, a junior studying finance, hasn't taken courses outside of OU, but said the program sounds appealing for that reason.

"It probably could have saved me more money and time," Mishark said.



Photo courtesy of OU Communications  
President Gary Russi and OCC Chancellor Timothy Meyer shake hands to formally begin the O2O partnership

Others at the presentation stressed the importance of education for Michigan's future.

"Regardless of how the state's vision is described, it is clear that the future is dependent on a more educated workforce," said Mary Otto, VP of OU's Outreach program. "And underlying that is the importance of increasing access and making it easier for students to persist to degree completion."

Despite the economy, enrollment has been up at both schools.

While OU had a 4.1 percent enrollment increase this year, Meyer said there's been "a major uptick" in enrollment at OCC.

"We're about 32 percent higher than we were five years ago," Meyer said. "We're only 100 students shy of our all-time enrollment."

Moudgil said the program should add to the OU student body population, which should mean less chance of a tuition increase.

There is also a partnership with St. Clair Community College in the works, which Snyder said should launch this fall with a signing in April.

"All the same benefits apply," she said.

To find out more about O2O, visit [www.oakland.edu/o2o](http://www.oakland.edu/o2o).

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Graham Health Center to offer free STD screening

OU's Graham Health Center is partnering with the Oakland County Health Department to join the national "Get Yourself Tested" campaign to educate young people about STDs, encourage routine STD screenings and connect young people to testing centers.

As part of a nationwide effort to spread the word about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases, they will be offering free STD screening. Testing will be offered to any students on campus from 4:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13 in Vandenberg Hall.

— Staff intern Jamie Gasper

## Adviser recognized for being 'outstanding'

Oakland University's Carmen Etienne received the 2009 winner of the outstanding academic adviser award is. Etienne is an adviser with the School of Engineering and Computer Science. The Office of the Provost sponsors the award; the award recognizes extraordinary mentoring relationships, development of strong leadership skills, contributions to creating new programs and high student satisfaction.

Etienne will receive an honorary plaque and a \$1,000 stipend for the award. She is eligible for consideration for a statewide advising award from the Michigan Academic Advising Association.

— Staff intern Jamie Gasper

## Academic minds to converge at U-M Flint

Meeting of the Minds Undergraduate Conference is an annual event held each year where students and faculty can showcase the results of student-faculty collaboration in research and creative activities.

MOM is a collaborative effort between the University of Michigan-Flint, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Oakland University. MOM was started in 1993, and has since become a goal for undergraduate students.

Students who present at MOM have the opportunity not only to share the results of their work, but also have the opportunity to become published in the annual Meet of the Minds Academic Journal.

This year's event will be held at the University of Michigan-Flint on Friday, May 14, 2010. The event is free, and open to all students. Students looking to participate can register online at [www.umflint.edu/research/MOM](http://www.umflint.edu/research/MOM).

— Staff intern Jamie Gasper

## Bear Bus to act as parking shuttle in fall

Members of the Oakland University Student Congress met with Vice President of Finance and Administration John Beaghan and Vice President of Students Affairs and Enrollment Mary Beth Snyder Tuesday, to present the final proposal for the Bear Bus shuttle program.

Kristin Dayag, current OUSC president, OUSC Vice President Saman Waquad and OUSC student services director Jarett Schlaff took part in the meeting.

The program is currently approved for a trial run extending from the first day of school in the fall until Thanksgiving break.

No changes have been made as of yet to the original proposal made to Beaghan by Schlaff and OUSC legislator Brett McIsaac.

The shuttle's stop locations still need to be approved by OUPD in order to address safety concerns. Based on student feedback, the route may be altered or even canceled after Thanksgiving break.

OUSC passed a resolution to provide resources and support the program during the upcoming trial run at its meeting Monday. The measure passed unanimously.

— Campus Editor Kay Nguyen

## Students for Concealed Carry on Campus to hold protest

Members of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus at Oakland University will wear empty gun holsters to protest "the illogical, senseless, and authoritarian laws and ordinances that have been put in place by the state and this university."

Members of the organization believe that policies against campus carry prevent students and faculty from protecting themselves on campus. It is part of a nationwide protest April 5-April 10.

Those with questions can contact Jeffrey Lamkin at [jlamkin@gmail.com](mailto:jlamkin@gmail.com) or 586-646-3083.

— Campus editor Kay Nguyen

## School of Business Administration continues internship program

The School of Business Administration and the Center for Integrated Business Research and Education will continue their summer internship program this year.

An information session will be held Tuesday, April 6, at 5 p.m. in the Elliott Hall Auditorium. For more information, visit [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com).

— Staff reporter Mike Espejo

# OUSC elections run into minor snags

By MIKE SANDULA  
Senior Reporter

The OUSC elections were off to a rough start this year. Online polls were slated to open Monday at midnight, but anyone who tried to access the website was met with an error.

Jean Szura, assistant director of student activities and leadership development, said redirects were down but IT was able to fix that problem Monday morning.

Once the site was up and running, other errors became apparent. In addition to typos, the Cameron Schea/Mike Diedrich ticket was listed incorrectly and there wasn't a yes/no option for the proposal question about club sports.

Bill Hamilton, elections commission

chair, said 41 votes were cast before those errors were addressed. He said their candidate votes would still be valid, but if they answered the proposal question, it couldn't be counted.

Because a valid OU e-mail address is required for voting, Hamilton said the administration could contact those students for a revote, but he and Szura said it's unlikely that would be necessary.

"From what I hear there's been a lot of support for the proposal so I doubt that would come into play," Szura said.

Candidates are allowed to campaign in designated areas. Monday and Tuesday, candidates running for executive positions passed out fliers at campaign tables in the Oakland Center hallway. They also had laptops setup and encouraged students to vote.

Hamilton said those tables are not sanctioned by the elections commission.

The lone official polling station is in Room 128 in the OC.

"This is the polling station and it is thriving as you can see," Hamilton said jokingly.

At Monday's OUSC meeting, a student complained that she was "harassed" while voting in the food court.

She said people watched and made comments as she voted.

Voting at campaign tables is allowed because the process is done online.

"Any vote from any computer counts," Szura said.

Hamilton said that, to his knowledge, no campaigning rules had been broken and that no grievances have been filed. To file a grievance, students need to cite

a specific policy and need to have a witness, Hamilton said.

"I wouldn't have thought it would've gotten this intense," Hamilton said, adding that he's glad that it has because it shows how "passionate" the candidates are. "Sometimes competition gets crazy."

Szura said overall the elections have gone smoothly and hopes the rough start doesn't deter people from voting.

"As OUSC adviser I want to see people vote," Szura said.

She said she's also happy to listen to complaints anyone has about the elections process.

"We're always welcoming feedback on what should be changed," Szura said.

Voting will continue online only at [www.oakland.edu/voteou](http://www.oakland.edu/voteou). Polls close Wednesday at 11:59 p.m.

# GSA presents drag show

By KAY NGUYEN  
Campus Editor

Sexy bartenders, renditions of Rihanna songs and plenty of tiaras are just some of the things one can expect to see at the seventh annual Gay Straight Alliance drag show.

This year's drag show theme of "fantasy and fairytales" will be presented Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the banquet rooms of the Oakland Center.

The event is free and open to all OU students.

Alexa Van Vliet, the president-elect of the GSA said that this year's show will have "better decorations" since many volunteers last year were "grabbed at the last minute."

The banquet rooms will be outfitted with dragon and fairy centerpieces as well as a giant paper castle.

Drag queen DeAngela Show Shannon of PowerDiva Productions will be performing once again in this year's show. Her crew is also featured in the show.

She has over 17 years of performing experience.

In addition to DeAngela, drag performers Sabin, Diva, Crystal Harding, Innocente, Sydney Charles and Tori Lynn will also be lending their talents.

"The performers do interact a lot with the audience," said Van Vliet. "It's a lot of fun."

An intermission show will also take place.

OU dance group Xpressiv B.T.Z is set to perform their signature mixture of dance, step and stomp.

Student and founder of Harmonic Hoops Olivia Pizzo will also be performing a hula hoop routine.

Both of the intermission performers donated their time and services.

The event was made possible with the usage of the GSA's Student Activities Funding Board money.

Other sponsors of the event are the Women's Issues Forum, China Association, Japan Club, and International Allies.

Van Vliet credits Kirsten Hansen for her work as a liaison between GSA and other organizations.

A member of the GSA and a volunteer in the Gender and Sexuality Center, Hansen has been working along with 12 other volunteers to make the show a success.

She said that a common misconception is that attendees must dress in drag.

"It's free and anyone can attend," said Hansen. "You do not



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GSA's drag show will feature performer DeAngela Show Shannon again.

have to dress in drag to go."

Hansen said that she has witnessed disapproval from those that may be uncomfortable with the show's content firsthand.

"People will take things down," said Hansen. "I've seen people put things right over (the fliers)."

She remains optimistic about the turnout. The event brought in about 200 audience members last year.

Hansen and Van Vliet encourage students to go and note that many international students plan on attending this year because of International Allies' sponsorship.

"I think it will be a good experience for anyone and broaden their horizons," said Hansen. "(People) should come even if they think it is weird."

Van Vliet said that the GSA is still looking for volunteers for the event. Volunteers will either be sexy bartenders serving non-alcoholic cocktails or fairytale princes or princesses.

"The bartenders were a hit last year," said Van Vliet. "The more, the merrier with volunteers."

Those interested in volunteering can e-mail volunteer coordinator James Bialk at [jabialk@oakland.edu](mailto:jabialk@oakland.edu) or stop by the GSC.

# Relay for Life raises over \$20K

By DAUD YAR  
Contributing Reporter

The American Cancer Society hosted the 6th annual Oakland University Relay for Life fundraiser last Friday at the Rec Center.

The event featured over 20 teams of students accepting donations in exchange for various goods or services like brownies, necklaces, popcorn as other team members walked around the gym.

Relay for Life is the largest fundraiser offered by the ACS. This year, OU raised \$20,160 dollars during the 12-hour. Over 320 students participated in the event.

"The different social organizations, fraternities, sororities, academic organizations make this event," said Kerri Dhyse, associate director of ACS. "This has been one of the best events I have seen on campus with the amount of participation."

More than 15 student organizations were represented at the event.

Relay for Life began in 1985 as Dr. Gordy Klatt circled a track for 24 hours without rest. Since then, 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities around the U.S. have taken part in Relay for Life.

Every year a theme is set for the fundraiser. This year's theme was "superheroes." Teams dressed and modeled their activities after a chosen superhero.

The Pre-Dental Society wore Power Ranger costumes. Renee Szeliga, a senior majoring in nursing, was the team captain of the Student Nurses Association whose theme was "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

"We did our best to make our corner look like a sewer," said Szeliga.

SNA contributed over \$7,000 dollars last year at Relay for Life.

The event may have been sponsored by ACS, but a volunteer student committee assisted the non-profit group. Chris Dahmen, the president of the OU chapter of Colleges Against Cancer, worked with Dhyse this year to make the event a success.

A volunteer committee of students organized the various organizations.

"The most difficult part is getting more students involved," said Dahmen.

Donations to the ACS can still be made by at [www.RelayForLife.org/oaklandumi](http://www.RelayForLife.org/oaklandumi)

# Workshop to combat 'senioritis'

By JAKE THIELEN  
Contributing Reporter

On Thursday, April 1, Oakland University's Center for Student Activities, Student Congress and Pi Sigma Alpha fraternity will be sponsoring a workshop designed to help motivate students for the last few weeks of the semester.

"It's going to be kind of like an all-day event of motivating and taking care of yourself," said the CSA's Janelle Arbuckle, one of the event's organizers.

The first part of the event that is open to all students will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

"If you're an underclassman, we really just kind of want to keep you motivated," Arbuckle said. "The sun starts shining and it gets warmer out and it's just a lot harder to focus. It's really hard not to think of summer."

The second session, the Senior Send Off dinner, will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Banquet Room A.

This session is open to seniors only, and space is limited to the first 150 students who sign up at the CSA office in the Oakland Center.

"Anybody who's at senior status, doesn't matter if you're graduating next year, or two years from now, everyone

needs a little bit of motivation, especially seniors graduating May 1," Arbuckle said. "That's really what we want to do is just give everybody that extra push just to finish off really strong."

According to Arbuckle, both sessions will feature renowned motivational speaker Michael Miller.

Miller's website describes his method of motivating people as a mixture of humor and passion.

"He was talking with us today and we can tell he's already going to be goofy," Arbuckle said. "He's definitely going to whip us all into shape is what he said."

Both sessions are free to students. Free food will be provided.

# Senior class to donate life-size statue

By JAMIE GASPER  
Staff Intern

Matilda Wilson, also known as the founding mother of Oakland University, may soon be commemorated with a statue.

Alongside the Dodge brothers, Wilson was one of the driving forces in the creation of Oakland University.

The senior class gift committee of 2010 would like to help educate future students with the addition of a statue in her honor.

"A lot of Oakland students don't know the rich history that our University has and we hope that the Matilda Wilson statue will help educate students on how generous our founding mother was," said Kayla Jones, chair of the senior class gift committee.

The class of 2010 would like to give the gift of a down payment on a life-size bronze statue of Matilda Wilson.

This project is a multi-year campaign that will take approximately five years to complete.

Future classes will have the responsibility of paying off the statue.

This is the first time in university history that the senior class will be giving back to the university as a whole, according to Jones and the senior class gift committee.

Despite past failed efforts, Jones believes that the class of 2010 is determined to leave their mark.

"The senior class gift committee had other ideas for the money raised: scholarships, solar panels, etc., but



Photo courtesy of OU Communications  
Matilda Dodge Wilson donated land and \$2 million in 1957 to establish Oakland University.

we wanted to support a project that would benefit the entire student body and not just one or two students," said Jones.

The class is asking each student to donate \$20.10 — due to the fact that they are the class of 2010.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made at the official OU gift donation website [www.oakland.edu/give](http://www.oakland.edu/give).

Students just need to note that it is intended for the "Class of 2010 Senior Class Gift." Donations can be made in person at the tabling events as well.

The estimated goal is to have 125 of the 1,700 students with senior standing to donate to the project.

Jones and the rest of her committee also believe that the statue will instill a greater sense of school pride.

Senior secondary education history major Liz Kondrat believes that other avenues should have been explored.

"I don't have the money to donate to a statue," she said. "(The class gift) is a good idea, but they should do more to promote it."

Kondrat said she was unaware of the gift and committee until it was too late.

"So many other universities have statues or their presidents and founders and we would like to carry on that tradition here at OU," said Jones.

Students who donate will have their names printed in the OU Magazine as a special gift donor and there will be a plaque on the statue that indicates the project was "launched by the Class of 2010."

"We are also encouraging members of the student body who have a friend or loved one graduating, to give in their honor — there is a spot online and on the giving envelopes to give in honor or memory of someone," said Jones.

The project will end April 18. For more information, the project representatives will be tabling in the Oakland Center Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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**Stolen backpack:** March 22 an officer met with a male student about a larceny from a building report. The student said that he left his backpack at the cafeteria after eating lunch that day. The student went back to his room and did not realize until 20 minutes later that he did not have his backpack. When the student returned to the cafeteria, his backpack was gone. The student checked the lost and found for the backpack with no results.

**Stolen placard:** March 22 a faculty member reported that the name placard from his office door had been removed. In the spot where the placard was, someone had written a name in pencil. An officer examined the office door and noticed some very small pry marks where one end of the placard was. The faculty member said he hasn't had any problems with his students or his fellow faculty members. The scene was cleared without further incident.

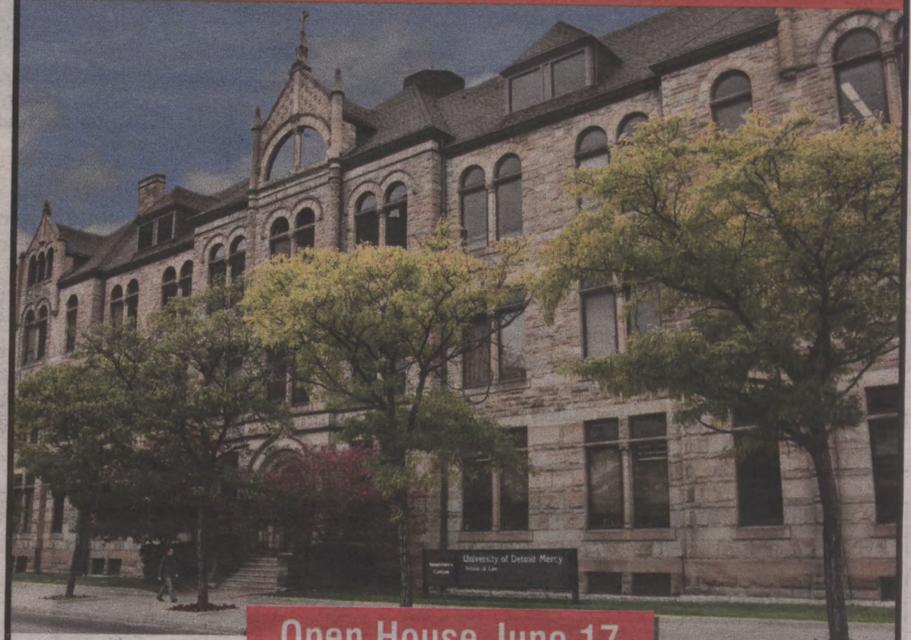
**Domestic abuse:** March 24 a student called the OUPD twice about a guest at her house refusing to leave. When officers met with the student, she told them that her boyfriend of over a year left her apartment but still lived in the area. The student had tears running down her face and was shaking. Officers observed the apartment to be disheveled. The woman said she had been in the shower and when she got out, her boyfriend called and asked if he had left his ID on her couch. When the student went downstairs to check the couch, her boyfriend was at the front door. He went into the student's room and got her computer. When she tried to stop him, he pushed the student into the bathroom and held the door shut. After not being able to get into her computer, he let her out of the bathroom. The boyfriend then took her phone and pushed her down when she tried to get it back. The student became very scared and called 911. When meeting with officers, the student told them that her boyfriend has hit her before but she doesn't want him to get in trouble because he is a great guy. She told OUPD that she just called them to get her phone back. The student was given OUPD's victim rights and a counseling information sheet. The case was submitted to the prosecutor's office but has been denied, according to Lt. Mel Gilroy.

**Hand crushed by gym equipment:** March 26 two officers were dispatched to the lower level of the recreation Center for an individual having trouble breathing. Upon arrival, officers saw staff members attending to a female student lying on the floor. The student was going in and out of consciousness and screaming about pain in her left hand. The student's hand was wrapped in a towel with ice resting on top of it. The student had crushed her hand in a piece of equipment while working out. She went to the main desk to ask for help where she lost consciousness. The student had been bleeding and left a trail of blood from the workout area to the main desk. The staff had stopped the bleeding by the time officers arrived. The Auburn Hills Fire Department arrived on scene and treated the student. She was transported to Troy Beaumont Hospital.

— Compiled by staff reporter Gabi Jaye from OUPD's media logs



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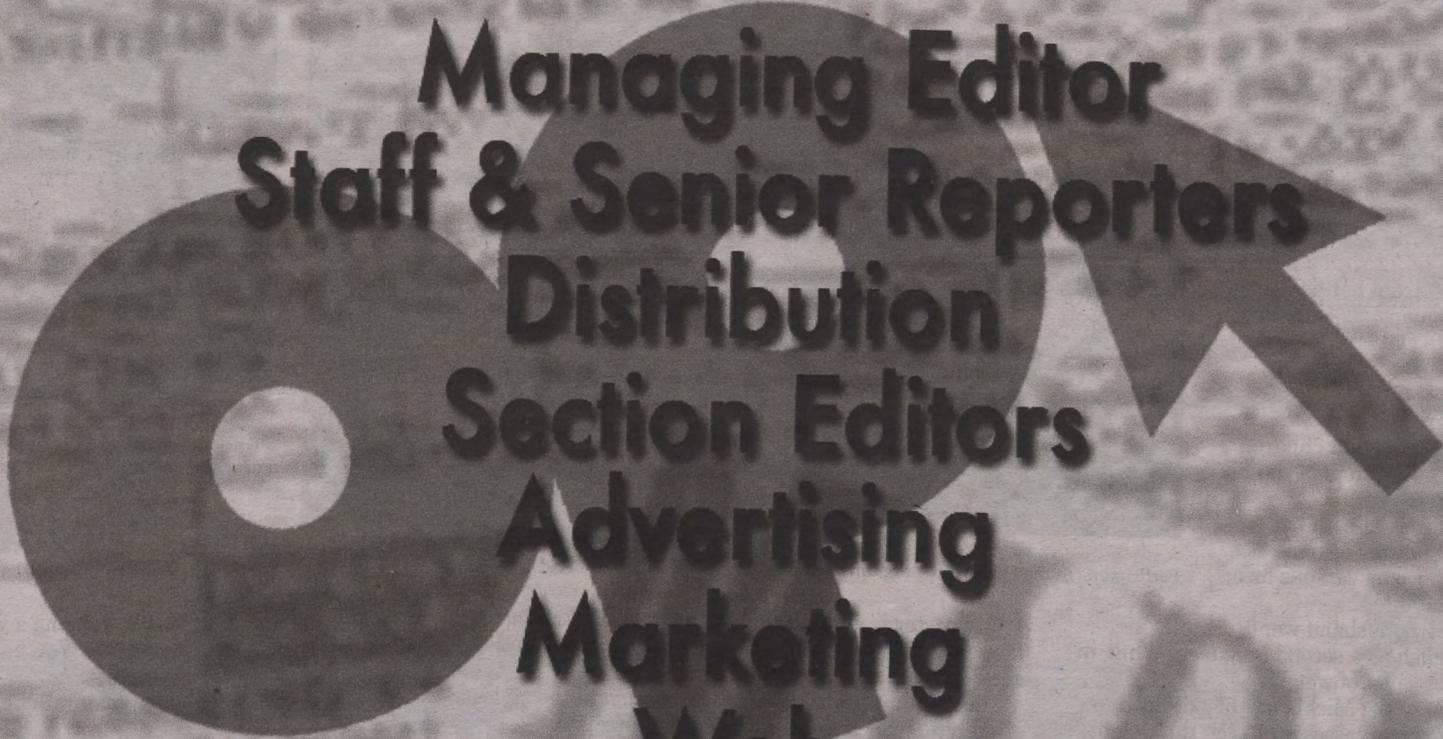
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# Senior citizens stay in shape

By JENNY GOLE  
Contributing Reporter

"Move it or lose it."

Those were the words of Fran King, one of many fitness students who participate in a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning program at 9 am. in the Oakland University Recreation Center called Fit For Life.

Those words ring true for many of the students in this program, especially since none of them are younger than 70.

Fit For Life has in one form or another been operating for almost 20 years.

Some of its members have been part of OU's community for even longer.

King, who will be 80 in November, graduated from OU in '72 with a degree in psychology. She started her degree at the age of 38 after having six children; the youngest went to Oakland's nursing school while King worked toward her degree.

It only took her five years to earn her degree, even while raising her children.

King is not the only member of the Fit For Life group with ties to OU.

Gerry Coon, 78, received both her undergraduate and master degrees at OU and then took a job on campus as an administrative assistant.

In 1988, she and her husband went to China to teach English as a second language. While in China, they each lost a lot of weight.

Upon their return to the Michigan, they decided to seriously attend exercise classes and keep the weight off.

This sparked their interest in OU's exercise program which was at the time called 60+ and operated at the Meadowbrook Health Enhancement Institute. In 2003, the program transferred to the Recreation Center under the name Fit For Life.

At the Health Enhancement, Coon explained, she and the other students had felt very special.

"It was like our own private health club," she said.

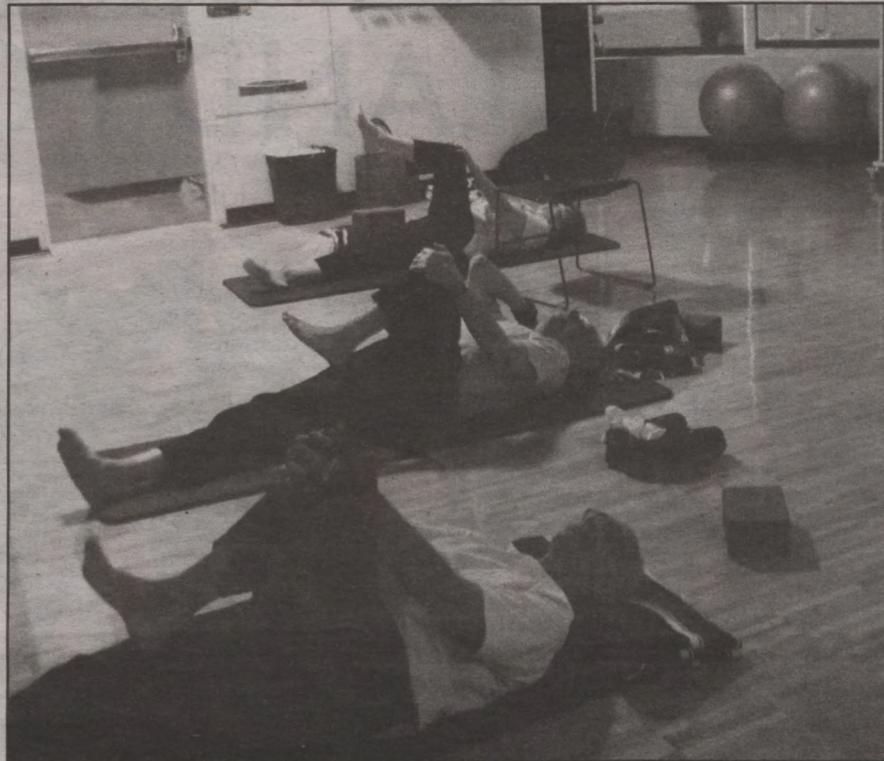
The students' classes were taught by mastery level students and overseen by a physician. The students had yearly stress tests and physicals as well.

The move to the Rec was bittersweet for many, who like Coon, had participated in the Health Enhancement's program practically since its conception.

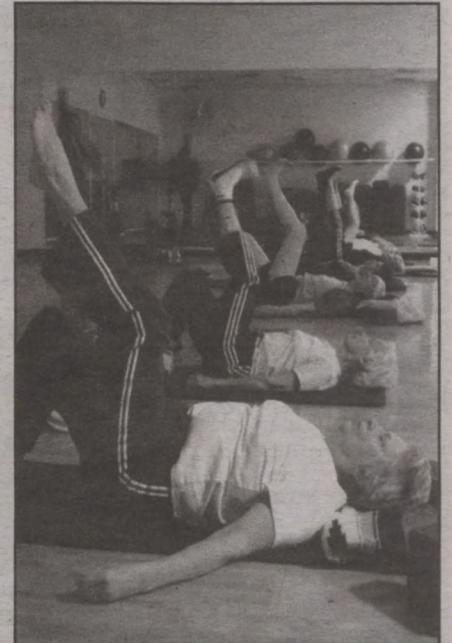
"I loved it," Phyllis Roberts, 83, said of the Health Enhancement program.

Now the participants are pleased with the facilities. Some, like Elaine Larsen, who has only been with the program for about six months, enjoy the lighter, more youthful atmosphere.

Larsen, 74, who has had one hip replacement and survived breast cancer, was expected by her doctor to need the other hip replaced as well.



Participants in the Fit for Life program meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.



JENNY GOLE/The Oakland Post  
Participants work to maintain an active lifestyle, even after age 70.

JENNY GOLE/The Oakland Post

"My doctor is amazed that it hasn't needed replacing," Larsen said, attributing her health to the exercise that she does both with FFL and on her own.

The Rec also provides greater variation in the styles of exercise, which the students can appreciate.

Mondays are cardio focused with aerobics and Tai-Chi. Wednesdays concentrate on strength and stretching. Fridays are Yoga centered, focusing on balance, overall strength and flexibility.

Health sciences lecturer Julie Proctor said the seniors are a dedicated bunch and their fitness is inspiring to those around them.

"I like to thank them. They're so inspiring for me to keep active," Proctor said. "They roll with the punches. They like the changing of teachers and class styles, like trying new things, exploring. They're not so set in their ways that they won't learn something new. They love life and are willing to explore."

Proctor, who is employed by the Graham Health Center, teaches the Wednesday morning class.

According to Mila Padgett, assistant director of Campus Recreation programs, fitness can begin at any age.

"If it's something you want to do, it's never too late," Padgett said.

Many of the seniors involved in FFL have made it a goal to stay fit and active since they were middle-aged or before.

"Both my husband and I were determined to live an

active lifestyle," said King, who lost her husband almost two years ago.

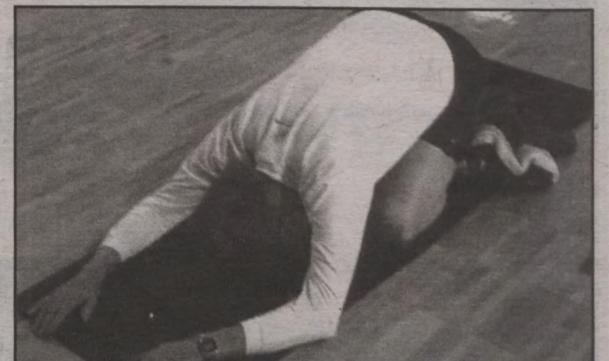
In spite of his passing, she has remained active.

"Being a widow isn't easy, but being a widow who has purpose in life, that's no problem. You have to make life," she said.

Coon has also managed to maintain her goal of staying fit and active.

"I feel more fit than my children," she said.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine's Physical Activity and Public Health Guidelines, found on [acsm.org](http://acsm.org), walking for five days a week for just 30 minutes a day, enough to sweat and raise one's heart rate, helps lower the risks of chronic-disease related to inactivity.



JENNY GOLE/The Oakland Post  
One of the Fit for Life participants practices yoga in child's pose.

# OU student hops into bunny suit

By COURTNEY UMBRAS  
Staff Intern

For 30 hours a week since March 10, Oakland University junior Logan Heivilin works in a bunny costume.

Heivilin works as one of the Easter bunnies at Great Lakes Crossing.

The suit stands about eight feet tall, including the ears. The job of the Easter bunny includes waving to children, interacting with them and posing for pictures.

Heivilin said it's not exactly a dream job, and it's certainly not permanent, but it does pay and there are some perks.

"It's not a bad job," said Heivilin. "It pays minimum wage and it's really easy. I only have to wave to little kids and take pictures with them all day."

He said the worst thing about being the Easter bunny is the heat.

"With all the people in the mall and me constantly moving around, it gets to be really hot in there," Heivilin said. "The more people in the mall, the more body heat, and I definitely notice the difference between weekdays and weekends."

During the week, it's about half as

busy as it is on the weekend.

"The Friday and Saturday before Easter is expected to be three times as busy as any other weekend," said Heivilin. "Luckily I only work the morning and afternoon that Friday and not Saturday too. Saturday is going to be crazy."

Heivilin was able to get the job because he knew someone who was in charge of hiring for the set. There wasn't any formal training involved.

"I went to a meeting for maybe two hours and they went over everything," said Heivilin. "They talked about how to act and react if a kid cried or screamed, things like that."

Even though it's a pretty easy job, the kids don't always cooperate.

"It's fun to see that all the kids are happy when they see me, even though to them I'm an Easter bunny," said Heivilin. "It's not fun when some of them scream though. Some of those little kids have ridiculous lungs."

Heivilin's also experienced a few extraordinarily rude people.

"I've had two younger kids flip me off

for no reason," he said. "Another guy walked up to me and said, 'What some people do for money.' I thought that was totally out of line. I wanted to tackle him. I was ready to make news headlines the next day: Easter bunny attacks."

Besides those couple of incidents, Heivilin has had good experiences.

"I haven't gotten puked on or peed on, and others that are in the bunny suit have, so I consider myself lucky."

Heivilin also sees being around the little kids as good practice.

"I hold a lot of little kids, varying from weeks old to a year old," Heivilin said. "I'm going to be a father in a couple of weeks myself, so being around little kids for so many hours each day gives me some insight about what to expect from my own little guy."

The mall hires four different people to rotate in the bunny suit.

Easter bunny hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday.

The display will be up until Saturday, April 3 in the food court portion of Great Lakes Crossing.



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OU junior Logan Heivilin works at Great Lakes Crossing as the Easter bunny until April 3.

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"Pretty much every time my cousin drinks, he drinks to the point of blacking out, which I feel is means for medical attention."  
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"We had all been drinking but one friend took two bars of Xanax and started twitching while speaking and convulsing so we called 911." — freshman communications student, 18

"A lot of people would rather die than get in trouble with an MIP."

"I always tell them to sleep face down so they don't choke on their own vomit and die," responded a senior journalism major in one of two surveys on alcohol use, conducted by The Oakland Post and Oakland University's journalism department.

The question was whether they knew somebody who consumed enough drugs or alcohol to need medical attention. The senior journalism major is not alone; 43 percent of 180 students polled have been in this situation. Of those, 32.5 percent said that the threat of legal repercussions have kept them from seeking medical help, whether it was ultimately needed or not.

Out of more than 300 students questioned in another campus poll, 60 percent said they think there should be amnesty for minors who seek medical treatment for themselves or somebody else. A bill is currently sitting in the Michigan Senate that would do just that (see sidebar in bottle).

While it's a serious issue taken up by the state legislature, the Oakland University Police Department says it's not a prevalent one on campus. The OUPD reported that in 2008, there were 66 alcohol violations, with 57 of them taking place in the residence halls. Lt. Mel Gilroy said the numbers have come down a bit for 2009.

Gilroy said a lot of violations are from freshmen during the first month of school and a lot of the incidents occur within a small group of people in residence halls.

"We don't even see one violation a year that requires transport to the hospital," Gilroy said. But that may have to do with a lack of reporting incidents, as suggested by the poll data. Underage

drinkers who were polled and who live on campus were more than twice as likely to avoid seeking medical attention for fear of legal repercussions than somebody who is of age and lives on campus.

Almost 30 percent of those polled said they "drink to get drunk" one to two times a month, and over 20 percent do it one to two times per week.

A majority of those asked felt that amnesty would encourage minors to seek help when needed.

"A lot of people would rather die than get in trouble with a MIP," said freshman Kathleen Caoagas.

Some have come close. Freshman Victor Lord said somebody he knew almost died of alcohol poisoning on two separate occasions. The student combined prescription medication and alcohol during both instances and passed out at a party.

"We didn't call 911 because we were afraid of getting a MIP," Lord said.

**42.8%**

Percent of students that have felt like themselves or a friend consumed enough alcohol/drugs that medical attention was needed.

**22.1%**

Percent of students who said the threat of legal repercussions have kept them from seeking medical help for themselves or a friend, whether it was ultimately needed or not.

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Currently sitting idle in a Michigan committee is a bill that could allow minors in possession of a prescription to voluntarily turn themselves in for treatment. Normally, it's a misdemeanor. The bill would also allow a peace officer or service personnel or who a minor in possession to a hospital treatment or observation.

This bill would contradict Oakland University Police Department's current policy that also makes it a misdemeanor for anybody, even those of legal age, to be noticeably intoxicated causing a disturbance.

Despite popular belief, OU does not allow of-age consumption in private university facilities, in private homes on campus and at university events on campus. Such events would have been approved by President Russi. The Oakland Center for Liquor License.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy said the bill would adhere to the provisions of the law.

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"I usually will not drink and drive. I have a couple times, but I usually just drink water, spray cologne, and chew gum before I drive. I haven't been caught yet, but I use it only in emergency situations." — freshman psychology student.

"My friend starting puking after he hit a joint, I guess he was allergic. But was I gonna risk a night in the pen and a bitchin' at from my parents? Hell No!" — freshman biology student, 18

"She got mouth-to-mouth and began breathing again. She went to a psychiatrist for one and a half years for self confidence issues."

However, 40 percent of students polled said that minors should not receive amnesty no matter what the situation. For various reasons such as knowledge of the law, learning a lesson or encouraging bad behavior, these students believe violators of the law should not be let off the hook.

"You're breaking the law," freshman Dan Rochon said. "It's like when there's a murder case and people plead insanity. That's not an excuse. You still did the crime so you got to do the time."

Freshman pre-physical therapy major Anna Forcier points out that amnesty could let too many people off the hook.

"It would be easy for everyone to say they needed (medical) help," she said.

Other students press the debate that there cannot be a black and white answer to

the question of whether a minor should receive an MIP for breaking the law.

"I don't think people who are voluntarily seeking help should get a MIP," said senior nursing student Austin Sylver. "But to be honest, my friend had multiple MIPs before he even considered going to rehab."

Sophomore Lauren Deporre has personally seen the effects that substance abuse can have on a family member and is therefore conflicted about a sure answer. When her relative was 18 years old, he struggled with alcoholism.

Deporre's family member would not take the advice of his parents to enter a rehab program, but other family members were able to get through to him.

"The cousins had an intervention because my family is really tight-knit," Deporre said. "He went to rehab. Now he has his master's degree in business and is getting married. It's a happy ending."

Although she supports amnesty, Deporre suggested that some sort of medical treatment has to be enforced to fix the problem.

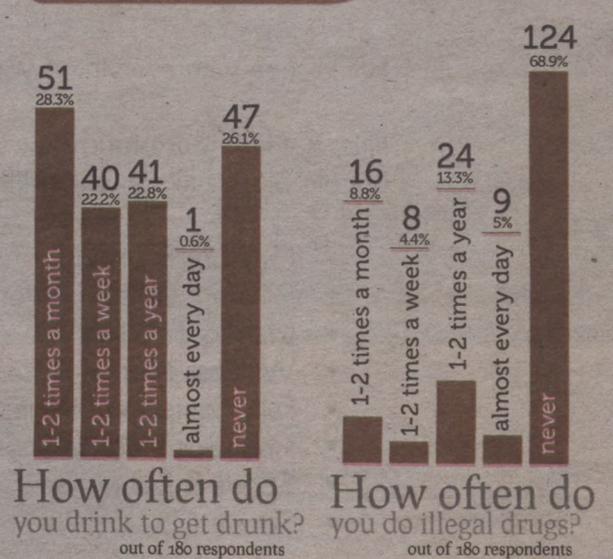
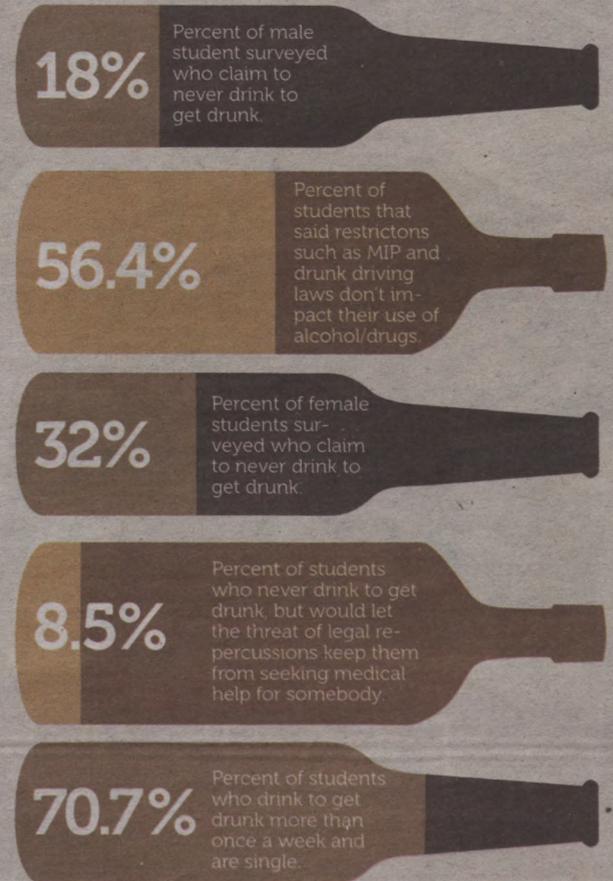
"It shouldn't be a get out of jail free card," she said.

The Graham Health Center is available to provide assistance for people with substance abuse, from their comprehensive substance abuse prevention program to individual counseling. For more information visit [www.oakland.edu/GHC/](http://www.oakland.edu/GHC/) or call 248-370-2341.

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# the results

181 students responded to an anonymous online poll administered by OU journalism students.



**62.5%** Percent of students who said the threat of legal repercussions kept them from seeking medical help that are underage.

**35%** Percent of underage students who said the threat of legal repercussions kept them from seeking medical help live on campus.

by Gabi Jaye & J. Miller  
Jason Willis  
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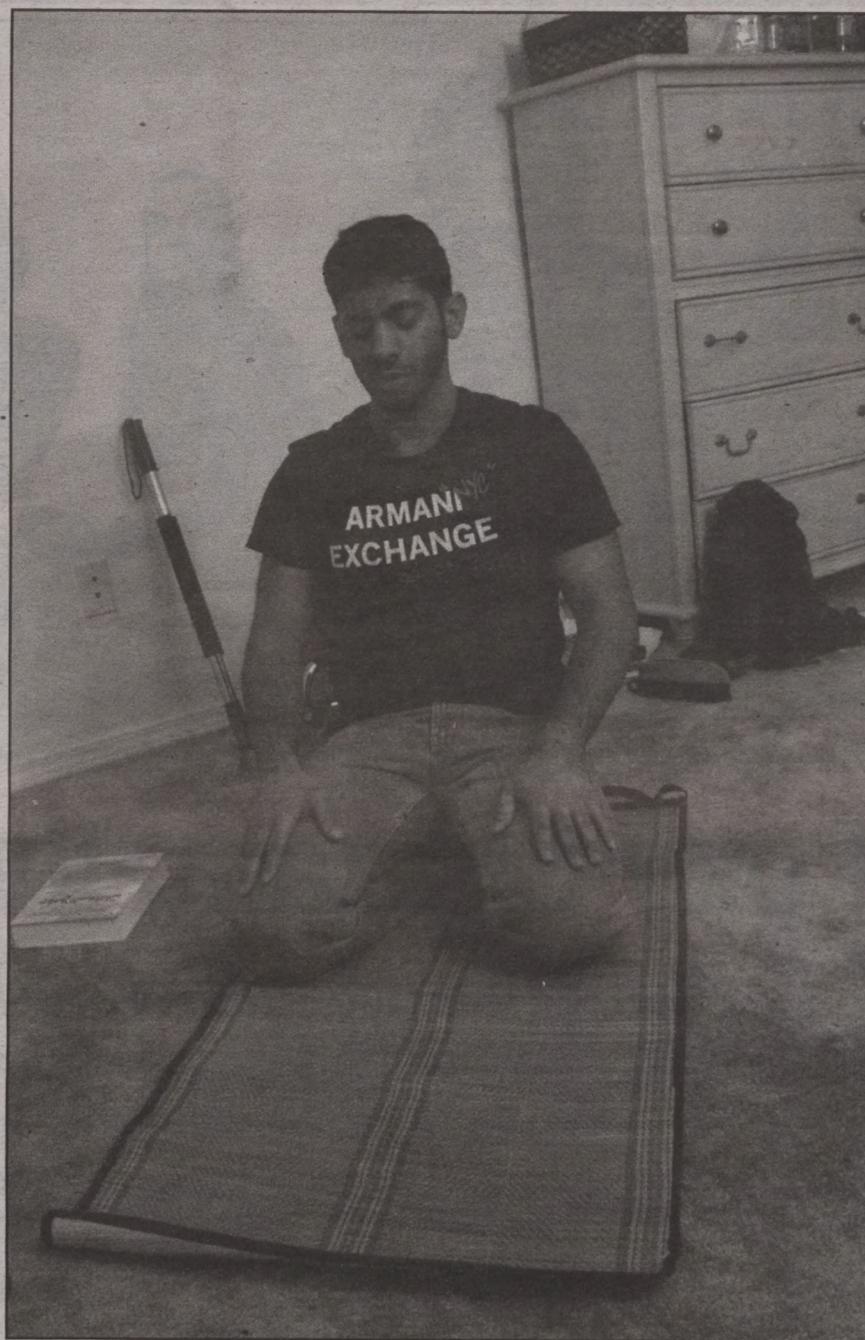
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When he prostrates for the first time, it's as if he was in the beginning; nothing, according to a book.



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Above: When he rises, he is born. When he bows again, it is like his eventual death. When he rises the second time, it is as if he is resurrected, like he will be resurrected by God on Judgement Day.

# The way Muslims PRAY:

A photo series on various religions' prayer practices

By MAS RAHMAN  
Contributing Reporter

Oakland University has a diverse population, in terms of race and religion. Many Muslim students attend, and Hadi Alzawad, a 26-year-old electrical engineering major from Saudi Arabia, is one of them.

Followers of Islam are required to perform five prayers every day. The time of the prayers varies, according to the position of the sun. The first prayer is at sunrise, the second when the sun is highest, the third in late afternoon, the fourth at sunset and the last at night.

Before praying, Alzawad washes his hands, feet and face, because he must be clean before praying.

He can pray anywhere, even on the carpet, but he prefers to pray on top of a prayer mat. He stands upright on the mat, says "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great," and raises his hands, to indicate "you leave all the world behind you and you forget" about everything but God, or Allah.

He internally recites the first chapter of the Islamic holy book Koran, and then any other excerpt in Arabic. He bends down and clasps his knees, to say "from God's strength, I rise."

He bows down in all fours, then sits

down. This is called prostration, placing the body in a reverential position as an act of submission to Allah.

This cycle of actions completes a "rakah." Each prayer has different numbers of rakahs. The morning prayer has two rakahs.

After the second rakah, Alzawad stays seated instead of standing up. He recites a prayer.

After, he looks to his right shoulder, says "Allahu Akbar," looks to his left, says "Allahu Akbar." Doing this, he is looking at the angels on his shoulders, like the ones Muslims believe are over everyone's shoulder. The right one keeps track of the person's good deeds, and the left one keeps track of the person's bad deeds. On Judgement Day, when God resurrects everyone after ending the world, these angels will tally up the deeds, and based on this, God will decide who will go to Hell and Heaven.

The ritual is over. Alzawad puts his hands in front of him to say a personal prayer about doing good on exams, his parent's welfare, etc.

"For the good things they do, give them reward. For the bad things, give them forgiveness."



Left: Most practicing Muslims pray five times a day. Any prayers they cannot perform at the time recommended, they can make up another time. Unlike most, Alzawad does his five prayers at three times. He does his dawn prayer by itself, then his noon and afternoon prayer at the same time, and his dusk and night prayer at the same time.

# The Scene

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Foxy Shazam's new self-titled album will be released April 13. They recently played the South by Southwest Music festival in Austin and are currently on tour with The Young Veins and Bad Rabbits.

## Foxy Shazam, the new glam band

*Five guys spin a new take on rock roots at the Eagle Theater April 8*

By **AMANDA MEADE**  
Assistant Ads Manager

Evel Knievel jumped over buses and canyons on his motorcycle. Foxy Shazam's glam front man Eric Nally swings from venue ceilings and other random stage accessories and eats cigarettes while the keyboardist, Sky White, dances on top of his keys when the band performs live.

In a short biography of the band they were referred to as the "Self-proclaimed Evel Knievel of Rock 'n' Roll." Nally said he wasn't sure who "self-proclaimed" them with this title, but that at times he felt scared for his life on stage and said he had done things he wished he hadn't — although he also said he enjoyed there being a little bit of danger involved.

"I'm sure Evel Knievel felt the same way at times when he was flying through the air over 30 million buses on fire with kids inside," Nally said.

Foxy Shazam — which was acquired from a slang term heard often at Nally's high school that meant "cool shoes" — has been said to have a unique stage presence, from the way the band mem-

bers interact with one another to Nally's talent for consuming lit cigarettes. He will light several cigarettes in his mouth at the same time, and then eat them — fully lit and all. The singer, who actually doesn't smoke, said he does the stunt merely for attention.

"I've stuffed a whole pack in my mouth, and it sucked," Nally said, also expressing a taste for Camels, which "taste pretty good."

### On tour

Foxy Shazam is currently on a headlining tour with The Young Veins (ex Panic! at the Disco) and Bad Rabbits, and will be stopping in Pontiac at The Eagle Theater on April 8.

Nally said one aspect of going on tour he was most looking forward to was the better weather. The band is from Cincinnati, and when The Oakland Post talked to the front man, he said the weather in Ohio was still rainy and dreary and not yet warm.

"We're down in Georgia right now, it's just beautiful outside so I'm in such a good mood and it just helps for the shows," Nally said.

The band has toured in the past with acts like The Fall of Troy, Senses Fail and Dance Gavin Dance, however Nally said he doesn't feel as though Foxy Shazam fits into any specific category of music.

"If we're playing with a heavier band we'll play our songs a little heavier, if we're playing with a lighter band or a dance band we'll play our songs a little dancier, we can adapt very well," Nally said.

Nally expressed a "striving for excellence" kind of mentality, and it was obvious how important it is for the band to want to be unique and unlike all the rest.

"If there was one thing that I was hoping fans took away from our show is that we're a completely unique band and we're unlike anyone else in the whole world," Nally said.

### Unstoppable

Foxy Shazam's new self-titled album will be released April 13. Nally said he feels as though it is his greatest accomplishment to date, and that it could be the force that propels the band further.

"In my heart I'm 100 percent satisfied with (the album). Every song on it just does something for me," Nally said. "Every time I listen to it I get goose bumps and I feel like crying because I'm so proud."

A track from the upcoming album, "Unstoppable," was featured in Super Bowl XLIV. The band also streamed their entire new album on [chatroulette.com](http://chatroulette.com), the first band in history to do so, said Nally.

Foxy Shazam has also released a video for "Oh, Lord" featuring an animated version of Nally and some choreographed dance moves.

Nally said he felt this new album, which is the band's third full-length recording and the first release on a major label, was a step forward in the direction of making the band bigger.

"It's our ultimate goal as a band to be the biggest band in the world and go down in history doing what we do," Nally said. "And I know we're a long way from that goal but we're never going to give up until we get there."

To hear Foxy Shazam check out [myspace.com/foxyshazam](http://myspace.com/foxyshazam).

# Ben & Baumbach, awkward and adult

By KYLE PHANEUF  
Contributing Reporter

MOVIE REVIEW

Ben Stiller grew his hair out again, Chaz Tenenbaum-style, and that is something to be excited about. As the son of titular patriarch Royal Tenenbaum in Wes Anderson's 2001 magnum opus, Stiller — for, perhaps, the first time — showed he was not only a funny character actor and competent director, he also had some serious acting chops.

Up until "The Royal Tenenbaums," Stiller only came in two flavors: the down-on-his-luck everyman of comedies like "There's Something About Mary" and the outsized caricatures of comedies like "Zoolander." But in "Tenenbaums," he was nuanced and guardedly vulnerable. Though the film was very much an ensemble piece, Stiller was arguably the heart.

Then, like other comedians who tried and succeeded in real acting (think Adam Sandler in "Punch Drunk Love" or Jim Carrey in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"), Stiller cut his hair and regressed back into his comfort-zone of constantly bemused straight men. His next starring roles, in fact, were in "Duplex" and "Along Came Polly" respectively.

Which is fine. A brother's got to stay paid. But it's a pleasant surprise to see him working with Anderson's friend and frequent collaborator Noah Baumbach in his new film, "Greenberg." And just as he fully transformed into an Anderson character before, Stiller truly seems

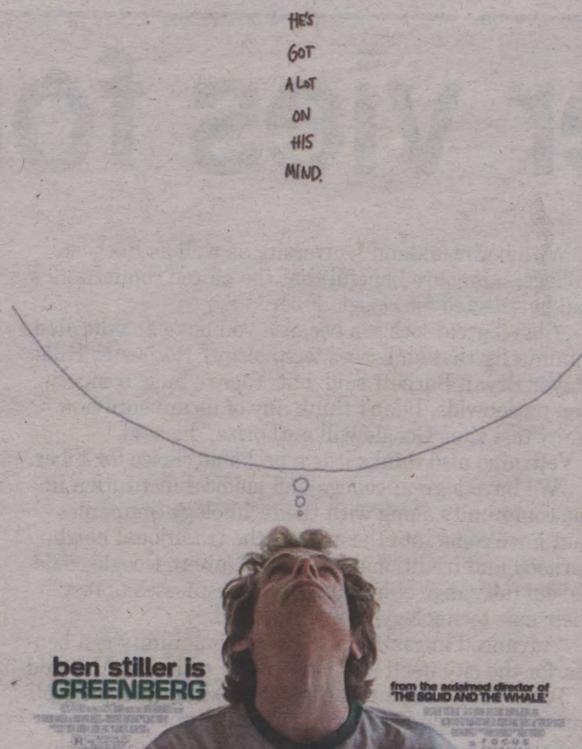


Photo courtesy of Focus Features  
Greenberg is currently playing at the Main Art in Royal Oak.

like a Baumbach character here.

As Roger Greenberg, Stiller displays a lot of characteristics of the Baumbach model. His life isn't going as he had planned, he's afraid of the future and constantly groping for a past that may have never been. He's also clinically depressed, obsessive compulsive and equal parts terrifyingly and comically short tempered.

Yet he finds sympathy in his brother's personal assistant, Florence, played with all the usual charm and casual grace of Greta Gerwig ("Hannah Takes the Stairs," "Nights and Weekends"), with whom he shares a rocky and unlikely relationship. This personality clash to love connection may seem familiar, but Baumbach steers clear of traditional romantic-comedy territory. He never makes it easy for the characters to succeed, nor does he give much reason for the viewer to root for them.

Their meeting isn't cute and silly; it's awkward and vulgar. Their fights don't lead to heartfelt apologies in the rain; they're just left unresolved. And Stiller is never reformed; he remains just as difficult and unstable in the end of the film as in the beginning.

But there is a history established between Stiller and Gerwig, even if the future isn't as certain. Like most of Baumbach's films, "Greenberg" ends with a question mark rather than a period. "I don't believe things happen for a reason," Stiller says in one scene. "But what if this is happening for a reason?" Of all the themes Baumbach returns to, perhaps the most frequent is the concept that life never makes it obvious what's supposed to come next.



By KEVIN ROMANCHIK  
Columnist

ENEMY OF THE STATE: A LOVE STORY - LUPE FIASCO

You may have already heard of Lupe Fiasco, considering Chicago-based MC Lupe Fiasco has worked with popular hip-hop artists like T.I., Young Jeezy, Kanye West and Jay-Z. Studio releases aside, Lupe raises the bar with his free mixtape titled "Enemy of the State: A Love Story."

The tape opens up with the track, "National Anthem" featuring the music of Radiohead. Lupe delivers rhymes like "School of Hard Knocks, I dean it. I donate to the campus and my name's on the arenas," which really puts him ahead of the class.

Lupe also takes on heavy challenges with ease, doing his own version of "Fireman," by Lil Wayne. This one has a continuous freestyle without hooks, which just makes it sound better. After 11 tracks, Enemy of the State leaves you begging for more. "Don't need financial aid. Cause this is just some free shit."

LOVE - ANGELS AND AIRWAVES

Intended for a Christmas release, it was pushed back to a more fitting Valentine's Day date. Due to "corporate underwriting" the album was given out free of charge by joining their mailing list. Unlike their previous releases' anti-war undertone, LOVE takes on a more pop feel with catchy chorus and upbeat melodies than "Like We Don't Need to Whisper" and "I-Empire." LOVE opens up with a synthesized instrumental and great drum piece "Et Ducit Mundum Per Luce," serving as a good representation of what you're about to hear.

The tracks "Young London" and the first single "Hallucinations" will draw new fans with their memorable hooks about dancing and love, while songs like "Shove" will please core fans.

LOVE tides the public over until the blink-182 release, but Angel and Airwaves' new direction is worth noting, no matter how long they might be together.

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## Rochester vies for Google

By JEN BUCCIARELLI  
Staff Reporter

The cities of Rochester and Rochester Hills are hopeful that their communities will be selected for Google Inc.'s latest project, called Fiber for Communities, which proposes to implement experimental, ultra high-speed broadband networking nationwide.

Rochester and Rochester Hills teamed up to fill out a request for information application last week in order to be eligible to receive Google fiber-optic technology.

If chosen, the community would have access to Google fiber-optic high-speed Internet, including all residential and business areas.

Google fiber will ultimately deliver Internet speeds over one gigabit per second to communities, more than 100 times faster than most broadband connections currently, according to a press release last week.

Ultra high-speed Internet access is currently available, but residents must opt to pay for the faster service whereas with the Google Fiber for Communities project, the corporation will be selecting "test" communities to receive the connection at a similar cost to current fees, according to Bob Grace, the director of management information systems for the city of Rochester Hills.

"(The price) would be within the range of what is currently being charged," Grace said.

The installation of Google Fiber will be free of cost to the communities selected for the project and will be fully funded by Google Inc., according to Rochester City Manager Jaymes Vettrano.

With both Oakland University as well as Rochester College, many are hopeful that the paired communities will be selected for Google Fiber.

"(It's) a great location because you have an educated community that embraces technology," Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett said, but "there's huge competition nationwide, I don't think any of us are sure how many test sites Google will authorize," he said.

Vettrano also thinks it is a probable choice for Fiber. "We have a great college and medical institution in the community along with the technology companies that have come into the area ... the traditional neighborhood and traditional downtown (area), Google could have a full range of buildings and businesses to test their new technology," Vettrano said.

"Advanced infrastructure in the community is a benefit for the city itself and most of the residents," he said.

While many are supportive of the community's application for Google Fiber, those opposed would include competitor networks said Grace. Some of the possible competitors include Wide Open West, Comcast or AT&T services. Grace said it's about the product, not

"We're doing whatever we can as Rochester and Rochester Hills to promote growth and to move this project forward. If WOW! came forward with it, or AT&T, we'd be doing the same thing with them," he said.

If implemented in a community such as Rochester and Rochester Hills, other vendors like WOW!, Comcast or AT&T could pay to use the Google Fiber network.

"It will be interesting to see where it ends up and

where it leads to ... to see if Google pushes others into this realm."

Grace also said the higher speed technology would be beneficial to the several research development companies in the Rochester and Rochester Hills area.

"To be able to transmit information at rates 100 times faster than what is currently available would open up all kinds of opportunities, especially for small technology based companies that do most of their work via the Internet," Jerry Marsh, an Oakland University Computer Science and Engineering professor said.

Marsh said the introduction of Google fiber would pull new web-based, start-up companies to the area that places Oakland University in a position with future business opportunity, Marsh said.

One qualification that Google Inc. is considering when reviewing applicants for Google Fiber for Communities is the accessibility or ease of installation of the fiber, according to Grace.

Most communities currently have fiber from other networks and companies, but Grace said getting service to homes is a challenge. The window of criteria regarding population is anything but narrow, as Google fiber may serve areas of 50,000-500,000 residents.

Several other Michigan communities such as the city of Birmingham, Troy, Ann Arbor, Royal Oak and Detroit have also applied to become a test site for Google Fiber but it has yet to be said when Google Inc. will make its selections.

For further information regarding Google Fiber for Communities, visit [google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/](http://google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/).

## Feds: Militia needed to be 'taken down'

By COREY WILLIAMS and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER  
Associated Press Writers

DETROIT — Federal authorities had been monitoring members of a Michigan-based Christian militia for some time but were forced to "take them down" over the weekend after learning of an imminent threat against police, the U.S. attorney leading the prosecution said Tuesday.

Barbara McQuade's comments came three days after eight members of a small group of "Christian warriors" were arrested in several Midwestern states and a day after the FBI nabbed a ninth suspect, Joshua Stone, following a stand-off at a trailer in rural Michigan.

"The time had come that we needed to arrest them and take them down," McQuade told The Associated Press in

an interview at her office.

Across the street in Detroit federal court, Stone was arraigned Tuesday and was ordered held without bond until a hearing Wednesday.

McQuade said the "most troubling" finding of the investigation was that Hutaree members plotted to make a false 911 call, kill responding officers and then use a bomb to kill many more at the funeral.

The nine suspects were charged with seditious conspiracy — plotting to levy war against the U.S. — possessing a firearm during a crime of violence, teaching the use of explosives and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction — homemade bombs.

Eight appeared in court Monday, with seven asking to be represented by public defenders. It was not immediately clear

Tuesday whether attorneys had been appointed.

FBI agents moved quickly against Hutaree because its members were planning an attack sometime in April, McQuade said. Members had been undergoing paramilitary training, including learning how to shoot guns and make bombs, since 2008, according to an indictment.

Authorities seized guns in the raids but would not say whether they found explosives.

Prosecutors said the suspected Hutaree ringleader, 44-year-old David Brian Stone of Clayton, identified law enforcement officers as potential targets.

A handful of the group's members were arrested without incident during a Hutaree meeting Saturday night in Ann Arbor, McQuade said.

She said authorities chose that time and place because they knew it would lessen the chance that other people would be around or involved in the raid.

Hutaree said on its Web site its name means "Christian warrior." The group quotes several Bible passages and declares: "We believe that one day, as prophecy says, there will be an Anti-Christ. ... Jesus wanted us to be ready to defend ourselves using the sword and stay alive using equipment."

The Web site does not list specific grievances against law enforcement and the government.

The site features a picture of 17 men in camouflage, all holding large guns, and includes videos of armed men running through the woods.

Each wears a shoulder patch that bears a cross and two red spears.

# Local briefs: sales tax expansion, coyotes

## Granholm defends sales tax expansion on MSNBC

LANSING— Gov. Jennifer Granholm is defending her call for expanding sales tax to services, saying the state's educational and economic future depends on it.

Appearing Monday on MSNBC, the Democratic governor said dropping the sales tax to 5.5 percent and expanding it to most services would pump \$500 million more into public schools.

Although she has cut education money from the budget in the past, she said, "I'm not going to do it anymore."

School districts absorbed a \$165-per-student cut this year and could face more cuts in the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

Republican lawmakers oppose the plan, which also would cut business taxes.

They want to use spending cuts and other changes to eliminate the state's projected \$1.7 billion budget deficit.

## Ferndale police: Date ends in beating, robbery

FERNDALE — Authorities say a Detroit man beat and robbed a Ferndale man he met through a dating Web site after bringing a third man dressed in women's clothing and a long-haired wig to help in the robbery.

Charles J. Campbell, 27, was arraigned Monday in 43rd District Court in Ferndale on charges including armed robbery. He was held on \$300,000 bond at the Oakland County Jail.

Police said they didn't know whether Campbell had a lawyer. He is due back in court April 8 for a pre-exam conference.

Police were seeking the second man. The two men stole money, an ATM card, alcohol and jewelry on Thursday night from the 48-year-old, who had met Campbell about two weeks earlier.

## Conviction stands for Mich. man who killed wife

LANSING — The Michigan Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of a man who confessed to killing his wife and dismembering her body after he was captured more than 200 miles away in the northern Michigan woods.

Stephen Grant, 39, reported Tara Grant missing in 2007, then slipped away from their Macomb County home a few weeks later as deputies discovered her torso in a storage container in their garage.

Grant, now serving 50-80 years in prison for second-degree murder, claimed pre-trial publicity spoiled the case in Macomb County Circuit Court. He said the judge also erred by not suppressing his confession.

The high court Tuesday upheld the Michigan Court of Appeals' order rejecting those arguments.

## Coyotes spotted in Detroit suburb of Royal Oak

ROYAL OAK — Officials say coyotes are making their way into another Detroit suburb.

Royal Oak Nature Society President Don Drife tells The Daily Tribune that an animal expert looked at photos taken March 18 in Royal Oak and confirmed that the animal spotted by a resident was a coyote.

Drife said he's been looking for signs of coyotes since foxes started calling the woods near Royal Oak High School home. He recommends pet owners keep lids on garbage cans, cats indoors and not leave small dogs leashed to fences.

Coyotes have been spotted in other suburbs including Bloomfield Hills, Livonia and the Grosse Pointe communities.

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## Lacrosse nets more than a win

*Women's team grabs their fourth division championship title*

By SHAWN MINNIX  
Copy Editor/LAX Beat

A slow start building to quick passes and goals secured a victory for Oakland University women's lacrosse team Thursday night, pushing their record to 8-0 after defeating Central Michigan University 14-8 at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac. Oakland's record has since increased to 8-1 after Sunday's game.

The win clinches the division title for the Grizzlies, their fourth consecutive under head coach Towbey Kassa, and continues the transformation of a program that was not long ago considered by some to be left for dead.

Senior midfielder Haley Noonan, the team's captain who scored six goals to lead the Grizzlies, had plenty of motivation before the game from Kassa to remain focused.

"(Kassa) said that this would be the fourth division championship Oakland has had in a row," Noonan said. "That's what we were going for and that's what we accomplished."

The game was extremely physical as both teams tried to impose their wills on each other. The score was tied 6-6 at halftime with junior goalie Laura Hein instrumental in keeping it close as she made a couple of critical saves, including one on a free-position shot late in the first half.

"I try to talk to the defense as much as I can, and they help me out as much as I help them out," Hein said. "It's about being a team and working together."

CMU controlled the play in the later stages of the first half, and at halftime Kassa reassured the Grizzlies that they could play better if they stopped beating themselves.

"Basically I told them this is what we expected," Kassa said. "And as long as you work hard and work on the little things, we'll be successful. In the second half,

they came out successfully."

OU responded by playing a much more determined second half, keeping the Chippewas in their own end for most of the time and not allowing them to set up. By the time CMU got on the scoreboard 27 minutes into the second half, the Grizzlies had already put up eight consecutive goals.

"Defensively, we made some changes," Kassa said. "Where we were a little bit low in the first half, we played a little bit higher to mess up their transition."

No one has been as important to the resurgence of OU women's lacrosse as Kassa, who took over the program in 2007 that was a laughingstock of the entire league, including another team that went 2-10 in 2005.

In four short years he has turned the program completely around, as the Grizzlies have gone 44-8 during his tenure at Oakland with a winning percentage of .846.

"For seven years this program had been a joke in this league," Kassa said. "It's awesome; these girls have worked so hard. It's a great feeling."

With this victory, Oakland has earned a spot in the postseason and the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League playoffs starting April 17 at the University of Toledo. In the long run, the Grizzlies have much bigger aspirations. Wins in the playoffs give the team a bid to the conference championships; the team hopes to make it to nationals in Tucson, Arizona.

The Grizzlies still have a long way to go to accomplish their

season goals but are held confident with an impressive record. OU has moved up five spots in the latest Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates Division 2 poll from No. 15 to 10. The top eight teams make the national championship tournament in May.

Oakland still has some very difficult games coming up, including a game against Michigan State, ranked in the Top 20 in the country. Regardless of the challenges they continue to face, Kassa expects his team to compete hard and continue to get better for the postseason run ahead.

"Now we just got to keep plugging away," Kassa said. "If we can compete and do the little things, we can go a long way."



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post  
Head coach Towbey Kassa leads the women's lacrosse team in eight victories thus far in the season and their fourth consecutive division championship.

## *Michigan causes OU's first loss*

By SHAWN MINNIX  
Copy Editor/LAX Beat

In a battle of conference leaders, the Oakland women's lacrosse team had their unbeaten streak stopped at eight, losing to University of Michigan's top squad 23-5 Sunday night at Oosterbaan Fieldhouse in Ann Arbor. Oakland tied the game early at 1-1, but Michigan scored 12 consecutive goals and led at halftime 14-2.

After a 0-4 season start, Michigan has won seven in a row and is ranked No. 12 in the nation. Despite the loss, Oakland maintains their lead on top of the Division 2 conference and it should not count against the team in their quest to go to the national championships in Tucson, Arizona.

OU's next game is on Saturday morning at Ultimate Soccer Arena against Grand Valley State at 10:30 a.m.

## REMAINING SCHEDULE

- 4/3 vs Grand Valley State at 10:30 a.m.
- 4/8 vs Michigan State at 9:30 pm
- 4/9 vs Augustana in Wheaton, Ill.
- 4/10 vs Marquette in Wheaton, Ill.
- 4/10 vs Loyola (Ill.) in Wheaton, Ill.

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# Softball and baseball return home

By ROSS MAGHIELSE  
Senior Reporter

The warmer weather and early stages of spring means more than replacing snow shovels with lawnmowers. It means the Oakland University baseball and softball teams can finally come home.

As usually the case with college teams from the north, the Golden Grizzlies started their respective seasons with lengthy road trips. The OU baseball team played

its first 17 games on the road, including series with southern powers Ole Miss and Memphis, and is now gearing up for its first home game of the season on Friday, April 2 against Concordia.

"We spend all winter cooped up practicing in the bubble so we were pretty ready to get outside once the season started," junior infielder Tommy Jablonski said. "But it's pretty tough to start with that many road games because we're playing against teams who have been able to practice outside a month or so longer than we have."

The softball squad has already logged 30 games this spring, all on the road, and is wrapping up a two-game series with Central Michigan before playing its first home game against IUPUI, also on April 2. The Golden Grizzlies (10-20, 3-3 Summit League) are also adjusting to a new coach. Former softball coach Glenn MacDonald recently announced his retirement after four-plus seasons with Oakland.

MacDonald was replaced by assistant coach Jane Zimmerman, who will serve as head coach on an interim basis.

"Sometimes life takes you places that are unexpected, but I think our team is meshing very well this year and will be able to overcome any obstacles, we'll be able to pull through for sure," sophomore outfielder Kelsey Krych said.

On the baseball front, the Golden Grizzlies (3-13) are looking to rebound from a tough non-conference stretch and start strong in the Summit League. This, however, will not be an easy task. Oakland starts its Summit League season with a four-game road trip to Oral

Roberts, a perennial conference power.

"Oral Roberts is the team to beat in the league and I think we'll be prepared and go down there and be ready to play good baseball," said OU coach John Musachio. "These guys want to play against the best and that's why we scheduled the non-conference schedule that we did. I think we're battle tested and I think that will be a fun series for us."

After their trip to Tulsa, Okla., Oakland will host an 11-game homestand with games against South Dakota State, Centenary, and non-league opponents Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Toledo.

"It's definitely going to be nice once we get to that stretch of home games," junior infielder D.J. Jarrad said. "We're always on the road to start the season so to get home and have that rest factor and be able to get in some extra practice is definitely going to help us out a lot. Hopefully we can get on a little bit of a win streak."

The softball team also has a string of home games coming up. After it wraps up its two-game series with CMU Wednesday, Oakland will play eight of its next 10 games at home. The two road games during that stretch will be a double-header at in-state opponent Western Michigan on April 7.

"It will be nice to be home and have our home crowd here and hopefully be able to get a little bit more sleep," Zimmerman said. "That stretch is very important for us. I think if we stay on our route of what we have been doing and keep focusing on what we need to do, I think we can do very well."

Oakland fields a team of nine seniors and six juniors along with a talented group of younger players. Senior outfielder Audrey Sabourin expects the Grizzlies to compete with the other top teams in the league and be a factor in the conference tournament at season's end.

"I expect to do well. I think we're going to be winning and in the tournament this year," Sabourin said. "We have it. We have it all there and we're going to do it."



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Oakland softball will prepare for their first home game after 32 away games.

## Women's tennis suffers dual loss on home turf

By KAITLYN CHORNOBY  
Sports Editor

While the Oakland women's tennis team has had a less than victorious season so far, the team continues to play with fervor after two home losses at Bloomfield Tennis and Fitness.

After suffering a 7-0 loss against Eastern Michigan the previous weekend, the team prepared to host two non-league home games to pick up their record against Wayne State, who held a 7-2 record, and Niagara University, who entered the game with a record of 4-12.

Saturday afternoon held a disappointing finale as the Grizzlies fell 7-0 to Wayne State. Sophomores Karen Karoub and Caitlin Young battled through a No. 1 doubles match but dropped the set 8-5. Junior Amanda Pettey and sophomore Caryn Shermetaro also lost their match after a hard-battled 8-4 decision.

Singles matches were also unable to take a set, with No. 2 finishing 6-2 and No. 3 ending in a 6-3 defeat.

The women Grizzlies hoped to make a comeback at their match against Niagara University Monday afternoon, but were delivered a similar outcome. OU

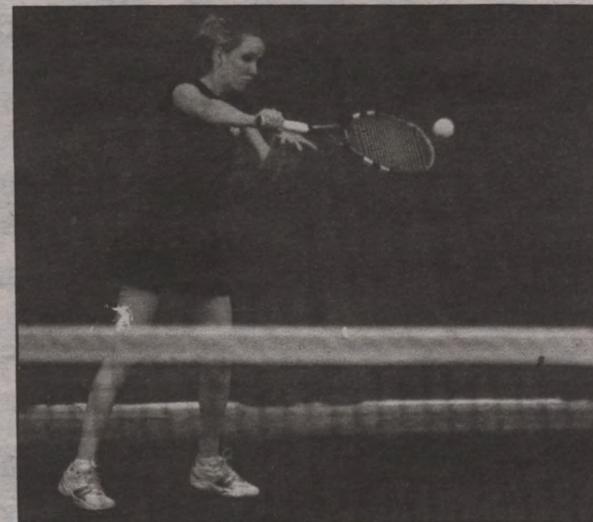
endured a 4-3 loss, taking their three points in singles.

Karoub battled through her singles match and was awarded a victory after sets of 7-5 and 6-1; Jackie Dinicu and Gabrielle Gogas also brought home wins in their matches, 7-6, 7-5 and 6-4, 6-2, respectively. Dinicu and Gogas also claimed a No. 2 doubles match, finishing 8-5.

Regardless of the loss, the three points in the Niagara match produced the closest score for the 2010 season for the women's team. OU finished with a 5-2 score against Bradley University on March 6, which had been their closest decision until the Monday game.

The team was predicted to finish seventh in a pre-season poll released early in January. Young, Dinicu, Gogas, Karoub and Shermentaro are the only five players returning from the fall tennis season; freshman Alexandra Reed and Pettey joined the team for the current season.

The Grizzlies continue through the spring season with an 0-7 record. The team will head to Fort Wayne, Ind. for leagues, beginning April 1 against Oral Roberts. The women will have one final home game against Valparaiso on April 10 at 2 p.m.



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Women's tennis fell in their two home games against Wayne State on Saturday, April 27 and Niagara on Monday, April 29.

# Teams travel far 'fore' matches

*Men's and women's golf teams compete in season tournaments*

By ROSS MAGHIELSE  
Senior Reporter

The spring season is underway for the Oakland University men's and women's golf teams. The men's team just wrapped up play at the Ball State Cardinal Collegiate Tournament in Jasper, Ind., finishing in 13th place.

Sophomore Michael Coriasso led OU with a final round of 74 (+2) and finished the tournament tied for 39th place among individuals. Freshman Jakob Ziegler and sophomore Michael Marks were the only other Golden Grizzlies to shoot rounds in the 70s, both posting a 77 in the third round. Ziegler finished tied for 44th place with an overall score of 233, while Marks took 71st place with an overall score of 243.

Oakland opened the spring season on March 14, when both the men's and women's teams competed in the Jackrabbits Invitational in Primm, Nev.

Coriasso and Ziegler were the front-runners for the Oakland men in that

tournament as well, each shooting an even-par 72 on the last round to help the Golden Grizzlies surge out of last place and finish 10th of 12 teams with a team score of 914. Coriasso finished the tournament with an overall score of 227 and Ziegler finished with a score of 231. As a team, the Grizzlies improved by 19 strokes on the final day of the tournament.

The performance was a welcomed sign for Ziegler, who is just now recovering from an emergency appendectomy prior to the school year and was not able to golf until a few days before the season began.

"He's an incredible talent," OU golf coach Brian Costello said in a statement prior to the season. "He hadn't picked up a golf club until three days before first tournament. It took him a few tournaments to get comfortable with the way we do things here, but he's worked really hard and I think he's going to have a very good spring."

The women's team finished with a

school record score of 924, earning them a ninth-place finish out of 16 teams. The score broke the previous record of 929 shot at the Mid-Continent Conference Championship in 2006.

Sophomore Liz Ecker shot a 76 (+4) to lead the Golden Grizzlies on the final day of the tournament. Austin McDermaid finished tied for eighth place with an overall score of 224 and Ecker finished in 27th place with a 229 score.

Oakland is typically among the top three women's golf programs each year in the Summit League, but this season the Golden Grizzlies were picked to finish fourth by league coaches in the pre-

season poll. The prediction didn't sit well with the Golden Grizzlies.

"The girls felt that we were one of the top two teams in the conference," Costello said. "But when that poll came out, the coaches felt that, for some reason, we were the fourth best team and I think that will prove to be a little bit of motivation."

The women's team will resume competition on Monday, April 5 at the Tina Barrett Longwood Invitational in Farmville, Va. Next up for the men's team is the Adidas Hoosier Invitational, played at Indiana University beginning Saturday, April 3.

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4/5 at Detroit

**Baseball**

4/2 vs Concordia (doubleheader) at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

4/6 at Notre Dame

*Home games are at Oakland University's field behind the Rec Center.*

**Softball**

4/2 vs IUPUI (double header) at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

4/3 vs. IUPUI at 12 p.m.

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**Womens's Golf**

4/5-4/6 at Longwood (all day)

# THE SPORTING BLITZ

By **KAITLYN CHORNOBY**  
Sports editor

## Athlete of the Week: Dani Dulberg

Freshman Dani Dulberg was named Oakland University student athlete of the week for March 30. Dulberg, a member of Oakland's softball team, set a school record of six RBI during a single game against Southern Utah last Friday.

The chemistry major played tennis and volleyball in high school as well as softball. She was named captain her senior year and was a varsity letter winner for three years under her coach, Mike Hessling.

After taking a medical redshirt for a knee surgery, Dulberg has returned with an impressive season, with 10 RBI and a .364 batting average. During last Friday's doubleheader, the Birmingham native had two doubles in the first game, as OU won 11-8.

## Coach retires after nine years at OU

Director of Athletics Tracy Huth announced Monday that Oakland University softball coach, Glenn MacDonald, retired from coaching. MacDonald retires holding the title as the winningest coach in program history with a record of 92-134 after four-plus seasons.

"I really enjoyed my time at Oakland University," said MacDonald recently in an interview. "I have forged many great relationships during my time here and know that the girls will be successful on and off the diamond as they move forward."

MacDonald was with the softball team for nine seasons and helped take them to NCAA tournaments in 2002 and 2003; the team also held back-to-back conference titles during these years.

"We thank Glenn for all his hard work and dedication over the last nine years here at Oakland University," said Huth at the announcement. "We wish him well in the future."

Assistant softball coach Jane Zimmerman will serve as interim coach for the remainder of the season.

## Oakland falls by one to Western; first home game on April 2

Oakland's baseball team suffered a tough loss against Western Michigan 5-4 on Tuesday afternoon.

Oakland opened the first inning as sophomore Tim Ryan ran home after a strong hit by Aaron Cieslak.

In the fourth freshman Todd Dunham took two bases on a hit and advanced to third on a pitch. He scored on a passed ball.

The Broncos threatened to score, loading the bases in both the second and third innings, but didn't take any runs until two in the fifth, one in the sixth and their final two to take the game in the seventh.

Oakland hosts their first home game on April 2 against Concordia.

## Benson is All-American honorable mention

Keith Benson, a 6-foot-11 center playing for the men's basketball team, was named to the Associated Press All-American honorable mention team. Benson is only the second Golden Grizzly to hold the title, joining Mike Helms who was named in 2003.

For the 2009-10 season, Benson averaged 17.3 points and 10.5 rebounds per game.

"This is a great honor and I want to thank all my teammates, coach (Greg) Kampe and the rest of the coaching staff for working with me," said Benson in a recent interview. "It means a lot to me to be the second player from Oakland to receive this honor."

Benson was also named Summit League player of the year. He led the conference in blocked shots, rebounds, freethrows made and 18 double-doubles.

Benson will be challenged with deciding rather to head off to the NBA to start a professional career or to remain with the Grizzlies for his senior year. His decision will be announced in early May.

Benson helped take the Grizzlies to the first round of the NCAA tournament, where they were sent home after Pittsburgh won the game 89-66.

## Track/Field begins; XC takes honors

Oakland track and field will begin their season Saturday, April 3 at an all day Spartan Invite.

The men's and women's cross country teams were named honored as U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association NCAA Division I All-Academic by the USTFCCCA earlier this month.

The Grizzlies join IPFW, IUPUI, South Dakota State and Oral Roberts as one of only five Summit League teams to earn the honor.

To be considered for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team award, teams must have competed at an NCAA Regional Championship, compiled a team score and have a minimum 3.00 team cumulative grade point average.

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## Race an issue in 2010 Census

By MIKE SANDULA  
Senior Reporter

New to this year's Census is the addition of "Negro" under the race classification.

"I don't know what black person identifies himself as a Negro," said Juquatta Brewer, a junior studying psychology. "No one that I know of."

Her friend Kiara Dowdell, a freshman in pre-nursing, added that the term is "degrading."

In the 2010 Census, the question asking for racial identification lists "Black, African Am., or Negro" as one of the 15 options.

OU History Professor De Witt Dykes said he had no problem checking that box, though he circled "African Am." to indicate his personal preference.

But he said if there are people that want to self-identify as Negro, they should feel free to put that.

"If there are persons that want to use that term, I don't see any problems with it, personally," Dykes said.

Evelyn MacAuley, a sophomore studying psychology, said it's an attempt to be politically correct. "They've got three options, I've only got one?"

She said she doesn't view it as a controversy.

"I don't know. I don't see why people would have a problem with it. It's all the same," said MacAuley, who labels herself white.

Dykes said the three terms have gone in and out of fashion for centuries.

Though African American is the preferred formal term today, he said its use was discouraged by leaders of the black community in the 1830s after the American Colonization Society began raising money to send slaves to Africa.

In the 1920s, Dykes said, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People started campaigning to have the word Negro capitalized.

He said The New York Times later promised to always capitalize Negro when using it in print

because it represented both a race and a culture.

But then during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, he said the Nation of Islam began denouncing the word Negro, labeling it a slave term. Dykes said from 1968 to 1972, a newspaper poll found that a majority of Michigan residents went from preferring Negro to black.

Then in 1989, Rev. Jesse Jackson and other black leaders labeled African American as the preferred term.

Overall, Dykes said he believes that we "should choose who we are."

Nicole Phibbs, a senior nursing major, said she'd be checking the box for "White," but said she isn't sure what she would do if she identified as either black or African American and didn't like the term Negro. "You're still associating with that group" by checking that box, Phibbs said.

"I think we need less classification amongst people," said Jeffrey Quesnelle, a sophomore in computer science who identifies as white. "Seems sad to me that people are wrapped up in one color or another. We're all American."

Brian Fairbrother, a sophomore studying finance, said he doesn't know why people care so much. To him, there's a bigger issue: the cost of conducting the Census.

"I wish we wouldn't have spent so much money on this," said Fairbrother, citing all the television ads he's seen for this year's Census, including one during the Super Bowl.

Census Bureau Director Robert Groves issued an informal apology on March 26 on C-SPAN for use of the term and said Negro would likely not be on the 2020 census.

Jessica Williams, a freshman journalism student, said the Census should've stayed the way it was and that she doesn't like the word.

"At the same time, Negro in Spanish is 'black,'" Williams said.

### NIW BRIEFS

Source: Associated Press

**3-30 | CLEVELAND** — Police say a motorist fleeing officers in Cleveland abandoned his car and jumped a fence — landing in what turned out to be a prison yard. Garfield Heights police say the chase started in that suburb early Monday over a traffic violation and reached speeds of 90 mph. Police say that after a race through several communities, the driver and a passenger bolted from the car and headed for a fence. They apparently did not realize it was on the outside of the state women's prison in Cleveland. They were arrested along with two other passengers who also tried to flee.

**3-30 | VATICAN CITY** — Dragged deeper than ever into the clerical sex abuse scandal, the Vatican is launching a legal defense that it hopes will shield the pope from a lawsuit in Kentucky seeking to have him answer attorneys' questions under oath. Court documents obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press show that Vatican lawyers plan to argue that the pope has immunity as head of state, that American bishops who oversaw abusive priests weren't employees of the Vatican, and that a 1962 document is not the "smoking gun" that provides proof of a cover-up. The Holy See is trying to fend off the first U.S. case to reach the stage of determining whether victims actually have a claim against the Vatican itself for negligence for allegedly failing to alert police or the public about Roman Catholic priests who molested children. The case was filed in 2004 in Kentucky by three men who claim they were abused by priests and claim negligence by the Vatican. Their attorney, William McMurry, is seeking class-action status for the case, saying there are thousands of victims across the country.

**3-30 | WASHINGTON** — An Iranian nuclear scientist who had been reported missing since last summer has defected to the U.S. and is assisting the CIA in its efforts to undermine Iran's nuclear program, ABC News reported Tuesday. The scientist, Shahram Amiri, has been resettled in the U.S., according to the report. The CIA had no comment on the report, a spokesman said. President Barack Obama said Tuesday he hopes international sanctions against Iran for pursuing its nuclear ambitions will be in place this spring. Iran maintains that its nuclear research is for peaceful purposes and not to develop weapons. Amiri, who worked at Tehran's Malek Ashtar University, an institution closely connected to Iran's Revolutionary Guard, disappeared last June while in Saudi Arabia on a pilgrimage. While his disappearance led to speculation that he had defected and was assisting the West in its efforts to keep track of Iran's nuclear program, the foreign minister for Iran accused the U.S. of helping to kidnap him.

**3-30 | PACE, Fla.** — A Florida Panhandle deputy was able to track down and arrest a man on charges of illegally dumping a boat near his home with a surprising tool: satellite pictures provided by Google Earth. Deputy Gregory Barnes used the images after finding an 18-foot boat dumped in an undeveloped subdivision about 15 miles north of Pensacola. Google Earth shows archived satellite and aerial images of communities across the world. Barnes used it to look at the surrounding area and saw a fuzzy image of the vessel at Dwight Everett Foster's home. Authorities say Foster admitted dumping the boat and his son later removed it. Police say it cost \$18 to dispose of the boat at a landfill. Foster faces a \$5,000 fine and up to five years in prison.

## Putin responds to Moscow bombings

By LYNN BERRY  
Associated Press writer

**MOSCOW** — The old Vladimir Putin is back, confronting a terrorist attack in Moscow by using the same kind of coarse and colorful language that helped him win the presidency a decade ago.

A day after twin suicide bombings in the subway that killed 39 people, the powerful prime minister told Russians that he is certain the masterminds of the attacks would be found.

The security services have blamed extremists from the North Caucasus, a predominantly Muslim region in southern Russia

that includes Chechnya.

"We know they are lying low, but it is already a matter of pride for the law enforcement agencies to drag them out of the sewer and into broad daylight," Putin said, directing a transportation security meeting that was shown on Russian television Tuesday.

The choice of the gutter language recalled Putin's famous threat to "wipe out the Chechen rebels in the outhouse" after they were blamed for a series of apartment building bombings that terrorized Moscow in 1999.

Putin, as prime minister at the time, sent in overwhelming military force to pound the region into

submission and was elected president the following year.

Now in his second stint as prime minister after serving two full terms as president, Putin has an excuse to revert to the tough line that shored up his authority following past terrorist attacks. While welcomed by many Russians, it also is raising fears that civil liberties may be further sacrificed under the pretext of fighting terrorism.

Capitalizing on the outrage, members of the Kremlin-loyal parliament proposed bringing back the death penalty for terrorism. Russia recently imposed a moratorium on capital punishment.

# Mouthing Off

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## Talking 'bout my generation

*Dedication, celebration and a little frustration about our generation's situation*

By DAN SIMONS

Mouthing Off editor / old-school scholar

It all started when a girl in a bar wrote her first and last name on a scrap of paper, drew a smiley face, and scribbled down the word "Facebook." The modern equivalent to a number written on a napkin.

No, this isn't a tale about a failed relationship. This paper does not have enough pages for me to go into that. This is about when I realized how easy our generation has it.

### A long, long time ago ...

All we need is a name and we can start on the adventure of getting to know someone. Back in our parents' days, when Julius Caesar was all like "I'm the president of everything" and the horsepower of your ride literally meant how many horses you had pulling it, the average person would know maybe a hundred people in their life, most of them family. So getting a hold of someone to go out was a pain in the ass.

First you had to meet this person, like face to face. Then you had to get a number, and not to a cell phone. This meant calling a number multiple people share and God forbid, maybe talking to someone else in that family, like her potentially homicidal father.

Once that was all taken care of, you then had to avoid a gunfight in the saloon and watch out for Spanish Flu, all while going uphill, both ways.

### Back in my day

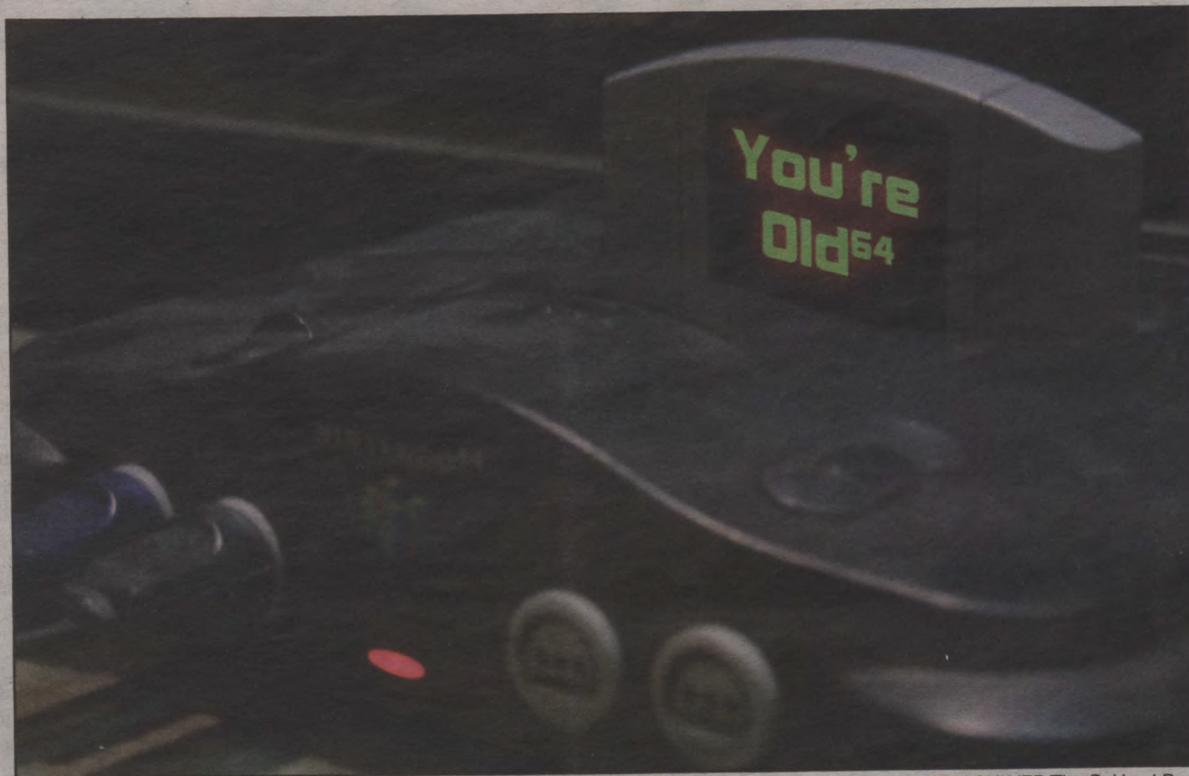
I still remember the days when I needed to call a friend's house to hang out with them. Phone numbers were memorized, not stored in the phone itself. Kids these days have it so easy.

Yes, I'm only 22 and already pulling this card. The "Back in my day" card.

Back in my day we had to rewind our video tapes. None of this fancy skipping about with a DVD player remote, we had to sit right next to this giant black machine and hold down a button to skip ahead or rewind it. Special features? If you were lucky, they were after the credits, and that too you had to hold a button down to skip. Did I mention the primary diet of a VCR machine is to eat video tapes?

Back in my day, we had to blow on our video games to make them work. Smacking your Super Nintendo was a legitimate trouble-shooting technique. There was no auto save feature and sometimes there wasn't a save feature at all. If your dog accidentally bumped your Sega, Sonic blinked out of existence, the Sega logo popped up again and Dr. Robotnik was still a pain in the ass. We only had 151 Pokemon, and damn it, we liked it.

Back in my day, when we wanted to go online, we used a damned phone line. And when it tried to connect (Yes kids, it didn't work every time) it made this soul-rendering abomination of a noise that sounded like a robot was giving birth in an electric storm. You know



BRYAN CULVER/The Oakland Post

2060: Retirement homes will all have Nintendo 64 game consoles. Winners in the Mario Kart challenge earn extra time on the scooters.

this sound. It is the soundtrack to your nightmares. When we finally got online, websites moved as fast as a turd uphill, and it still blew our minds.

### Great generation, or the greatest?

Our generation is a damned lucky one. We experienced our childhood in a rare window between worrying about those blasted commies and worrying about those damned terrorists.

Politics boiled down to if you liked Backstreet Boys or N\*SYNC. We didn't have energy drinks yet, but the tragically short-lived soft drink Surge did a damn fine job of helping kids bounce off the walls up until their pancreases failed. I'm fairly certain any medical problems in my future might be traced back to Gushers, Fruit by the Foot, and Warheads.

The majority of my generation misses the TV shows most of all. Any life lesson you could ever use was covered in "Full House," "Boy Meets World" or "7th Heaven." I still think twice about walking over a man hole cover because part of me thinks there could still be a group of teenaged mutant ninja turtles down there.

Nickelodeon cartoons take the crown here. People miss watching Angelica be a bitch to the Rugrats and what adventures "Hey Arnold!" would go on in this episode. The Facebook group "I want my 90's Nickelodeon back"

has over a million people in it. That's a lot of people to put on a big orange couch or cover with slime.

### Kids these days know nothin'

Why are we already nostalgic for our youth when we're still relatively young? Everything from our childhood is still fresh and probably available on YouTube. We don't have to open an archaeological dig to relive our past. And yes, I might still have Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo and Raphael action figures in my room, but that doesn't mean I long for yesteryear.

It means that we, the iGeneration, the results of the '80s and the first teenagers of the 21st century, realize we had a damned good growing up. Sure, we didn't fight Nazis or put a man on the moon but we did save Princess Zelda from Ganon and we all have held up a cat at least once and dramatically said "Simba."

Back in my day, vampires were badasses, we didn't question if Dora the Explorer had a green card, and the only member of the Cyrus family we had to deal with was Billy and his achy-breaky heart. Kids these days, I swear. They will never know what it's like to develop film at a pharmacy or the horrible hand cramps of playing Goldeneye with a Nintendo 64 controller.

Soon I'll have to tell them to get off my damned lawn. Someone bring me a Capri Sun and a Game Boy.

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