

WXOU holds free concert

By **KEVIN ROMANCHIK**
Scene Editor

WXOU celebrated the inaugural National College Radio Day on Oct. 11 with a free concert featuring local bands The Burning Ponies and Rival Summers in the front of Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the Oakland Center.

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WEEK OF CHAMPIONS AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY

"Shoot Hoops" with Oakland's Basketball Teams
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge

OU vs. Michigan - Men's Soccer
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. OU Soccer Field

Countdown to "The Madnezz"
10:00 p.m. Hamlin Courtyard

THURSDAY

WOCOUC Showcase:
Encore Performances from the WOCOUC Talent Show
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge

FREE Cider and Donuts

FRIDAY

Friday Night Live featuring Comedians Dave and Ethan
7:00 p.m. Banquet Rooms

Sigma Pi Pig Roast
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. between the OC and O'Dowd Hall

BYOB Tailgate Party
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. P16 Parking Lot

OU Grizz Madnezz
10:00 - 10:00 p.m. O'Rena

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Cruising the campus

The Oakland Post staff ventures out to test campus walkability and proves that each destination on campus is within 10 minutes time.

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Sunrise on campus // Oct. 10, Wilson Hall

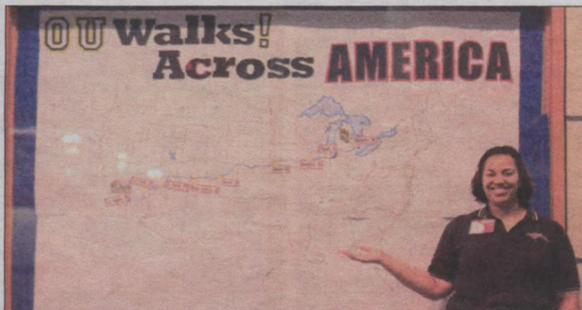
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Special lecturer and curator of visual resources in the department of art and art history at OU took a photo of the sunrise at by Wilson Hall on Oct. 10 at 7 a.m. in the morning. She noted that the site was a "spectacular view of Wilson Hall from P1."



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Skipping to class

We'll be honest. We're renowned for not going to class, but we still know it's important.

We're thrown into a different atmosphere when we enter college, one without credit review for missing classes and parental nagging if we're living on campus, and we are forced to depend on ourselves for a change.

As college students, our biggest struggle is going to class. However, those classes we're missing actually cost us — a lot.

Katy Culver, who teaches journalism at the University of Wisconsin, says that "college students make up the only consumer group that actively wants to get less than it paid for."

Think about it. You're spending \$1,325 for a four-credit class, which means missing one class would cost you around \$33.97 a class for a Monday/Wednesday/Friday class, \$49.07 for a Tuesday/Thursday class and roughly \$94.64 per class for a class that meets once a week.

Why pay so much money for something and then not commit to attending it?

As Randy Pausch, a former professor at Carnegie Mellon University once said

about his role as a professor, "We play the roles of trainers, giving people access to the equipment (books, labs, our expertise) and after that, it is our job to be demanding. We need to make sure that our students are exerting themselves. We need to praise them when they deserve it and to tell them honestly when they have it in them to work harder."

As students, we need to take advantage of our professors and use them as resources to better ourselves and prepare for our futures without them there.

Also, without the student and teacher interaction, how are we going to effectively construct relationships and use them as a resource?

You might feel like you're not getting anything out of going to class, but you're truly left with nothing when you don't attend.

Getting face time with an instructor is the first step toward building a meaningful relationship: one that will definitely continue and benefit you for the rest of your life.

And that's the reason we're all here, right? We're getting our degrees so that we can get jobs in this tough economy.

We see what the problem is, though. The dilemma is that no one really says we have to go to class. It's solely up to us as students.

Students are faced with deadlines for other classes, exams to study for, a social life to tend to. It's all too easy to skip one class to focus on all these other things.

But where is the line? Other responsibilities won't stop, and sooner or later rationalizing makes not going to class completely excusable.

The bottom line is that going to class has its benefits and students should know that.

It shouldn't all be on the student, though. Professors need to find a way to make attendance matter, too.

We aren't necessarily advocating for every professor to take roll a la the fourth grade.

But professors should find a way to reward students who show up to class in some small way.

It can be discouraging when you get the same grade in a class as the random person who strolls in only on exam days. However, grades aside, you can garner a much better experience from regularly attending — support in your endeavors.

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Legacy more than innovation

With the death of Steve Jobs last week, we have all been remembering him as a great innovator. He brought us true smartphones, Pixar, the Graphical User Interface, the personal computer, created the tablet market, revolutionized how we listen to music and the list goes on.

Not only is he responsible for these works, he also inspired countless other innovations. Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Bill Gates are probably the three people that have had the most influence in how we live our lives today.

Steve Jobs was able to amass a cult like following of Mac users, but these are not the people that he truly led into the next era of history.

He, along with other giants like Wozniak and Gates, ushered in the information age by making it possible for others to innovate. Their inspiration of the masses of nerds was the spark of the information



Kevin Swift
Senior, Information Technology

revolution we are currently experiencing.

Good leaders gain followers, while great leaders gain leaders.

Steve Jobs did just that. I am confident that his work and his direct contribution to our lives today will continue to inspire and excite people about technology.

In my otherwise free time, I mentor a FIRST robotics team. FIRST is a global or-

ganization dedicated to inspiring and exciting high school students about technology. FIRST's leadership dreams of a world where we revere people like Steve Jobs the way others revere Michael Jackson.

I have dedicated a significant portion of my life to contributing to this goal, and the public reaction to Jobs' death gives me confidence that the culture change that FIRST seeks is in progress.

Now that homes generally have multiple PCs and we all seem to have smartphones, we can order pizza over the Internet and have a video chat with friends half way across the world. It is easier than ever to forget that 30 years ago, almost none of this existed.

I recently watched the original Power Ranger's movie with several friends when we saw it pop up on Netflix. We were amazed by the cultural changes that have happened even in the last 15 years — chang-

es that have occurred as we grew up.

When that movie came out, I was 6-years-old. In it, they used seemingly magical communicators and rode around in roller blades with Sony Walkmen.

Today, the magical communicators exclusive to the Power Rangers have been demystified by the cell phone that is accessible to everyone.

Sony Walkmen have been replaced with mp3 players and roller blades have died out faster than any other outdoor activity (thank God).

It is astounding to see the rapid revolution that has taken place thanks to the inspiration provided by Steve Jobs and the industry's leaders.

The way to remember him best is not to go out and buy the new iPhone the instant it comes out, but rather to continue innovating and continue inspiring the technological revolution.

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Focus on local issues

I picked up a copy of The Post and read that you were looking for some feedback and I'm never one to not give my two cents when asked, so I figured I'd let you know what I'm looking for in our Post.

Please cut the national stories and even the regional ones and focus your attention on campus.

I can read about what's happening all over the world in countless other news sources but the only place I can get news on my university is your paper.

I've been at Oakland for five years now and I've seen it change dramatically in my short tenure.

Both of my parents are OU alumni and their experience at OU was much different than mine.

When I (hopefully) send my kids to Oakland, I assume their experience will be drastically different than mine as well.

Oakland is a school that's going through significant changes and is having a bit of an identity crisis.

Are we positioning ourselves to enter the top tier of American universities or are we going to continue focusing on servicing the local community?

I would absolutely love to read investigations, interviews, opinions, etc. from everyone around campus about

where Oakland is, where it is headed, and what that means for all of us. Thanks.

— Alex Neuman

Pitch for Sudoku

I saw how you guys went ahead with the crossword idea on the back page (Sept. 28 issue).

I would like to pitch you an idea to make it even better: why not include a Sudoku puzzle?

The idea is simple, really. For some people, numbers just click better than letters and words do.

Other people, who are word savvy, may prefer the challenge, as I would. People might get ambitious and try both.

And, with midterms upon us, students and professors alike may welcome the mental break in between their studies.

Personally, my eyes were shocked by the enormous crossword last week; so, why not try to fit it on the back page (with the crossword puzzle)?

If this doesn't work, perhaps you could even go to our math department for ideas.

I have a good friend who is a math major at GVSU and she actually had to come up with an entire book (like about 50 pages or so) of math games for one of her final projects last spring.

The whole idea was to make math fun for elementary students. Perhaps the same concept could be applied here?

— Jessica McLean

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OU increases security

By **JUSTIN COLMAN**
Copy Editor

In the upcoming months, the Oakland University Police Department will be installing new surveillance equipment all around campus. About 45 new surveillance cameras will be installed to further bolster the high amount of security on campus.

Melvin Gilroy, lieutenant and commanding officer of OUPD, confirmed that the while the cameras themselves have not been yet installed, other equipment that OUPD will use to monitor activity is currently being installed.

"The project (process) has been authorized and is in the design," Gilroy said. "What we call, 'the head-end equipment' is being installed here, which means all the wiring here (at the department), the DVRs, are being installed right now."

The cameras that are already installed are used in patrol and investigations. They help OUPD identify those who have committed crimes and monitor activity in highly condensed areas, such as the Oakland Center and Kresge Library.

"Most cameras on campus are concentrated in areas where there is a high volume of traffic and pedestrian movement," Capt. Mark Gordon said. "We (the OUPD) are always concerned about overall safety of students and staff, and monitoring these types of areas allows us to ensure safety measures are being utilized."



SIERRA SOLEIMANI / The Oakland Post
In the coming months, OUPD will be installing cameras around campus. The cameras will to increase security.

Security cameras were installed in the interior and exterior of the residence halls, and according to Gordon, can last for up to five years.

"It depends on the area, but much of the equipment is replaced about every five years," Gordon said. "Some equipment will be replaced sooner than that as new technology does not always interact with older equipment and (some) will need to be re-

placed as older cameras begin to fail."

As for who watches over the surveillance footage, Gordon said that OUPD and others in the department who request the cameras are in charge of monitoring.

"If a specific department wants to install cameras to view a computer lab, the police dispatch center will have viewing rights to the system as well as the manager of the area in which the lab exists," Gordon said.

In the Sept. 28 issue of The Oakland Post, two theft incidents in Vandenberg Hall were reported. One student who had money stolen from him said that he felt unsafe for the first time in his three years at OU.

Gilroy said not in response to the recent incidents that there will be an increase of security around the residence hall areas, including parking lots that are relatively close to the proximity.

"We place a heavy emphasis on enhancing our capabilities with closed-circuit television applications around all the housing areas," Gilroy said. "We will always be pumping money into increasing security on campus."

Gordon said that students should be self-conscious about their valuables and ensure that they are secured.

"Larceny is the largest crime at OU and many students can avoid becoming a victim by simply securing their items," he said.

If you suspect or witness any suspicious behavior on campus, it can be reported to OUPD at 248-370-3331

police files

Student account hacked

On Oct. 5, a female student reported to OUPD that someone had accessed her OU Moodle and webmail accounts. The female student stated that after usage of the computers in Pawley Hall, she had forgot to log out.

Later that day, she checked her email and saw that someone sent "a very nasty message" to another female. She also said her classes had been dropped for both fall and winter terms. The student changed her email password and pin and contacted the registrar's office to re-enroll in courses.

Drunk student in Hill House

On Oct. 8, OUPD officers were on foot patrol when they received a call at 3:30 a.m. from a Hill House resident assistant about an intoxicated visitor. When officers approached the male student in question, he admitted to having "a couple shots."

After taking a PBT, he registered 0.08 BAC. It was determined that the student had an outstanding warrant from OUPD for failure to appear on a marijuana use citation. He was arrested, but posted bond. The student was not permitted in university housing for the remainder of the weekend and issued a citation for minor in possession.

Theft in Hamlin Hall

On Oct. 9, officers were dispatched to Hamlin Hall for a reported theft in a student dorm. The female student told OUPD officers that someone had broken into her dorm and stole items including a laptop, iPod, digital camera and various belongings.

Upon further investigation, it was found that someone had entered the room through the window. The suspect, who is not known at this time, exited the same way.

Officers photographed the scene, footprints and fingerprints. The case is still under investigation.

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik,
Scene Editor

New hires at OU

[**Angela Kaiser**]
Assistant Professor - Sociology
and Anthropology



Work:
"I have worked primarily in non-profit organizations ... I also have experience with community education and training, grant writing, fundraising and community organizing. In terms of research, I have worked on a number of projects focusing on housing for low-income families, health and well-being programs in African American churches, capacity building

in organizations and social capital in faith-based organizations... I also chose OU because the Sociology and Anthropology department is full of absolutely amazing faculty."

Courses this year:
SOC/SW 315 - Social Welfare Policy
SW 18 - Multicultural Social Work Practice
SOC/SW 210 - Introduction to Social Work

Personal:
"I was born in Michigan and grew up in Walled Lake. I have lived in Michigan my whole life except for the year I lived in St. Louis, Mo. while teaching ... when I am not teaching, I enjoy yoga, biking, playing music (drums), attending music concerts, and travel."

— By Ali Armstrong,
Local Editor

GSC offers a 'safe' haven

By SARAH HUNTON
Staff Reporter

In the dark basement of the Oakland Center, the bright rainbow of colors that spill from the Gender and Sexuality Center may seem like a beacon of light to some.

OU's GSC offers a safe place for members of the OU community to come for education or services centered on gender and sexuality, ways for students to volunteer and even a place for students to just hang out.

The program that the GSC is most known for, Grace Wojcik, coordinator of the GSC said, is the S.A.F.E training it offers. This workshop provides the community with the information and tools they need to be an ally to the LGBTQ community.

"(The S.A.F.E. training) basi-

cally teaches terminology issues and ways to help with LGBTQIA community," Mark Martinez, the student assistant of the GSC, said. "It promotes understanding, advocacy and just general safety."

OU faculty and staff who chose to go through the training often have stickers outside their office to signify that they are a safe person to talk to.

The next S.A.F.E. training will take place Oct. 19 from 8-10 p.m. in the Vandenberg lounge.

In addition to offering resources to those who would like to learn more about the LGBT community, the GSC serves as a women's center. The center offers safer sex materials, such as condoms and lubricants, in addition to information on family planning resources or domestic and sexual assault resources.

Staff members and volunteers of the GSC may also refer students to professionals at the Graham Health Center if they need to talk to someone or have any health issues to address.

The GSC also houses a lending library where students can come to read feminist literature, information on the LGBTQIA community and Occult Studies books.

Besides volunteering, students may get involved with the GSC through a myriad of student organizations. These include Students Advocating Gender Awareness (SAGA), the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), Transcend — a student organization for transgender students and their allies — sex., the Occult Studies student organization, and Steampunk. The unofficial student organization Stand-Up, a group that will aim

to reduce incidents of domestic and sexual assault, will also begin meeting in the GSC.

Regulars of the center also like the sense of comfort that hanging out in the GSC brings.

"It's so important for women and LGBTQ students to have a place where they can meet other students who share their own experiences, get resources, and most importantly, gain acceptance and encouragement," Wojcik said.

Nikole Cooper, 18, is a member of all of the organizations that meet in the GSC. She enjoys being in the GSC because of the accepting environment.

"I'm kinda shy," Cooper said. "I feel like anywhere else on campus I would have a lot of trouble talking to people, but it's just really easy to talk to people here."

She also has an unconventional

reason for coming to the GSC

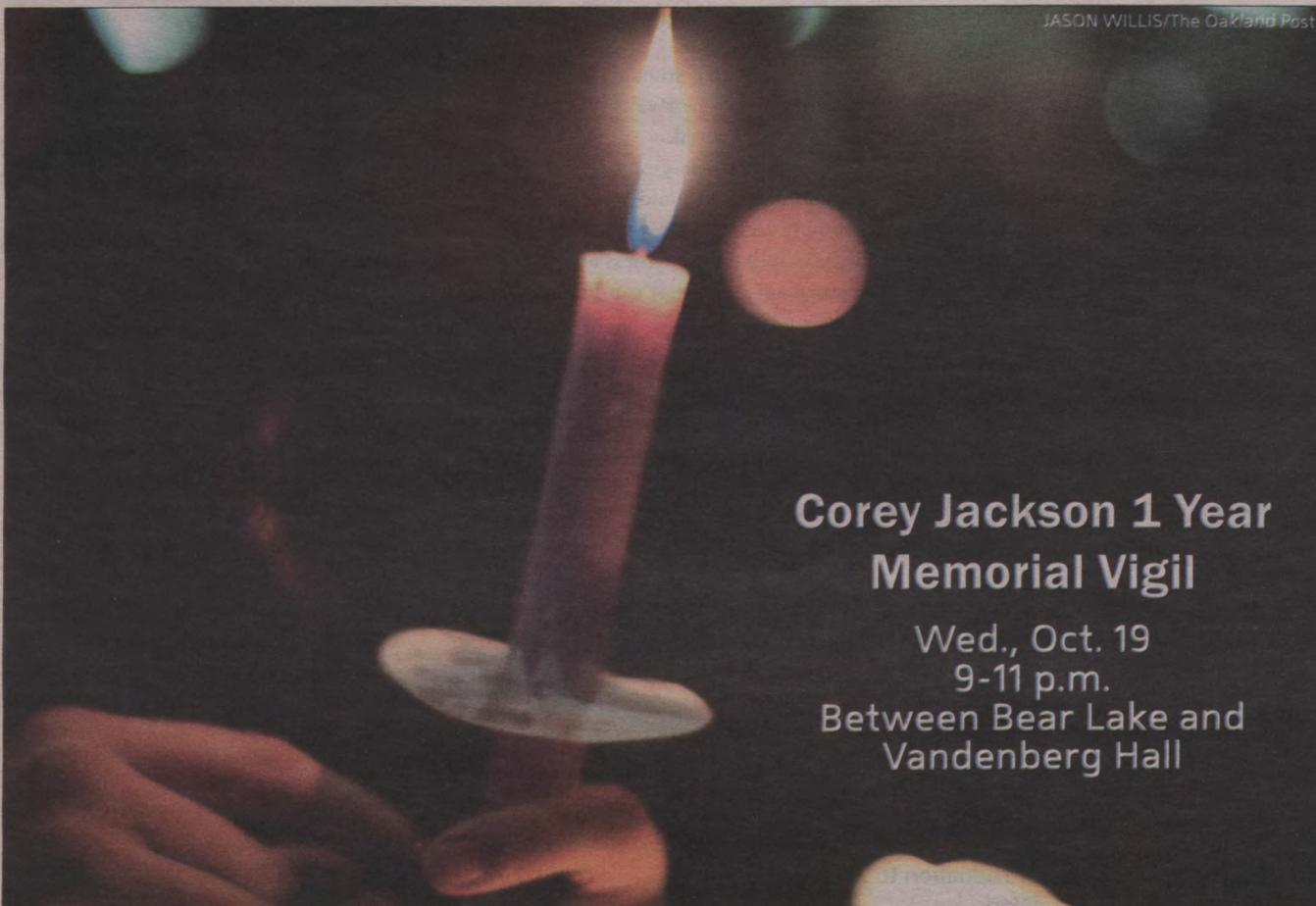
"I also have sleep problems, so because everyone here is so respectful, this is actually really a good place for me to come and take a nap," Cooper said.

Martinez believes that the center is a good place to take a break from the stresses of school too.

"This is a really big commuter campus, obviously," Martinez said, "so people within the community and even people outside the community, sometimes just want somewhere where they can relax and not just be going to and from classes."

Martinez also said he believes that having the door to the center always open allows people to come in and relax regardless of whom they are.

The GSC is located in the basement of the Oakland Center.



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GSC continues expansion

Center pushes for full-time coordinator

By KAY NGUYEN
Editor-in-Chief

The position of Gender and Sexuality Center coordinator is now one step closer to an eventual goal of creating a fully staffed center held by student volunteers.

Oakland University President Gary Russi recently approved a measure that will now compensate the GSC coordinator for 30 hours of work.

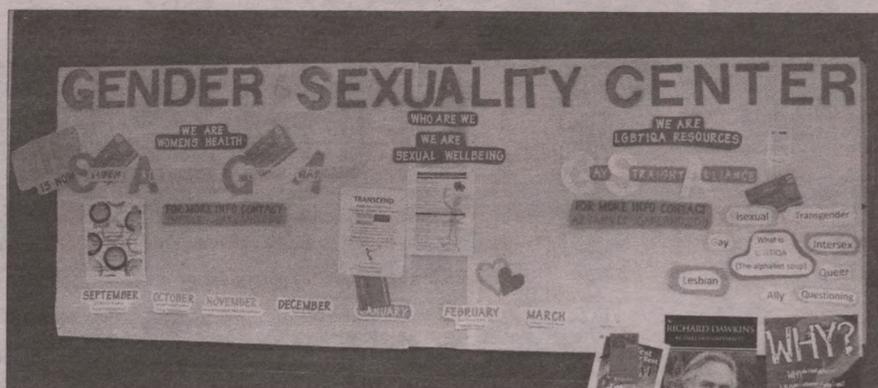
Currently, GSC coordinator Grace Wojcik can only work half time for 20 hours. Wojcik began her job on Aug. 31.

"It's really not enough time because the GSC office is supposed to serve both the LGBT community and women's community," Wojcik said. "Most other schools have separate centers and trying to balance the two with only 20 hours is difficult."

The effort was mobilized after Gay/Straight Alliance President Alexa Van Vliet spoke to members of the OU board of trustees on Aug. 2 about the possibility of attaining a fully staffed Gender and Sexuality Center on campus.

Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller said the issue has been ongoing.

"This was brought up in August and this new arrangement was finalized in the last



KAY NGUYEN/The Oakland Post

The Gender & Sexuality Center has been working toward getting a full-time coordinator. GSC members feel that the position is not only a possibility, but a necessity.

few weeks," Miller said. "The turnaround has been fairly fast and it's effective Nov. 1."

Miller said she has met in the past with Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs and Glenn McIntosh, dean of students and assistant vice president for student affairs about extending the coordinator's house because of its nature as a student affairs issue.

Junior English major Estee Shaw said the purpose of the GSC is to maintain a safe campus for all gender identities and sexual orientations and she wants to continue pushing for a fully staffed center.

According to Wojcik, a Michigan State alum, the center at her alma mater has three or four full time staffers. At Oakland, the position has evolved over the past six to seven years.

Originally, an undergraduate student director oversaw the GSC. Now, the coordinator is an administrative professional who receives benefits from the school.

"I would love to see our coordinator being able to work more because then we could have more programming and more going on," said freshman Katy Hart.

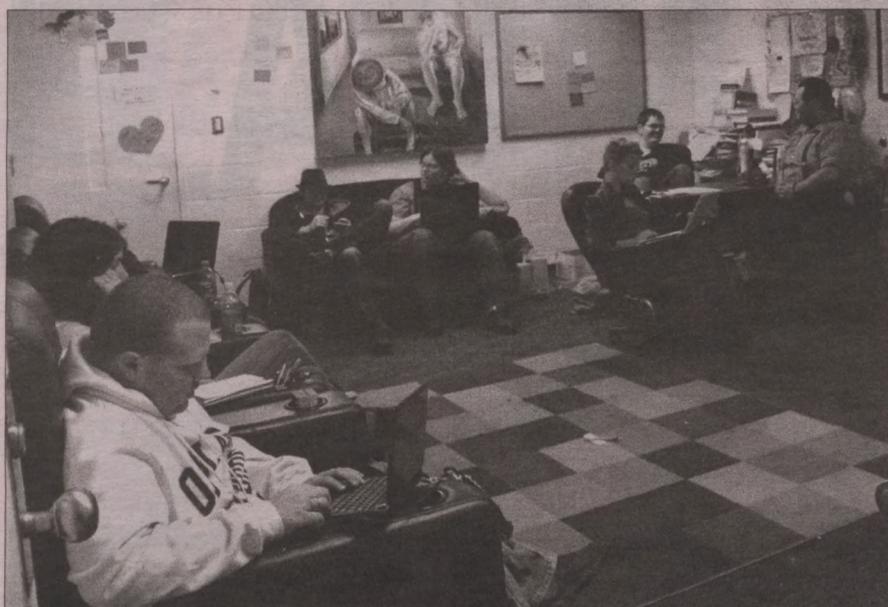
Because the GSC coordinator has never been a full-time employee, Wojcik and past coordinators like Melissa Pope and Joanne Bautti-Roche had difficulty working under the time constraints.

In her last position at Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center, Wojcik was working with civic engagement networks. She said she embraced the time restrictions at a challenge, but saw it as an opportunity to give students more autonomy to run their own programming.

"The Gender and Sexuality Center coordinator is not meant to be a counselor," Wojcik said. "I'm an adviser to the student groups and here to oversee larger events that the center organizes."

The additional hours will now allow Wojcik to be someone for students to talk to. She hopes to provide students an outlet, so that "they have someone to make them feel comfortable."

For information about the GSC, visit oakland.edu/gsc



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With increased activity at the GSC, the responsibilities of a coordinator for the center have also increased.

campus briefs

Cyber Security Awareness

On Oct. 17 from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OUPD will be hosting an event to learn about safe Internet practices. OUPD officer Ken Kiley, along with John Savio from the OU Brand of MSU Federal Credit Union will be making presentations.

A free lunch will be provided and OU students will be able to win prizes including an iPad2.

Career Expedition

A four-session career exploration workshop is being offered starting Oct. 20 from 12 - 12:50 p.m. Students will be able to take personality and interest assessments, learn to use online career resources, set educational and career goals and create an action plan to help achieve those goals.

The workshop will be held in 121 North Foundation Hall. Registration is required, students must attend all four sessions.

Halloween Fun Night

A night of Halloween fun and traditions will be held on Oct. 28 in the OC banquet rooms from 4 - 6 p.m. There will be sweets, pumpkin carving, painting, hands-on activities, Halloween history and games.

Patrons are encouraged to come in costume. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

Executive MBA Prospective Student Information Session

An informational session for prospective executive MBA students with a concentration in health care management will be held Nov. 5 from 9 - 11 a.m. in 238 Elliot Hall.

The event will cover the program structure, application process and answer questions students may have. Please confirm your attendance by email at milczars@oakland.edu or by phone to 248-370-2059.

— Compiled by Megan Semeraz,
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Auburn Hills announces graduate student housing facility, parking structure

After a unanimous 8-0 vote by the Auburn Hills city council, the city has started to develop plans to create a new graduate student housing facility and parking structure that will be located downtown, but still close to campus.

The facilities, which will not be owned by Oakland University, are expected to be finished in time for start of the 2012-13 school year.

According to Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs, the buildings are intended to encourage on-campus housing commitments by incoming freshmen and sophomores.

"So far, there's interest from medical students and graduate students (to the apartments)," Snyder said. "We want our students to live there but still feel involved with the campus community."

The plans hope to add around 97 apartments and 288 parking spaces.

— Nichole Seguin,
Managing Content Editor

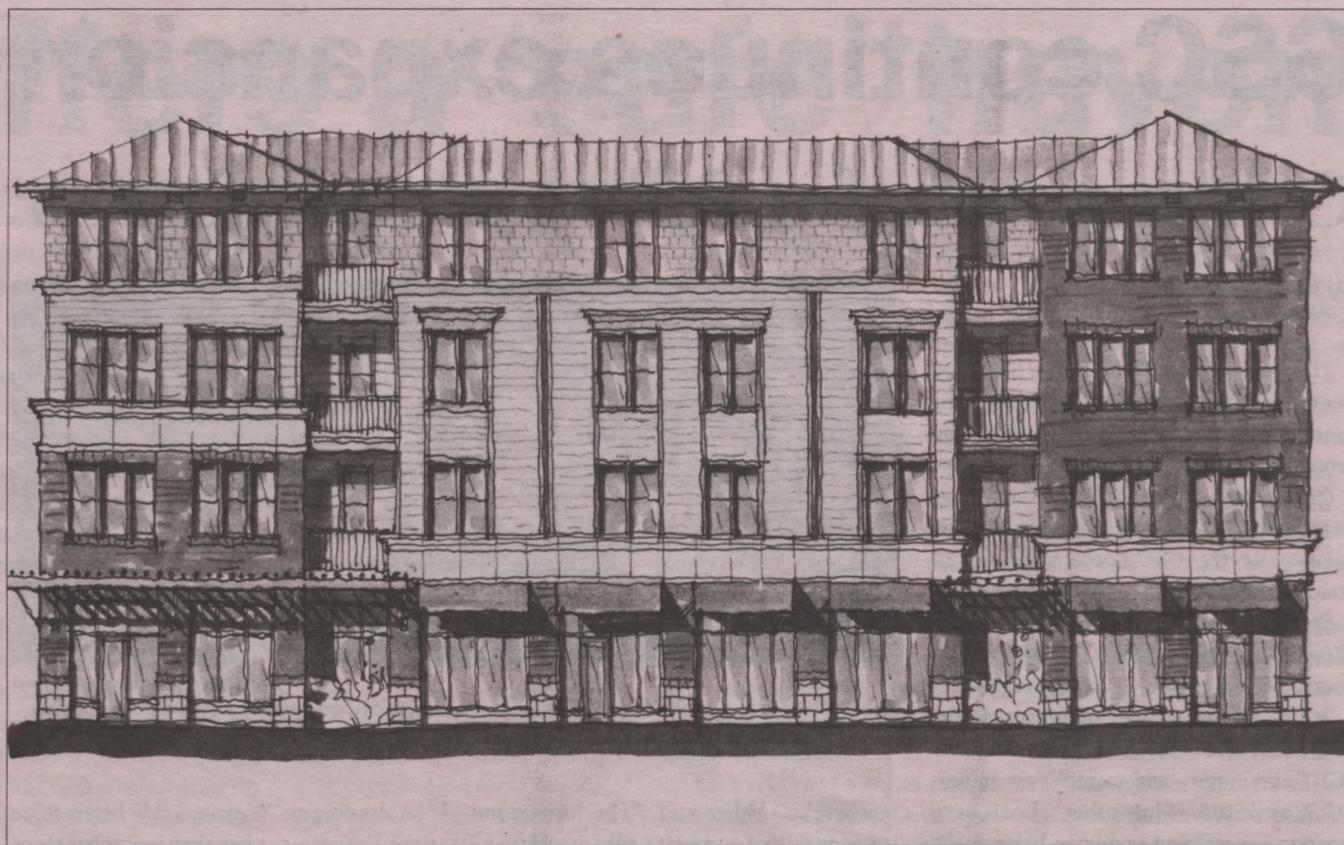


Photo courtesy of Tom Tanghe, city of Auburn Hills assistant city manager and director of human resources and labor relations. City officials in Auburn Hills recently approved a plan to add a new graduate student housing facility and parking structure to their downtown area. The apartment building, which hopes to include 97 apartments, is shown in an artist's rendering.

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Meadow Brook Theatre was flooded with students Tuesday night for the annual OU's Got Talent show hosted by the Student Program Board. The 16 contestants were judged on their ability to attract the audience, display creativity and express originality in their performance.

Three winners were chosen by an audience vote via text message.

Senior Ashley Franso took third place with her cover of "I Who Have Nothing" by Shirley Bassy, second place went to sophomore Mary Thompson for her cover of "Someone Like You" by Adele, and fresh-

man Damon Compton took first place with his skit and poetry reading, "Most Beautiful Disaster."

An encore performance will take place from 12-1 p.m. Thursday in Fireside Lounge.

— Brittany Haney, Staff Intern



Audience members were able to participate.



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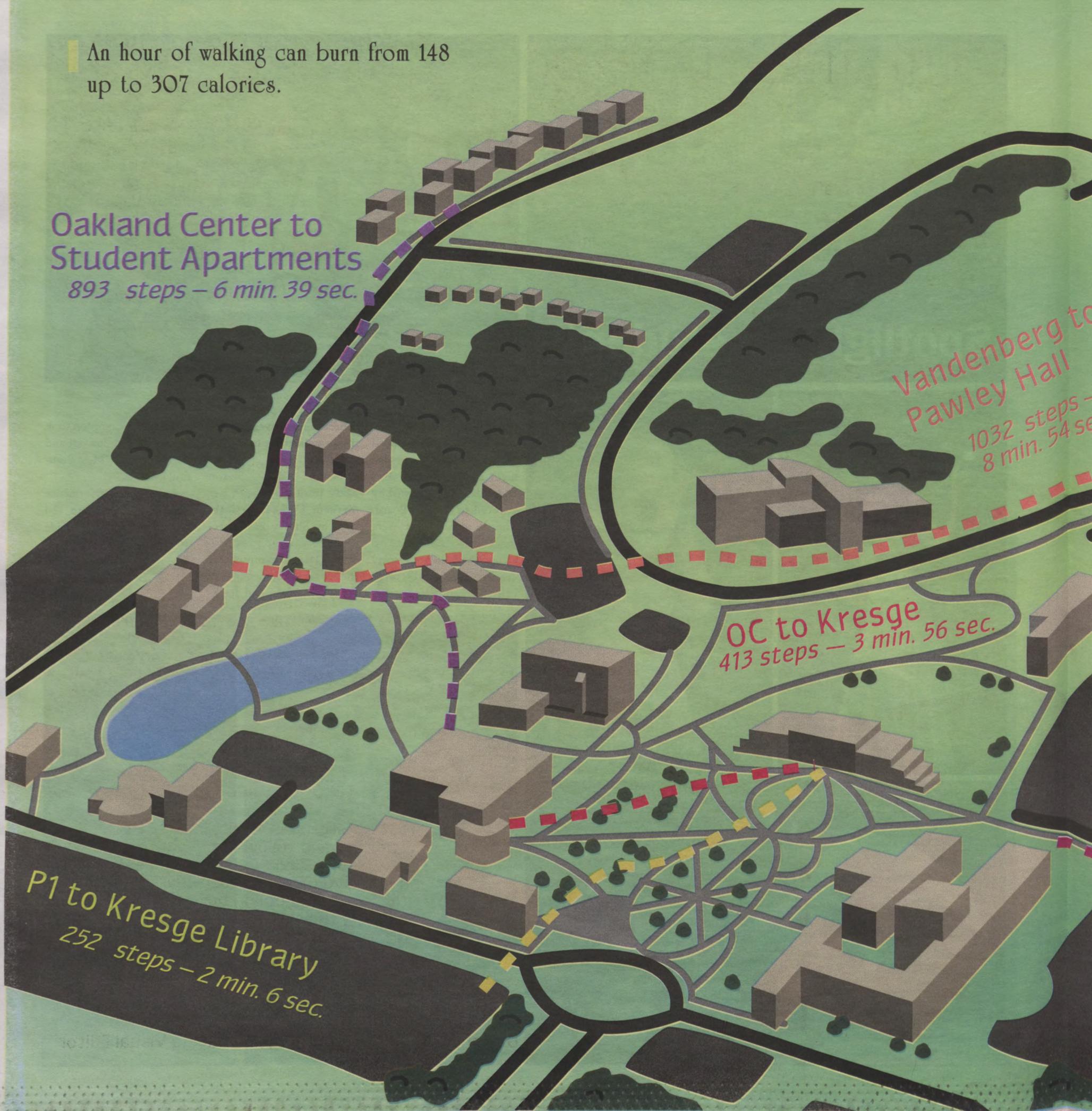
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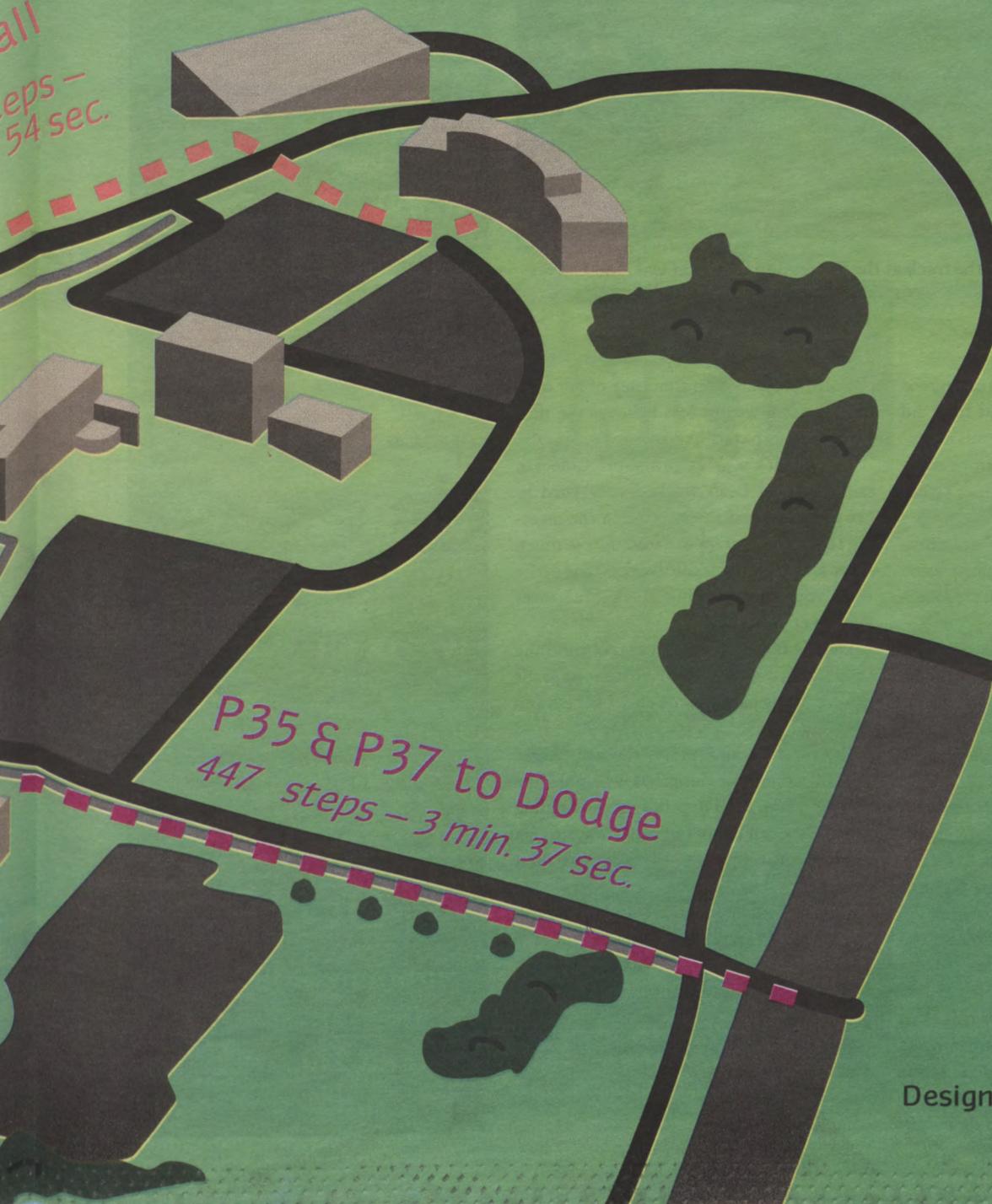


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- There are 2,000 to 2,500 steps to a mile.
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Rec Center to Fields

375 steps – 3 min. 26 sec.

Leave the Recreation Center and take a left. Go down the staircase and head directly across the grass hill. When you come to the baseball seats, jump on the walkway, which will lead you to the junction of the fields.

OC to SEB East

350 steps – 5 min. 34 sec.

The quickest way when in a hurry is to take the pathways from the side exit of the Oakland Center between the trees and past the fountain to the east side of SEB.

USA apartments to Rec

1,000 steps – 8 min. 10 sec.

Cross the street in front of the apartments and follow the right sidewalk on Ravine Drive to Pioneer Drive. Cross the road near the heating and cooling building, then follow the sidewalk past the Grizzly Bear and to the Rec.

* Based on medium pace and strut.

Designed by Kaitlyn Chornoby, Managing Visual Editor

Walking across America

By **MICHAEL HORAN**
Sports Editor

About 150 people in the Oakland University community began their journey to Los Angeles, Calif., on Oct. 10 — by foot.

Using pedometers, members of the newly founded OU Walks! Across America walking program started their quest to the West Coast with a goal of walking 2,300 miles by Dec. 5.

"Each participant got a pedometer and they will log their steps and at the beginning of each week they turn in their step log and we convert it into miles," said Leah Dupuie, graduate assistant for Fitness and Wellness.

At a meeting each week, the steps will be converted into miles so participants can keep track.

"We scale the miles so every mile that they walked equals 10 miles on the map," Dupuie said. "Then we track each participant's progress at the recreation center across America and the goal is that each person makes it to the destination of Los Angeles by Dec. 5."

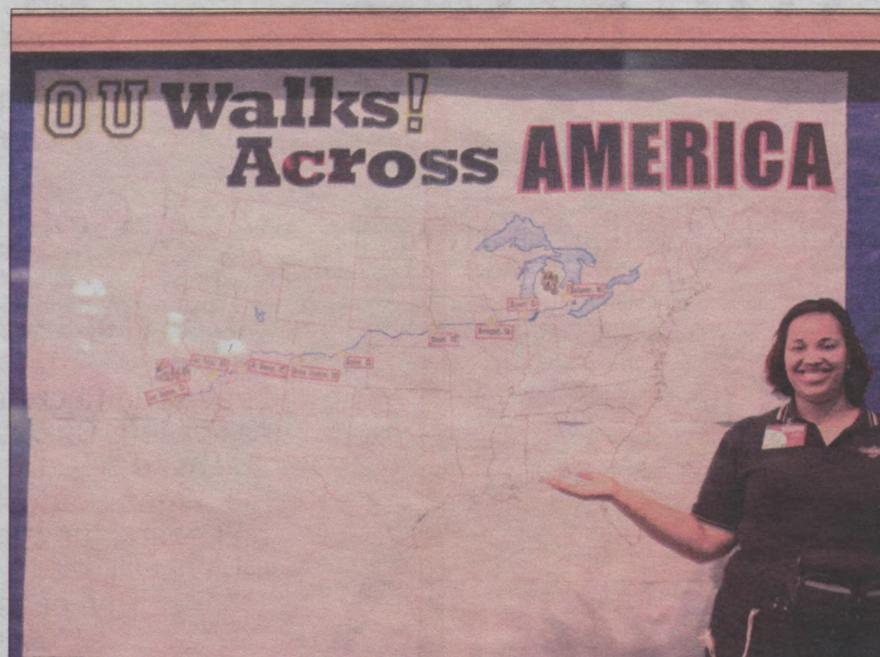
OU Walks! Across America began after Dupuie and the Department of Campus Recreation were granted the Brooksie Way Minigrant for a program that promoted fitness and wellness.

"We tried to get a fitness and wellness program together so no matter what fitness level they were at they could be apart of it and could benefit from, so we decided to put this together," Dupuie said.

Throughout the next few months, participants in the program will have 200-mile mini-goals on their way to Los Angeles. The first mini-goal is in Chicago. and the walkers who make it to the destination are put into a drawing for fitness and wellness prizes.

"Every week, whoever makes it to a mini-destination gets thrown into a drawing and there will be prizes that relay back to fitness and wellness, so they'll win personal training sessions or mind and body passes or memberships," Dupuie said. "There just little prizes that get them more into fitness and wellness."

In order to make things more manageable, the program set up bonus miles for participants who can't always walk the full



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post

Breanna Coleman walks around the track at the Recreation Center at Oakland University. Coleman is a part of OU Walks! Across America's goal of 2,300 miles by Dec. 5.

10,000 steps required each day.

"If they attend a social event on campus or they bring a paper or project that they did better than 3.5 on, they'll own bonus miles," Dupuie said. "So, we have little things along the way so they can earn more miles rather than just walking."

Other qualifying 'bonus miles' are intramural sports, nutrition demos, group exercises and other wellness activities, according to Dupuie.

Although the ultimate goal is to reach 2,300 miles and L.A., Dupuie wants all the participants to work towards a healthier lifestyle through the program and realize you don't have to set aside a designated amount of time to work out.

"We want people to understand that you don't always have to set aside 30 minutes a day to get your exercise," she said. "You can spread it out the day by walking a flight of stairs rather than talking the elevator."

Only in its third day of existence, the program has already educated one participant.

"A program like this definitely makes us aware of what we can do and what we're doing in our daily lives that we don't see as important," Breanna Coleman, student, said. "Just thinking of things that you do every-

day really helps."

Coleman, who is on a journey of her own to long-term weight loss believes the program can jump start her own goals.

"I think it's a great program," Coleman said. "I know Leah worked very hard to get the grant and she stressed in the meeting that this program can lead into so much more and with the incentives and the other ways you can earn bonus miles, it increases your overall health."

Dupuie hopes the program will continue past the first year, but ultimately hopes it can teach the participants about fitness and wellness.

"It's an educational piece," she said. "Right now it's a one-time thing, but we would like to do it again. It all depends on the funding for it, if we can figure out other ways to get funding for it, then we would love to do it again."

A board will be set up in the Oakland recreation center tracking the progress of each participant as they travel across the country on their way to California and their goal of 2,300 miles.

Participants who finish the full 2,300 miles will receive an 'OU Walks! Across America' t-shirt as recognition for their accomplishment.

Grizzly Box Scores

— Oct. 7 —

Women's Soccer vs.
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W, 4-1

Volleyball vs.
UMKC
W, 3-0

— Oct. 8 —

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vs. Cleveland State
W, 194.5-137.5

Women's Swim
and Dive
vs. Cleveland State
W, 215-88

Volleyball
vs. South Dakota
W, 3-1

— Oct. 8 —

Women's Golf
at Detroit
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Bell, team poised for breakout season

By **SETH WALKER**
Staff Reporter

When Allison Bell joined Oakland University's volleyball team, she was a middle hitter who was timid on the court. Today, she is a key part of the team looking for a Summit League title.

Bell arrived to OU in the fall of 2008 from Marion, Iowa, after a high school career which included all-state honors as a senior.

She takes pride in being one of the earliest players, along senior Jenna Lange and junior Ashleigh Slemmer, to be recruited by Rob Beam since he became OU's head coach.

Bell has seen the Grizzlies improve from eight wins as a freshman to 17 as a junior.

"Ashleigh, Jenna and I have been here since the beginning of Rob's career here at OU and it has been awesome to watch the program grow and be a part of it," Bell said.

Every season, Bell has improved in kills, hitting percentage, blocks and digs. She credits her coaches for always pushing her.

"Allison has progressed so much since

our freshman year," Lange said. "When she came in, she was timid and now she is one of our hardest hitters and capitalizes on important points when we need her."

As of OU's win over UMKC, Bell ranks second on the team in kills per set and hitting percentage and leads in service aces.

However, according to Lange, this does not tell the whole story of Bell's value to the team. Bell is in her second season as a right side hitter after spending her first two as a middle hitter.

"Allison is a very important part of our team because of how versatile she is," Lange said. "She's not only able to play well on the right side, but when we need her to hit quick sets in other positions, she adapts well."

According to teammates, calmness and composure are other attributes Bell has. Junior Alli Kirk agrees that Bell acts as the "voice of reason" on the team and helps keep everyone calm on the court.

"What impresses me most about Allison is how level headed she is on the court and in everyday life," Kirk said.

This season has been special for Bell, not only because she is a senior, but also because she was able to play in her home state for the first time of her collegiate career.

During the Hawkeye Challenge last month, Bell elevated her play recording her first career 20-kill match against Loyola. She followed that with a career-high 21 kills against Iowa the next night and was named to the all-tournament team.

Bell described playing in the tournament as "very special".

"I am so happy that some family and friends from home who had never seen me play got a chance to," Bell said.

As memorable as Bell's season has already been, Kirk wants to help make this season even more special for her.

"I think that every day I really want to play for Allison and the whole senior class because they have all been working so hard for so long," Kirk said. "They deserve to experience going to the Summit League tournament and they deserve to win a Championship ring."



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Allison Bell serves the ball against Central Michigan. Bell leads the team in aces.

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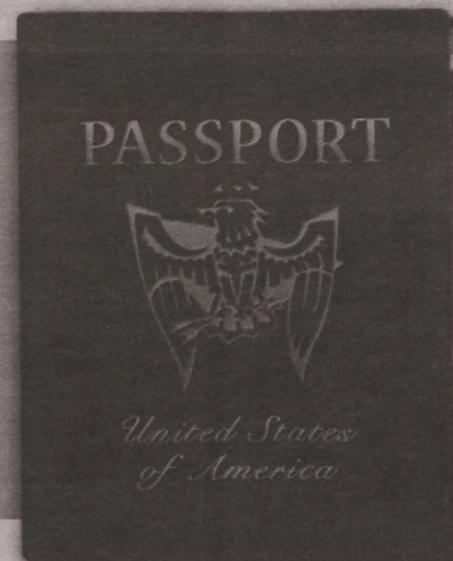
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Tap into Detroit beer week

By **CAYCE KARPINSKI**
Contributing Reporter

The city of Detroit will celebrate Michigan brewed beers during the third annual Detroit Beer Week, Thursday, Oct. 13 through Saturday, Oct. 22.

The 11-day celebration kicks off with Tap: Detroit, the ceremonial keg tapping of the official beer of Detroit Bar Week, which will be hosted by Fountain Bistro in Campus Martius Park.

This year's official beer of Detroit Beer Week is 313ale, a collaboration brew created by six of the city's brewers. 313ale is the first beer to ever be brewed with exclusively all-Michigan produced ingredients as well as being brewed locally at Kuhnenn Brewery in Warren, Mich.

"Two things that make this beer different from the rest is that it has no barley and was

made from wet hops rather than dry," Eric Kuhnenn, owner of Kuhnenn Brewery, said.

Kuhnenn describes the brew as a golden, extra-pale ale with a dry and crisp taste. While using all-Michigan ingredients proved a daunting task, Kuhnenn, a Michigander born and bred, has found the experience rewarding.

"It was really a challenge but I'm glad we did it," Kuhnenn said.

313ale will be available at venues for the entirety of Detroit Beer Week.

Throughout the week, participating venues will feature hundreds of Michigan brewed beers and host events to promote the Michigan brewing industry. The city's top restaurants, bars and businesses will also be showcased.

Grand Trunk Pub in Detroit will hold events each day of the week.

"We've participated in Detroit Beer Week all three years but this year we're really going all out by holding events for each day," said Dave Gregory, general manager of Grand Trunk Pub.

Three of the events are free happy hours hosted by the Grand Trunk Pub. The Happy Hour Tap Takeover at Grand Trunk Pub will feature Dark Horse Brewing and MillKingIt Productions. An Evening With The Livery will feature top-secret beers only available at the Livery and the Bell's Brewery happy hour will feature several Bell's beers on draft.

The Grand Trunk Pub will host the Saugatuck Brewing Company dinner Oct. 18, a four-course meal prepared by three chefs from The Whitney Restaurant along with beer pairings provided by Saugatuck Brewery Co. The dinner is \$40 per person and requires a reservation.

The pub will feature an assortment of vintage and specialty New Holland Brewing Company beers that aren't otherwise available for purchase Thursday Oct. 20. For \$35 guests can enjoy appetizers and rare beers.

Detroit Beer Week ends with the Detroit Fall Beer Festival presented by the Michigan Brewers Guild and MetroTimes at Eastern Market.

More than 40 Michigan microbreweries and brewpubs are expected to participate in the festival with nearly 200 different beers available to sample. Local restaurants will provide food available for purchase.

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the gate and include 15 drink tokens. One token is worth a three-ounce beer sample. Additional tokens are available inside the tent.

For a full list of Detroit Beer Week events, visit oaklandpostonline.com

Local events Oct. 15-30

Tunnel of Terror, Fridays and Saturdays

Where: Every Friday and Saturday at Rochester Municipal Park
When: 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per person

Fall Festival in the Woods, Oct. 15

Where: Hawk Woods Nature Center (3799 Bald Mountain Road)
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 15
Cost: Free

Halloween Hoot, Oct. 21-22

Where: Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve
When: 6:20-8:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and 22
Cost: \$7 per person

Halloween Pancake Breakfast, Oct. 22

Where: Rochester Community House
When: 9-11 a.m.
Cost: \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. Call ahead for tickets — reserved seating only.

Trick-or-Treat & Costume Parade, Oct. 22

Where: At participating Rochester businesses
When: 4-5:30 p.m.
Cost: Free

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 23

Where: Walter P. Chrysler Museum — Auburn Hills
When: 2-4 p.m.
Cost: \$4 at the door and \$3 for members. Children under 2 are in free

Halloween Trail Trick-or-Treat, Oct. 28

Where: Civic Center Park
When: 6-7 p.m.
Cost: Free to all kids in costume

Final Downtown Rochester Farmers Market, Oct. 29

Where: Third and Water streets
When: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: Free

— Compiled by Ali Armstrong,
Local Editor

Oakland University College of Arts & Sciences, the Department of Communication & Journalism, the History Department, and the Women & Gender Studies Program Present:



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SARAH WOJCIK/The Oakland Post
Farm manager Jared Bogdanov-Hanna and students Marie Schaedig and Samantha Cathcart ran the farm stand outside of Hannah Hall Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



GUSTAVO PESSUTTI/The Oakland Post
Billy Puuri, Celia George and John Kociara volunteered on the on-campus farm, which is on the corner of Adams and Butler Roads and backs up to the golf course.

Organic farm thrives at Oakland

By SARAH WOJCIK
Features Editor

Oakland University's Student Organic Farmers are cultivating fall produce at their on-campus farm, selling fresh vegetables weekly and offering anyone affiliated with OU an opportunity to nurture their green thumbs.

Getting involved

Members of the organization hold a farm stand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday outside of Hannah Hall and sell myriad produce at affordable prices.

Open volunteering hours are Thursday from 3 to 6:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, from noon to 3 p.m.

Those interested in working at the farm can expect to harvest fall vegetables; remove and compost summer vegetables; and perform general maintenance to get the farm winter-ready.

The SOF's mission is to nourish the local community through exceptional education and service-learning programs and fresh, healthy food.

The birth of the farm

Members of the student organization collaborated with students from Lawrence

Tech to renovate one of the buildings on the outskirts of campus into the farm. Previously, the building was the site of the Lowry childcare services — now located in Pawley Hall — and before that, the building served as Matilda Wilson's chicken coop, according to Bockart.

"Dr. Fay Hansen got a grant to start the organic farming in an urban setting," Danielle Bockart, a senior studying biology and secretary of the SOF, said. "Now we're carrying it through with the class. I was actually in her class and I loved it."

Hansen is an associate professor of biology at OU and the group's mentor. With a background in health and cardiovascular diseases, she said she wanted to combine prevention with an environmental standpoint, so she completed MSU's organic farmer training program while on her sabbatical.

The Midwest Campus Compact STEM Consortium offers a grant for developing new ways to teach and engage students, Hansen said. Conveniently, the theme last year was food.

Hansen said she received \$25,000 from the grant, which was matched with \$25,000 by the university.

The funds helped to establish the class on organic farming Hansen taught over the summer and continue to develop the farm as an academic unit, she said.

A sprouting interest

"Having a farm is the equivalent to having a baby," Hansen said. "They say it takes a village to raise a baby; it takes a village to raise a farm."

The farm is still in its initial phase, this being the first semester that it is fully operational, but according to Bockart, student interest is on the rise and the farm stand is successful.

"It's exciting to see student interest grow," Bockart said. "It's a very friendly, laid-back and relaxed atmosphere. You learn as you go. And you get free produce!"

There is widespread campus interest in organic farming with the universal advocacy of green initiatives. Biology majors seem to make up the majority of the group, but Bockart said people from a variety of backgrounds have come out.

The value of a farm manager

Both Bockart and Hansen attributed the farm's success to Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, an OU alumnus, who has been the farm manager since April. He also owns Abundant Succession LLC, a regenerative design and education firm.

Bogdanov-Hanna oversees the daily operations of the farm, including production planning, volunteers, general management,

the farm stand and other events.

"I just think that (organic farming is) an often-overlooked connection we have with the environment and our food," he said. "Teaching-wise, one of my intentions is to give students an experience they haven't had before and ... give students something to really remember."

A community builder

"(The organization is) open to everyone," Bockart said. "It's a great experience for people who have never tried farming or gardening before and a great way to get fresh produce."

In the future, Bockart said that the group, once it gains more momentum, wants to supply Oakland's campus dining halls with fresh produce.

The Student Organic Farmers also donate a portion of their harvest to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, which services the less fortunate.

The on-campus farm is less than an acre and located on the southeast corner of OU at the corner of Adams and Butler roads and backs up to the golf course.

For more information about the group, volunteering or items for sale, visit www.facebook.com/studentorganicfarmersatou or email studentorganicfarmersou@gmail.com

Harpist studied under masters in Europe

By **STEPHANIE PREWEDA**
Staff Intern

Along with earning her bachelors degree in music this past spring from Oakland University, Laura Palmieri, currently an OU nursing student, won the Hollingsworth Music Scholarship.

The award, which recognizes quality music talent, allowed Palmieri to travel to Bern, Switzerland to study and play the harp alongside professional harpists from all over the world.

Palmieri was one of 20 harp students across the world to take part in the International Harp Masters Academy program.

Teachers at the program included professional harpists and professors of harp Milda Agazarian (Russian Music Academy and the Moscow Special Gnesin School of College); Isabelle Moretti (National Superior Conservatory of Paris for Music);

and Skaila Kanga (Royal Academy of Music in England).

"I was lucky to have a lesson with them. It's very difficult to get them," Palmeiri said. "I learned much about harp ideas and different techniques. It was the best time of my life."

Each day was a full day of harp lessons with a professor and then master classes, where they were able to listen to other harpists.

"It was a little scary. I didn't know what to expect," Palmeiri said. "I didn't know how they would react to the piece I prepared."

First encouraged by her mother at the age of 10, Palmieri has been playing the harp for 13 years and the piano for almost 15 years.

"My mother always wanted a little girl to play the harp," Palmieri said. "Ever since then, I've loved it."

She has been playing at a

college level for five years and is a member of OU's symphony orchestra and serves as the principal harpist for the Oakland symphonic band and Oakland wind symphony.

As well as having performed at the 2009 Michigan Music Festival and at Detroit Orchestra Hall, she teaches the harp from beginner to advanced levels.

"Laura came with her technique already. She is a very strong player, a very solid, stable player," said Kerstin Allvin, Palmieri's harp teacher for five years at OU.

Allvin has been teaching harp at OU for 10 years. For about five years, Palmieri was the only harp student at OU.

"She's just an excellent teacher and my study with her is just incredible," Palmieri said. "I was comfortable in Europe because of my study with her. The things they mentioned, I knew already

because of my teacher."

Palmieri plays a 47-stringed Concert Grand Petal Harp, which are usually found in symphony orchestras.

"You can do so much with this harp," Palmieri said.

Favoring Renaissance and Baroque pieces such as Bach, Palmieri also plays modern music, such as Lady Gaga.

It can take Palmieri up to six months to learn a new college-level piece.

Palmieri often plays either the harp or the piano at events such as weddings, showers, receptions and birthdays.

"The harp is just a special instrument," Palmieri said. "It's a very unique, beautiful instrument it's a rarity among the music world."

Palmieri hopes to someday pursue a master's degree in music and possibly travel with her harp.



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post
Laura Palmieri has played the harp for 13 years.

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Internship offers students the magic of Disney

By **ALI ARMSTRONG**
Local Editor

The Disney College Program and Disney Professional Internship offer students from around the world the opportunity to work directly at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. or Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. for a semester.

"This internship is your first step, so you are doing things that may or may not seem related to your degree area," Carol Anne Ketelsen, a career consultant in the career services office, said.

Students can choose from positions including lifeguarding, merchandising, communication, food and beverage, custodial, entertainment and character attendance.

"When you apply, there is a list of all of the different things you can do and you pick between three and five of the jobs you would like to do ... from that,

depending on where they need you and what your skills are, they will put you in a job," Savannah Fietsam, a Disney internship and program campus representative, said.

Depending on the role they are selected for, participants receive a rate of \$7.25-\$8.39 per hour.

Disney also offers s Disney Professional Internship (a follow-up to the Disney College Program), in which participants complete work related to their major.

Students enrolled in the program live in one of three apartment complexes available on the property and have their choice of one or up to seven roommates. Housing rates range from \$82-\$108 per week and are automatically deducted from the students' paycheck.

Participants will also have the opportunity to take classes — which may or may not earn them

college credit — during their Disney internship.

As a part of the program, students receive free admission to the four Disney World theme parks, discounts on merchandise, food and beverages and access to Mickey's Retreat, which is a cast member recreation area.

Participants in the program, however, say the overall experience is one of the greatest benefits of all.

"I made memories with the guests everyday as a vacation planner," Kathleen Garry, a Disney internship and program campus representative, said. "The Disney College Program taught me the communication skills I needed to develop effective customer relations."

Applicants must be full-time students at the time they apply for the internship, but are not required to be full-time students



Photo courtesy of Savannah Fietsam
Once graduating from the program, participants get a certificate.

if accepted into the program. Applicants are selected for the program after a series of phone and online interviews.

"Disney has a lot of opportunities and they keep coming out with more and more programs where students can get academic credit," Ketelsen said. "Honestly, I would say that it's applicable to any student."

The Disney College Program just celebrated their 30th year running last year.

Grand Valley State University,

Central Michigan University, Michigan State and Macomb Community College are just some Michigan colleges that offer the Disney College Program.

OU will be holding an on-campus orientation program for the Disney College Program Oct. 27 at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Interested students will have the opportunity to speak with a Disney representative.

For more information on the, visit www.disneycollegeprogram.com

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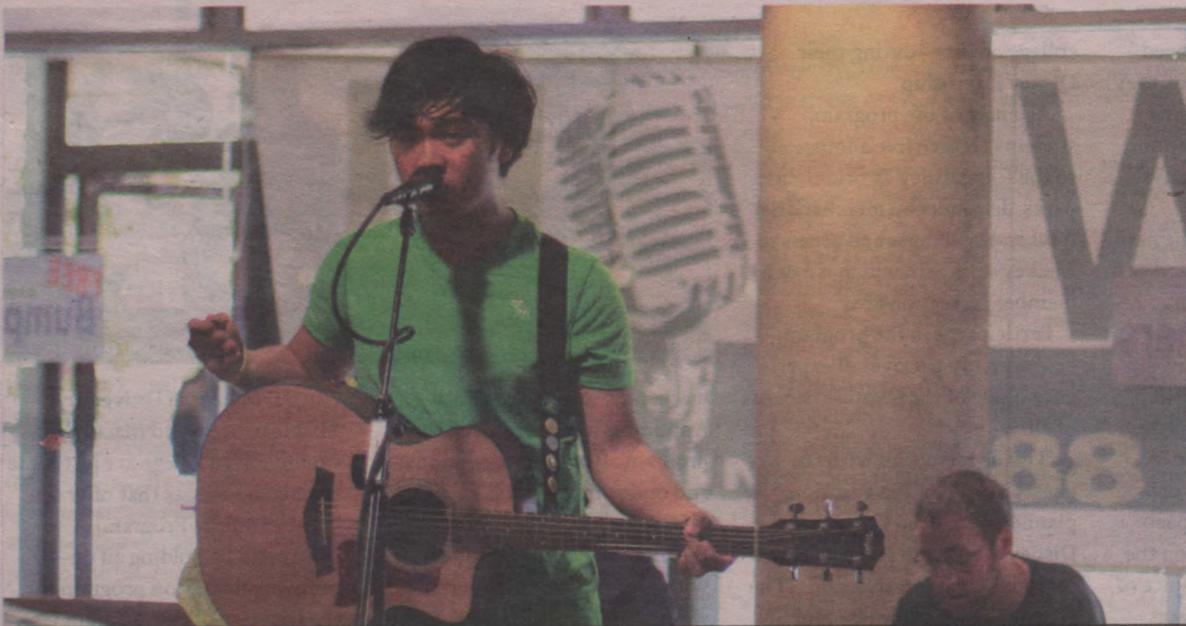
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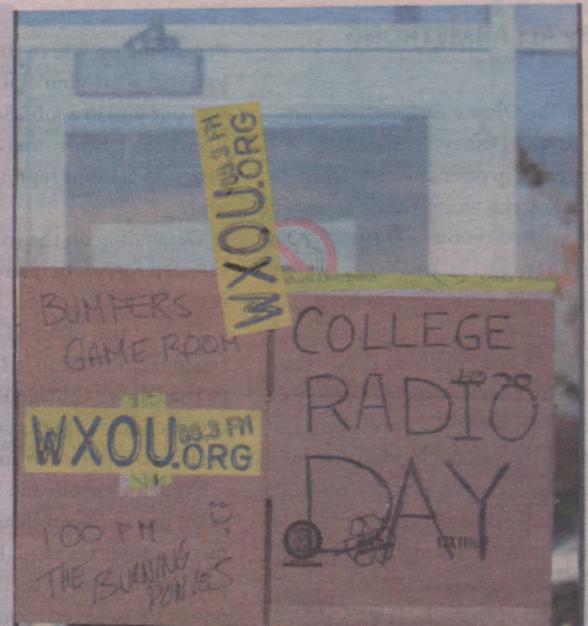
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During WXOU's celebration of National College Radio Day on Oct. 11, Leo Bautista of the Rival Summers performed an acoustic set during the day in the sitting area of Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the Oakland Center. CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post



KEVIN ROMANCHIK and CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post



WXOU hosted concert took place from noon to 2 p.m. WXOU encourages student involvement because of the opportunities that are available to all majors.



Creating a sound WXOU celebrates College Radio Day

WXOU

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The concert took place from noon-2 p.m. on the patio outside Bumpers Game Room, and featured the various local musicians.

"This (was) a big day for us," Sean Varicalli, WXOU promotions director, said. "Not only because we are OU's only college radio station, but because we need to be doing events like this to keep college radio relevant around the state."

WXOU Music Director Luke Phillips, a senior communications major, discussed the important role college radio serves.

"College radio is really an outlet and an alternative to mainstream radio stations throughout America," he said. "They try to provide programming, and play music and have certain types of shows that you just wouldn't be able to fly on a corporate, mainstream radio station."

Phillips said because WXOU is on a college campus, they have more freedom without having to worry about restrictions of content for both musicians and hosts.

WXOU is a freeform format radio station, which basi-

cally means that anything goes as far as programming. Phil Berard, General Manager of WXOU has received a scholarship through his work with the radio station.

"(WXOU) provides an outlet for independent musicians to be heard by a large market with varying musical tastes," Berard said. "College radio gives student DJ's the opportunity to share their favorite music with their peers."

This benefit allows WXOU to do anything from radio dramas and news shows to reggae

Berard believes involvement can result in a greater appreciate in broadcasting arts.

"For students looking to pursue broadcasting professionally, we provide an opportunity to learn the craft as well as build a portfolio and assemble an air check to apply to other stations," Berard said. "Radio broadcasting is also great way to challenge yourself and enhance your communication skills."

Students can get involved by stopping by the WXOU office (69 Oakland Center) to fill out an application.

WXOU can be heard on campus over the airwaves on 88.3 FM and around the world on wxou.org.

— Staff Reporter Kevin Graham contributed to this report.

New stir-fry restaurant opens near campus

By ISABELLA SHAYA
Staff Intern

Only six minutes away from Oakland University, the recently opened Flat Top Stir-Fry Grill in Rochester Hills, hopes to be a prime destination for OU students.

The customers themselves put together a stir-fry dish with their choice of a variety of natural vegetables, fresh proteins and house made sauces.

Opening general manager Marc Miller is familiar with college students after working in other Flat Top Grills that were close to college campuses.

"Our style of food and trendy atmosphere fits in well with college students," Miller said.

The restaurant is open for both lunches and dinner.

There is a base rate for one bowl, and another price for unlimited bowls. The lunchtime price is cheaper, which is aimed for any college student on a budget.

With a student ID, college students



ISABELLA SHAYA/The Oakland Post
The Flat-Top Grill hopes their youthful staff and customer-friendly menu will be a hit with the OU student-body and neighboring Auburn Hills and Rochester community.

receive a dollar off the lunch price, and two dollars of the dinner prices.

Students can come in and put as much as they like in their bowl, which management hopes to be the allure for customers.

Miller said that the roti prata bread is one of the best items on the menu.

There are currently four OU students and Sigma Pi fraternity brothers, working at the Grill.

"Everybody who works here is really cool and there are a lot of OU employees. The customers that come here are also very cool," De'Rhon Pines, senior and political science major said. "I have met a lot of interesting people while working here. It's a great environment, and we also have a great drink selection."

Nathan Maynard, senior and sociology major with a criminal justice concentration said he enjoys his time working at Flat Top.

"The environment is awesome, the colors, the food is amazing; it's just the complete package," Maynard said.

Both Pines and Maynard are always bringing friends and other Greek organization members into the restaurant.

"Once Oakland finds us, they are going to come back," Miller said.

The Flat Top Grill is located in the Village of Rochester Hills, 176 N. Adams Rd., and is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Survival of the fittest: 24 hours in

By **BRIAN FIGURSKI**
Extreme Library Adventurer

Now that Kresge Library is open 24 hours on weekdays, I decided I should embrace the college atmosphere and live in the library for an entire day. No breaks, just pure Hell.

2:49 P.M. It has begun. Editor-in-Chief Kay Nguyen has me live streaming this 'event, so I can look like an idiot in real-time, saving me the hassle of editing video and crying at my bumbling husky appearance.

3:26 P.M. I feel foolish because I have no idea who is watching this. Now I know how those girls in the pop-up ads on porno websites feel.

3:58 P.M. I can't believe an hour has expired already. I am going to venture around the library to check the other floors I have yet to see.

4:35 P.M. Did you know Kresge Library is a non-smoking facility?

4:39 P.M. So are the bathrooms.

5:09 P.M. Getting more comfortable talking to a computer. The stares are becoming tolerable.

5:36 P.M. Wayne State advertisements riddle the livestream video. My face alone promotes people to attend other schools.

5:50 P.M. I've been here for three hours.

I haven't accomplished much yet. This is what I say about my life in terms of years on a consistent basis.

6:37 P.M. Sat down with my first group of random students. I should have probably gotten that girl's number. If you're reading this, get at me, you're pretty cute.

8:26 P.M. My consciousness is fading quickly along with viewers. I fail to see how World Series Playoffs trumps this misadventure.

9:26 P.M. Talking with the barista, Samantha. Free coffee is awesome.

10:00 P.M. Freshening up to reassess what my goal is in this library. I think I need to apply myself to not being single anymore.

10:25 P.M. Feeling so fresh and so clean. Awkward looks in the bathroom while applying shampoo and conditioner.

11:06 P.M. Tried to go on a date and failed. Strike one. I'm shooting for three failed attempts. At least I tried. I think she was seventeen anyways.

11:15 P.M. Live Q&A session while constructing and eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Guy next to me keeps giving me the eye. Not the sexy eye, but the "shut up before I knock you out" eye.

11:40 P.M. Going to get more coffee before the shop closes up.

12 A.M. Meeting a lot of cool people here, and it's making me reconsider my pessimism. Midnight librarian thinks I'm hot.

1:23 A.M. Creeping out some freshman. He is most likely going to drop out of school. Sorry for ruining your future in engineering, Matt.

2:01 A.M. People are still talking to me online. What is wrong with you people.

3:10 A.M. Being egged on by user "Guesssst" to find them on the Fourth floor. I accept your challenge.

3:34 A.M. Guesssst is not who they claim to be. I am now in a random conversation awaiting a three-part harmony to happen.

3:50 A.M. Epic three part Beatles sing-along at the 13th hour. Why is this happening? I love my life.

4:00 A.M. Second attempt at securing a date is a strikeout. Life goes on. Laugh at my misery. I hate my life.

4:46 A.M. Shoeless and sockless. It feels fantastic. I might pass out.

5:10 A.M. I need a cigarette and a pack of Red Bull stat.

6:16 A.M. People are starting to trickle back into the library like my bladder is doing when I slip in and out of consciousness.

7:49 A.M. My food rations have run dry. Desperately awaiting the café to reopen in

ten minutes.

8:36 A.M. The morning crowd is not having any of my shenanigans. The night owls were much more fun.

9:09 A.M. I really should have taken a nap.

9:24 A.M. I hate the sound my face makes. Disdain is returning rapidly. Where have all the cowboys gone?

10:03 A.M. Ustream has blown up. This project has failed.

11:00 A.M. I have lost my will to talk, to the computer and to others, and also my will to live in this library any further. I must trek on reluctantly.

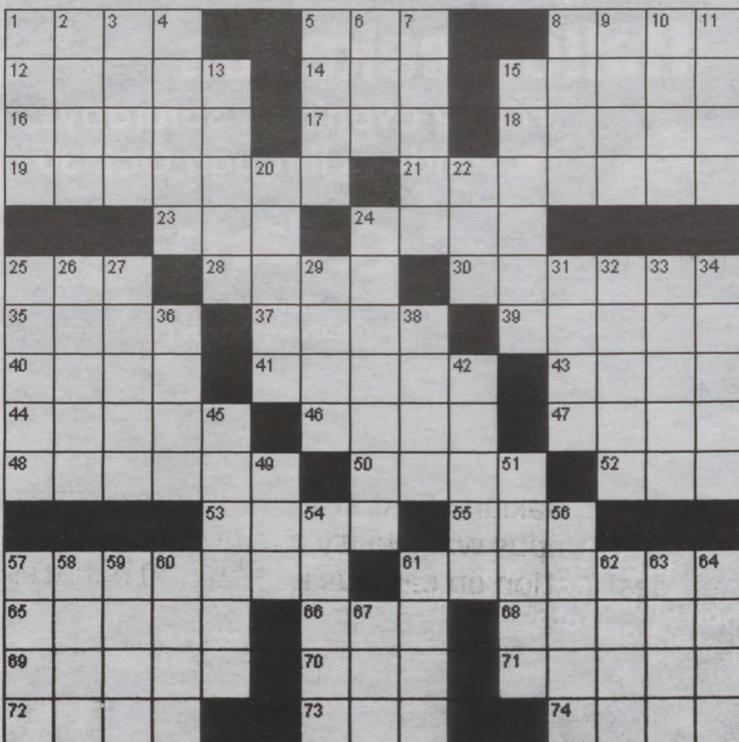
1:37 P.M. Got my energy back after nearly smashing my face with a book titled 'Regret.' Just bidding my time until I... go meditate. Right now.

2:11 P.M. Meditate just means take a nap. I want to thank everyone who let me harass them over the last 24 hours.

I will never do this again.

In short, I do not recommend living in the library for a complete day. I am so burned out I am having difficulty thinking of anything compelling or witty to write.

This was like watching a train wreck carrying loads of dynamite crash into a bus full of tourists in slow motion.



Across

- 1. Stringed instrument
- 5. Young child
- 8. Fuss
- 12. Obviate
- 14. Be indebted to
- 15. Fragment
- 16. Water barrier
- 17. Single
- 18. South American animal
- 19. Restless
- 21. Brass instrument
- 23. Japanese currency
- 24. Scorch
- 25. Weep
- 28. Small stream
- 30. Ploy
- 35. Harvest
- 37. Amphibian
- 39. Very slow tempo
- 40. Hawaiian island
- 41. Overhang
- 43. Musical composition for 1

- 44. Contempt
- 46. Sate
- 47. Carbon black
- 48. Purloined
- 50. Zeal
- 52. Solfa syllable
- 53. Parch
- 55. Label
- 57. Part of a set of bagpipes
- 61. Female inheritor
- 65. Country life
- 66. Regret
- 68. Visual part of TV
- 69. Animated
- 70. Lout
- 71. Church officer
- 72. Manufactured
- 73. Moist
- 74. Musical instrument of ancient Greece
- 31. Musical setting for a religious ceremony
- 32. Sulk
- 33. Ice hut

- 34. Part of a comb
- 36. Knitting stitch
- 38. Small wooded hollow
- 42. Roofing material

Down

- 1. One of two parts
- 2. Assert
- 3. Wander
- 4. Righteousness
- 5. Implement
- 6. Possess
- 7. Fangs
- 8. Movie
- 9. Type of year
- 10. Highest attainable level
- 11. Type of fuel
- 13. Postpone
- 15. Denotes more than one
- 20. Combine
- 22. Music with syncopated melody
- 24. Stringed instrument with keyboard
- 25. Traverse
- 26. Respond
- 27. Cheerful sounding search engine
- 29. Loiter
- 45. Cuddle
- 49. Indicating maiden name
- 51. Callow
- 54. Pointer
- 56. Kind of restaurant
- 57. Pack to capacity
- 58. Polynesian dance
- 59. Desiccated
- 60. Part of a church
- 61. Lift with difficulty
- 62. Miniture whirlpool
- 63. Soothsayer
- 64. Painful
- 67. Arab federation, initially