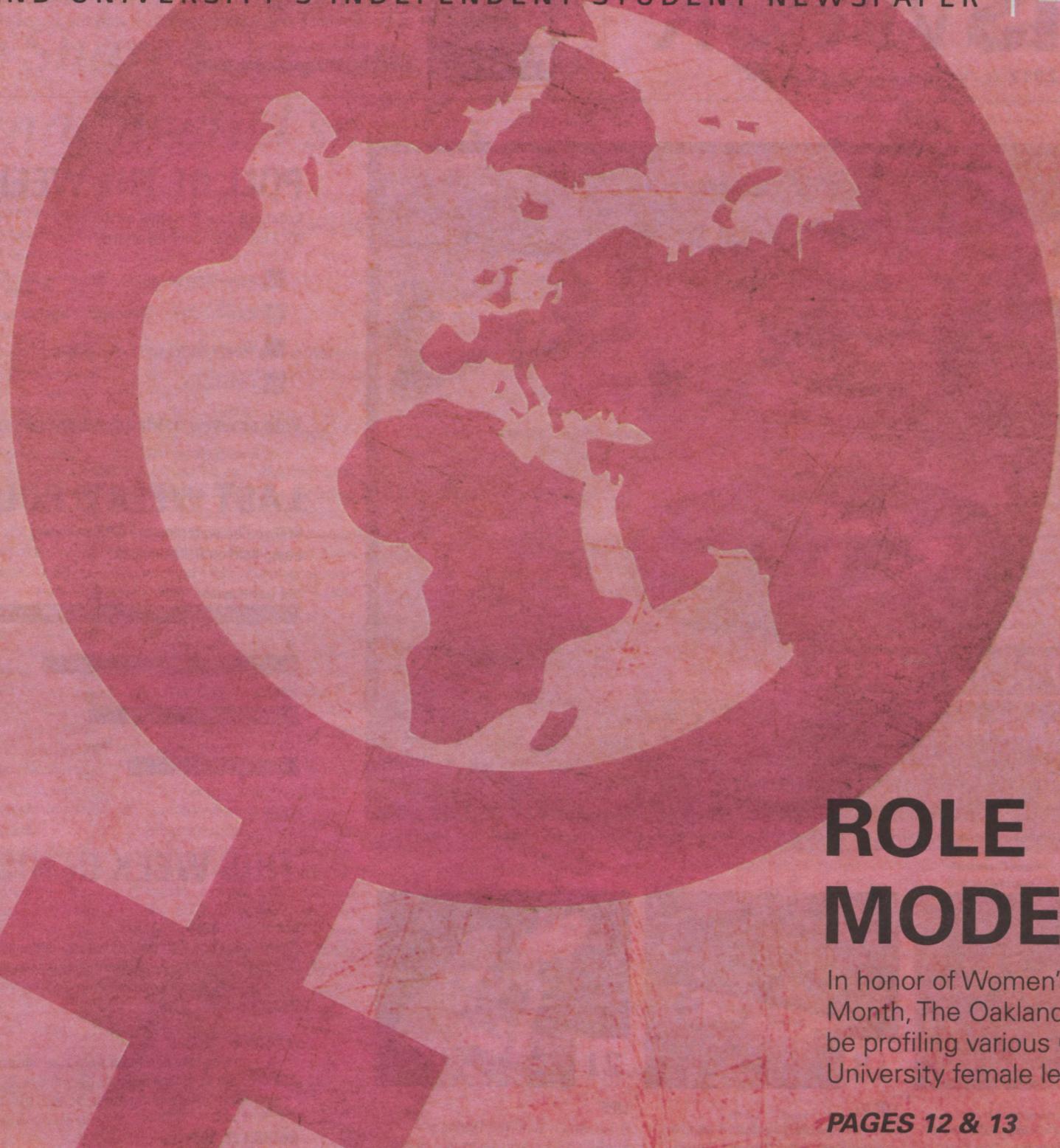


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Students celebrate the influential black women at Oakland University at an empowerment event. Read the story and view the photos on our website.

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FLASH MOB FOR AWARENESS // Oakland University students participate in a flash mob to raise awareness for the thousands of deaths in Syria. A bake sale was held to raise money for those who need aid. Read the full story online at www.oaklandpostonline.com. Tweet us your photos @theoaklandpost for your chance to be featured as next week's photo of the week. *JESSICA BOONE//For The Oakland Post*

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Over 100 professionals gathered at Oakland University for "The Stem Cell Michigan Meeting." The meeting was to discuss recent research findings in the area.



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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your thoughts on the Kony 2012 Invisible Children efforts?

- A I think they're great — Bring him down.
- B It's overrated — Facebook can't change the world.
- C What's Kony? Extra chili please.
- D I don't care.

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Will you be watching the GOP debate being held on OU's campus?

- A Immediately, I park in the overflow lots
19 votes | 35%
- B Five to 10 minutes
17 votes | 31%
- C 10 minutes to 30 minutes — I troll
13 votes | 26%
- D An hour or more — I need front row
11 votes | 22%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 17, 1980

Hazel Conniff, a 23-year-old journalism major at Oakland University, was murdered by serial killer Carl Eugene Watts while visiting her boyfriend in Detroit.

MARCH 16, 2005

OU's men's basketball team defeated Alabama A&M 79-69, allowing them to play in the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

MARCH 18, 2009

Linda Gillum, Ronald Mattei, Angela Nuzzarello and Michele Raible were hired as assistant deans for the William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Bike Share bikes becoming an endangered species

You've seen them before. They're bright pink, have two wheels and aid to your commute around campus.

They are the Bike Share bikes and they are about to become extinct.

Started three years ago by members of the Oakland University Student Congress, a division of Student Affairs, University Housing and Campus Recreation in 2009, the Bike Share program has had problems with bike mortality rates.

Of the 260 bikes purchased at the beginning of the year, a mere 23 percent, or 60 bikes, are left.

While we can't put the blame on one specific group, we are just disappointed in the entire situation.

Oakland's Bike Share policy states online that it "serves to promote physical fitness and eco-friendliness," and the program has been based on an honor system of sharing designated bicycles since it first started.

According to the program's rules, the bikes are limited to OU's main campus.

However, bikes have been spotted mangled all around campus and off campus, too.

There have been reports and sightings of Bike Share bikes at Beacon Hill Apartments, the Busch's shop-

The Bike Share program is a privilege on our campus and it deserves more respect.

ping plaza, all along Walton Boulevard and as far away as Pontiac.

And students aren't the only ones that are using them incorrectly.

Last week's Mouth Off column featured a picture of a Bike Share bike being mistreated. The photo was of someone who doesn't even attend OU submerging one of the bikes into Beer Lake.

The Bike Share program is a privilege on our campus and it deserves more respect. Abusing the bikes and the program is ruining it for everyone.

That is where the problem lies.

OUSC is currently working with campus recreation to develop a plan to keep the program going. Present ideas include a universal lock system that would require students to place a deposit on the bikes in order to be able to receive the universal key.

The hope is that students, by becoming invested in the bikes, will begin to take better care of the devices they're using. It will also

help decrease the amount of theft from the people who couldn't care less.

Other universities around the country have similar Bike Share programs, but they have implemented a system where students use their student IDs to check out a bike, lock and helmet.

Such a program with oversight would help to keep bikes on campus at all times and will ensure they are returned in good condition.

Though we understand that a program like that could cost upwards of \$100,000, a set policy to check out bikes is necessary.

Brett McIsaac, student services director, said OUSC is not planning on increasing the number of bikes for the rest of the semester. So unless everyone starts to handle them correctly, we fear they will soon be extinct.

If you see a bike that is broken, or find one off campus, you can text the bike's location to bike@oakland.edu. Include the bike's number located on handlebar and the rack location.

And please, be more careful with them. Don't ruin it for others.

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EDITORIAL

Why is the 2012 Oakland Symposium for you?

2012 Oakland Symposium: Empowering Women in the Global Community

Beyond being the largest event organized by Oakland University Student Congress for the current administration, the 2012 Oakland Symposium will be bringing in the big names to speak, including Sheryl WuDunn — the first Asian American winner of the Pulitzer Prize and author of "Half the Sky," — the OU Board of Trustees Chair Henry Baskin, CEO of Haven, Executive Director of the Collaborative Group and vice presidents from the multi-billion dollar industries Johnson Controls, Eaton Corporation and Consumers Energy. (Among others listed below)

OUSC is hosting the 2012 Oakland Symposium on the topic of Empowering Women in the Global Community on March 2.

Join in on this educational and inspirational series of engagements, workshops, panels and entertainment.

If this already sounds good, learn more and register for the symposium here oakland.edu/symposium.



**BENJAMIN
EVESLAGE**

guest columnist

WuDunn, as described previously, will keynote the symposium at 9 a.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre, followed by various panels from 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., a networking session at 3:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room, a benefit dinner at 5:30 at Meadow Brook Hall and the RHA's Grizzposé fashion show fundraiser at 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms.

Women and girls compose more than half the world's population, however this group is still categorized as a minority because of inequality and discrimination that is either hidden or obvious in many societies throughout the world.

OU's student female population happens to be a surprising 60 percent.

However, it is important to note that women's empowerment empowers all 100 percent of the Oakland University student body.

In the novel, "Half the Sky" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, they reason that Earth's largest untapped resource is women. Thus, empowering women is empowering the global economy.

The 2012 Oakland Symposium at OU will become

the place for understanding global women's empowerment and learning about solutions to make a positive difference in our own community.

Topics for workshops and panels include sex trafficking, women overcoming social challenges, women with disabilities, global perspectives, empowerment through the legal system, women in politics and media, women in poverty, religious perspectives and women in business.

Free lunch at noon and refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided throughout the day.

View the symposium program and register online at www.oakland.edu/symposium

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Last week's letter to the editor was hurtful, inaccurate towards all student athletes

Julianne Boyle
Engineering Biology, Sophomore

This is a response to the letter to the editor about athlete conduct at an eating awareness event.

While I respect the intentions of

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to see a friend make an appearance in the issue.

As a member of the women's soccer team, I hardly receive any recognition or fan support from the majority of Oakland students — so any publicity is somewhat of a shocker.

But imagine how I felt as I read the

article which generalized me and my teammates as "middle school boys."

My team attended the movie premiere for Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

This was a function that all student-athletes were required to attend and they became the bulk of the audience. A few were, as was correctly pointed out, behaving inappropriately.

But, by no means, was this something that the entire population of student-athletes took as a joke.

The conduct of a few athletes has been generalized to something that implies immaturity and superiority of athletes.

Many sports teams at OU have small support groups to begin with and do not appreciate the unnecessary poor publicity.

I, myself, learned a lot and encourage the people who read The Oakland Post just as I do, to understand that most student-athletes work very hard to support the community and would hope the community would show some support back to the athletes of all sports.

Now hiring: Editor-in-Chief

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Editor-In-Chief for the fall 2012 and winter 2013 semesters. Applications are due Friday, March 23.

The Editor-In-Chief is responsible for managing the Oakland Post independent student newspaper and reports to the board of directors.

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Job duties include supervision of staff, oversight of production of weekly print publication and daily online news site, writing and editing, staff recruitment and training and facilitation of necessary university and community relations.

Compensation includes weekly salary and a tuition stipend. Applicants need not be journalism majors, but prior experience in a newsroom is preferable.

Applicants should send a digital portfolio including a cover letter, resume and work samples to Holly Shreve Gilbert, shreve@oakland.edu

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Walk in our shoes before generalizing

Brittany Holbrook
Social Work, Junior

This letter is regarding the girl that commented on the athlete conduct at the Eating Awareness Event in the Banquet rooms of the Oakland Center.

As a student-athlete, I was very disappointed when I read this letter in The Oakland Post. I felt that you wrote out of complete ignorance, generalizing the athletes as being immature and offensive at the event.

Most athletes that I had conversed with thought this event was helpful and very educational for those going through eating disorders and body image problems.

You stated a statement saying, "Next time — don't bother coming." I just wanted to enlighten you that this event was mandatory for all athletes. When you heard two girls complain about not wanting to be there — give them a break. They might have had 7 to 9 a.m. practice, along with a 9 to 10 a.m. workout, a 12 p.m. class, trying to find time to eat, following another class and then a mandatory event scheduled just when you think you may get a time to breathe and have

time on your own?

When you said, "To the girl sitting behind me — If this film helps even one person in the community, it's more than what you've done," did not really sit well with me.

Do you know that student-athletes do more community service within Oakland County than some do in their life?

Do you not realize that we are affiliated with Hispanic Outreach Tutoring Programs, The Boys & Girls Club, Jack's Place and reading to elementary schools on a daily basis?

Do you not realize that most athletes take 16 credits while spending at least four hours in the gym, on the field, or on the track each day — not counting all the four day weekends traveling, trying to get your school work done? No. Didn't think so.

Did you even think you are discriminating and generalizing groups of people?

Before you, and a lot of Oakland University, classify athletes as selfish or vain, maybe one day you should take a walk in their shoes and see really what being a Division I student-athlete is all about.

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Protests support student's suspension

Feminist organization expresses opinion on sexual harassment

By Jordan Gonzalez
Assistant Campus Editor

The fire is still burning in the aftermath of the suspension of a 56-year-old student from Oakland University.

A feminist group on campus, Students Advocating for Gender Awareness, and history fraternity, Phi Alpha Theta, have collaborated to protest what they said is an "inaccurate representation of the facts from the media."

They gathered signatures from students for a petition and wrote a letter to President Gary Russi and Dean of Students, Glenn McIntosh.

Supporting the University

Vanessa Vojinov, a member of SAGA, said the purpose of the letter was to show support for the university's decision to suspend the student and the petition is to raise awareness of what actually occurred.

"Phi Alpha Theta decided that they were going to have a letter to the president saying that they supported his decision and they wanted all the student organizations to sign it," Vojinov said. "(SAGA) decided that student organizations weren't big enough. (SAGA) wanted it like an outcry against sexual harassment from the student body itself."

SAGA began tabling March 5, gathering signatures from students for a petition that they will eventually submit Russi and McIntosh. As of March 12, they had 633 signatures.

"This (petition) is more focused on recognizing that it is sexual harassment and the (Phi Alpha Theta collaborative letter) is more focused on the OU policy to suspend (the student)," Alex Allen, SAGA president, said.

Challenging the media

Allen said the key to the problem isn't a free speech issue, but a sexual harassment issue.

"We really wanted to challenge a lot of the media ... and the way that they are framing it as a free speech issue," Allen said. "A lot of the headlines were like 'OU student suspended for journal' without really referencing what was in the journal, that the teacher was



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Lauren Catoni, a member of SAGA, explains the purpose of the petition and definition of sexual harassment according to SAGA.

affected by it or that it was sexual harassment."

OU did not charge the student, Joseph Corlett, with sexual harassment, according to documents released by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a non-profit educational foundation based in Philadelphia. The student was charged with intimidation, violating ordinance 6.02, unlawful individual activities, of the University Ordinances and Regulations due to the content in an assignment in his Advanced Critical Writing course, which he described his sexual attraction to his instructor.

For SAGA, the student didn't just commit intimidation, he committed sexual harassment as well.

"Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination, which is illegal under title seven of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," Allen said. "(In this case) it would be that Joseph Corlett's journal entries were unwanted sexual attention."

According to Allen, sexual harassment is more than physical harassment or what culture perceives as something that is of a sexual nature.

"The intention is less important than the effect it has on the person," she

said. "It is less important that Mr. Corlett thought that what he was doing is ok and more important that the professor was uncomfortable with it."

Student challenges protests

The student's attorney, Brian P. Vincent, that the student committed sexual harassment.

"In terms of their protest, Joe's speech, with respect to the charge in this matter, was entirely protected," Vincent said. "We take issue with their assertion that Joe's conduct has in some way violated the university's own sexual harassment misconduct or the law."

Corlett said the definition of sexual harassment, according to the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, shows that what he wrote does not fit the definition. He said the director of OU's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, Joi Cunningham, said his work did not violate the OU's policies during his hearing.

"(The Director) explained to the hearing committee that my daybook did not meet the definition of sexual harassment or intimidation according to (the Office of Civil Rights), with which OU must comply, according to

nine," Corlett said.

Cunningham could not be reached by press time for comment.

Vincent said there were "procedural errors" that also occurred, which he didn't specify, but he said that it is federal law that universities that accept federal funds comply with title nine, also known as the Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act.

Recently, OU denied Corlett's appeal to have Corlett reinstated, according to Vincent, but he said they will continue to stay with the case.

"The point is that popularity or majority rule or petition signing has absolutely nothing to do with the first amendment," Corlett said. "It's absolutely irrelevant to the first amendment. In fact, only when those among us have the least popular speech protect will the rest of us have protection."

OU officials are still unable to comment on the matter.

To read OU's sexual harassment policy for students visit <http://bit.ly/A1L7pW> and for faculty <http://bit.ly/xTxmm1>

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Her earlier best seller, *A Beautiful Mind*, told the remarkable story of John Nash, the Princeton mathematical genius who suffered from schizophrenia for three decades before recovering and winning a Nobel Prize in economics. Her biography of Nash won the National Book Critics Circle Award and helped put a human face on a devastating mental illness. Published in 30 languages, the book inspired the Academy Award-winning film of the same name, directed by Ron Howard and starring Russell Crowe.

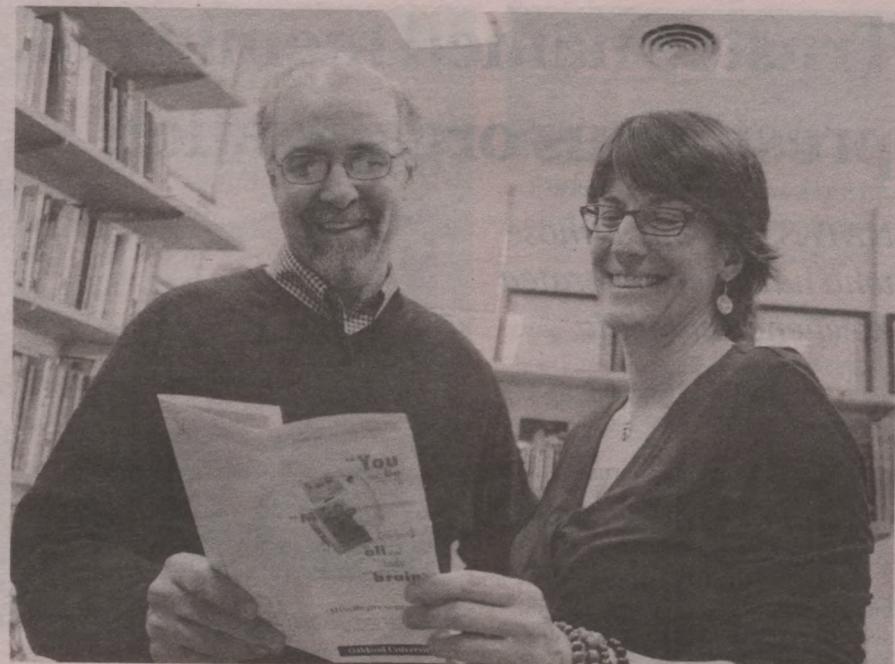
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Jay Meehan (LEFT) and Jo Reger (RIGHT) go through the agenda of the film festival brochure.

Festival still going strong

Latest film celebrates influential women who defied stereotypes in the media

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's Women and Gender Studies Film Festival is celebrating its 28th year with Jennifer Siebel's documentary "Miss Representation."

This year, the festival will take place on March 24 in room 201 of Dodge Hall.

According to Jo Reger, associate professor of sociology, the film has been surrounded by buzz since Oprah premiered it on her network. Many people are having home party viewings of the film. A local church has even shown the film and based readings around it, she said.

"(The film) talks about how these images, that we feed our children, end up actually influencing what they think their potential is," Reger said.

Teenagers and influential women such as Condoleezza Rice, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric, Rachel Maddow and Gloria Steinem also share their stories about their experiences with the media's portrayal of their sex.

Lizabeth Barclay, a professor of management in from the School of Business Administration, brought the film to Reger's attention. She believes the film is relevant today because it highlights society's emphasis on female beauty and women's health issues.

"Women leaders are often evaluated on their looks rather than their deeds, women's health issues continue to be

problematic, and there seems to be an increase in the sexualization of (female) children," Barclay said. "This film addresses those issues and provides the viewer with a context for reflection."

Although Barclay is a faculty member in the business school, she does not believe that means she can't be involved in women's issues.

"My research looks at discriminatory processes at work," she said. "Some of my research has involved gender discrimination as well as sexual harassment. The treatment of women at work is something that needs to be examined."

In addition to showing the film, the festival will host a panel discussion with members of the community. Guest panelists will include East Lansing Senator Gretchen Whitmer and local high school student Ann Blessman.

"I think it's the conversation. When you're in school you get a chance to talk about big thoughts all the time, but once you leave here you don't get a chance to think about things beyond just like 'I gotta do this, I gotta do this,'" Reger said.

Reger also thinks since you can watch movies through many different platforms it's not necessarily the film that the community comes to see.

Contact Jo Reger at reger@oakland.edu for more information.

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Trustee named member of prestigious organization

NATAS recognizes those who have demonstrated excellence in media

By Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

Oakland University trustee Henry Baskin has been named to the legal committee for the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Baskin, a Birmingham family law and entertainment and sports lawyer, has served on the OU Board of Trustees since 1996.

"The Emmy that I received was for a particular show that was done for something called 'the drug court' in Michigan," he said.

NATAS, best known for the Emmy given for both national and local television programming, is governed by a strict set of bylaws, something the legal committee is responsible for.

Baskin outlined some of his new responsibilities.

"Each chapter has to adhere to a standard body of bylaws and rules and regulations," he said. "Sometimes that becomes a bit of a problem and therefore, there is a committee of three lawyers across the country who set the bylaws standards and revise them as times change."

"DURING HIS TIME HERE AT OU, HENRY HAS DEMONSTRATED TREMENDOUS PASSION AND GREAT GENEROSITY — QUALITIES THAT ARE SURE TO SERVE ANY ORGANIZATION WELL."

Gary Russi,
President of Oakland University

Baskin explained the bylaws can be important when trying to resolve conflicts.

"When you think of award shows perse, you wouldn't think of a legal issue that might arise," he said. "Sometimes there might be issues of who deserves the Emmy. Would it be the producer or would it be the talent? Those issues are usually solved by the bylaws that we put into place."

Baskin has won an Emmy in the past for his work on "Due Process," a legal show that ran for 27 years on WDIV and public television. The episode he won for dealt with drugs and the legal system.



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Trustee Henry Baskin will help resolve issues dealing with bylaws as a member of NATAS.

OU President Gary Russi commended Baskin on his appointment.

"During his time here at OU, Henry has demonstrated tremendous passion and great generosity — qualities that are sure to serve any organization well," he said. "I congratulate both Henry and NATAS on this appointment and am confident only good things will come from it."

Baskin received his introduction to the field of entertainment law during the Motown era.

"I met a young man named Marvin Gaye and that introduced me to the Motown era," he said. "I represented, you know, 20 Motown people because they were located here and it was an opportunity for a Midwest lawyer who didn't live on either coast to represent nationally acclaimed artists."

Baskin also represents television people across the country that work both nationally and in various local markets.

He said it's hard to make a living as strictly an entertainment attorney when most of the work comes from the coasts. It's also not as exciting as one might think.

"Is it glamorous? No. It's a lot of contract work."

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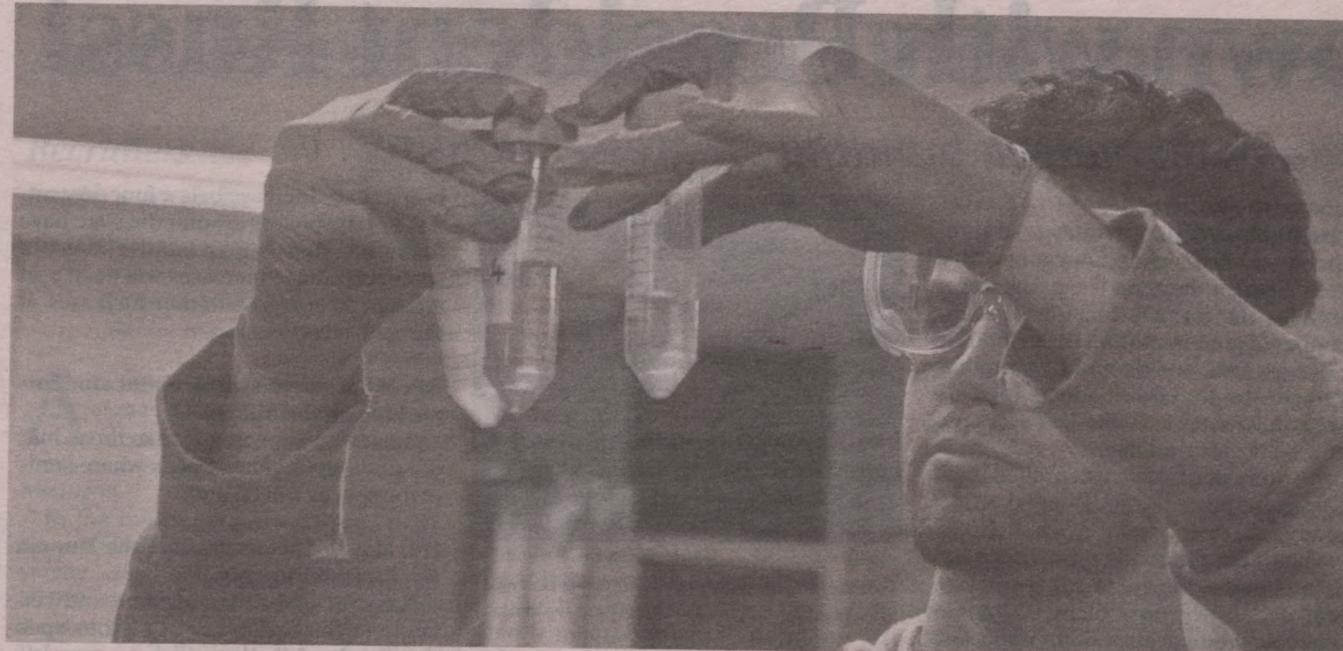
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Stem cell conference digs in deep

Conference discusses purpose, progress of stem cell research in recent times

By Sarah Hunton and Chris Lauritsen
Senior Reporters

Among the intricate wood carvings and the stained glass windows of historic Meadow Brook Hall, over 100 professionals from around the Metro Detroit area gathered at the "Stem Cell Michigan Meeting" to discuss stem cells and recent findings that had been made on the subject.

Jeff Mason, the executive director of Michigan's University Research Corridor, said the meeting started a loosely organized group of individuals that had interest in stem cells.

Michigan-based coalition

The URC is comprised of the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State. OU is not apart of the URC, but they are working on joining.

Oakland University began their stem cell research in 2002 and partnered with Beaumont Hospital in 2010 to create the Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine.

Oakland uses cord blood stem cells, as well as adult stem cells which according to OU Professor and Beaumont Hospital ISCRM Coordinator Rasul Chaudhry are very similar to embryonic stem cells but don't carry the same social stigma.

Chaudhry said once a child is born, blood remains in the placenta and in the attached umbilical cord. From there, doctors are able to extract the cord blood stem cells.

"(Stem cells) change everything in

medicine and has the chance to improve the quality of individuals lives," Chaudhry said.

Hopeful against diseases

According to Chaudhry, stem cells may offer a solution to people that have Degenerative Disc Disease, which is the gradual deterioration of the disc that is between the vertebrae. Currently DDD has no known cure.

Chaudhry said if they could get stem cells to regenerate the center of the disc which is destroyed by DDD, then there might be something that would provide a cure for the disease.

Stem cells are currently being researched in regard to diseases that are associated with old age and with parts of the human body simply wearing out.

Chaudhry said through stem cells, Beaumont Hospitals has been able to strengthen the muscle that controls the bowels and bladder, thus eliminating or reducing the problem of incontinence, which is a common problem with old age.

The lab at OU has already reproduced neurons, he said, and the hope is that they can eventually replace the neurons in the plane that are effected by Parkinson's, thus curing the disease.

In addition to these diseases, OU is hoping that stem cell therapy will help multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

One major issue facing scientists and doctors when it comes to the use of stem cells is the fear that the body will try to reject the stem cells, said Chaudhry.

"Realistically it will take a long time before we will be able to use stem cells on a particular disease," Chaudhry said.

They can also aid in the discovery of whether or not a certain medication will lead to the loss of a fertilized embryo.

Embryonic ethical dilemma

Stem cells are not without controversy, however. Embryonic stem cells are researched and created through in vitro fertilization (a way of using sperm to fertilize a woman's egg in a lab setting).

The student organization Students for Life opposes embryonic stem cell research, but believes adult stem cell research, in which cells from adult organs are studied, is a valuable medical contribution.

"We want to be clear about this distinction- we understand the value of medical research and its healing goals, but not when human embryos are being destroyed to accomplish that," Jana Duggan, vice president of Student for Life said. "Adult stem cells, on the other hand, can be harvested with no harm to the donor."

Chaudhry hopes by hosting this conference OU will be looked upon as equals in the eyes of their peers.

"We want to show that this is a place where you can raise a family and have a good job," Chaudhry said.

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POLICE FILES

Person of interest identified by Dodge Hall security cameras

On March 5, OUPD was dispatched to parking lot 36 for a reported assault. Upon arrival, police observed a male student with several injuries. Police contacted the Auburn Hills Fire Department for medical assistance and interviewed the student. Upon returning, the student saw a male suspect holding a gray knapsack. The student said that the suspect then punched him in the face and took off running. Police reviewed security footage from Dodge Hall which showed the student following the suspect through parking lot 36 and the suspect running south towards parking lot 34. The video footage did not show any physical contact between the student and the suspect.

Student victim of online scam

On March 6, a male student reported that he had been the victim of an online scam. The student stated that in Dec. 2011 he registered online for a secret shopper position. The student said he was contacted by an employee of the company who told him he was hired and gave the student job instructions. The student received \$1,700 in U.S. Postal Service money orders and was instructed to go to certain stores and purchase items for a total of \$120. The student could keep the items and \$80. The student was later notified by his bank that the money orders he deposited were counterfeit. Shortly after the bank notified the student, he received additional counterfeit money orders for \$1,700.

MIPs issued at Hamlin Hall

Police arrived at Hamlin Hall to investigate possible underage drinking on Friday, March 9. Upon arrival police noticed bottles of beer on the floor of the room. The two male occupants stated they had been drinking prior to OUPD's arrival. Both occupants took preliminary breath tests with the results of .05 and .12. Both were issued an OU citation for Minor in Possession. The two were advised by police to stay in their room for the night. OUPD disposed of the remaining alcohol.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski,
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Sitting down with President Russi

Russi updates on budget, building progress, branding

By Stephanie Preweda
Campus Editor

The Oakland Post had the opportunity to sit down with Oakland University President Gary Russi Friday to talk about the upcoming budget, developing engineering building, parking and the university's branding efforts.

This is the first part in a two-part series highlighting Russi's views on what is going on in and around campus.

OP: What is happening with next year's budget? Will there be another increase? Or will it remember the same?

Russi: The budget process starts in December and we do a number of forecasts. We look at enrollment, cash flow, costs and what the potential will be for state funding. We try to finalize them in late March. We are constantly looking at the variables to determine what they will be.

The key for us is what the governor does. The governor came out in February with his budget recommendation.

This year, he did not cut higher educa-

tion.

He put in a pool of money ... of three percent ... for higher education. That three percent increase is based on a formula. The formula includes first the number of graduates from the institution ... they go back and do multi-year rolling average, and for each graduate increase that you've seen over the last years, we get \$17,000 per graduate.

The number of students enrolled that's the second piece to this, (that is) \$235 a student.

What I like about this piece of the formula is that it begins to say 'you know what, people who do not have the money or people who have need are important to higher education into the state.' It deals with the question of access. That's important for all of us.

The third variable is what they (Snyder) call 'critical degree.' Basically, is it STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) research. What they are trying to promote is the idea that STEM degrees are really critical in economic development.



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President Gary Russi says there will be two key events in fall for the upcoming buildings.

They believe in supporting, seeing new business (get) started, small business starts and job creation.

The fourth piece of this formula is really interesting. Is it what tuition will be next year? Kind of. They didn't do it by looking at the history — they looked at next year's number.

They said you would get money if we

keep tuition increase below four percent.

All of the boards around the state have to be working with administration on what percentage increases will be. It's an attempt to mitigate tuition increases at the state level.

OP: What do you think about students parking on the hill in P1?

Russi: We are going to take those hills out and add parking. That's where some of the spaces will be built.

OP: How is the progress of the Human Health Building going?

Russi: It's great. It's on time and certainly in the budget ... we plan to open that in the fall. We will have two key events to invite the community, legislators, donors and students to this. One will be the opening and the other will be the ground breaking for the engineering building.

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Academic recruiters focus on Wayne County

Recruiters use tactics to gain county population

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

Academic recruiters use a variety of tactics to capture the attention of students across many counties in Michigan.

In the near future, President Gary Russi hopes Oakland University will be home to over 25,000 students, according to Academic Advisor Michael Brennan.

One area in which academic recruiters are focusing is Wayne County.

Brennan works specifically with this county by visiting high schools and college fairs. He said that Wayne County visitors are those who visit OU the most.

"A lot of the students don't

have the opportunity to get up to the campus ... so if we can go to them and tell them what Oakland has to offer, sometimes that's the best way to let them know," he said.

The tactics that Brennan uses are not specific to him.

According to Dawn Aubry Slowik, associate director of undergraduate admissions, academic advisors do many different things to introduce students to OU and keep them interested in the university.

Aubry said they do everything from maintaining personal relationships with prospective students and families, conducting high school and community college visits, interacting with students, and explaining admissions requirements," she said.

Aubry said it is critical that the recruiters spend time conducting personal meetings with students and their family. They do this by facilitating on and off campus presentations, attend-

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Michael Brennan,
Academic Advisor

ing local college fairs, reviewing student applications and making admission decisions.

The idea is maintaining relationships with OU faculty and staff, she said.

Brennan believes one reason that the enrollment may be low among Wayne County residents is the number of other universities in the county that OU must compete with, including Wayne State University and University of Detroit Mercy.

Brennan has some difficulty

with convincing students that attending OU may be an option now or in the future.

"The hurdles that I face are just students who are not academically prepared for college," he said. "So making sure that we get the message out to both groups of students and let them know even if they aren't ready there are other options such as starting at a community college."

Slowik also believes that many admissions advisors are faced with issues of the cost of higher education and student's lack of knowledge to use technology to find accurate college information.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about undergraduate admissions, visit www.oakland.edu/go

Contact senior reporter Sarah Hunton via email at sjhunton@oakland.edu

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1,339

Number of students from Wayne County

7.1%

Percentage of students from Wayne County

5,988

Number of students from Macomb County

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Percentage of students from Macomb County

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Percentage of students from Oakland County

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Eleanor Reynolds

Assistant Vice President and Director of Graduate Affairs, Eleanor Reynolds, will be celebrating 30 years at Oakland University on March 2.

Reynolds received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Oakland University.

In the past several years, Reynolds has been developing partnerships with the academic units to support OU's enrollment growth.

Currently, she is working on enhancing the digital communications and other technology used in student recruitment and student retention.

"Stay true to your core values and convictions, and remember the successes in your life are often more than not a collaboration with others and not a single performance," she said.



Mary Beth Snyder

Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Mary Beth Snyder, has been working at Oakland University for 17 years.

In 2010, she was awarded NASPA Award for Excellence in Student Affairs, which recognizes individuals who serve as leaders.

Snyder is currently working on the development of a new student housing complex and has future aspirations to see a clock/carillon tower in the center of campus.

"Women who want to be in leadership roles need to take responsibility for themselves, not blame others, strive to "sit at the table" where the decisions are being made and pick the right partner or spouse in life," she said.

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Jean Ann Miller

Director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Programs, Jean Ann Miller, has been at Oakland University for 29 years. Miller has her degree in psychology from OU.

She said that her biggest achievement is fulfilling her dream and helping students.

Currently, Miller is planning events for the 2012-13 school year.

Miller is active with traditional events in student events including greek life, leadership and volunteer works.

"You have to have passion for what you do, don't give up," she said. "If you really want it to happen it will happen, not for yourself but making a difference in lives of others."



Kerri Schuiling

Professor and Dean of the School of Nursing at OU, Kerri Schuiling, has been at OU for six months.

She holds degrees in BSN, MSN (advanced maternity nursing), a Ph.D. in women's health, and certifications as a women's health nurse practitioner and nurse midwife.

Her biggest achievement at OU so far is working with other faculty members to prepare for an upcoming accreditation site visit.

Currently, her research and performances is focused on Midwifery in the United States.

"Do what you love. The passion for doing what you love drives your ambition and provides great motivation," she said.



Theresa Rowe

Theresa Rowe is the Chief Information Officer at University Technology Services.

She has been at OU for 22 years.

Rowe received her Master of Public Administration Degree at OU.

Her biggest achievement so far has been building an IT department that has been proven to be very strong so far.

"We are very good at what we do," she said. "I think achieving careers success in a technical field that is largely male dominate is another measure of success," Rowe said.

Currently, she is working on improving technology at OU so that it is more available to students, staff and faculty.

To other women, Rowe says knowing your self is most important. In order to be successful in one's career, she says knowing what you want to do is vital.



Susan Awbry

Susan Awbry is the Senior Associate Provost in Academic Affairs and a professor at OU.

She has been at OU for a total of 21 years, but before that she was a faculty member and administrator at the University of Texas, University of Illinois and Michigan State University.

She has a bachelor's degree in chemistry, a master's degree and Ph.D. in education from MSU.

Awbry says her biggest accomplishments so far include the renewal of OU's General Education Program, establishment of the new Center for Excellence in Training and Learning and improving the Honors College.

Currently, she is leading the University Committee on Student Retention in order to examine how OU can increase student success.

"Understand your passion. Know what it is that gives you energy and make sure you are pursuing it and including it in your life," Awbry said.



Sergeant Nicole Thompson

Sergeant Nicole Thompson is the only female supervisor out of the seven supervisors at OUPD. She has been at OU for seven years, where she received her graduate degree in the Master of Public Administration School.

One of her biggest achievements so far at OU has been receiving a life saving citation for saving a co-worker's life.

Her goal is to continue to keep OU safe for all. Rowe advises other women to be motivated.

"I would also suggest surrounding yourself with positive people who you can look to for guidance. I am fortunate to have many of these people in my life — especially all of my friends and family who have been wonderful influences in my life," Rowe said.

With March being Women's History Month, The Oakland Post will be running a series on important women leaders at Oakland University every week this month.

The series hopes to recognize those who have contributed to the overall OU experience, by doing whatever they do best. They can be professors, administrators, students, faculty or any other inspiring female role model.

If you have any suggestions as to who you think we should include in the series, email Stephanie Preweda at campus@oaklandpostonline.com

Sports



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The men's hockey team ended the season as second in the nation with an overall record of 25-18. The Grizzlies upset projected ACHA tournament champions Penn State, winning 5-3.

Proving everybody wrong

Men's hockey team hopes this year's success will set the standard

By Damien Dennis
Staff Reporter

History was made on March 2 when the Oakland University Division I hockey team finished second in the nation after losing to Delaware.

Oakland went into the ACHA National Tournament championship game Wednesday night as a No. 13 seed facing then-second-seeded Delaware. The Golden Grizzlies lost 5-1, but finished second in the nation after a five-game winning streak.

"I couldn't be more proud of (the team)," Nick Tomczyk, assistant head coach, said. "They were determined and came out to prove everybody wrong."

Forward Jordan MacDonald played his final

game as a Grizzly against Delaware and scored Oakland's lone goal. The senior star forward also led the entire tournament in scoring.

"I was very surprised by the way the team performed this past week at nationals," said MacDonald. "The team had a roller coaster season. We lost our last two regular season games, but were still able to put this behind us and had an extremely strong fight at nationals."

Junior goalie Matt Toter said that he takes partial blame for the loss in the championship game, but it made him a better player.

"The seniors were very emotional knowing that they lost their last and most important game of their career," Macdonald said. "Looking back on it

BY THE NUMBERS

2007 The last time Oakland has beaten rival Davenport in the Good Luck Duck series

0 The number of goals allowed against Mercyhurst

91.2% The save percentage for freshman goalie Matt Toter

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Forward Brandon Johnson finished the 2011-12 season with 32 points and 22 assists.

MEN'S HOCKEY

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now, and after talking to many of the other seniors, we are all very proud of what the team has accomplished."

'Unforgettable' upset

The biggest upset throughout the tournament may have been Oakland defeating Penn State.

The Nittany Lion Icers are heading to the NCAA Division 1 hockey league, playing as an independent next season before joining the Big Ten hockey conference for the 2013-2014 season. The Golden Grizzlies sent the projected tournament champions Penn State out with a 5-3 loss, marking the end of their ACHA membership.

"We were never supposed to even play in that game let alone win," MacDonald said. "As a number 13 seed, to accomplish what we did and send Penn State, with a few recruits from their NCAA team, out of the ACHA national tournament will always be unforgettable."

Oakland also upset Penn State in the 2007 championship game to later be crowned national champions.

"Some of their players on that roster are going to be on their NCAA team for them, so to beat a team that skilled is a pretty big accomplishment," Tomczyk said. "We were able to send them out with a loss."

'Lights out'

Toter stayed between the pipes throughout all five of the games that the Grizzlies played in the tournament.

Accumulating over 312 minutes of play, he recorded 159 shots on goal with

145 saves, allowing just 14 goals throughout the tournament.

The goalie had a 91.2 percent save record and had one shutout victory against Mercyhurst in round one.

"(Toter) was lights out. If it wasn't for him, we may not have made it through all those games," Tomczyk said. "He played to his full potential."

Though the team fell short in the ACHA championship game, they had other successes this season outside of the tournament.

The Golden Grizzlies also won the GLCHL regular season title, which resulted in the automatic bid for the national tournament. But their biggest success outside of the tournament may have come from their victory over Davenport.

MacDonald recognized freshmen players Billy Balent and Anthony Colizza as breakout stars this season and expressed his hopes of Oakland hockey progressing to the NCAA level in years to come.

"The team will continue to grow from here," MacDonald said. "The run we made will spark more interest in the area to watch the games and cheer on Oakland University."

Defenseman Dustin Hopfner, MacDonald and Toter were named to the ACHA Division One All-National Tournament first team. Forward Adam Novack was named to the second team.

"Now we have that experience to finish the job next year," Tomczyk said. "We ended as the number two team in the country and now we have to keep it."

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Golf teams start strong in Jackrabbit Invitational

Both the men's and women's golf teams began play in the Jackrabbit Invitational in Primm, Nev.



Ecker

For the women, junior Alanna Gerber led the way with 150 through two rounds, +6 for the course.

Both Gerber and senior Liz Ecker had the lowest individual rounds for the Golden Grizzlies with a 74 on the day, +2 for the course.

Overall, the women's team is currently in eighth place in the tournament, with a 637 (+61).

Senior Michael Coriasso paced the men

with a 150 through two rounds, including a second round 72, which was par for the course. The men currently sit in 14th with a combined score of 611, which is +35.

The season continues next week with the Carter Plantation Invitational hosted by Southeastern Louisiana.

Men's basketball accept bid for post-season tournament

The Oakland men's basketball team accepted a bid to play in the CollegeInsider.com Post-season Tournament, guaranteeing the Golden Grizzlies a post-season appearance for the fourth consecutive season.

Thirty-two teams play in the tournament, which runs from March 13 through March 28.

The Golden Grizzlies will host Bowling Green State University inside the O'rena in the opening round of the tournament on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

The Falcons of BGSU finished fifth this season in the Mid-American Conference.

Oakland has won the last three contests between the two teams, going 3-3 all-time against Bowling Green.

Oakland head coach Greg Kampe is very familiar with BGSU, having graduated from



Kampe

the school in 1978. Under the Falcons' banner, Kampe became the only athlete in MAC history to earn first team All-Academic honors in both football and basketball.

OU competed in the initial CIT Tournament in 2009, beating Kent State in the opening round, and then lost in the second round against Bradley on a 75-foot buzzer beater. To this day, that shot is the longest game-winning shot in NCAA Division I postseason history.

Wednesday's game is free to all students with a valid school ID and tickets start at \$7 for all other fans at the door.

Oakland softball swept in series at Southern Utah

The Southern Utah Thunderbirds swept the Oakland softball team (1-12) in a three-game weekend series.

The Golden Grizzlies were outscored 39-3 across the three games.

In the series finale on Saturday, the Golden Grizzlies fell 10-2 in six innings.

Sophomore Shannon Cleveland had a base hit and scored a run in the contest.

Junior Alivia Nikolaus added the other run



Cleveland

for the Golden Grizzlies, who has failed to win a game on the road this season.

The Golden Grizzlies will face IPFW in a three-game series, beginning with a double-header on March 16.

OU athletes grab Summit League monthly awards

Two Golden Grizzlies swept the male and female Summit League Athlete of the Month awards for February.

Senior guard Reggie Hamilton grabbed the award after averaging 30.7 points per game during the month of February.

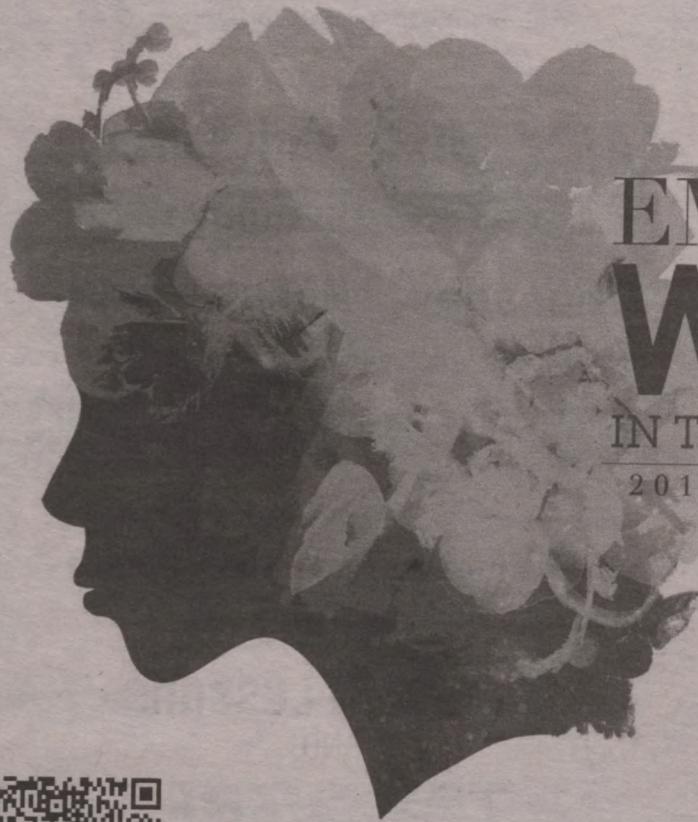
Sophomore swimmer Vanessa Balogh was distinguished after winning three individual events and participating in three relay-winning teams at the Summit League Championship in February.

Balogh was also named the Swimmer of the Championship and helped OU clinch their 13th consecutive league title.



Balogh

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The 21st century learning solution

More schools adding technology into their curriculum

By Dylan Dulberg
Staff Intern

Senior Kylie Schalz sits in her class. She hears the dull hum of a monitor. The click-clack of the sea of keyboards enveloping her, accompanied with the occasional 'ding' of the student beside her receiving a Facebook chat message. Looking around, she sees the dimly-lit, illuminated faces of her peers, eyes locked on the light before them, drawing them in. A loud bell interrupts her hypnosis. Class is over. This is the future of education. And the future is now.

New abilities, new learning

As we move further into the 21st century, society is faced with a multitude of advancements in technology. These changes come through technological prowess as well as technological ability. In other words, we can do much more, with much greater ease, than we could decades ago.

These new abilities also herald new and greater expectations.

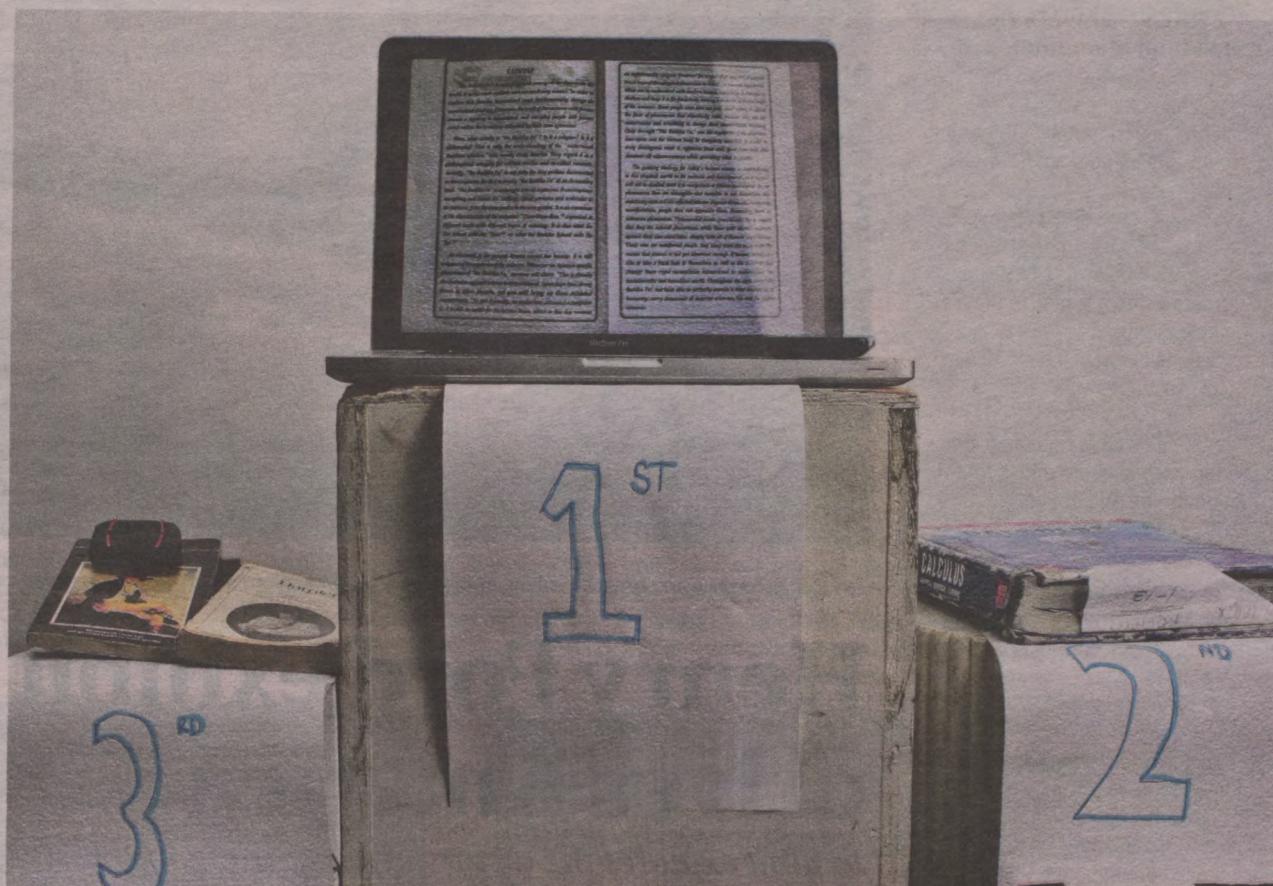
The world of job-hunting is an entirely different landscape, according to Dr. Allan Luke, a research professor at the Queensland University of Technology with a Ph.D. in education, co-founder of the Four Resources Model of educational literacy, and world-renowned expert on 21st Century Learning.

"New workplaces and employers are often looking for a range of capacities that weren't necessarily part of the old industrial economy," Luke said. "These include creativity in solving problems, working in teams ... elements of 21st century life are requiring different skill sets from those of a 100 years ago."

Origins of the trend

Luke discussed the origins of 21st century learning as we know it in Michigan.

"In the early 20th century, schools evolved to prepare people to be workers and citizens in an industrial economy," he said. "This involved preparation with print and with the kinds of job skills, dispositions and beliefs to participate in an urban industrial economy. The new economy and culture mixes traditional print with digital



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

The 21st century trend has students using technology like computers and the Internet over traditional books in their curriculum. Schools around Michigan, including Oakland Community College, are increasingly becoming digital schools.

"You never want to lose music, poetry, art, human relations and compassion ... these are the core businesses of education whether 20th or 21st century."

Dr. Alan Luke,
Research professor, Queensland
University of Technology

and online culture and work."

Many institutions, including Oakland Community College, and even local area public school districts like Birmingham Public Schools, are becoming increasingly digital schools, and thereby better preparing their students for an increasingly digital world.

Some of the changes are small, like getting rid of things like a designated manila file-folder on the teacher's desk for turning in assignments, and instead turning assignments in to a digital file-folder on turnitin.com. But some are not, such as having classes that are led

by the students, or classes that are conducted via the Internet.

Cons of the system

This opens up the possibility of a quandary. What if the professor knows less about the technology than the students? Dr. Judith Ableser, director of the center for excellence in teaching and Learning at Oakland University with a Ph.D. in curriculum, wonders the same thing.

"A possible con to (technologically-oriented education) is if a professor isn't trained and comfortable in using technology and they rely on it and it doesn't work, they're stuck," Ableser said.

But becoming a 21st century school is not done with a flip of a switch, it is a long, detailed process, which requires a lot of effort from everyone involved.

"The task for schools, teachers and students is to rethink, remake and reform the world around them," Luke said.

Ableser is working to incorporate what she calls exemplary teaching

practices into OU.

"There are a multitude of ways of teaching and a multitude of ways of learning," she said. "To me, it isn't the technology that is being used ... but to me it is all about making connections with students, making the curriculum relevant, meaningful, and purposeful and engaging the students in the learning process."

With an increasingly digitized world, there are many schools that are slowly trying to make the leap into the new age of teaching, in order to better prepare their students for the next stages of their lives.

"I would hope that in 10 years, all professors are using exemplary teaching practices," she said. "My hope is that more and more, if not at all, professors will (use Exemplary Teaching Practices) ... the focus is on having students be successful in their classroom experiences and graduating from the University."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Maple syrup breakfast and environmental education

The Van Hoosen Museum of Rochester Hills will be holding a maple syrup breakfast and environmental education event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 17.

The event will include a pancake breakfast, topped with Rochester Hills maple syrup, as well as sap to syrup demonstrations and a lesson in the history of maple syrup.

The sessions begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Advance registration is required.

The event costs \$3 for museum members, \$5 for non-members and is free to children under the age of five.

To RSVP, call 248-656-4663

Butterfly exhibit comes to Troy

Oakland Mall in Troy will be hosting a butterfly exhibit from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 16.

The exhibit will include 275 butterflies in their own habitat.

The event is free and will also include crafts, an opportunity to take photos with butterflies and adopt-a-butterfly kits for \$8, with portions of the proceeds benefiting the Children's Miracle Network.

For more information and additional event dates, visit bit.ly/vRUEUD

Mom to mom sale

The Holy Regional School Mom to Mom sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 17.

The event will hold more than 70 tables selling gently used baby and children's clothing, accessories, games and more.

Admission is \$2 from 9 to 10 a.m. and \$1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is being held at 2633 John R. Road in Rochester Hills, Mich.

For more information, contact Kathy Higgins at 248-420-4851

St. Patrick's Day at the library

The Rochester Hills Public Library is inviting the whole family to come celebrate St. Patrick's day.

Please register at www.rhpl.org. Admission is free.

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Photo courtesy of The Henry Ford Museum

The Henry Ford Driving America exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum shows how people use cars in their daily lives and throughout the years.

Henry Ford exhibit drives America

Exhibit explores the history of cars throughout history

By Chris Lauritsen
Senior Reporter

On Jan. 29, The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich., unveiled their new Driving America exhibit.

The exhibit shows how people use cars in their daily lives and how those who have chosen not to drive have gotten around throughout the years. It also includes a portion of the exhibit dedicated to Segways.

The exhibit is 80,000 square feet and includes 60 cases of artifacts, 130 vehicles, and 18, 42-inch hands-on touchscreens.

Throughout the exhibit, there are 18 touchscreen interactive kiosks, which present the collections in a 360-degree view, repair manuals, expert insights and more. Visitors can also travel under the hood of the car and get inside the engine.

"The response to the exhibit has been very positive, the new touchscreens have been especially well received," said Matt Anderson, curator of transportation at The Henry Ford.

The touchscreens contain additional photos and information on vehicles in the exhibit, as well as games visitors can play to learn more about the vehicles.

Separate from the main exhibit, the

event also features "The Automotive Time Line," which is an elevated road lined with cars that patrons walk down to learn about what cars were like in different decades.

"It gives you the over since of the transformation of the automobile," Anderson said about "The Automotive Time Line," his favorite part of the exhibit.

Some of the vehicles the exhibit features is a 1865 Roper, which is the oldest surviving American car and a 1931 Bugatti Royale of which only six were ever made. SUVs, minivans, family cars and hybrids can also be found in the exhibit.

"As innovative as these hybrids seem there is nothing new about them," said Anderson.

There were cars that were steam, electric and gas powered and there were cars that were hybrids of two different power types.

"What makes this exhibition different from most is that it looks at cars through the eyes of the people who use them, or in some cases, don't use them," said Senior curator of transportation at The Henry Ford, Bob Casey.

Housed within the exhibit is a working diner from 1946 called "Lamy's Diner," that serves up local Faygo pop as well as

"diner classics."

"The Diner reminds me of places I hung around when I was a teenager. It is very authentic to the times, I love it," said Rochester Hills resident Patricia Cosman, who was visiting the exhibit with her husband.

Anderson said for students, the exhibit is a "great opportunity to go through and see how engineering has changed, and see how the style of cars has adopted to both engineering and outside factors of change."

Along with the new museum exhibit, The Henry Ford is now offering their patrons the chance to share a picture and the story behind their first car. "We want to get people involved. The role for visitors is to share their own story and become part of the exhibit. People often become very attached to their first car, even if it wasn't the best car," Anderson said.

Patricia Mooradian, president of the museum, says the exhibit allows visitors to think differently about what they drive.

"Driving America is more than an exhibition with cars on display," Mooradian said. "It is really an interactive, state-of-the-art story of us — us as drivers, consumers and enthusiasts, as well as how this innovation has changed almost every aspect of our lives."

For more information on The Henry Ford's Drive America exhibit, visit their website www.thehenryford.org/exhibits/drivingamerica

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Downtown shop offers unique gifts for every person, style

Catching Fireflies in Rochester attracts customers

By Chris Lauritsen
Senior Reporter

On their way home after purchasing a piece of art work titled "Catching Fireflies" from the 1999 Ann Arbor Art Fair, Steve McCrum mentioned to his wife April what a cool name for a art gallery would be.

"It was more like dreaming, it wasn't a reality," said April, who went on to say that it takes a lot of money to open up a store and they just didn't have it at the time.

Little did April know, one year later they would have the opportunity to open their own store.

When April was growing up her mom always encouraged her to make things rather than go out and buy them. It was from her mother's encouragement that she started to make paper gifts for her family members that in which she would sign with her "hallmark" April's Ideas.

Eventually April ended up renting table space at the Ann Arbor Artisan Market where she sold her April's Ideas paper gifts, which included hand made cards, frames and books.

From Ann Arbor, she ended up traveling around to 34 fairs in 1999 and local store owners in the towns where the fairs were held would ask April if she would wholesale any items. She would always have to say no because of lack of inventory.

Steve and April decided to wholesale their goods. Enter

Catching Fireflies.

The couple decided on a 2,200 square feet former pharmacy located in downtown Berkley for their first store that they would call "Catching Fireflies."

The idea for their store was to sell April's Ideas paper products, along with some purchased items that were found at gift trade shows, as well as some local arts works.

Once Catching Fireflies started to turn in a big profit, April was able to purchase different types of items to fill the store.

The couple was later able to open a second store, in downtown Rochester at the old train depot on University Roads.

April explained the couple redid the inside of the old train depot giving it a "overall whimsical look."

Along with a.i. Paper Prod-



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Catching Fireflies in Downtown Rochester sells purses, jewelry and more.

ucts, Catching Fireflies carries over 150 different products, including jewelry and purses.

"A lot of people come in here for the person that has everything," said Bess Silson, who works at the Rochester location and has worked at Catching Fireflies for three years.

Along with their stores in Berkley and Rochester, Catching Fireflies offers a comprehensive

online store.

"The store is fun and light hearted," said April.

For more information about Catching Fireflies visit their website at www.catchingfireflies.com

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Dotted and striped

Students express themselves with vibrant patterns

Written and photographed by Stephanie Sokol
Staff Intern

Stripes and plaid

Stripes and plaids are classic patterns that provide a clean, pulled together look.

Plaids are very versatile. Different styles can express different things. Bold colors are edgy and strong, while lighter colors are laid back and clean.

Stripes are also popular on campus this season. Most apparent are dark colors mixed with white, although bold colors paired together for a more extreme statement are also popular on campus.

Either pattern can be used to express different tones, textures and personalities.

Dots and shapes

Whether it's familiar shapes like hounds tooth, polka dots or even hearts. Such unique detailing provides simple illustration.

Mixing

With all the options available, mixing patterns is also a big trend among students.

"Floral and animal print are both timeless," communication major Danielle Fahs said. "They never go out of style and both can be so versatile with what you wear. I like to mix striped cardigans with floral tops."

Nature prints

Many popular patterns are inspired from the wild. Floral and animal prints are the most common at OU.

Cheetah print and zebra are more popular with students who want to show their wild side. Paired with bold colors they stand out among simpler designs.

Floral prints are used to express femininity. Soft shades mix well, while bolder prints make a style stand out.

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Finding music in life's challenges

Student musician finds inspiration in hard times



SARAH BLANCHETTE/The Oakland Post

Student and musician Leo Bautista records and performs under the name Rival Summers. With three albums released, the young musician is grateful for his success.

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By Sarah Blanchette
Staff Intern

Leo Bautista, a freshman at Oakland University, has been writing and recording his own music since his early teens.

Under the title of "Rival Summers," the name chosen to represent the two most influential summers of his life, Bautista has been spreading his love for music throughout the country.

When he first started playing music, Bautista recorded his music using his own equipment. He then burned the tracks onto dozens of CDs, of which he passed out among his friends.

"It's weird to think about (my early days as a musician), going back to thinking about stuff that happened before and how far I have come," Bautista said.

Bautista hails his parents as his support team.

Many young musicians do not have the support of their parents because of the rarity of "making it big" in the music industry, he said.

Bautista's parents, however, believe that their son can make anything of himself no matter what he does.

"My parents are super supportive ... I am so incredibly thankful for the parents that I have. My mom comes to every show," Bautista said.

Bautista's stint as Rival Summers began when his mother was hospitalized for a benign tumor in her stomach.

The months that followed her admittance into the hospital was difficult on the young teen.

From this worry and sadness, Bautista wrote music to express how he was feeling.

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Juniors	56 credits and above	Friday, March 23
Sophomores	42 credits and above	Monday, March 26
Sophomores	28 credits and above	Tuesday, March 27
Freshmen	16 credits and above	Wednesday, March 28
Freshmen	0 credits and above	Thursday, March 29
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Bautista thanks his parents for inspiration and his success. Performing as Rival Summers, he has multiple shows coming up later this month.

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"Leo is working hard and spending most of his time with his music. He had four music CDs with more than 30 songs that he wrote and produced. Leo is way too far for his age when it comes to music. He still will be going farther given time," his mother, Zeny Bautista, said.

Zeny explained that at the age of 6 months, her son would imitate his father's singing.

"Be true to yourself and continue to work hard. Always dream big," she said.

The following summer, Bautista had the chance to perform his music for the public, which proved to be the best summer of his life. From here, he established Rival Summers as a commemoration to the two summers that changed his life.

Although many artists' goal is to be discovered by a record label, Bautista said that he is only focused on creating and sharing his music on his own.

"I really want to share the whole Rival Summers experience with everyone," Bautista said.

Currently, Bautista's fans are awaiting his next album, "Learning to Live," which is set to be released on May 15. Copies can be acquired at his shows or on iTunes. Fans can also hear Bautista on his radio show, "Leo's Infinite Playlist," on 88.3 WXOU on Sundays at noon.

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Shows

Mar. 16	The Active Room Wyandotte, Mich.
Mar. 22	Oakland University Rochester, Mich.
Mar. 23	Mac's Bar Lansing, Mich.
Mar. 29	Broadway Theatre Mount Pleasant, Mich.
Mar. 30	American Legion Hall Rochester, Mich.
Mar. 31	Premiere Concert Theatre New Baltimore, Mich.

Albums

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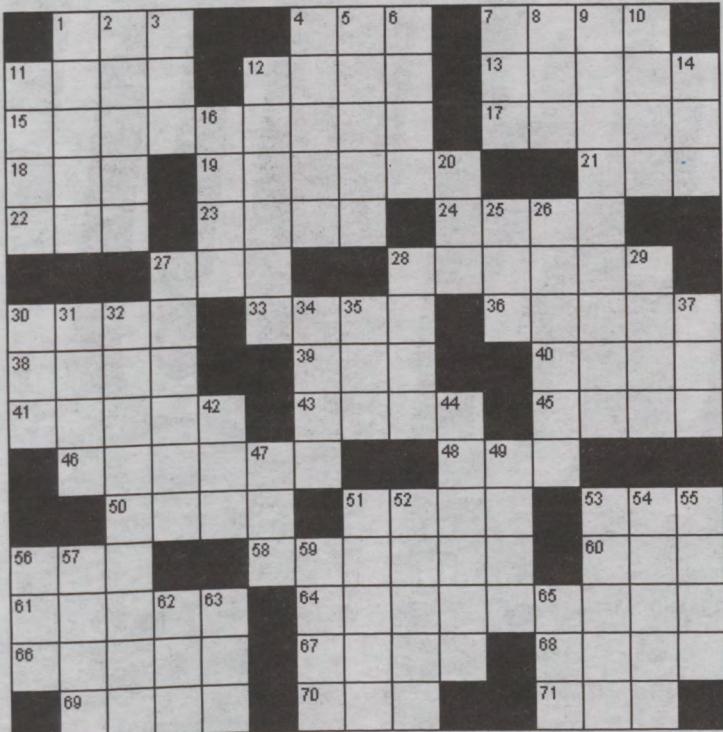
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- 1. Soft surface texture
- 4. Small viper
- 7. Stop
- 11. Cuban currency
- 12. Singing voice
- 13. Assumed name
- 15. Egg-laying
- 17. Paris transport system
- 18. Guided
- 19. Promptly
- 21. Tool used to cut gears
- 22. Metal-bearing mineral
- 23. Delicate
- 24. Desperate
- 27. Elfin
- 28. Niche
- 30. Region
- 33. Seep
- 34. Call forth
- 35. Adjacent
- 36. Sign of assent
- 37. 40. Portent
- 38. 39. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71.

41. Luxury watercraft

- 43. Weaving machine
- 45. Salacious
- 46. Permissible difference
- 48. Astern
- 50. Bow
- 51. Champion
- 53. Append
- 56. Apposite
- 58. Rough shelter
- 60. Charge for professional services
- 61. Water nymph
- 64. Marked by care and persistent effort
- 66. Rhetorical device
- 67. Stupefy
- 68. Item of footwear
- 69. Was cognizant or aware
- 70. Golf peg
- 71. Consumed

DOWN

- 1. Not at any time
- 2. Stage whisper
- 3. Fizzy soft drink
- 4. Distant in manner
- 5. Feat to attract attention
- 6. Assigned position
- 7. Amateur radio operator
- 8. Beer
- 9. Supple
- 10. Tropical starchy tuberous root
- 11. Field sport
- 12. Stream or brook
- 14. Weep
- 16. Part of a church
- 20. Poem
- 25. Frozen water
- 26. Rebellion
- 27. Sire
- 28. Remake
- 29. Turn or place at an angle
- 30. One, some, every or all
- 31. Actual
- 32. Deliberate act of omission
- 34. Merely
- 35. Menagerie
- 37. Conclude
- 42. Number in a brace
- 44. Swallow
- 49. Nutrition
- 51. Hurry
- 52. Result
- 53. Currently in progress
- 54. Tie in tennis
- 55. Writing table
- 56. Colony insect
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Victim of an Irish Holi-daze

By Brian Figurski
Multimedia Reporter

I'm not exactly sure when I became a grumpy old man — the kind waving a jagged stick and shouting at those damned kids for hanging out in front of the strip mall stirring up a ruckus, but the (d)evolution has occurred.

As a cranky old fart, I've started to safety pin my adult diaper on and wonder why Saint Patrick's Day is such a heralded American event.

For over a thousand years, Irish families used March 17, an Irish holiday steeped in religion, to participate in the banned activities brought on by Lent — drinking, dancing and eating.

Over the past 100-some years, St. Patrick's Day has become a blur of bad decisions brought on by a compound of neon green libations and curdling concoctions of liquor.

They don't call it an "Irish Car Bomb" for nothing. Consumers often end up blowing up the restrooms.

I feel like I've discussed this over-indulgence before. Perhaps I have for one of the other 'holidays' now set aside as a pure fiasco of drunkenness.

Holidays such as New Year's Eve, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day (for the heartbroken), Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Independence Day, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Labor Day. You get the point.

Halloween, Easter, Sweetest Day, National Drink-a-Beer day, Winter Solstice, Summer Solstice, Take Your Kid to Work Day, The Super Bowl, The Puppy Bowl, National Record Store Day, Mardi Gras, Cinco De Mayo and Black History Month have been hallowed out of their original meaning and filled with pools of booze, booze, booze.

It's a cash cow and it's understood why bars, breweries and pubs reset their St. Paddy's Day ticker come midnight on the 18th.

With only an estimated 11 percent of Americans being part of the diaspora from Ireland, why does it seem like nine-eighths of the population is out getting into car

crashes this day?

There's always someone looking for an excuse to get drunk and punch a stranger, and the hoards come running like something that comes running. I'm too drunk to think of something clever and potato-themed.

People get the day off work to drizzle green vomit out of their mouths.

What managing official is oblivious to the fact that when your work force unanimously calls in sick that morning that a resurgent bout of Bubonic Plague probably isn't the case?

An Irish.

If you are of the heredity and actively religious, all the more reason you should celebrate and take offense at the muddling masses huddling your usual lonely bar stool.

It should come across with animosity when you get a glimpse up a kilt and the hue of hair makes you realize that person isn't actually Irish.

My discourse, of course, shouldn't prevent anyone from making their own terrible choices this doomsday.

Throw your hands up in the ay-er, ay ay-er, ay-er, ay-er. Pretend like you love hearing Flogging Molly's "Drunken Lullabies" 900 times within four hours.

But, what do you do with a drunken student early in the morning?

Hope those hangovers clear up come Monday, and make sure you change out of your horrendous, stink-ridden green outfits.

In fact, it would probably be best to throw them into a humongous fire — smells like that can rarely be washed out.

If you are among the few and far-between resisting attempted St. Patty's alcohol poisoning, pat yourself on the back and prepare for your pastel-colored puke on Easter.

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