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Students spend Spring Break traveling, helping others



DANCE, DANCE

During break, Oakland hosted the 40th American College Dance Festival Association

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Oakland University's radio station WXOU has been selected as a top 10 contender for the 2013 mtvU College Radio Woodie Award, after being narrowed down from a group of 25. Will they advance again?
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

COACHES IN THE KITCHEN // Tuesday night, the Oakland University Athletics Department hosted a Coaches vs. Cancer charity event at BD's Mongolian Grill in Auburn Hills. The special grillers included Eric Stephan, Lester Harbin, John Musachio and Shawn Kornoelje. All money went to benefit The American Cancer Society.

FRANNIE STEELE // Studio Art major

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How did you spend your Spring Break — what did you do while away from school?

- A** Vacationing out of state
- B** Doing homework
- C** Working/Volunteering
- D** Enjoying down time at home

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Which campus expansion project are you excited about the most?

- A** New student housing
26 votes | 30%
- B** A second parking garage
46 votes | 53%
- C** Renovations to the Upper Fields
8 votes | 9%
- D** The Library Drive expansion
7 votes | 8%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 28, 1964

A total of \$76,000 was added in grants for improvements to the Meadow Brook Music Festival. The money was allotted for a new orchestra shell and an audience shed.

FEBRUARY 28, 1969

The university announced its first offering for summer classes. Students could choose from 27 undergraduate courses and 14 graduate courses for the expanded academic term.

MARCH 1, 1979

Public safety officials declared an elevator fire in Vandenberg East an accident. Arson investigator Mel Gilroy disagreed, citing "it's pretty difficult for a bag of chicken to start on fire by itself." He implied the fire was a prank.



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OUSC ELECTIONS BEGIN

Student Congress held its elections kickoff event Tuesday, introducing attendees to the three tickets running for the student body presidency.



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TATTOOS IN DETROIT

Last weekend, the Motor City Tattoo Expo welcomed more than 50 artists. Contests and vendors were among the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.



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40 UNDER 40

Two students of OU's graduate studies — including Kelly Kozlowski — have been named to L. Brooks Patterson's '40 Under 40' in Oakland County.

BY THE NUMBERS

EATING DISORDERS

18-21

age when disorders are likely to fully develop

10

million U.S. men suffer from an eating disorder in their lifetime

42%

of 1st-3rd grade girls want to be thinner

1950

the year since the rate of new cases has increased

95%

dieters who will regain lost weight in 1-5 years

STAFF EDITORIAL

Eating disorders are not a laughing matter

You all heard the joke. Some of you may have even laughed.

At Sunday's Oscar ceremony, host Seth McFarlane congratulated the actresses who had "given themselves the flu" to fit into their dresses.

It was a cheap joke, and we're not laughing. This kind of flippant attitude exemplifies the misperceptions that often surround eating disorders.

An eating disorder is defined as the "extreme emotions, attitudes and behaviours" that surround weight and the issues with food, according to the National Eating Disorders Association.

Twenty million women and 10 million men in the U.S. suffer from a clinically significant eating disorder at some time in their life, according to the site for the National Eating Disorders Association.

Ten to 20 percent of women and 4 to 10 percent of men in college suffer from eating disorders, NEDA also said on their site. Fully developed conditions typically appear between the ages of 18 and 21.

"Everyone Knows Someone," a simple yet profound truth, is this year's theme for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which is observed until March 4.

Not everyone fully understands the issue though, and the general reaction to McFarlane's quip is proof.

Eating disorders are not a phase or a choice — they start at a psychological level and eventually wreak havoc on an individual's emotional and physical health.

It's Seth McFarlane, we understand, but making light of the issue is both insensitive and inappropriate.

A serious problem

Eating disorders are a mental illness with physical effects. They are not a phase or a choice — they start at a psychological level and eventually wreak havoc on an individual's emotional and physical health.

When the body is denied nutrients, it's forced to slow down all processes to conserve energy, resulting in a slew of serious, potentially life-threatening health consequences that vary depending on disorder.

In fact, eating disorders are the form of mental illness with the highest mortality rate, according to the NEDA's site.

Knowing signs and options

There are psychological, interpersonal, social and biological factors that can lead to eating disorders. Because of their complex nature, both medical doctors and professional nutritionists often treat eating disorders.

In accordance with awareness week, Graham Counseling Center has sponsored on campus events, including yoga, a discussion of media

messages and a free screening with on-the-spot feedback.

Eight percent of the cases reported to the GCC last year were eating and weight-related, according to the annual report.

The GCC offers help for all stages of eating disorders — from concerns with eating, to help recovering and assistance for those currently struggling with a specific condition, said psychologist and GCC Director David Schwartz.

If the situation deems it necessary, the GCC can also make a referral to one of the several professional nutritionists and other medical doctors in the local community with whom they work on a regular basis.

Eating disorders are not a laughing matter — they are a serious mental health issue.

Appointments can be made at the GCC by made by walk-in or by calling the office at (248) 370-3465.

If you or someone you know suffers from an eating disorder, call the confidential helpline at 1-800-931-2237 or visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org to chat with a specialist.

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EDITORIAL

Graduating with honors, not family

Spring Commencement ticket changes create challenges for graduating students

April 27 will be a significant day for many Golden Grizzlies, including myself.

After four long years, those of us in the Spring 2013 graduating class will finally stride across the stage of the O'rena, shake President Gary Russi's hand and complete our final task as undergraduate students — participating in commencement.

Unfortunately, many of our family members won't be able to be there for support.

Due to a change in venue this year, graduates of the university will receive fewer tickets for Spring Commencement.

If Oakland can host the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament at the Palace this year, why can't they host graduation too?

Master's and Doctorate students, who graduate Friday, April 26, will all receive six tickets each.

For Saturday's commencement, all undergraduates — except for those in the College of Arts and Sciences — will also receive six tickets per graduating student.

Students from the CAS — the only college within the university — however, will receive only four tickets each.

Minutes after Susan Awbrey, interim senior vice president for academic af-



NICHOLE SEGUIN
editor-in-chief

fairs and provost, sent out an email to the graduating class, students from the CAS turned to the "Class of 2013" Facebook page seeking additional tickets from those who will not need all four.

As a student in the CAS myself, I can see their point, as I'm in a similar situation.

When I graduate in April, it will not only be a huge feat for myself, but for my family as well.

I'm the first person on my maternal side of the family to graduate high school, let alone college.

And since my parents are separated and have spouses of their own, my four tickets are already accounted for.

I know I'm not alone. During 2009 in Michigan, there were 5,300 marriages and 3,200 divorces, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 2011, divorce rates in the U.S. accounted for nearly half of the marriage rates, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Besides step parents, students also have siblings, grandparents and aunts and uncles.

In 1990, when most of the graduating class was born, birth rates in the U.S. were the highest they've been since 1972, according to the World Bank.

It should come as no surprise that families are large.

But that's still not the main point.

An undergraduate degree at Oakland costs upwards

of \$40,000, assuming you're only staying for the traditional four years.

At \$40,000, those four tickets theoretically cost nearly \$10,000 each.

Main floor tickets to the 2013 Super Bowl didn't even cost that much.

I understand why administrators made the decision to switch venues — last year's commencement ceremony was outside despite chilly weather conditions.

But the O'rena seats only 3,000 people and there are 2,332 eligible students — 895 in the CAS alone — graduating, according to the Provost's office.

To alleviate congestion, graduation has been split up into three different ceremonies, but why couldn't the university move the entire commencement to a venue off campus?

When I graduated from Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights in 2009, we walked across the stage at the Palace of Auburn Hills — all 700 of us.

If Oakland can host the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament at the Palace this year, why can't they host graduation there too?

I can understand scheduling conflicts, but what about a different day or a different venue? Or splitting up the CAS further for the O'rena ceremony?

Graduation is a day everyone works hard for. It would be nice for our families to have the opportunity to celebrate with us.

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COLUMN

Leading with authenticity

In the past, I've written about getting involved, I've written about why it's important to be a visionary, I've written about representing the students and I've written about student organizations that are making a difference. For this week's column, I'd like to write about what it means to lead with authenticity — what it means to be a part of an organization where authenticity is important to being successful.

It's been almost a year since my first day in office as the Student Body Vice President. Since the beginning, I've had the opportunity to represent the students in a variety of situations that mattered.

I was able to be a part of the committee that was responsible for interviewing and selecting the builders of the next housing facility. I've had the privilege of being able to meet with key administrators who have a huge say in things that directly affect the lives of each and every student that attends Oakland University. I've been able, along with a great team around me, to assist in bringing events and initiatives to campus that undoubtedly will have a positive impact, even if it won't show until five years from now.

The point that I'm trying to make is that I've been able to have the opportunity to be in a situation where my opinion was valued and mattered significantly. And there are people around me who have these opportunities too. In those situations, I believe that it's best to be authentic. It's best to be the best you that you can be.

If an administrator is asking for your opinion and you aren't 100 percent honest about what you really feel, you aren't doing yourself any justice and you're disadvantaging the student body in the process.

If you're faced with a decision and it ends up being the wrong decision later on down the road, people will remember you more if you act with a sense of humility and even vulnerability. To me, those are the hallmarks of what an authentic leader, a learning student, and a human being encompasses. If you've mastered the art of being yourself, there will be more people who want to support you as a leader.

With that being said, I urge all of you reading this to be yourself. It's so important and so simple to just be the person that you are right now in your life, even if that person is different a month from now or a week from now. I truly believe that saying that goes "the true character of a person is what they do when nobody is watching."

To me, a true leader is someone who cares not about what they are given credit for, but for what they are doing that is going to make a difference, even if nobody notices. Here at Oakland, there are leaders—students, faculty, staff—who are great leaders. But the best of them are those who are the best version of themselves and don't care who credits them with the work that they're doing.

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ROBBIE WILLIFORD
columnist

The beginning to the ballots

OUSC hosts elections kickoff event to discuss candidates' platforms

By Kevin Graham
Staff Position

Student Congress held its elections kickoff event Tuesday, introducing attendees to the three tickets running for the student body presidency.

Following introductions, each of the candidates were asked to participate in a drawing activity, where they drew the place they first met their running mate.

The event was followed by informal mingling with supporters and students.

The candidates

If elected, philosophy major Cody Corbin wants to use his presidency to clear up classroom frustrations.

"The reason I'm running is because there are a lot of changes that I want to see brought about mainly concerning the way that textbooks and online homework are distributed," he said.

He and running mate, Alex Grix, a sophomore majoring in actuarial science, said they would like to see professors clarify when students can use an older edition of a book.

Amera Fattah, OUSC student services director, is running with Maria Arellano, OUSC multicultural affairs director.

"Our platform is very campus centric," she said. "It's a continuation of what we've already been doing. Sixty-five percent of our platform initiatives are already being addressed," Fattah said. "We want to complete them while we're in as



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Current OUSC president Samantha Wolf talks to the crowd at this year's elections kickoff.

administration. There's a variety of things — the de-stress center, the crisis center, the additional shuttle."

The campaign plans to continue the growth of initiatives such as ConnectOU and the legal aid program.

Additionally, Fattah wants to push for an additional parking structure and more car charging stations. A full list of their campaign initiatives can be found at www.voteOU2013.com

Among the initiatives of current Student Activities Funding Board Director Brandon Hanna and his running mate

Legislator Jibrán Ahmed are increased Wi-Fi hotspots, installation of bidirectional antennas to provide better cell phone reception across campus and increased parking in the areas around the Science and Engineering Building, Kresge and Elliott Hall.

Hanna and Ahmed's full platform can be found at www.abetterOU.com

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Search for new provost coming to a close

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland University is in the final stages of electing a new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, permanently filling former Provost Virinder Moudgil's position.

After Moudgil was offered a position as president of Lawrence Tech University, the spot was temporarily filled by Susan Awbrey.

Dave Dulio, search committee chair, said a search committee formed in August 2012. They decided to hire the search firm Academic Search to aid in the pro-

cess of hiring a new provost. Both groups began meeting in September 2012.

Fishing for a candidate

Dulio said the search committee developed a job ad, as well as, an institution and professional profile.

He said the job posting was distributed widely in a number of online and print outlets across the country. A total of 68 applications from across the country were received.

OU's search committee consisted of faculty, staff and student body president, Samantha Wolf.

Wolf said she kept her main focus in

mind, which was making sure the students' voices were heard during the selection process.

Process of elimination

After 10 semi-finalists were selected, the interview process began and lasted a total of two days. Candidates were brought to campus for interviews.

There are currently three finalists: Premu Arasu, vice provost of international programs and professor of parasitology at Washington State University; John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean, and professor of chemistry and biology at Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and H. Keith Moo-Young, professor and dean of the college of engineering, computer science and technology at California State University.

The new provost is scheduled to assume office July 1, according to the current timeline.

POLICE FILES

Suspicious person in P1

Police officers responded to P1 Feb. 7 at 11:51 a.m., where a driver in a green Saturn was driving erratically and looking strangely at people.

Police stopped the driver and asked for his license and registration. They determined the title was changed because it did not match the vehicle and the mileage, and the title numbers were much darker. The driver said the original title was at his home. When asked where he lived, he gave a different address than on his license.

The driver was handcuffed when officers noticed his license plate was a photocopy and taped to the bumper with clear tape. He was then brought to OUPD for processing.

Vehicles damaged by student

Police officers were on foot patrol Feb. 10, when they were dispatched to the Ann V. Nicholson apartments at 1:40 a.m.

A witness saw a student breaking rearview mirrors off of cars. The witness said he went inside the apartments, and officers located the suspect. He said he had left a party and was returning to his dorm in Hamlin Hall.

The officers placed the student under arrest for two counts of malicious destruction of property.

iPad stolen from Science and Engineering Building

A student said on Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m., he had plugged his iPad into the outlet in his classroom in the Science and Engineering Building.

After the class had ended, the student realized he had forgotten his iPad. After 10 minutes, he returned to the classroom. The iPad was gone and students entering for the next class responded they had not seen it.

The student used the "Find iPhone" app, which located his iPad whenever the device is logged into Wi-Fi. At 7:30 p.m., the student located his iPad at the Old Navy parking lot at the corner of Morgan Road and South Baldwin Road.

After the student locked his iPad, he could no longer track it.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Copy Editor

On the prowl

Hunt continues for the next permanent dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

By Katie Phelan
Staff Reporter

A nationwide search has been ongoing for a permanent dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oakland University.

In the fall of 2012, a committee was formed and is currently working with a search firm called Academic Search to find candidates. There are 12 members in the committee and professor and chair of the psychology department, Todd Shackelford, is serving as committee chair.



SHACKELFORD

“Academic Search is also engaged with assisting the current open searches for provost as well as the dean for the School of Business Administration,” said Tamara Jhashi, acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Candidate criteria

A successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate and the credentials necessary for a tenured appointment in a college department at the rank of professor, according to the Academic Search guidelines.

OU is also looking for a candidate that has significant leadership in an academic environment.



JHASHI

Jhashi has been in her position since late August after being selected to serve, but she is not an applicant to become the next permanent dean.

By not being an applicant, Jhashi is qualified to be a committee member as well, according to Shackelford.

“It is great to have Jhashi on the committee because she has experience working as a dean,” Shackelford said.

The review of applications began at the close of the submission period Feb. 22, according to Jhashi.

Sorting through the selection

After narrowing the applicants down, who will remain anonymous throughout the process, the committee will fly them to Metro Detroit for personal interviews.

Once they have three or four prospects, the applicants will be asked to come to

“A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL POSSESS AN EARNED DOCTORATE AND THE CREDENTIALS NECESSARY FOR A TENURED APPOINTMENT IN THE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT AT THE RANK OF PROFESSOR.”

Guidelines for the next College of Arts and Sciences dean, Academic Search Committee

OU where they will meet with the full committee, faculty members from the many branches of the CAS and students.

It is very important to get feedback from a wide range of university members, according to Shackelford.

The committee is following a process that has been in place for years and was formed after the previous CAS dean, Ron Sudol, retired. Sudol served as dean for two terms.

Keeping confidentiality

The committee has put in place an unofficial contract maintaining the confidentiality of the applicants.

The committee also will not show favoritism to those applicants that may already be working for OU.

“We have equal opportunity and equal fairness in choosing a dean,” Shackelford said.

The new dean will assume office beginning July 2012.

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DEAN SEARCH KEY PLAYERS

TAMARA JHASHI

Current acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

TODD SHACKELFORD

Professor and chair of the psychology department, and chair of the Academic Search Committee.

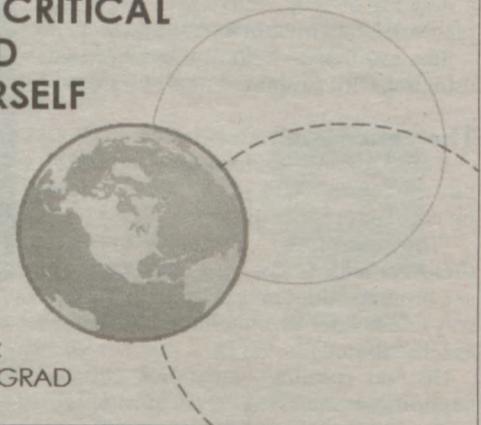
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The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for managing The Oakland Post independent student newspaper and reports to the board of directors.

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.

Applicants should possess superior oral and written communication skills, a working knowledge of news media and have a solid command of digital technologies.

Applicants need not be journalism majors, but prior experience in a newsroom is preferable.

A complete job description is posted on OU Career Link.

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

On your mark, get set, write

American Association of University Women to sponsor essay contest for students

By Ashley Mohler
Staff Intern

For the second year in a row, the Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women will sponsor an essay contest for students to help observe Women's History Month.

The subject of the essay, "A Woman of Importance to Me," is meant to recognize women who have made a difference on a personal level or a larger scale.

Essay expectations

The maximum essay length is 400 words, and the deadline is March 4, with cash prizes for

first, second and third place.

The essay originated as an eighth grade contest before being modified and offered to Oakland University students.

Essay submission is encouraged for both sexes. Boys have won the eighth grade edition but so far no men from the university have entered.

"Since our contests are open to males and females, we hope this helps students to think of the sexes as equal," said Ruth Johnson, university liaison of the AAUW Greater Rochester Area Branch. "We think it is important for both men and women to think about the impact women have in the lives of young people, as well as their contributions to the global community."

Staying involved

The branch of the AAUW stays active within the community by hosting events like the annual Sundaes and Science workshop,

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Ruth Johnson, University liaison of the American Association of University Women

which promotes interest in math, science and technology.

In 1991, the group produced videos to introduce girls to women who are successful in career fields of math and science. They create displays at the Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills public libraries during the

month of March, where they have also donated women's history books.

The project's past

The National Women's History Project was founded in 1980 and has a goal which is similar to that of AAUW, to raise awareness about the importance of women throughout history and today.

The NWHP focuses on education and "a truly balanced and inclusive history (which) recognizes how important women have always been in American society," according to their website.

How it all began

Women's History Month began as Women's History Week in 1981 when it was recognized as a 'national celebration' by Congress.

In 1987, the NWHP petitioned Congress to pass in to effect

an entire month dedicated to women's history, they were successful and thanks to them the celebration resumes every year.

Oakland's Women and Gender Studies pays tribute to Women's History Month with events, discussions and films about women's empowerment.

The events begin March 2 and are spaced throughout the month.

For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/ouwgs/welcome

National Women's History Month begins March 1, and International Women's Day is March 8.

To learn more about Women's History Month, visit www.womenshistorymonth.gov

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Piecing together the puzzle

Oakland hosts its first Autism Summit

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Oakland University held its inaugural Autism Summit Feb. 21, bringing together various parties to deal with issues related to the care and independence of those with autism and to discuss a way forward.

Autism refers to a spectrum of neurological disorders affecting the development of social and communication skills of children in their first three years, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

One in 88 children have a disorder on the spectrum, according to the advocacy and awareness group Autism Speaks.

The issues

Louis Gallien, dean of the

School of Education and Human Services, said the goal of the summit was to bring as many people together as possible to talk about the issues.

"The goals were to get the various stakeholders across the state together in one place to discuss, where the gaps are in service to people who are care providers for people across the spectrum, and then obviously people who are across the spectrum themselves," he said.

Gallien said autistic people struggle with things a neurotypical person would take for granted.

"I didn't even think about what a hard process it would be to go to the dentist for people across the spectrum who have a hard time sitting still or a hard time maintaining their head in one position or dealing with all the machinery and all the needles," Gallien said.

Kathy Sweeney, director of the

OU Center for Autism Research, Education and Support, said one of the big challenges is fostering independence.

"It's an independent socialization life skill, understanding how to live by yourself or at least being able to know how to make a meal or how to function on your own or with minimal help," she said.

Basic needs like housing and employment need to be looked at as well.

Gallien said a common concern among parents and guardians of children with autism is the uncertainty of the future.

"I think the other big concern that parents have is 'what if our children outlive us and we're not there anymore'" he said. "How do we feel okay about their future if they're not talking, if they don't have a job or if we don't have relatives that would be willing to take them on."

Gallien said because the spectrum of disorders is so wide —

ranging from high-functioning to nonverbal — a treatment that works for one person won't necessarily work for someone else.

Climbing the summit

Gallien said they would be meeting next week to discuss an action plan, and that the summit highlighted questions for him as an educator.

On the jobs front, he said it was important to identify places that are open to employing people affected by autism.

Sweeney said OUCARES focuses on three key areas in trying to improve the quality of life of those that they see at the center — socialization, independence and physical and mental well-being.

In terms of socialization, it's important to have them participate in activities that involve interaction and teamwork.

"It's really trying to get that person to increase the number of friends they have and to be able

to partake in a friend relationship," she said.

Independence and well-being deal with giving the person basic skills to go through everyday life.

"It's really working with individuals in order for them to be able to make their decisions and be able to work in a situation where they not only are told what they are going to be doing, but they can identify what they like and why they want to do it," she said.

Sweeney said OU provided unique opportunities for the local autistic community.

"We're unique in the state of Michigan and I hope that our students and faculty really take pride in us being leaders in trying to make the world a little better for individuals with autism," she said.

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TOP RIGHT Oakland University welcomed 28 university dance programs to the East-Central Conference Feb. 20-23. More than 400 students attended the event.

ABOVE During the three-day event, students were offered classes, auditions and opportunities to showcase their work to three judges.

LEFT Gregory Patterson, associate director of dance at OU, said preparations for this event began in September.

Dancing for days

East-Central Conference makes its way to campus, 400 students in attendance

Written and photographed by
Kailee Mathias
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland welcomed 28 university dance programs in the East-Central Conference Feb. 20-23 for the 40th American College Dance Festival Association.

More than 400 students were in attendance at the events.

Throughout the course of ACDF, students were offered classes every day and auditions were held for summer intensives and scholarship programs.

Students showcased their work to three judges — Randy Duncan, Gerri Houlihan and Heidi Latsky.

They attended feedback sessions to hear the judges' opinions on their work.

"ACDF is a way for us to still sort of compete with each other. It's a place for us to showcase our work and our dancing and our version of dance in 2013," said Alex Plaskey, senior and president of the student organization for the dance program.

Gregory Patterson, associate director of dance, said preparations for ACDF began in September.

"The kids were amazing, we couldn't have done it without them," Debra Bernstein-Siegel, full-time dance adjunct instructor in dance said.

Siegel attended the very first ACDF hosted by the University of Pittsburgh in 1973, when she was a senior at Ohio State University.

"At the time, we didn't even know what ACDF was, we just thought it was cool we got to perform outside of

our college," Siegel said.

As host, Oakland added a couple of elements to celebrate the anniversary.

"Throughout the conference, we had a 40th anniversary class series which was one class that represented each decade of dance in the past 40 years. We had a disco jazz class, and 90s Twyla Tharp class and a Horton class. We also created the dance across America challenge," Plaskey said.

The challenge is a video flash mob that featured 12 different universities that attended ACDF.

Plaskey collaborated with Wayne State dance major, Megan Drabant to create the challenge.

"It's a good feeling to see full classes, and packed theaters to let you know you're doing a good job," he said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

University to host "Bye Bye Barbie! Fighting Media Messages"

There will be an interactive workshop held Feb. 27 in Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The message of the workshop is to discuss the role of social media and how it affects self-image.

For more information, contact Julie Proctor at 248-370-2758 or send an email to jkprocto@oakland.edu

Eating disorder screenings offered by counseling center

The Graham Counseling Center is offering confidential eating disorder screenings at the Recreations and Athletic Center Feb. 28 from 3-5 p.m.

Students who have or think they have an eating disorder are key candidates for these screenings.

For more information, contact Julie Proctor at 248-370-2758 or email jkprocto@oakland.edu

Freshmen invited to Michigan Science Center field trip

There will be a field trip to the Michigan Science Center March 3 from 12:45-5:30 p.m.

This event is for freshmen students only. Transportation and dinner will be provided.

Students can sign up at the Hamlin mail desk.

For more information, contact Michele Applebee at 248-370-3323 or email mlladisk@oakland.edu

University to show documentary for eating disorder awareness week

A movie will be shown Feb. 27 from 7-9 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. The documentary is part of eating disorder awareness week, and is based off of Melissa's story, who lost her life at 19 years old to an eating disorder, and her journal writings.

For more information, contact Julie Proctor at 248-370-2758 or email jkprocto@oakland.edu

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FROM COAST TO COAST

Students spend Spring Break traveling, helping others

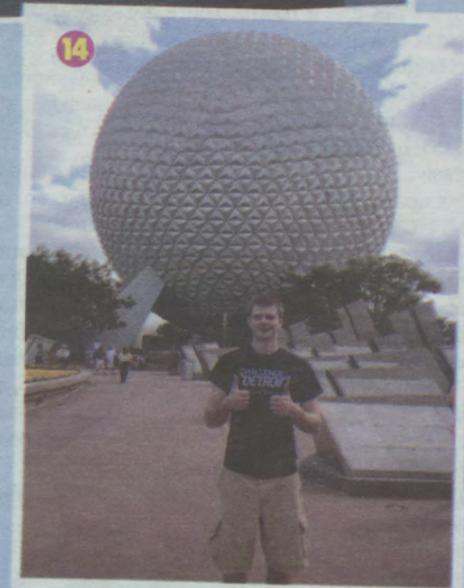
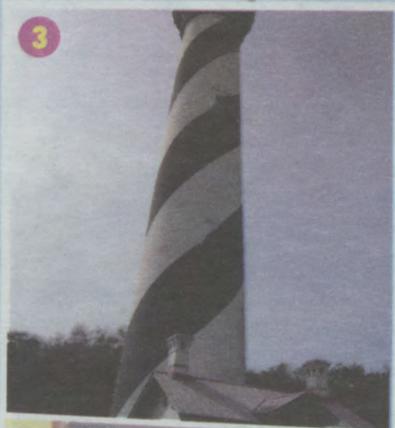
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- 2 Habitat for Humanity watching the sunrise at Neptune Beach.
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- 5 Habitat for Humanity spending a night in a local church during their stay.
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Breakfast of Champions

Student-athletes honored for commitment inside the classroom

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

Oakland University athletes wake up from their much-needed sleep and get ready for their days. They complete long hours of work which will test them continuously and determine their future at Oakland. And then, they also have their actual sport to worry about.

Contrary to the standard opinion of the student-athlete, OU athletes maintain, on average, higher GPAs, a higher graduation rate and a more consistently-set standard of excellence rate than the general population of OU students, according to Robbie Stewart.

Celebrating success

Student-athletes with a GPA above 3.0 were invited to attend the "Celebration of Teaching, Learning and Success" breakfast Tuesday, to be lauded for their academic accomplishments.

Stewart, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a faculty athletic representative, was one of the event's speakers.

"One of things that is absolutely unique about Oakland University," Stewart explained, "is we have an athletic department that is committed to graduating student-athletes. That's not just a phrase, that's not just a motto. That's a reality here at Oakland."

Stewart continued on to say he enjoys bragging about OU athletes to his colleagues across the nation, because they never believe his statistics since they are so "impressive."

Competition with the coaches

Stewart briefly commented on the important role the coaches play in their players' academic endeavors.

"Another one of the things that makes it easy to achieve academic success at Oakland is that we have a coaching staff that likes to compete with one another," Stewart said. "Who has the highest GPA? Who has the highest graduation rate?"

Stewart mentioned the graduation rate among student-athletes is 13 percent higher than the rest of the school.

"That's a testament to the accomplishment of the athletic department," he said.

Pete Hovland, head coach of the



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Sophomore forward Corey Petros from the OU men's basketball team serves himself breakfast at the Celebration of Teaching, Learning and Success event Feb. 26.

men's and women's swimming and diving team, recently won his 14th straight Summit League Championship. The performance of his team was not the only thing accomplished. The OU women's swimming and diving team is now ranked 10th in the nation academically.

"Our teams lead the Summit League, not only in highest cumulative GPA," Hovland said. "But also (in) producing the highest number of athletes with a GPA above 3.0 and this is something we do annually."

Honored guests

Among the attendees, aside from the student-athletes themselves, were miscellaneous OU faculty members, the

teams' coaches and a few select teachers.

The players themselves mostly selected the teachers in attendance, as people who they felt were instrumental in their academic success.

Nicholas Kristok, a red-shirt junior and team captain for the OU men's soccer team, spoke about these kinds of teachers.

"I've always heard these special stories about teachers who go the extra mile for their student-athletes' academic journeys," Kristok said. "And I'm fortunate enough to be able to say 'thank you' to the faculty on behalf of all of the student-athletes here."

Kristok also spoke about former Michigan State University student-athlete and

"WE HAVE AN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT THAT IS COMMITTED TO GRADUATING STUDENT-ATHLETES."

Robby Stewart,
Faculty Athletic Representative

current Washington Redskins quarterback, Kirk Cousins, and what Cousins felt being a student-athlete was all about.

"The one word he used to describe it was 'privilege' and I couldn't agree with him more," Kristok said. "We owe Oakland University a lot for these privileges and one way we can show our gratitude is through our academics. I want you all to know that (the student athletes) believe that that desk we occupy is a tremendous privilege."

Athletic Director Tracy Huth commented on the relationship between the university, the faculty and the athletics department.

"If you were to look at the department of athletics' mission, the first line talks about being aligned with the educational mission of Oakland University."

Huth also praised the Senate Athletic Committee for the planning and orchestrating of the event and ended his speech by commending the faculty themselves for being such an instrumental part in the student-athletes' academic experience.

"That's what Oakland is. Oakland makes a difference in the lives of our students, and you have done that (for our student-athletes) and we want to thank you for that."

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SCORE SHEET

Led The Summit League in overall GPA for last five semesters straight

Average athlete GPA: 3.2

Women's swimming and diving team 10th in the nation in GPA

Sticks and Strikes

Women's lacrosse to host bowling fundraiser to raise money for team

By **Monica Nowak**
Staff Intern

Oakland University's women's lacrosse team is putting on a bowling party fundraiser at Classic Lanes in Rochester, March 1.

The event is open to the public and begins at 10 p.m. Parent Lori Grubba organized the event to help raise money for the team.

"Being in a club team, all the costs incurred are paid by the players or parents. We are trying to cut down the cost of playing to the players who are full-time students," Lori said. "The cost last year for each player was approximately \$2,000."

The fundraiser will not only include bowling, but the team will also be collecting money at the door, selling raffle tickets, 50/50 drawings and progressive strike ball 50/50 jackpot, according to Lori.

"We are looking forward to a fun, social night with the players, their families and friends," Lori said.



Photo courtesy of Desiree Messinat

Women's lacrosse has won six straight Division Championships from 2007-2012.

Lori's daughter, Nina Grubba, is currently on the team and will attend the event with the team and coach.

"I'm looking forward to having a fun way of making money for our team and

seeing friends, family, and old teammates come out to support us," Nina said.

This is Nina's second year on the team as a midfielder. She believes the fundraiser will help the team and encourages

people to attend.

"Everyone and anyone can come," Nina said.

The event will cost \$20 per person. The price includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop.

The team has put on fundraisers in the past, which included a haircut and a Super Bowl square fundraiser, according to Lori.

Because the team has put on other fundraisers, they hope people support their team in any way possible.

"We are a club sport, so we have to pay for everything by ourselves including buses, refs, coaches, trips, etc. and it gets very expensive," Nina said. "We are doing many fundraisers this year to hopefully lower the cost."

The girls plan on doing a jewelry fundraiser and fundraising nights at a local restaurant. They hope to raise \$1,000-\$3,000 at the bowling fundraiser, according to Lori.

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Travis Bader named Lou Henson Award Finalist

Junior guard Travis Bader was named a finalist for the Lou Henson Award, announced by www.CollegelInsider.com Feb. 25. The honor is awarded to the top mid-major player of the year.

During Oakland's victory against Morehead State Feb. 23, Bader tied the all-time school record with 348 3-pointers made in three seasons. He is tied for third all-time in league history. Bader leads the nation with 130 3-pointers made this season.

The Lou Henson Award is named in honor of Lou Henson, a former college basketball coach for 41 years. Henson has 779 career Division I wins, good for sixth all-time. He is also one of just 12 coaches in the history of college basketball to take two schools to the Final Four.

A fan vote will make up 33 percent of the final vote. The award will be given at the CollegelInsider.com awards banquet in Atlanta, which is home of the 2013 men's NCAA Basketball Championship.

Swimming and diving honors

The Oakland men's and women's swimming and diving teams were awarded with Fall 2012 Scholar All America Team honors, announced by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Feb. 25.

In order to be honored with the award, a team must earn a GPA of 3.00 or above.

The women's team had a collective GPA of 3.50, ranked 10th in the country. The men finished 57th in the country with a 3.02 GPA.

The honors come a few days after the Golden Grizzlies captured their 14th consecutive Summit League titles at the OU Aquatic Center Feb. 23.

Oakland Track and Field Finishes Sixth at Summit League Championships

Senior Breanna Peabody broke two school records Feb. 25 as the Oakland men's and women's track and field teams finished competing at The

Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championships at the DakotaDome. Senior Brittni Hutton and junior Serena San Cartier also earned spots on the medal stand Monday.

Peabody finished just .01 second behind the winner as she broke her own school record in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.48. San Cartier was close behind in third place with a time of 8.56. Hutton finished the 5,000m run with a time of 17:21.04, good for third place.

On the men's side, freshman Glen Scott came in fourth place in the 800m run with a time of 1:57.01. Junior Andrew Stebbins completed his season-best mark in the shot put with a throw of 51 feet, 7.75 inches to finish in sixth place.



HUTTON

Baseball season underway

After two days of doubleheaders, the OU men's baseball team has started out 0-4, dropping all four games in Maryland.



THEISEN

In the fourth game, Oakland took it to extra innings where they fell 4-3 in the 10th inning, Maryland scored after freshman Kevin Martir singled up the middle to score freshman Anthony

Papio who reached base on a walk.

In four games this season, sophomore Robby Enslin has accumulated a .385 batting average with five hits, one RBI, and three runs. Junior Jared Theisen leads the team with three RBI and a .438 on base percentage. Theisen is 2-3 in stolen base attempts so far this season.

The Grizzlies will travel to Kansas to play Kansas State (3-3) Mar. 1-3. Oakland's first home game takes place April 3 against Olivet.

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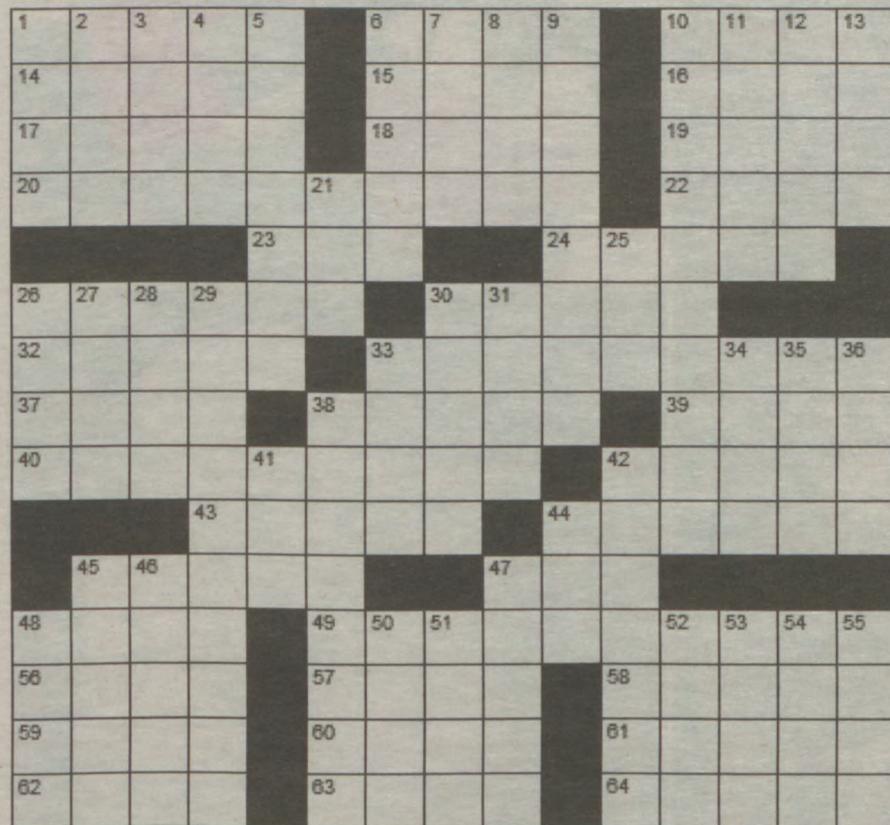
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- 19. Obtains
- 20. Access
- 22. Not
- 23. Mineral rock
- 24. Convex ° of Roman soldiers
- 30. Small finch
- 32. Sheeplike
- 33. Circumference
- 37. Seats oneself
- 38. Mayhem
- 39. Novice
- 40. Optional school courses

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- 45. Appearance
- 47. "___ the season to be jolly"
- 48. Buddy
- 49. Affiliates
- 56. Young sheep
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- 60. Chills and fever
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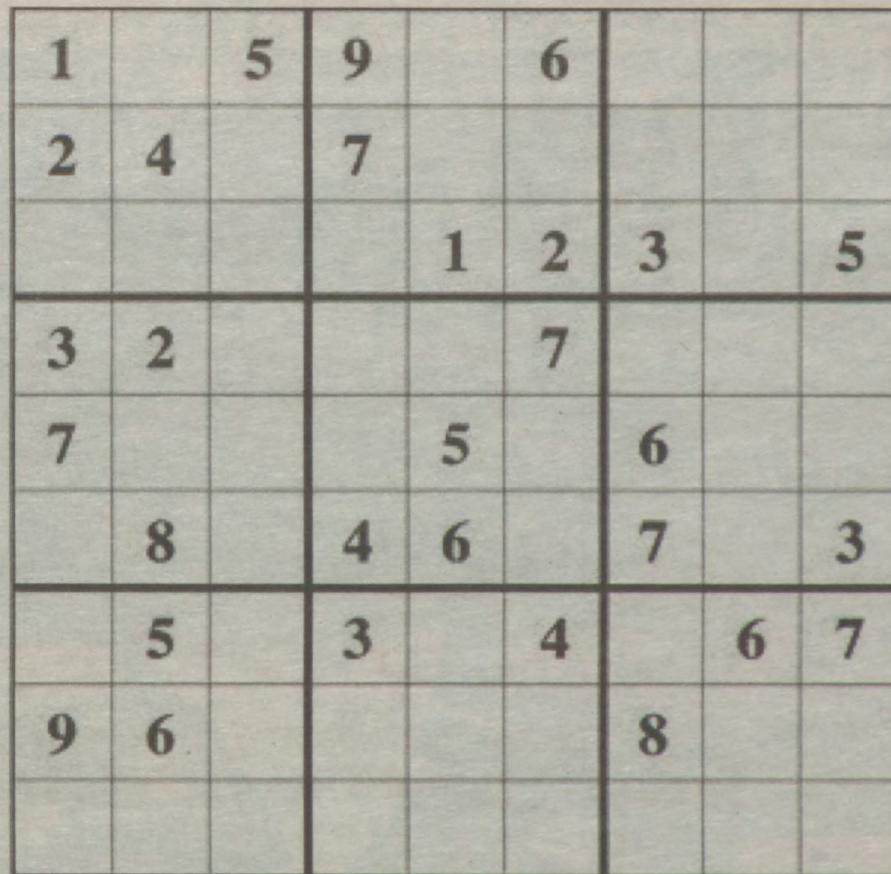
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Getting inked in Motor City

Written and Photographed
by Ashley Mohler
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Humming and buzzing from the sound of tattoo guns was heard at the Detroit Marriott last weekend as the Motor City Tattoo Expo welcomed people to more than 50 artist's stations.

Patrons visited booths in search of their next body art. Others were at the mercy of the needle.

Contests and vendors were among the event entertainment. Rockstar Energy Drink Inked Up World Tour brought drinks for the crowd. They also sponsored tattoo contests with categories for all types of ink.

"I've been coming to this (event) for years and I'm always impressed by the turnout," said Chris Manga, a patron and tattoo enthusiast.

1. Patrons visited booths at the Expo. There were over 50 artists hosting booths, where guests could view art and designs.

2. A young woman gets tattooed at the Expo. The event was hosted by World Tattoo Events, which was formed in 2010.

3. Heather Holloway's most meaningful tattoo is a scene of three horses — one of whom she lost last year — and a tree. "This is the tree that she is buried underneath in a field," Holloway said. "I had to give the other two away after so this is a memorial piece for my horses."

4. A panel of three judges tattoos for "Most Realistic" and "Best Arm Sleeve." Eternal Tattoos, one of the event sponsors, has been involved with the Motor City Tattoo Expo for 33 years.

Community garden blossoming in Rochester

New garden in the works for Rochester residents

By Irum Ibrahim
Staff Position

With positive feedback from city council members, residents of Rochester Hills now have the opportunity to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs in their city's first currently developing community garden.

Mayor Bryan Barnett outlined his plan for the community garden during a 7 p.m. city council meeting Feb. 11. His plan entails for the garden to be built at Wabash Park, located west of Rochester Road.

The park is located in close proximity to Hampton Circle and Northridge Apartments, two of the largest apartment complexes in the area. This central location will be especially beneficial for all apartment or condominium residents who don't have the opportunity to grow

crops in their backyards, according to Barnett.

"Community gardens are places where neighbors can gather to cultivate plants, vegetables and fruits. Such gardens can improve nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety and economic vitality for a neighborhood, and its residents," Barnett said.

Similar to the Rochester Community Garden, the Rochester Hills Community Garden will be managed by the Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve. The garden will be fenced to protect plants from deer and a water station will be placed at the center.

In addition, 108 4 foot by 4 foot raised beds will be available for Rochester Hills' residents to purchase.

"Not only have we seen that there's a need in the residents requesting this, but there's actually companies and businesses that want to support our initiative," said Tara Beatty, the mayor's chief assistant and grant coordinator.

Beatty has engaged partners with Home Depot and Recycle Bank, and \$2,500 in funds have been offered to help with the initial phase.

Along with the help of partners, Scotts Miracle-Gro and Brooksie Way have pre-

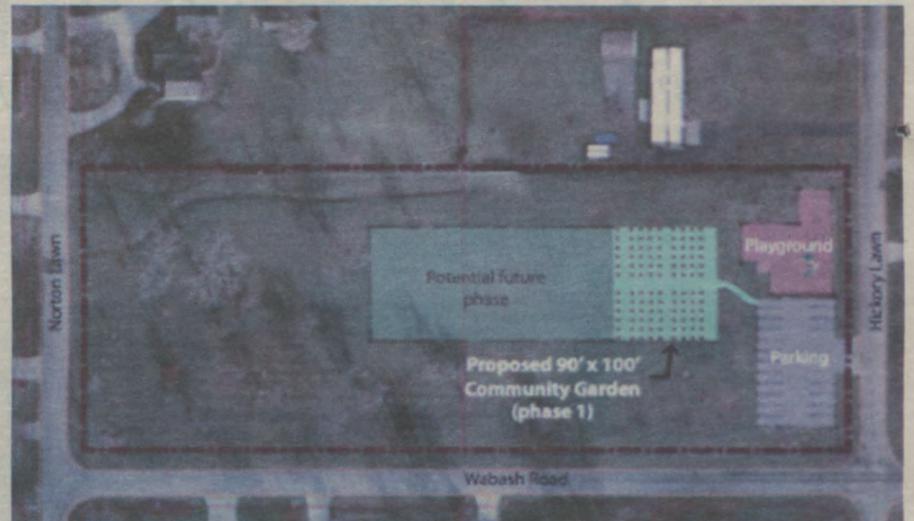


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The new fenced community garden will be located at Wabash Park, near Hampton Circle and North Apartments. 108 4 foot by 4 foot raised beds will be available for residents.

sented potential grants to further help with the city's first Community Garden plan.

"Things like the final list of rules, and how we'll actually govern this little organization have yet to be spelled out. But this isn't a money maker for the city," Barnett said at the council meeting.

If all goes according to plan, the Rochester Hills Community Garden will be built in time for growing season this spring.

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Professor prose best

Professor named finalist for \$100,000 Kingsley Tufts poetry award

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Professor Edward Haworth Hoepfner is described by colleague Annette Gilson as a quiet, thoughtful, kind and funny man who cares deeply about his students' success.

The other thing that strikes Gilson, an associate professor of English, is the depth of Hoepfner's writing.

"He weighs his life, our lives, in every poem," she said. "He is not a poet of the lofty, though his poems make you think and ache deeply, but what I mean is that the people of the world matter to him. He is a poet who carries his society on his back. We don't know we're being carried, but if we read the poems, we discover that we are. We discover that he struggles with this world for us, and that we can learn what we need to think about and struggle with by reading his work."

Recognition

Hoepfner, a professor in the English department and program director for the creative writing major, is one of three finalists for the 2013 Kingsley Tufts poetry award — a \$100,000 prize given annually by Claremont Graduate University in California.

His poetry book "Blood Prism" uses blood as a recurring motif throughout its three sections: memory, politics and age.

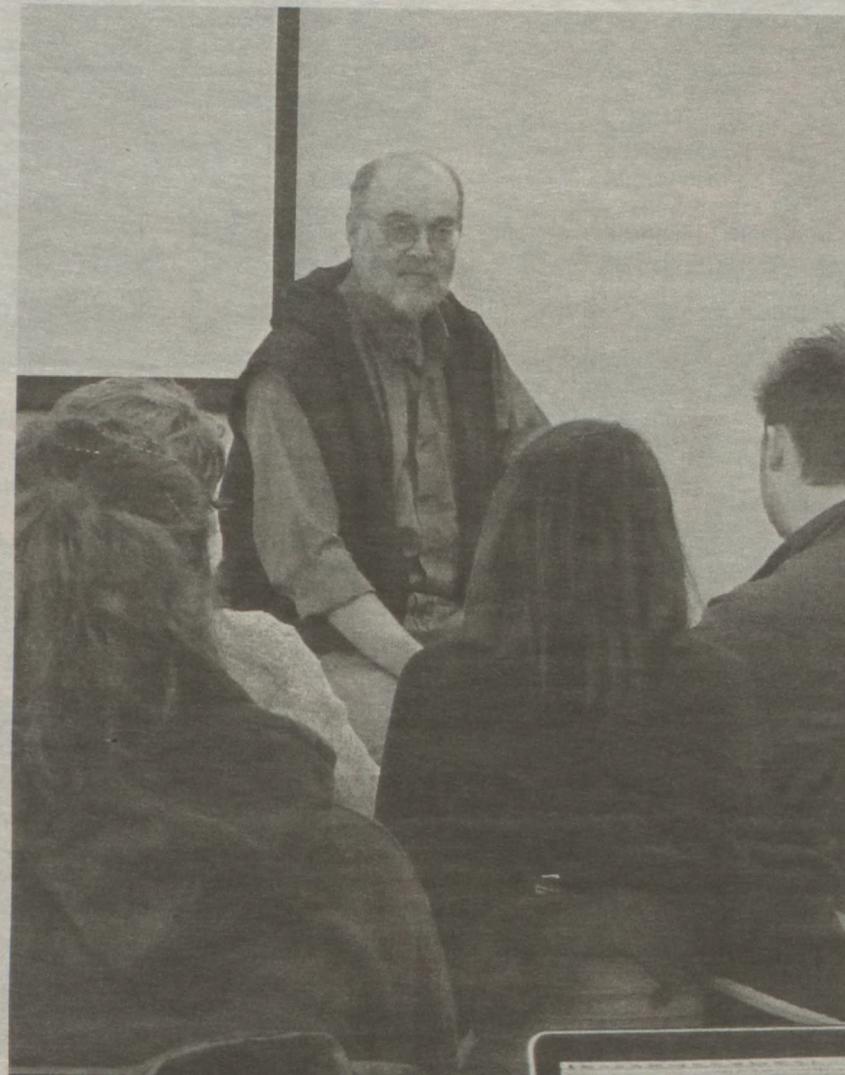
Hoepfner, who has been at OU since 1988, said he never had much interest in writing about politics before, finding those issues too remote for his liking. He preferred to write about daily life.

Sept. 11 altered his worldview, and he turned to writing to cope.

"I did find myself, after 9/11, trying to deal with the way history and politics had shifted my field of view, in a way, and I tried then to find a way of talking about social or political things without being abstract, or just thinking through a poem," Hoepfner said. "I began to try to describe how the unseen world or of events had altered my way of seeing the immediate world, my daily life."

He feels Sept. 11 had a profound effect on his mood.

"I do tend to write from experience, that is, my effort is always to react to



English professor Edward Haworth Hoepfner is a finalist for the Kingsley Tufts poetry award. His book, "Blood Prism," explores memory, politics and age. CLARE LA TORRE/The Oakland Post

daily life, my experiences and daily recollections, my observations and thoughts inside the particulars of a common event," he said. "In 'Blood Prism,' because of 9/11 and its aftermath, I found that the peripheries of my life had altered, that a different sensibility or context had settled onto my daily moods and preoccupations."

"Blood Prism" gained national attention after being selected for the 2010 Ohio State University Press Award in Poetry.

Hoepfner has published two other poetry books, "Rain through High Windows" and "Ancestral Radio." He has also published a critical

study entitled "Echoes and Moving Fields: Structure and Subjectivity in the Poetry of W.S. Merwin and John Ashbery."

The creative process

Hoepfner said he writes between 40 and 50 poems a year. Sometimes he writes at the spur of the moment, but more often he finds that they come together as a series of images.

"I find that I start with a mood and an image and some simple event or memory — not a subject, really — and then the imagination links one image to another in what to me is often an unexpected and happy series

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Edward Haworth Hoepfner,
Professor of English

of figurative turns," Hoepfner said. "I don't know where I am going, or how the poem will end, but it finds its own way to something I didn't know I realized, or to a conclusion I have been unaware of until the moment it comes to me."

After a few years, he has enough to write a book and a different type of spark occurs.

"I put a lot of poems on the floor and I walk around them, and then this odd thing happens: some of them seem almost to lift themselves up, patterns and repetitions, themes seem to link up," he said. "I get to discover what things I have bent myself toward in the past few years, without being conscious of them."

Advice for students

Hoepfner said students interested in writing should make it a daily practice.

"Writing is easy enough: you just have to do it, and do it on a more-or-less daily basis," Hoepfner said. "That takes care of most 'writing block' issues, because once you get that practice down, it's generally hard to keep the imagination from working. Folks who wait until they are 'inspired' to write often stop writing before they are 30."

He also said students should read as much as they can.

"Find writers you admire and read them," he said. "Find more of these. Read them. Reading and good writing go hand-in-hand. Too many young writers are unaware of what's being done now, today, by the thousands of writers at work this moment."

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Grizzly grads named elite '40 Under 40'

Alumni recognized by L. Brooks Patterson for career success, community outreach

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Two products of Oakland University's graduate studies programs have been named to L. Brooks Patterson's "40 under 40" in Oakland County.

Alumni Tara Michener and Kelly Kozlowski were recognized as part of the 2013 class. The group recognizes young people who are leaders in business and the community.

Standing up for kids

Michener worked in human resources for a large company. Her book, "Who I Am Not

What I Am," began as a side project.

After the publication of the book led to public speaking offers in October 2008, the 35-year-old thought she might be in the wrong field.

Michener formed her own public speaking and consulting firm in November 2009, speaking in schools about bullying.

"When (the book) got published, I got a lot of opportunities to do speak about diversity and self-esteem, mainly in kids but also helping people to know that when we change the lives of kids, those kids grow up," Michener said. "We're making a difference continually."

Michener went on to found Professionals Against Bullying, an organization dedicated to training and studying ways to lessen the impact of bullying. A major focus of Michener's work is relational aggression.

"What happens when you're

a girl who goes into a room, and all the other girls cover their chairs so you can't sit next to them?" Michener asked. "What do you do with that? They didn't hit you or call you a name, but there's still something there."

Having received her undergraduate degree in journalism and public relations in 2004 from Madonna University, Michener came to OU in January 2011 to earn her Master's in counseling with a focus on child and adolescent therapy.

At this time, Michener founded Students Against Bullying, a campus organization dedicated to identifying what bullying looks like on a college campus and offering potential solutions.

She said good communication is imperative in identifying potential problems.

"If you only talk to somebody in your family when they look a little sad or withdrawn, you might not get the answer that would be helpful," Michener said.

It is also important to give kids an outlet for emotions.

"Unfortunately, a lot of bad things are going to happen in this life, but if we can take those experiences and make it into something beautiful it's a good thing to do," she said.

Broad opportunities

Kozlowski, 29, serves as director of public affairs for Automation Alley.

Kozlowski is president of the Sail Board, an advisory board for The Oakland Post and a former Post Editor-in-Chief.

In addition to her involvement with The Post, Kozlowski helped with the launch of Oakland County-based organization, Giving Orphans Hope.

"I loved the cause," she said. "They're all about advocacy on



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Kelly Kozlowski (second from left) hosts a meeting with her team at Automation Alley. Kozlowski, an OU alum who serves on the Sail Board for the Oakland Post, is one of Oakland County's Elite 40 Under 40.

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Kelly Kozlowski,
Automation Alley Director of Public Affairs

behalf of orphans specifically in the state of Michigan, which is a cause very close to me because I have two adopted nephews."

Kozlowski also serves as a mentor for FIRST Robotics Team 217, the "Thunder-Chickens" of Utica Community Schools.



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After following them for a year to write a book on high school robotics, the team's mentors asked Kozlowski to mentor the following year.

She said it allows her to pass on journalism skills to others.

"I've always felt that the skills you learn in that particular program are applicable in a wide variety of fields, majors and careers," Kozlowski said. "It's cool to share that with students who are primarily focused on science, technology and math."

Kozlowski is currently studying in the Master of Public Administration program and is a lecturer in the journalism department.

She said her time at OU gave her skills that helped her get where she is today.

"I would say it would be two things: one being the journalism program at OU, my undergrad program, the second thing being my time on staff at The Oakland Post. Being on staff at the paper and also working other jobs, which I was at the time, requires a lot of time

management skills, a lot of being able to work on different projects and juggle different things," she said.

Kozlowski said deadlines are important for students entering any line of work.

"You learn your own personal rhythms and style of working. For me, I have always been a big time procrastinator. It usually works out because I feel like I work better under pressure. I feel like I can get more done," she said.

Although Kozlowski said it is important to know one's own pace, this doesn't work for everything.

"There have been instances where that approach has hurt me because planning often sets you up better for success than procrastinating," she said. "(The key is) figuring out what your own personal style is and then not using that as an excuse to not grow."

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Mouthing Off

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A not so deep-seated issue

A growing school suffering with the wrong fit

By Brian Johnston
Chief Copy Editor

Oakland University has recently received a donation worth millions of dollars to build a new clock tower. While that may be useful to those in a hurry to go back to 1985 in their DeLorean, I can't help but wonder if this is the best use of the money.

Personally, if I were going to make a few improvements around campus, I'd go with a cheaper idea that students may appreciate more.

We need adult-sized desks.

In Kindergarten, little Brian sat at a big round table with a bunch of other kids. Elbowroom and legroom were plentiful, and crayons and paints were placed in a communal center — except for when some little jerk kept bogarting the red crayon. I don't forgive or forget.

In elementary school, I had a nice big desk with a hinged top. I could stow my books inside of it easily, and there was no annoying bar connecting it to my chair.

By the time high school and college rolled around,

I've been given a French painter's palette connected to a poor excuse for a wood chair.

If desk size is inversely proportional to education level, I'm worried about going for my Master's degree. Presumably they'll give me a clipboard glued to a stepstool. At the doctorate level, I assume students will just get Barbie furniture.

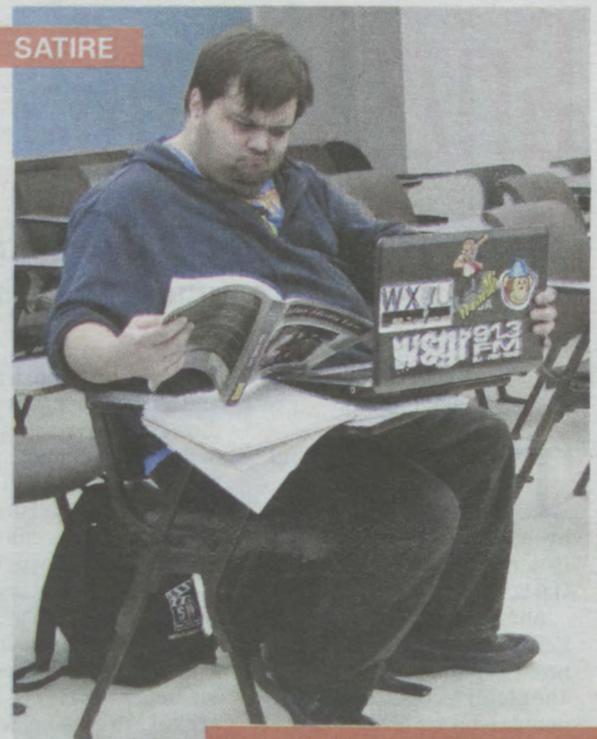
I'm supposed to have a hardcover textbook and a notebook open on a desk that's too narrow for one of those things. I once had big dreams of using my laptop to take notes. Now I have big dreams of having a desk my laptop will actually fit upon.

I know I'm not the most svelte individual, but even a Muppet would have a problem sitting at these desks — the guy with his hand up the puppet's backside wouldn't fit.

I'm sure the clock tower is a sound investment. But if OU has any money left over after that, maybe they should call IKEA. If we're trying to attract new students to campus, it'd be nice if they could actually fit.

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This is supposed to be a picture of Johnston sitting in one of the tiny desks in South Foundation.

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