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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

ESPECIALLY IN MICHIGAN // Anthony Kiedis of Red Hot Chili Peppers during their headlining set of Orionfest June 8 on Belle Isle. The second Orionfest, brainchild music festival of Metallica, landed a three-year deal with the city of Detroit in hopes to find a permanent home for the festival. The weekend brought rock, metal and electronic artists to five stages. Bands included Metallica, Bassnectar, Deftones and Rise Against. *DYLAN DULBERG // The Oakland Post*

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At Meadow Brook Festival on September 14, the St. Jerome's Laneway Festival will make its North American debut. Keep checking The Oakland Post to see how you can win tickets!

POLL OF THE MONTH

What do you think the main goal of the next university president should be?

- A Lower tuition costs
- B Raise salaries for professors
- C Enforce the smoking ban
- D I don't care

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST MONTH'S POLL

How do you help raise awareness about human rights issues like same-sex marriage?

A) Volunteering for nonprofits

6 votes | 7%

B) Participating in peaceful protests

1 vote | 3%

C) Signing petitions

6 votes | 20%

D) I don't do anything

121 votes | 70%

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

JULY 25, 1980

Due to a labor strike during the summer of 1980, O' Dowd Hall's opening is delayed until the spring.

JULY 15, 2005

OU and Chartwells partner to give Vandenberg's cafeteria and \$1 million renovation.

JULY 18, 2007

The Board of Trustees (BOT) votes to raise tuition 13.9 percent, which is an increase of \$971 per year for the average full-time student.



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Oakland will lose parking spaces and gain temporary lots because of construction projects.



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Jenna Bachrouche recalls being on coach Beckie Francis' team.



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TURN IT PAST ELEVEN
Of Monsters and Men, O.A.R and more performed on campus.

BY THE NUMBERS

ANNUAL SALARIES FOR 2011

\$395,000

Former OU President
Gary Russi

\$350,000

CMU President
George E. Ross

\$520,000

MSU President
Lou Anna Simon

\$845,105

University of Michigan President
Mary Sue Coleman

\$384,541

Wayne State President
Allan Gilmour

STAFF EDITORIAL

Honesty is always the best policy, not secrecy.

During the past two years, there has been much attrition in the ranks at Oakland University.

■ April 30 2012 - Provost Virinder Moudgil announced his departure from Oakland University to become president of Lawrence Tech.

■ Aug 30 2012 - College of Arts and Sciences Dean Ron Sudol announced his retirement from Oakland University.

■ April 29 2013 - Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder announced her retirement from Oakland University.

■ June 12 - President Gary Russi announced his retirement from Oakland University. The same day, Russi's wife and Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis was fired.

Something does not seem right. And the campus community has heard very little from the administration.

It could be that these are a series of isolated incidents - that the President's resignation and his wife's dismissal just happened to occur at the same time. Or these two could be connected.

As a public entity, the administration needs to be accountable to those who pay their salaries through tuition and tax dollars.

These recently vacated po-

Our staff has issued a Freedom of Information Act request to the school. If and when we receive answers, our readers will be the first to know.

sitions hold great sway over the fate of the student body and our student-athletes. If an issue is present, it needs to be made public.

In this very university's Ethical Issues in the Media class, students are taught a three-step process to dealing with any public relations situation, and it's easy enough to commit to memory.

1. Tell the truth.
2. Tell everything.
3. Tell it yourself.

The reasons given are simple: While a misstep or two may look bad, a cover-up always looks worse.

Oakland University is not following this playbook. We realize in the absence of answers, it's very easy to jump to conclusions in search of closure.

The Oakland Post does not deal in speculation or conjecture. The articles in this issue about Russi and Francis are based on what we were able to confirm with reliable sources.

What we know so far is that President Gary Russi announced his retirement the same day his wife was relieved of her duties. When asked, the athletic department told us it did not comment on personnel matters.

While University officials and the office of the President both issued statements, neither dealt with the reason for Russi's sudden departure.

Our staff has issued a Freedom of Information Act requests to the school. The response we received was incomplete. We will continue to pursue the answers. Until then, we advise both our readers and ourselves not to succumb to rumormill.

We urge the administration to be more forthcoming. With no reasons currently given for the departure of our President or head coach, speculation is only natural.

If answers are given, much of that speculation can be put to rest.

The Oakland Post is committed to pursuing the truth of this issue.

Getting the word out yourselves will look much better than making us search.

Which will it be?

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- Page 7 of the May 15 issue, the person in the photograph is Shrvana Chintala.

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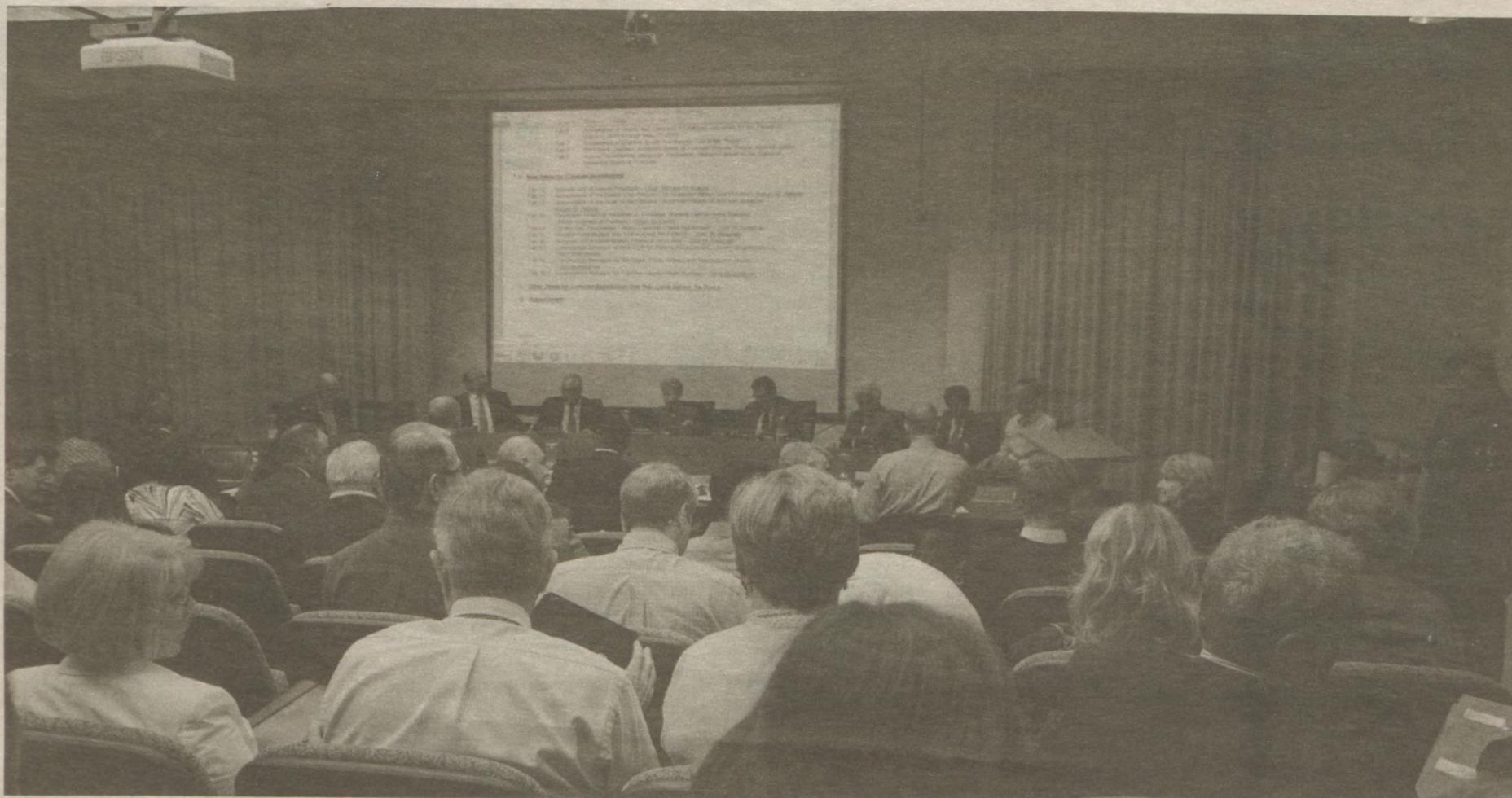


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KAILEE MATHIAS/The Oakland Post

The Board of Trustees met Wednesday, June 26 to approve a tuition increase, appoint interim staff members, form an agreement with MSU Federal Credit Union and more.

Not just small change at OU

University approves tuition increase, appoints Betty J. Youngblood as interim president

By Kailee Mathias
and Kevin Graham
Staff Reporters

The Board of Trustees (BOT) voted for an increase in tuition of 3.75 percent for undergraduates and 3.74 percent for graduate students.

The average tuition for undergraduate students going full time will be \$11,108. The cost of tuition for graduate students is \$14,820. They increased tuition for the William Beaumont School of Medicine by four percent.

When discussing the budget, some trustees expressed their concerns over state funding.

"What I get fearful about every year with lack of state funding is that it gets more difficult to balance the budget," Trustee Ronald Robinson

said. "The state, our leaders, or so called leaders, are holding us to a metric that they basically refuse to fund."

Trustee Mark Schlusel encouraged students and their families to get involved.

"If the universities in the state looked at the political clout of their students and their students' families, we'd carry enough power to begin to dictate that we deserve more money than do the prisons of the state of Michigan," Schlusel said.

Appointees

Betty J. Youngblood was appointed interim university president.

"I think most people are familiar with Betty. Betty has been doing outstanding service for Oakland for the last four years," said Board Chairman Michael Kramer. "She's been help-

ing with our outreach program in Macomb County. She comes with a wealth of experience."

Past president, Gary Russi, who has been scheduled to leave August 1, was not in attendance.

The new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is James Lentini. He will join OU July 8.

"I've had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Lentini on several occasions," Kramer said. "Not only is he an academic stand out, he's a very personable guy."

Kevin Corcoran was appointed the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Other Matters

The BOT discussed a few other matters:

Approved the construction of a parking structure for P-32 and Li-

brary Drive Extension, Upper Fields Athletic and Recreation Complex and Facilities Management Building.

A 10-year agreement has been put in place to create an Oakland University Credit Union with the backing of Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

They approved a proposal for Jordan Development Company to explore the Rose Township property for natural gas. Oakland will receive a royalty.

Benjamin Eveslage and Jessica Drogowski were recognized for their services as student liaisons to the BOT.

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Swimming lapse at aquatic center

by Jon Davis
Staff Reporter

About 770,000 gallons of water will be drained from the Recreation Center pool starting July 3.

The pool will be closed for three months as work and maintenance will continue through the summer, according to Todd Welscott, assistant director for facility and aquatic operations.

"The primary purpose of the project is to remove and re-coat the pool shell's marcite finish, which will first require the draining of the pool," Welscott said. "While the pool shell is drained, we will be doing a few other small repairs to tile and the bulkheads."

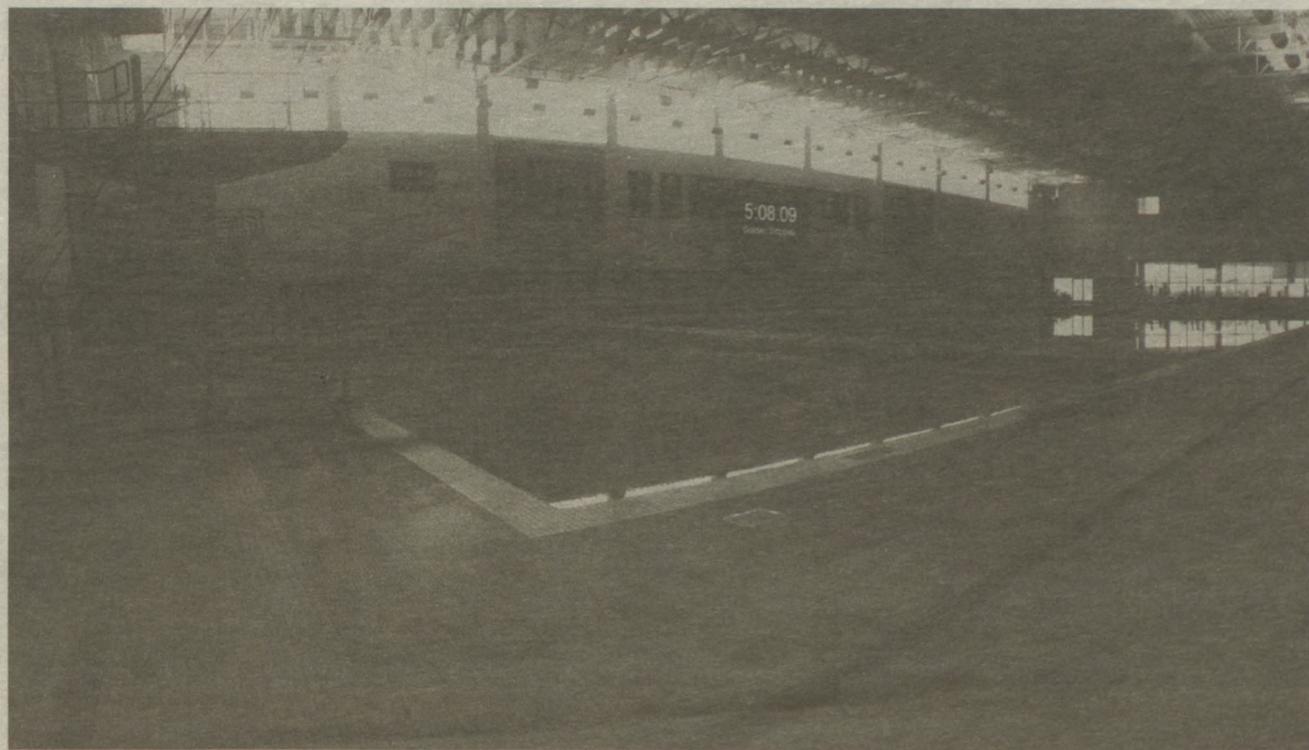
Draining the pool will take three days, and the water will be drained into a sanitary sewer.

In addition, the spiral staircase leading to the pool's diving platform will be replaced with a standard model that will span from the three-meter springboard diving tower to the five-meter platform tower, Welscott said.

"Discussion about the project first started approximately three years ago, with serious exploration starting over two years ago," said Director of Campus Recreation, Greg Jordan.

Welscott said finding a convenient time for the long project was a challenge.

"We had originally anticipated do-



Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

The Aquatic Center pool will be drained for re-coating starting June 3. Drainage will take three days and work will take three months.

ing this project last summer but determined we needed a larger window of time than we had allocated, so it got pushed back a year," Welscott said. "We selected a time of year that would have the least amount of impact on all user groups of the Aquatic Center."

Welscott said the swim team will be moving practice venues to the Avondale High School Aquatic Center, because there aren't any pools large enough for the team to properly train.

Members and students wishing to swim recreationally will need to find

alternative venues for swimming on their own.

The project will last all summer, with the Aquatic Center reopening to students and members on September 30.

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Fewer parking spots in Fall 2013 Construction brings parking lot closures

by Irum Ibrahim
Staff Reporter

Oakland University will lose approximately 1,300 parking spots this year, due to five construction projects that won't be completed until Fall 2014.

OUSC has been meeting all summer to organize alternative parking, according to Student Services Director Ashley Monticciolo.

"I don't think the lack of parking spots will affect anyone, staff or student, due to the fact that we are creating new temporary lots for the year and utilizing the Bear Bus more," said Monticciolo.

These temporary parking spots have been created by a parking committee composed of administration and three OUSC members, and will be released to the student body and faculty soon.

Oakland may lose a significant

amount of parking spots this year, but the new parking structure being built has some students embracing the situation with a positive attitude.

"I see it as a short term loss for a long term gain," said Tiffany Sood.

Junior, Aeson Welch said, "It sucks, but until they build a massive new parking lot, we're going to have to deal with it."

One project is a new four-level parking structure, which includes approximately 1,240 new spaces, being constructed on the south side of campus, off Liberty Drive.

The structure will replace lot P-32, and will give access to several buildings on Oakland University's campus.

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Dylan Dulberg / The Oakland Post

The 2013-2014 school year will see 1,300 fewer parking spaces due to construction.



Document provided by Richard Fekel

The aerial view shows that the back of the Oakland Center would be widened to cover the sidewalk to Kresge and extend toward P2.

OU is growing by leaps, bounds

Oakland Center director and Board of Trustees liasons have plans to expand the OC with extra space, entertainment, restaurants will become a reality.

Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief

Brilliant glass walls, a massive auditorium and even a bowling alley are included in the intricate new plan to expand the Oakland Center. The plan is being developed by Board of Trustees liaisons, Samantha Wolf and Robbie Williford and Director of the OC Richard Fekel.

These plans aren't set in stone yet and are just a concept. But according to Wolf, with the student body backing it up, this concept could become a reality.

The addition of a bowling alley and an auditorium top the list, but the proposed floor plan also includes new meeting rooms, extra space for eating venues, an expanded banquet room and a pub

In March, students and faculty representatives, went to visit four universities: Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green, Ohio State and Akron. The goal was to get ideas on ways to improve the OC.

"Naturally, all the ideas from the union trip were incorporated into the floor plan draft and communicated to the architects by Samantha," Fekel said.

Part of the rationale for the expansion is that the OC is too small to accommodate student and faculty.

"Students sit on the ground during prime times of the day," Wolf said. "There are going to be more students on campus and we need more room. This is really needed, and we want the students to have the full campus experience."

Notably, the possibility of

having a bowling alley is already causing a commotion amongst OU students.

"I don't think many people would have time to actually bowl an entire game," said Brandon Hartley, senior. "It's also silly because there's already a bowling alley just a few miles away."

Some disagree about the value of the bowling alley.

"As a commuter, I think a bowling alley is an absolutely fantastic idea," said Aeson Welch, junior. "If you're stuck on campus with nothing to do, you can start up a game."

The other controversial feature of this plan is whether the pub will serve alcohol.

"Almost every school we visited had a pub of some sort in the union building," Wolf said.

"The one at Ohio State would have trivia nights and

it would be a big place to get a drink during games."

Fekel said that the issue of a bar on campus is being looked into, but the State of Michigan, might not allow it.

The State of Michigan also doesn't provide funding for the OC, according to Fekel, since it's not an academic building. This means that the fate of this OC expansion lies in the hands of the students.

"There are several things the students can do," said Wolf, "Send emails to OUSC President, Brandon Hanna. Send letters or go to OUSC. This could come down to a potential vote."

Since this concept isn't an actual concrete plan yet, the cost and the estimated time that the project would take are all unknown.

SUMMER EVENTS

■ St. Jerome's Laneway Festival, a music festival with its roots in Australia and New Zealand, will be held for the first time in the U. S. at Meadowbrook Music Festival Sept. 14. Among the 25 announced acts are Solange, The Dismemberment Plan, Icona Pop, My Brightest Diamond, Run the Jewels and Deerhunter.

Limited quantities of student tickets are on sale now at the CSA Ticket Window for \$60 each. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$75. Parking is \$4.50.

■ Michicon 2013, a tabletop and board game convention hosted by OU Gaming Guild and Metro Detroit Gamers will take place Friday, July 12 from noon-9 p.m. and Saturday, July 13 from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. in the Oakland Center.

For admission prices, visit metro-detroitgamers.wordpress.com

■ A junior golf camp will be run July 9-11 for boys and girls ages 6-15 at OU's Katke-Cousins Golf Course at OU. Topics covered will include etiquette, rules and basic strategy. Sessions run from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Register by July 7 at 248-364-6300 ext. 2.

■ OU will host a "Business Beyond the Basics" camp for teens at its Anton/Frankel Center in Mount Clemens. Participants in daily 9 a.m.-3 p.m. sessions will be led through the process of creating their own company and taking a product through development. The camp concludes with a trip to the Macomb-OU INCubator. Camp cost is \$125. To learn more, go to www.oakland.edu/macombcamp.

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Staff Reporter



OU'S FIRST COUPLE: DOUBLE DEPARTURE

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Visuals by Dylan Dulberg
Designed by Frank Lepkowski

RUSSI RETIRED AN



While President Russi has had a wide variety of accomplishments in his time at Oakland, he has also faced multiple challenges, as shown in the timeline below.

Presidents by Year

Gary Russi
Oakland University
1996-2013

Mary Sue Coleman
University of Michigan
2002-2013

Susan Martin
Eastern Michigan University
2008-2013

Allan Gilmour
Wayne State
2010-2013

Russi joins Oakland University as Vice President of Student Affairs.

Oakland Post files lawsuits against both the OU Board of Trustees and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for violations of the Open Meetings Act.

1998 - The Oakland County Circuit Court upholds the 1995 decision against Oakland University, awarding attorney's fees to the Post. The Post uses the money to start a journalism scholarship.

The Oakland Post sues the University for violations of the Open Meetings Act. A court judge rules in O

Oakland University President Sandra Packard retires. Russi is named Interim President.

Oakland University cancels its Presidential search and Russi is officially named new President of Oakland University.

Russi and Oakland University begin "Vision 2010," a program that expanded OU's curriculum to make it more competitive with other Michigan colleges.



Oakland University President Gary Russi unexpectedly announced his retirement, June 12. To make things more surprising, Russi's wife and OU women's basketball coach, Beckie Francis, was fired within an hour of his shocking announcement.

Within a week, Jenna Bachrouche, a former forward on OU's women's basketball team, told local media outlets that emotional abuse over her religion and weight was perpetrated by recently-ousted head coach Beckie Francis. (See related story on pg 11.)

Accounts appearing in The Oakland Press, Detroit Free Press and The Oakland Post report that Francis, who helped start the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on campus, tried to convert Bachrouche, a Muslim from a mixed-faith family, to Christianity.

Francis was placed on unpaid suspension May 30 following an internal review by OU's general counsel. She was fired June 12, an hour after her husband, University President Gary Russi, announced his own retirement.

A university spokesman said he could not confirm any connection

between Francis' dismissal and Russi's retirement.

In a statement released June 21 by OU officials, the reason given for the termination of Francis was malfeasance, a term used to describe doing something dishonest, illegal or exceeding authority.

Director of Media Relations Ted Montgomery gave the following statement to The Post:

'At the conclusion of the 2011-12 season, a women's basketball student athlete requested a transfer release from Oakland University. OU granted her release and also supported her request for a waiv-

er so that she could play immediately at another NCAA institution.

At that time, she raised issues of

non-secular conduct and behavior on the part of the women's basketball head coach. The Athletics Department, under the auspices and at the direction of the general counsel, immediately commenced an internal review that resulted in appropriate corrective action being taken.'

"YOU'D HAVE TO BE LIVIN' UNDER A ROCK TO KNOW THIS"

ND FRANCIS FIRED

Lou Anna K. Simon
Michigan State University
2005-2013

John M. Dunn
Western Michigan University
2007-2013

Tony McLain
Lake Superior State
2010-2013

George E. Ross
Central Michigan University
2010-2013



ost sues OU's Board of Trustees for
e Open Meetings act, when budgetary
made behind closed doors. A district
es in Oakland University's favor.

OU professors call for vote of
no confidence in Gary Russi.

Gary Russi announces
retirement from Oakland
University after two
decades. His wife Beckie
Francis is fired.

2009

2013

'Since that time, the university
received no reports of continued
non-secular conduct or behavior.

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Oakland University
does not comment
on specific details
related to students,
personnel matters or
internal reviews.'

A previous report
by Free Press writer
Mick McCabe said
the investigation of
Francis was undertak-
en following player
meetings with OU offi-
cials. Bachrouche denied being the

source of the complaint according
to The Oakland Press.

Bachrouche also addressed her
problems to Oakland University
athletics director, Tracy Huth.

"His hands are tied; he reports
directly to the president," she told
The Free Press. "He just apologized
and said: 'Anything that I can do to
help you get somewhere else.'"

Bachrouche, a former All-
American honorable mention
and All-State standout at North
Farmington high, will now play at
Western Michigan after she sat out
the 2012-13 these when her appeal
was denied by the NCAA, accord-

ing to The Oakland Press.

She told the Free Press that Rus-
si, who will be replaced by interim
president Betty J. Youngblood on
August 1, must have known about
Francis' problems with her reli-
gion.

"I mean, I feel you'd have to be
living under a rock not to know
this," she said.

The Board voted to approve
Youngblood's interim position at
its meeting Wednesday.

Francis has been replaced on an
interim basis by associate men's
head coach Jeff Tungate.

Neither Francis nor Russi has

publicly commented on Francis'
firing.

The Post contacted numerous
individuals, including trustees and
Athletic Director Tracy Huth. They
have not made any statements on
the situation. Current and former
basketball players also declined to
comment on the firing.

Robbie Stewart, Associate Dean
in the College of Arts and Sciences
and the OU NCAA Faculty Athletics
Representative, said privacy rules
prevented him from commenting.

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Allen Jordan / The Oakland Post

A university in transition

OU community responds to presidents departure

Allen Jordan
News Editor

Last month the Oakland University community was rocked with the announcement of President Dr. Gary Russi stepping down and retiring as leader of the Grizzly family.

Russi, who began his career at OU in 1993 as the Vice President of Student Affairs, was named interim President in 1995 after the retirement of Sandra Packard.

Russi was later officially named president in 1996. During his tenure, Oakland completed its first strategic plan for 1995 to 2005.

The goal of the 10-year plan included growing Oakland's reputation and size, while maximizing its full potential.

In that plan, the campus had more than \$190 million in contributions to teaching, researching, learning, and living.

Capital improvements made while Russi was presi-

dent, include a \$43 million Science and Engineering Building, a \$37 million Recreation and Athletics Center, the \$17.5 million R. Hugh and Nancy Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology, the \$32 million Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall, \$21 million new student apartments, the \$65 million Human Health Building (completed in 2012), and numerous building and facilities upgrades.

Oakland is currently going through a set of changes with several additions to be completed by 2014.

The additions include new student housing facilities, a four-story parking garage and additional maintenance facilities.

"As with everyone I'm at a loss for words right now. It's something that no one saw coming and is a big loss for all of us. This will be a big year full of change and transition," Judith Ableser, Ph.D., the Director for the Center for Excellence in Teaching

and Learning said regarding the surprise departure of Dr. Russi.

"I have to say, I'm a bit confused on the move seeing that there is so much going on with the university."

David Attoh
OU Senior

With the departure of Russi, he will not be a figure at following graduations.

"Honestly I was heartbroken because with graduation so close, I've attended numerous graduations and just seeing the excitement with the graduates to meet him I looked forward to that. Now I'm just wondering what's next," said Communications senior Demisha Jackson, who expressed disappointment of the missed opportunity to meet Russi at next year's graduation.

Russi will also be leaving during five different construction projects.

"I have to say, I'm a bit confused on the move seeing that there is so much going on with the university. With the new leader coming in I feel they need to step in and pick up where he left off to give everyone reassurance that this will pass," health sciences senior David Attoh said on what he looks forward to with the transition of new leadership.

Some disagree about the transition for the new president.

"To me it wasn't very transparent the fact that he just announced it out of the blue leaving faculty and students to wonder why. Though it's not a big deal to me because I'm getting ready to graduate it won't affect me much, but for incoming students next year like my sister it leaves them to wonder the stability of the leadership a bit," said pre-dental senior Mario Jirjees.

1. Communications major Demisha Jackson is disappointed on the missed opportunity to shake Russi's hand at graduation.

2. Senior Mario Jirjees is concerned for what this transition means for future OU students

3. Director of CETL Judith Ableser shares mixed emotions along with other OU faculty members on Russi's departure

4. Health Sciences major David Attoh discusses what he believes it will take for a smooth transition into new leadership.

Ex-Grizzly roars back at Oakland coach

Jenna Bachrouche says she had to 'pray to play' for Beckie Francis.

Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief

Beckie Francis was intolerant of Jenna Bachrouche's weight and religion, the former OU women's basketball player said in an interview Wednesday, at her home in Kalamazoo. Bachrouche, who began telling her story earlier last month to local media organizations, told The Oakland Post she felt her Muslim faith was an issue with Francis, a Christian.

"The unwritten motto on the team was 'You gotta pray to play,' Bachrouche said. "I remember one of my teammates telling me that."

She said Francis was constantly pressuring members of the team to practice and embrace Christianity.

"There were times when I just felt insecure about myself and my religion. Because it was just one after the other," Bachrouche said.



Scott Wolchek / The Oakland Post

Under pressure

Bachrouche was on the roster for two years, but due to an injury, she didn't spend much time with Francis for her first year. The second year is when Francis' subtle hints at religion, began to pile up.

"Before the season started, we had a film session," Bachrouche said. "We watched her testimony session in church. I felt completely uncomfortable."

The former player said that the worst insult came during a trip to Las Vegas.

A restaurant manager came up to the coaches and she (Francis,) said 'Hi, we're the Oakland University basketball team. We're a Christian basketball team.'

Speaking out

Oakland University, a public educational institution, is prohibited by constitutional law from establishing a religion or coercing students into one.

Bachrouche said she tried to

Jenna Bachrouche left OU's Women's basketball team because she felt pressure to lose weight and conform to Christianity.

address her concerns, but the situation was a bit tricky, due to the fact that Francis' spouse was OU President, Gary Russi.

"She's married to the president. What am I going to do? A freshman, a sophomore basketball player," Bachrouche said.

It's unknown whether Russi knew about his wife's intolerance, but Bachrouche said Russi himself was at a mandatory Christmas party that Bachrouche had to attend and a teammate was forced to read the Christmas Story from the Bible.

"If he communicates with his spouse, he'd have to know what was going on," Bachrouche said.

Bachrouche said she addressed her concerns to the other players, her family members and assistant coaches. Eventually, she ended up contacting OU athletics director, Tracy Huth.

"He just apologized," Bachrouche said. "He said, 'Anything

I can do to help you find another place.'"

New start, new team

Bachrouche now plays for Western Michigan University. She said being able to talk about the situation is a weight lifted off her shoulders.

"I hope this brings to light the things that she did, whether this is the reason she got fired or not."

OU investigates

Following Bachrouche's interactions with local news media this week, the university issued this statement:

"At the conclusion of the 2011-12 season, a women's basketball student athlete requested a transfer release from Oakland University. OU granted her release and also supported her request for a waiver so that she could play immediately at an-

other NCAA institution. At that time, she raised issues of non-secular conduct and behavior on the part of the women's basketball head coach. The Athletics Department, under the auspices and at the direction of the general counsel, immediately commenced an internal review that resulted in appropriate corrective action being taken.

Oakland University does not comment on specific details related to students, personnel matters or internal reviews."

Following this statement director of media relations, Ted Montgomery, couldn't be reached for further comment.

Happy ending

Bachrouche is happy with her new team, but says she is most relieved that the intolerance is over.

"It wasn't really ever about the minutes," she said. "It was about how she made me feel because I was more stressed out than I'd ever been in my life."

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A gentler way to fight

Oakland's Judo Club places an emphasis on safety and respect

By Lilly Reid
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's campus continues to thrive in the spring and summer semesters. Despite the smaller student population, various clubs, including OU's Judo club, continue year round.

A little bit of history

Judo, or "gentle way", is a Japanese-martial art that is practiced worldwide. For some, it may not seem so gentle when watching or practicing.

"The art attracts people of all backgrounds and ages. Even those with disabilities, such as visual impairment, can still participate," Steve DeRaedt, lead instructor of OU's judo club, said.

Judo emphasizes safety and full physical activity for top conditioning. For the comfort and safety of the practitioners, judo is learned on special mats. The art should not be confused with MMA or karate, because no strikes or kicks are involved. Students do however participate in hand-to-hand combat, allowing them to develop self defense techniques. The principles of judo, such as "maximum efficiency" and "mutual welfare and benefit", can be used for self-defense in everyday life, according to DeRaedt.

The ultimate goal in judo is to develop oneself to the maximum extent possible, always striving for perfection, so that a practitioner can contribute something of value to the world.

Oakland's edition

For over 10 years, the university's Judo Club has practiced and trained right on campus. Generally, the club trains three times a week. Monday and Wednesday practices occur at an off-campus location in Rochester Hills and Saturday morning practices take place at the Rec Center on campus. Some members train on their own outside of group trainings, working on other factors such as cardio and complimentary resistance.

The group brings in world-class clinicians on a periodic basis for their



Photo courtesy of the Oakland University Judo Club

Morgan Imlay (TOP) practices judo with lead instructor Steve DeRaedt. DeRaedt has been practicing the art of judo for over 35 years.

year round training. For the weekly practices, the club has six black belt instructors including lead instructor DeRaedt. DeRaedt, an OU student majoring in exercise science, has been practicing judo for over 35 years.

"Judo is many things to different people," DeRaedt said. "It is a fun sport, an art, a discipline, a recreational or social activity, a fitness program, a means of self defense or combat, and a way of life. It is all of these and more."

The club currently has 20 student members that train regularly and a few others who are more recreational in their training. Additions to the club are 6-7 alumnus and some students who were part of the group and continue after graduation. The club opens up to members outside of the university to give its participants a good variety of experienced partners.

Becoming a part

To join the club, all students have

to do is have their name added to the roster. Eventually the purchase of a gi (judo uniform) is required at a price of \$65 and can be purchased through the club and generally lasts for about five years. The club also charges \$15 a month for expenses and engages in fundraising to help students pay their fees, DeRaedt said. No previous experience is necessary.

"You don't need previous experience as our experience as cadre of instructors can take a beginner and make them capable of practicing with the regulars in about three months. We teach you how to fall first and then quickly introduce you into judo throwing, pinning, and submission techniques."

Students get the chance to not only build up their self defense skills, but to develop a strong and steady workout routine.

"OU Judo Club is definitely a steal when it comes to martial arts," senior Mike Dembinski said. "It's very in-

expensive, and the instruction is unparalleled."

Taking in the atmosphere

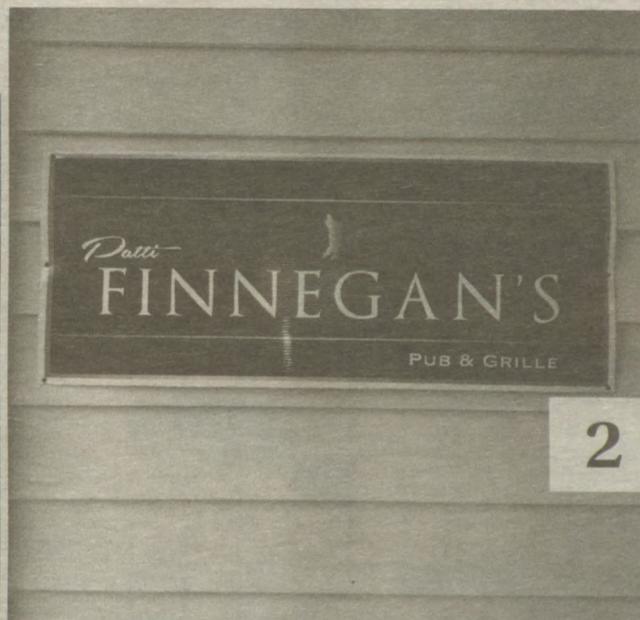
Normally, the practices are in two hour sessions, starting with exercises to get students into judo shape. They then progress into technique practicing and actual competition among other members in the group. Instructors and students put an emphasis on safety and respect.

"The instructors and fellow students have a lot of experience, and are happy to train and teach." Said Dembinski.

Judo attracts many of the members together, no matter what skill level.

"Judo embodies a very respectful attitude toward interaction with others," DeRaedt said. "So the club is very easy to become acclimated to for both beginners and more seasoned practitioners."

"Overall great environment, good workout, fun socially, and inexpensive," Dembinski said.



1. A waitress pours beer at the fully-stocked bar.
2. Patti Finnegan's was named after Patti Finnigan, one of the investors.
3. Finnegan's can seat 159 guests and includes a dining room, two patios and a board-room.



Fine dining on the fairway

Patti Finnegan's Pub and Grille opens for golfers, community

Victoria Crow
Reporter

When most students think of dining options on campus, they picture Subway or Chick-fil-A. Few have yet to learn of Patti Finnegan's Pub & Grille, a new restaurant located at the Steve Sharf Clubhouse on the east side of campus.

Finnegan's opened its doors to the public April 6, 2013. Crank's Catering of Shelby Township won the food service contract and with it, the responsibility of creating an original menu. Crank's Catering is the "largest off site catering company in the country," according to its website and Jeff Crank, the company's owner, created a special menu

just for Finnegan's. "There's a wide variety of food on the menu," Crank said. "I just really came up with this menu to really invite not only the golfers but everybody, from kids to adults."

The menu includes appetizers, steaks, burgers, sandwiches, and salads. Burgers and sandwiches range from \$8-9.50, salads from \$8.50-10.50 and entrees from \$14.50-34.50. There is also a fully stocked bar.

Some popular items include the Tomahawk Aged Ribeye (it's aged for 58 days) and the English Style Fish-N-Chips, which is fried in an almond, pecan, oat and panko breading batter that Crank invented himself.

The restaurant prides itself

on fresh, homemade fare. Fish is delivered four days a week from Marco Island in Florida and soups are made daily.

"Everything is homemade," Crank said. "I will not serve anything I will not eat. We take great aggression going after making sure everything is perfect."

That includes the name of the restaurant.

"We had the opportunity to call it anything we wanted, but with the donation of Mr. [Steve] Sharf and Patti Finnegan, we decided it would be best to keep Patti's name," Crank said.

Although there are currently no specials specifically for Oakland University students, Crank said Finnegan's will be running "some great specials

for [them] all through the winter months."

Lauren Doucet, a waitress at Finnegan's and a current OU student, described the restaurant's atmosphere as "really warm and welcoming."

"It's very family-oriented," Doucet said. "We really pride ourselves on our customer service."

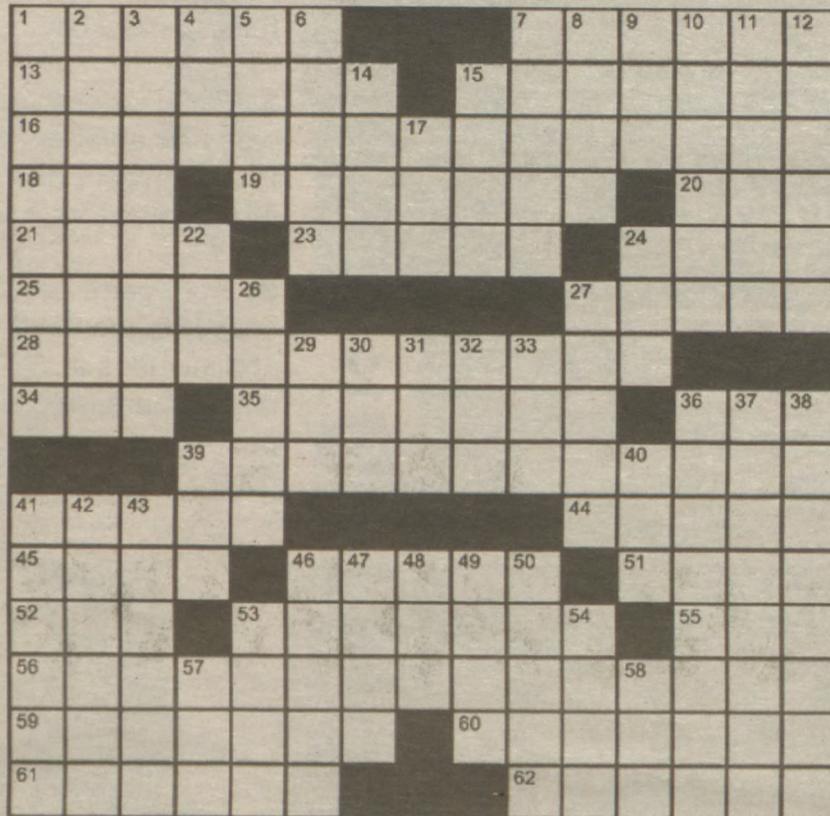
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Across

1. Semester's last exams
7. Right
13. Not using liquid
15. Small particle
16. Government income (2 wrds)
18. Abbr. after former colonel's name
19. Expire
20. "Dear old" guy
21. Film crew member
23. Bursting at the ___
24. Angler's hope
25. Embryonic sacs
27. Diminished
28. Having an unusual power to attract
34. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
35. Arab League member
36. "Comprende?"
39. CPR maneuvers
41. Inside info
44. Believe in
45. Baylor's home
46. Extract
51. Carve in stone
52. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
53. Run down

55. Clod chopper

56. House salesperson (3 wrds)
59. Drift
60. Implement
61. Bad looks
62. The Rolling __, band

Down

1. A legitimate object for ridicule (2 wrds)
2. Heart, mind or soul (2 wrds)
3. Openwork fabric
4. "___ we having fun yet?"
5. "___ of the Flies"
6. Trig functions
7. Iron
8. All-night party
9. "___ moment"
10. Learned person
11. Solution resulting when one material is extracted from another by a solvent
12. Thatched
14. Small freshwater fish, e.g. carp or minnow
15. Fat unit
17. Grassland
22. ATM need

24. Aircraft compartment

26. "Belling the Cat" author
27. Great time
29. Actor Arnold
30. Babysitter's handful
31. "Wheels"
32. A pint, maybe
33. Sue Grafton's "___ for Lawless" (2 wrds)
36. ___ hospitality
37. Settle snugly
38. Those with great sensitivity to beauty
39. Bill and ___
40. Anger
41. Grassy surface of land (pl.)
42. Swerve while in motion
43. Organ stop
46. Adam and Mae
47. Miles per hour, e.g.
48. Victorian, for one
49. Locale
50. Numbers between 12 and 20
53. Become tiresome
54. Batty
57. Deception
58. Baby's first word, maybe

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A MONTH AT MEADOW BROOK

By Dylan Dulberg
Managing Visual Editor



Of Monsters and Men, Carly Rae Jepsen, O.A.R, more perform on campus

Meadow Brook Music Festival has attracted international acts to Oakland's campus in the past, and the month of June was no exception.

Featured here is a brief gallery of three June shows at Meadow Brook; Of Monsters and Men, 98.7 FM Amp Live 8, and the O.A.R Sounds of Summer Tour.

For complete photo galleries, please visit the Oakland Post's website, or <http://bit.ly/11Y0RmW>.

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TOP Carly Rae Jepsen belts out the chorus to one of her songs at the 98.7 FM Amp Live 8 show. In line before the show, fans shouted out the lyrics to her most popular song, "Call Me Maybe" on loop.

ABOVE LEFT Timeflies vocalist Cal Shapiro raps a free-style about Detroit at the Amp Live show. Shapiro often creates localized material for shows at various recognizable locations, such as Detroit.

ABOVE RIGHT Andrew McMahon, formerly of Jack's Mannequin and Something Corporate, played multiple fan favorites from his two prior bands throughout the show.

BOTTOM LEFT Nanna Bryndís Hilmarsdóttir, singer of Icelandic band Of Monsters and Men, sings one of their more popular songs, "Little Talks".

BOTTOM RIGHT O.A.R.'s set featured multiple guitarists, a bassist, a frontman, multiple backup singers, a pianist, a drummer, a saxophonist, a trumpeter and a trombonist.



SATIRE

The lost art of talking to people in real life

The Internet makes traditional social interaction a stranger

Brian Figurski
Copy Editor / @ou_ghost

I'm losing all my friends, guys. It's possible that my awkward personality has done me in, but I'd like to blame technology.

I started a Facebook page all those eons ago with friends up the wazoo. Over time, real communication with the world stopped and I got a daily play-by-play of life, 140 characters at a time. Thumbs up to everything!

I have become glued to transferring data at unfathomable speeds. I'm a ghost in this machine. We have no need to leave this place.

I remember the days when there wasn't an instant messaging system, and we had to wait for our siblings to get off the phone to call someone. If that didn't work, we would just show up on each other's doorstep.

If you do that nowadays, you're assumed to be a stalker or a human-butcher and promptly arrested for not keeping up with the times of texting before knocking.

I know somewhere out there is an old, old man waiting to rap me with his cane over this "good old days" nostalgia because he remembers a land before time where you had to use pterodactyls to send letters and the wheel was the hot new thing.

The cards are really stacked against this new generation in terms of a real social life. I've been out with my few remaining friends and all their faces are illuminated. I'm not even sure how to talk to people in person anymore and will send text messages across a room to speak to someone.

It's become so problematic, I've even swallowed my pride and signed up for a dating website.

It started as a joke, but it quickly spiraled down, perfecting all my



Photo Illustration by Dylan Dulberg / The Oakland Post

Brian Figurski has been active on the Internet for so long, he was finally absorbed into the machine in the most flattering of ways. Real good looking, handsome boy we got here.

mirror pictures and middle parts to find that "special someone."

Turns out everyone on dating websites are also anti social freaks that don't know the first thing about small talk. I had actually gone on one date, where the real conversation was about 11 percent of our on-line banter. Needless to say, that didn't last very long.

She was into some strange stuff, too. Probably shouldn't have slathered my dating profile with, "Loves to laugh! Down-to-Earth guy! Adventurous and spontaneous! Willing to try new things!"

If I put accurate personality traits up (dislikes change, refuses to leave house, hates people and emotions) would that garner me any points for honesty? Is honesty still an admirable decoration on someone's profile?

Society has instilled in us that the loners, the ones that fly solo to the movies are perpetual losers and/or

sociopaths. I just wanted to see Fast & Furious 6 and the resurrection of Vin Diesel!

Future generations worry me even more. What are all these borders built of firewalls going to do for the ones raised thinking this is absolutely normal? Kids shoot out of the womb with an iPhone in their hand. Of course after nine months, it's the parents' first job to provide them with the iPhone 6.

I can only wish some J.J. Abrams sci-fi electricity-demolishing virus plot would come to fruition and globally destroy Internet connections and all episodes of Revolution.

Maybe I am a conspiracy theorist with extreme paranoia. Perhaps I am the only drama queen hit so drastically on the issue, but I guarantee it's had an effect on all of you in some fashion. The invention designed to connect the entire world is slowly wedging us apart. And I miss all of you terribly.

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SATIRE

Smoke and Mirrors

Brian Figurski
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Start sucking down those carcinogens, kids. Starting this fall, Oakland University is converting to a full-fledged non-smoking campus.

Policy 475 expands upon the current 50-foot rule to encompass the entirety of the grounds, in an effort to "keep the air clean for all students, employees and visitors to Oakland," according to a press release in March.

This fall semester, everyone will be able to walk safely outside without worry of breathing in any form of toxic fumes. That's if you're not counting the consistent plumes from the never-ending construction equipment on campus.

A quick search shows that the World Health Organization rates raw diesel fumes worse for lung cancer than second-hand smoking, and majority of the Cat and Komatsu equipment running all hours of the day are fueled by diesel engines.

Huh. Wonder if in OU's effort to protect the lungs of all persons on campus, they could employ some construction companies that use tools that work off green tea.

It's happened on 22 other Michigan campuses, in the state that knows only two seasons: winter and construction. If you're going to base the ban off of strictly health reasons, you're going to have to try harder.

Smokers know what they're getting into. There is not a single smoker that believes their doing the body any good, even if statistically a cigarette before a long run has decreased their mile splits, but at least it's a choice. No one has a say in the fumes they'll suck up on the walkway to Kresge Library.

What's more important – a flashy clock tower or the public health? The final paint job is probably going to look like a giant Newport, anyway.

Feel safe, non-smokers! You've won. Just don't stand too close to that enormous backhoe. They'll have to start constructing a chemotherapy center during the winter semester. What's a better Christmas gift from your school than cancerous developments?

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