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Salwan Georges The Oakland Post

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What did you think of OU's 'fake major' prank?

- A** I thought it was pretty comical.
- B** A university is a place for learning and not humor.
- C** I never saw it.
- D** Fake? Yeah, sure. I'm a PASS major and proud of it.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What did you do for the OUSC election?

- A** I voted.
46.7%
- B** I didn't care and didn't vote.
33.3%
- C** I kind of forgot about it.
6.7%
- D** I don't even know what OUSC is.
13.3%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

APRIL 2, 1965

After a major administrative makeover, University Dean Donald O'Dowd assumed the newly created post of Provost, and the academics were divided into six schools to search for their own deans over the summer.

APRIL 3, 1978

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OU's apocalypse prank brings light after a cold, dark winter

OU's Communication and Marketing department (OUCM) launched the granddaddy of pranks on students and faculty for April Fool's Day— a new fake major. The program was called the 'Post-Apocalyptic Survival Studies' (PASS) and focused on skills necessary to survive an Armageddon.

Bamboozlements occurred because the prank involved multiple web pages, realistic descriptions of courses and requirements, and even interviews with real OU professors.

For example, Charles Mabee, listed as Director of Christianity Studies, explained how while researching Larry Bird, he found a tablet written in cuneiform that predicted the missing Malaysian jetliner and swamplands in Canada.

Not only were the prank aspects of the apocalypse courses entertaining, but they also conveyed something positive.

"We were just using something fun to get people on board to sign up for their classes," said Colleen Campbell, who handles digital public relations for OUCM. "Real ones though."

If students believed the

prank enough to click the link and sign up, they were redirected to a page that read, 'April Fools! OU will not be offering Post-Apocalyptic Survival Studies (not yet, anyway) But you can register for real classes by logging into MYSAIL.'

We at The Oakland Post found this prank to be a fun and engaging way to appeal to students— and we're not the only ones.

OU's April Fool's Day prank was featured on 99.5 WYCD's top ten pranks alongside Google, Domino's and other big name companies.

By the end of the day, the prank was shared via Facebook over 600 times.

"We have far surpassed the engagement we got last year," Campbell said. "With the whole 'Walking Dead' season finale we found it relevant and found it to be something people would want to share."

The Facebook comments verify that this prank was exceptional. Many students even wish the courses were real.

"It's just great to see the variety of reactions you get out of people," said Jason Willis, the interactive media specialist for OUCM. "I think we caught a few people off guard and those were the funniest comments."

The students enjoyed it for its over-the-top, classy humor, but at The Post, we appreciate the University can lighten up and have fun every once in a while.

Some of the professors who participated in the charade agreed.

"I think it engenders a very healthy sense-of-self when we do not take ourselves too seriously. I think you have to be able to poke fun at yourself" said Amanda Burgess-Proctor.

"I think an occasional light-hearted approach to higher education is healthy," Mabee said. "If we can't on some occasions laugh at ourselves, we may be taking ourselves too seriously."

This prank was actually OU's second annual April Fool's Day gag. Last year OUCM publicized the fact that Bear Lake would allow kayak rentals, jet skiing and scuba diving.

"As the social media manager of a brand like OU, you measure your success on how well you can reach your audience," Campbell said. "And today, I'd say we went above and beyond."

We agree Campbell, and we're looking forward to next year's prank.



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EDITORIAL

Graduation: What do we do afterward?

Celebration and accomplishments can't stop persistent ponderings of the future

It's my final month at Oakland University, and I'm not quite sure how I feel about it.

On one hand, I have a severe case of Senioritis and have been dreaming of the day Dr. Youngblood hands me that piece of paper that says I made it.

On the other hand, I've been going to school since I was four years old, what am I supposed to do next?

Move away? Get a full-time job? Get married?

I feel like I'm too young for all of those things, I'm only 21.

I'm sure many seniors are facing this elephant in the room, just like me. I'm sure many have faced it before, and many will face it in the future.

That elephant's name is "What the hell are we supposed to do after we graduate?"

I'd imagine the experience will be somewhat anticlimactic. I'll be happy and proud for a while. Then one day I'll realize I'm trapped in a mysterious, unknowable void.

For example, I've written articles for The

Post every week for the past year. I've worked around the clock for this publication. I have learned a lot about journalism in the process, and I am proud of myself for working so hard. The scary thing is, after April 26, I could go days, weeks, months or years without writing anything. I may never write anything again.



Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief

I'd like to be a reporter one day, but until then, I have no idea what to do.

I'm staring this hulking elephant in the face, and at the same time, I feel such pure excitement to be done with all of the classes, the homework and the waking up at the crack of dawn to learn philosophy.

The last thing I want to do in the morning is sit next to some pretentious 18-year-old arguing about whether Descartes would've been known for his skills as a mathematician if he decided not to be a philosopher.

I'm also sick of the people who sit in the corners of classrooms and ask the stupidest questions of all time. Unfortunately, something tells me I'll still be seeing them throughout my life.

I'm sure I'll see a lot of people I don't like after college. It's just how the world works.

Regardless of my apathetic attitude toward certain aspects of college, I've accomplished a lot as a Golden Grizzly. I got my first girlfriend (yes, I'm that lame,) I've made friendships (not the easiest thing to do at OU,) and I've been the Editor-in-Chief of a college newspaper.

I've also gotten my heart broken, had friends betray me and made mistakes as an editor.

But in the process, I've learned so much.

I've learned about communication and journalism for the past four years, taken internships and ran a student organization.

I've learned more about life in these past four years than my previous 17.

I have confidence that this knowledge will help me on my path, but I still ponder what I'm supposed to do once I graduate.

The date is set for April 26, so I guess I'll find out soon.

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Meinberg (left) and Iwanski (right) are the new student leaders for the 2014-2015 year.

Voters name new Student Body President and Vice President

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

Sophomores Annie Meinberg and Liz Iwanski have been named Student Body President and Vice President for the 2014-2015 academic year, respectively.

According to the Oakland University Student Congress Facebook page, Meinberg and Iwanski won with a total of 541 votes. Candidates Andre Mitchell and Kate Bergell followed with 332 votes, and candidates Bria Ellis and Andrew Laux with 206 votes.

Meinberg and Iwanski will be sworn in on Monday, April 7 and will have their first meeting with the administration on Monday, April 14.

Meinberg and Iwanski said they have been working together since the summer of 2013, when they were Orientation Group Leaders.

"It has tremendously helped us that we initially met as coworkers yet in a very social environment as OGLs," Meinberg wrote via email. "Liz was permanently nicknamed 'Mama Liz' this past summer because of her caring, mature, and responsible nature. While I was nicknamed 'Baby Amy' ('Amy' after our boss), the puzzle pieces fit to create the perfect partnership."

"The experience really helped to cultivate our passion for OU and drove us to get even more involved this year," Iwanski wrote via email. "We realized that we work extremely well together

in coming up with ideas and reaching positive results."

The two have many plans for next year, according to Iwanski. Initiatives they will be working on include giving students free guest passes to the REC center, extended cafeteria hours and creating more positions and programs to deal with environmental sustainability.

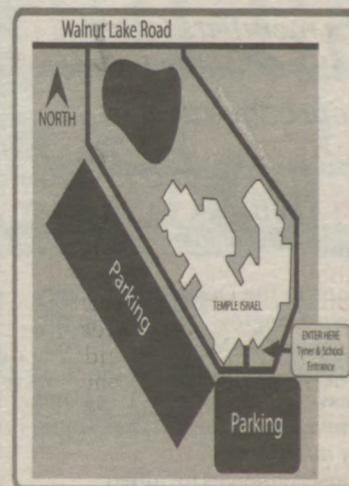
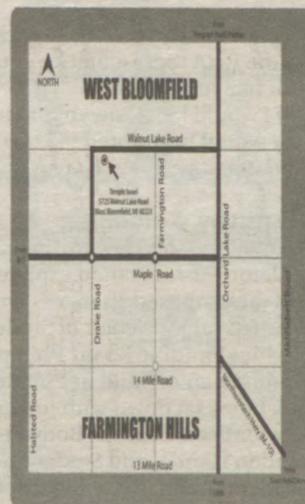
"We also want to continue working with administration to ease the parking issues," Iwanski wrote.

These are just a few of the plans the team said it has in mind.

Iwanski and Meinberg also want to create more awareness of OUSC and "the good that it does," according to Iwanski.

"During our time as legislators we were able to witness and participate in the difference that Student Congress really makes on campus as well as learn about past successes like the 24-hour library, the Bike Share program, the Scantron Vending Machine, and the Readership Program," Iwanski wrote. "After seeing the good that OUSC has done it just seemed natural for Annie and myself to apply our love of OU to the positions of Student Body President and Vice President in order to try and do as much good as possible. I can't wait to make a difference."

"Oakland University has provided me numerous opportunities and I will continue to work hard and represent OU," Meinberg wrote. "We want to set a standard for future OUSC members to have goals, work hard, and be friendly!"



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OUSC's constitution revisions dashed

Congress members forced back to the drawing board due to low voter turnout

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

Revisions to the Oakland University Student Congress constitution did not pass Friday, March 28. The constitution needed at least half of the total votes to pass, the total being 1,144 and the constitution receiving 530, just shy of the halfway mark.

The proposed changes included removal of the Student Program Board chairperson and Student Activities Funding Board chairperson from the executive board of Student Congress, the removal of voting rights of the RHA representative, and the addition of a Greek Council non-voting representative.

While many students were aware of the elections for student body president and vice President, few knew that the constitution was up for approval.

Keeping students informed

Junior Anthony Spak voted for a president and vice president but did not vote on the constitution because he had no knowledge of it, he said.

Spak, who lives in Vandenberg Hall,

was particularly concerned with the fact that the RHA representative could lose his or her voting right.

"If I would have known that information I would have voted to keep their voice," Spak said.

A lengthy process

Senior and former two-time OUSC legislator Nusrat Zaman explained how all of the proposed changes came about.

Zaman said the chair of Student Activities Funding Board Phillip Johnson and the Chair of Student Program Board Kalik Jones sat down with Judiciary Chair Kyler Johnson, Student Body President Brandon Hanna, and Student Body Vice President Jibrán Ahmed to discuss having SPB and SAFB taken off the executive board so they can fully operate as their own entities.

Zaman said that this was per request of SPB and SAFB.

As for the RHA representative, Zaman said the issue went through multiple discussions and the consensus of the legislators. Because the RHA representative was appointed by RHA and did not go through a student body vote, legislators decided that the representative should not have voting rights.

Zaman said the presence and voice of the RHA representative is still important. "RHA still needs to have a position," Zaman said.

According to Zaman, it is the judiciary

chair that initiates the process of constitutional amendments.

From then on the proposed amendment(s) must go through a first and second reading; be passed by two thirds of the legislature; be passed by a majority vote in a student referendum; and finally, must obtain ratification from the Board of Trustees.

Overall, Zaman said the key to getting things done in Student Congress is to "be respectful about everyone."

Fellow former legislator Marissa Coloske also understands the amount of work that will be needed to get a new, working constitution passed.

"Them having to go through that process again is a huge thing," Coloske said.

Coloske noted that with this election, only 17 students ran for legislator of 23 that the congress holds. 16 are needed for quorum, or, to vote.

"That's hugely disappointing," Coloske said.

Looking to the future

Current Student Body President Brandon Hanna will serve as a legislator in the new administration and said he is excited to see what the new student body leaders will do.

"I know they're going to do a good job representing the student body," Hanna said.

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Grizzlies on the Prowl:

"What's your favorite April Fools Day prank?"



Matt Henry, junior, marketing

"My brother actually pulled it off. He swapped the Oreo cream with toothpaste and gave it to some of his buddies."



Erika Lesmiak, senior, Spanish

"I'm from Mexico, and we put stickers on people's backs there as a joke. Just like say 'excuse me' and pat them on the back, you know. I was doing that today... mostly people I know."



Lalida Benjanak, graduate, public administration

"I can't really think of much. Google always does funny things."

— Compiled by Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

POLICE FILES

Rash of thefts in P11

OUPD has received two reports of stolen catalytic converters in the P11 dirt lot.

A student went to OUPD's dispatch window to report that her car's catalytic convertor was stolen March 25 at 11:18 p.m.

The student said she parked her tan car March 24 at 9:30 p.m. and returned March 25 at 4:30 p.m.

When she turned on her car, she said it sounded loud. She also noticed parts were hanging from the undercarriage.

Her father, a mechanic, discovered the catalytic convertor was missing.

While on patrol, officers met with a family March 30 at 12:05 p.m.

The father of a student was lying on the ground underneath a red car. He said his daughter called March 25 at 12:01 a.m. and said he car sounded "like a diesel truck" when she turned on her car.

The father told the officer he saw that the catalytic converter was missing. The daughter told officers she parked in P11 March 23 at 8:00 p.m.

A student met with officers at the Oakland University Police Department March 26 at 11:24 a.m.

He had parked in P11 March 23 at 8:40 p.m. and returned March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

After noticing a strange noise, he took his car to a mechanic. The mechanic told the student that someone had tried to steal his catalytic convertor.

Stolen wallet

A student went to OUPD's station to report a larceny March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

She said her purple wallet was stolen March 21. She remembered having it in her jacket pocket during class, but when she returned to her apartment, it was gone.

She went online and saw a pending transaction on her bank account for \$9.81 from Walmart in Sterling Heights near 14 mile and Van Dyke Road March 21. She contacted her bank about the fraudulent charge.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki
Chief Copy Editor

Oakland University runs first diversity conference

Keynote speaker discusses microaggressions in media and employment



Michael Ferdinande/The Oakland Post
Derald W. Sue teaches at Columbia University

Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

Oakland University held its first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conference Tuesday, April 1.

The conference was put on as a response to culture issues at OU brought up by the climate survey sent out last year, according to the event's information pamphlet. This year's theme was "Leveraging Diversity: Affirming and Empowering the Educational Community."

The conference was divided into two parts, one for faculty and staff in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center and one for students in Elliott Hall Auditorium. The student session was opened by graduate student William K. Burkhardt, who spoke about the conference's purpose and goals toward improving diversity awareness.

"The work we are doing is absolutely essential to Oakland's future successes," he said.

Next came the introduction of keynote speaker Professor Derald Wing Sue, an internationally-renowned expert on multicultural relations and issues from Columbia University.

Sue proceeded to discuss the topic of microaggressions, which he described

as everyday slights, insults and put-downs that racial minorities face from other well-meaning people. Being born of Asian descent in the U.S., he used an example of when he was complimented for speaking "excellent English" by a cab driver. He also spoke about a woman who assumed he was from another country.

"These two examples ... delivered microaggressions unknowingly," Sue said. "In both the examples, they were themes that I was a perpetual foreigner or alien in my country."

Well-intended misunderstandings like this, he explained, are what minorities deal with everyday. They can be constant and continual, and they can have a cumulative effect in one's psyche. Sue went so far as to say that he believed racial microaggression might have played a part in the publicized 2012 shooting of Trayvon Martin, an African-American boy.

"Microaggression may be trivial, but they have macro-impacts," he said.

Employment trends can also show microaggressions, according to Sue. He brought up the fact that, while white Euro-American males make up only 33 percent of the U.S. population, they hold an overwhelming majority of powerful business and governmental positions in the country. This, he said, does not send encouraging messages to women and minorities alike.

"Our major task," he concluded, "is to make the invisible, visible."

He was followed by Jessica Best, Youth Programming Specialist for Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, and former Roundtable Youth Internship graduate Alex "Donnie" Issac. They described the organization as one that fosters community outreach through cultural competency, or appreciation of diversity.

They began by asking the audience to form small groups and discuss the time that each person experienced their first heartbreak. From this, they gathered that some of the audience had experienced heartbreak early on and had thus learned valuable lessons about themselves.

"For me, this is something that we're all taught in an implicit way," Best said. She used this as an example to show how self-realization at a young age can serve as an early step for children towards cultural competency.

Kristine E. Diaz, Psy.D. and Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, also gave her presentation "Compassion in the School Climate" later on.

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Ford talks information technology

Company rep. visits campus to discuss security, recruitment

Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

The Ford Motor Company made an appearance on campus Thursday, March 27, to talk about the importance of IT security, and also to foster employment recruitment among students. The event was hosted by the Cyber Security Club of Oakland University.

The main speaker during the event was Bill Traster, Manager of IT Security Services at Ford. Traster said the intellectual property of companies has become highly valuable, and that some people are willing to pay large amounts of money to get their hands on that information. This makes stealing that information an attractive option.

Traster pointed out that virtually all victims of company security breaches last year had been equipped with security software on their computers, yet it failed against the intelligence of hackers. Most security attacks are performed by outsiders, he said, or parties outside of the company. And they are constant.

"We know people are trying to get into our network," Traster said of Ford, which detects large amounts of suspicious activity on a monthly basis.

Cyber Police

Traster outlined the many cyber security measures in place at Ford, such as tooling systems that are able to locate potential threats and make them visible to the company.

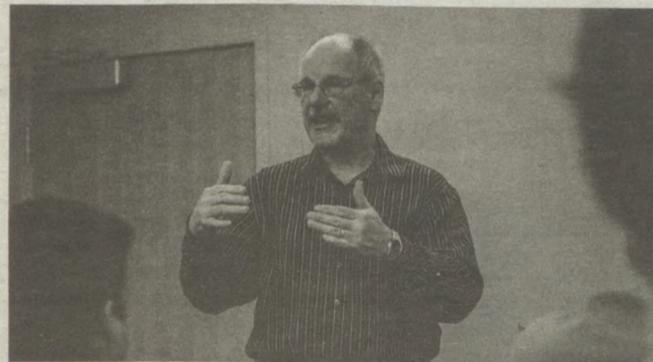
"The main thing that we're trying to do is prevent, protect and prepare," he said.

However, Traster said that most situations stem back to the employees themselves.

"Security is everyone's business," Traster said, emphasizing that all employees that deal with a company's sensitive information should be taught how to handle it. He said that IT Security is often called "the group that stops people from doing things that are fun."

"People will always be the weakest link," Traster said, adding that there are always those few who will compromise everything.

Traster's talk was followed by a discussion about overall employment opportunities at Ford, led by Brandon Henderson and Mary Sirianni, both



Salwan Georges / The Oakland Post

Bill Traster is the manager of IT Security Services for Ford Motor Company. He hosted a lecture on March 27 to discuss cyber security.

of whom are Ford employees and OU alumni. They emphasized the company's attitude towards personal development and the programs that support it.

"IT is huge at Ford," said Sirianni, who joined the company last year. "I still have no

idea how big it is at Ford. I'm still learning."

For information about the Cyber Security Club, visit the website www.cyberou.com

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And the survey says...

Johnny Oldani
Staff Intern

Between the reflective waters of Bear Lake and the hushed students in Kresge Library stands the heart of Oakland University - the Oakland Center.

The OC is the epitome of social interaction, relaxation and studious activities, being home to a wide variety of people. From an eager community of students, to professors and hungry locals craving Chick-fil-A, the OC is filled to the brim with the bustle of commotion.

With so many people passing through the building daily, some have wondered who exactly spends their time there and how they feel about the OC in general.

This includes Professor Becker's JRN 200 class, which conducted a series of surveys diagnosing the types of people that spend time in the OC and how those people feel about the atmosphere within.

Categories such as gender, age, marital status and residence were taken into consideration throughout the questioning process, along with students' biggest gripes about the OC. The results varied, and revealed that most students who spend time on campus use the OC at some point in their day.

Out of the 159 students surveyed, 149 of them said that they frequent the Oakland Center. Of those surveyed, 60% who said they use the OC are commuters.

However, many of the students surveyed voiced at least one complaint about the crowded student center - most commonly the lack of seating available to him or her.

These complaints were included in articles the JRN 200 students were assigned to write. In one essay, sophomore Emma Harden said, "The OC is way too small, there is not enough seating or room to even stand when in line for food."

According to the surveys, 44% of students interviewed stated that they do agree that the OC can be overcrowded at times.

Sophomore Sam Boyhtari was also quoted, saying, "It's so hard to get a table, there's just no space. People sit against the wall waiting for seats."

Through these surveys, it is obvious that the heart of Oakland is occupied by a diverse intermingling of people, but the atmosphere could improve with more space.

Hopefully, Oakland can implement potential plans to expand the Oakland Center, and students can find more comfort and space in and around the food court and other areas.

Freshman Richie Ingle, in one of the surveys, approved of the overall environment of the OC, stating, "I really haven't had any problems. I could use more quiet zones. I like the environment though."

The Kresge Library was noted in the surveys to be the



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(Top) The main entrance to the Oakland Center, remodeled in 2011. (Below) One of many study areas throughout the basement of the OC.

second choice of students who frequent the OC. The quiet environment provides students a change of pace from the hectic OC and helps some students really buckle down and focus.

From survey results, the OC could benefit from an expansion with more quiet and study-friendly areas like Ingle and other students desire.

Despite a modicum of space available, the Oakland Center provides a friendly gathering place for many Oakland students through the school year. With more space and places to study, the Oakland Center could one day become the perfect home-away-from-home environment students hope for.



LEFT Samuel C. Lucido, who was Chief of Police at Oakland for 11 years, sits and talks over a cleaned desk to new Chief Mark Gordon. Gordon has been working closely as Captain with Lucido for nine years.

HANDING DOWN THE REIGNS

The nationwide search for the next chief ends with OUPD's own Captain Gordon

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

After months of scouring the nation, the Oakland University Police Department has finally found its new Chief of Police – and he's already on campus.

Captain Mark Gordon, who has been working with Oakland for 26 years, will be taking the reins as chief in place of previous Chief Samuel C. Lucido. His duties began on Tuesday, April 1.

"Given Captain Gordon's broad expertise, diverse experience and deep dedication to the university community, I am confident that the OUPD and public safety on cam-

pus will be in very capable hands," wrote Vice President for Finance and Administration John Beaghan in a press release Tuesday, March 25. "Captain Gordon will replace Chief Samuel Lucido, who is retiring after 11 years with the OUPD."

Passing down the torch

Gordon said he is honored to be chosen as the next Chief of Police and is excited and ready for the new challenges ahead.

"I'm already here – I understand the role the chief has played for the last nine years," Gordon said. "So the transition should be fairly smooth."

Some of the ideas Gordon said he would like to look into

are implementing a bike patrol program and appointing a liaison officer for the residence halls. His main focus will be to "continue to further the community relationships that we've built."

Lucido said he is extremely pleased to see his second-in-command go through the process of a nationwide search and be chosen to lead the men and women of the OUPD.

"I'm ecstatic that Captain Gordon will become our new police chief here because I know he's got the right vision, dedication and professionalism to continue to advance beyond where I did," Lucido said. "I'm quite confident that the OUPD and the Oakland

University community will be well-served in the years ahead."

"Through all those nine years I've been mentored by the current chief, and if you could pick someone to mentor you, you couldn't pick a better guy," Gordon said.

A life of service

Gordon said he has worked in both municipality and university policing, and that he enjoyed university policing more because of the bonds the department shares with the university community.

"It's kind of like small-town USA," Gordon said. "It's a partnership between us and the community."

Lucido said he experienced

"the full range" of police work and has always taught criminal justice courses in both part-time and full-time positions. Working at Oakland University has allowed him to combine those into the perfect position.

"I had an absolute, extremely rewarding experience here at Oakland University and it tops off a 42-year career," Lucido said. "I started when I was 21 walking a beat on the east side of Detroit and it ends here."

For the future, Lucido said his only plans are to "just teach and be a grandfather." He will continue to teach in the criminal justice program at Oakland.



BELOW Captain Gordon - now Chief Gordon - began his duties as Chief of Police on Tuesday, April 1. Lucido will continue to teach criminal justice courses at Oakland, but other than that has no plans other than to just "be a grandfather."

Sharing the love and having fun

Michelle DeBlauwe is a Shelby Township resident with four young boys. Stephen Singleton has seven children and a cousin in Afghanistan. Nusrat Zuman is a senior integrative studies major at Oakland University.

These are people that live different lives and have different goals and dreams for themselves and their loved ones. These goals and dreams are often made more difficult, however, by the one thing they all have in common: Autism Spectrum Disorder.

People and organizations across the nation are working hard as April, National Autism Awareness Month, begins. There is one local organization, however, that has been working hard to aid those affected by ASD all year.

That organization is the Oakland University Center for Autism Research, Education and Support (OUCARES).

On Saturday, March 29 OUCARES held its annual Family Fun Day at the Recreational Center, the most recent event the organization has hosted.

A day of fun

Family Fun Day is a free event that helps to spread awareness about autism and give children with ASD and their families a chance to relax and hang out, according to Stephanie Laubach, program coordinator of OUCARES.

There were bounce-houses, swimming activities, arts and crafts, vendors for different autism organizations and programs, face paintings and other activities for kids and their families to enjoy.

"It's kind of like an introduction to our programs and to what we offer and to what is available for people with autism," Laubach said.

Zuman, who is also a service-learning advocate at Oakland, was one of the 41 volunteers to help with the event.

Zuman said that she has had personal experience with ASD; her brother is autistic.

One thing she said people need to keep in mind is that there are always two sides to a story.

"A friend of mind looked at my brother's photograph and said 'He doesn't look like he has any mental disabilities,'" Zuman said. "It's not something you can see with your blind eye. Autistic kids aren't different than any other child, they just need a little bit more attention in certain areas."

Ann Barclay of Sterling Heights, a caregiver who attended the event with 10-year-old Everett, said much the same thing.

"People want to know why – there is no why," Barclay said. "There's just no answers. The more people learn the better off we are."

Barclay said she has been taking care of Everett since he was six months old.

"Life with an autistic child is so tough, so it's

nice when the whole family gets to participate in something that is educational and doesn't cost anything, because there's not a lot of that out there," Barclay said. "It's great that Oakland University does this."

A life of dedication

Singleton, a Rochester Hills resident and father of seven, brought five of his children to the event. None of them have ASD, but Singleton said they still wanted to support the cause.

"I have a cousin who's in Afghanistan – her two children are autistic," Singleton said. "I think that it's important to raise awareness because she didn't know how to handle them. We as a family got behind her and supported her and made her learn more about it."

Singleton said he thought it was great that OUCARES was raising awareness about autism.

"Most people think that it's debilitating and it's kind of like they're handicapped," Singleton said. "It's just that they do things different. It's not that they're handicapped."

DeBlauwe, who brought her children to the event, said much the same thing.

"Autism comes in all sizes and forms and differences," DeBlauwe said. "Some children – you'd never know that they had autism."

DeBlauwe has four children. Brandon, 12, has autism; Allen, 15, is cognitively impaired; Tyler, 10, is learning disabled and has Attention Deficit Disorder; and Ethan, 16 months, is going to be evaluated for autism as well.

DeBlauwe said this was her first year at Family Fun Day and that she plans on coming back in the future.

"I'd like to thank OUCARES for this fun day," DeBlauwe said. "For low-income families like us, it helps a lot."

When it comes to Brandon, DeBlauwe said it's a daily struggle to get him to do simple tasks and to take care of himself.

"He's very strong-willed," DeBlauwe said. "It's an argument to get him in the shower, an argument to get him to do the dishes, to get himself dressed. He will put his pants on all the time backwards, so then he gets mad, he gets frustrated."

Another problem DeBlauwe said she faces is that of quick judgment when Brandon acts out in public. People have criticized her parenting skills because they don't realize he is not like other children.

"Just because he looks normal doesn't mean he is normal," DeBlauwe said.

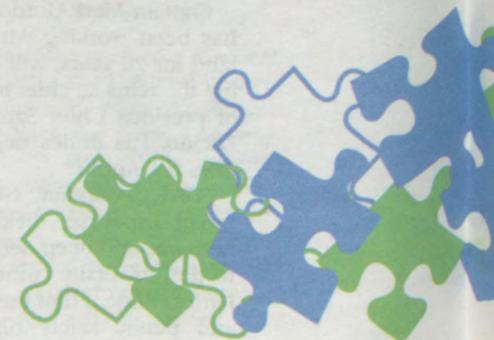
Despite the challenges, DeBlauwe said the instability in her life is actually rewarding. "I've got four loving boys with disorders and I'm challenged every day," DeBlauwe said. "God thinks I'm strong enough, is what my mom tells me, to get the special ones, and I guess that makes me feel special. I'm happy I'm taking care of them."



Autism comes in all sizes and forms and differences. Some children - you'd never know that they had autism.

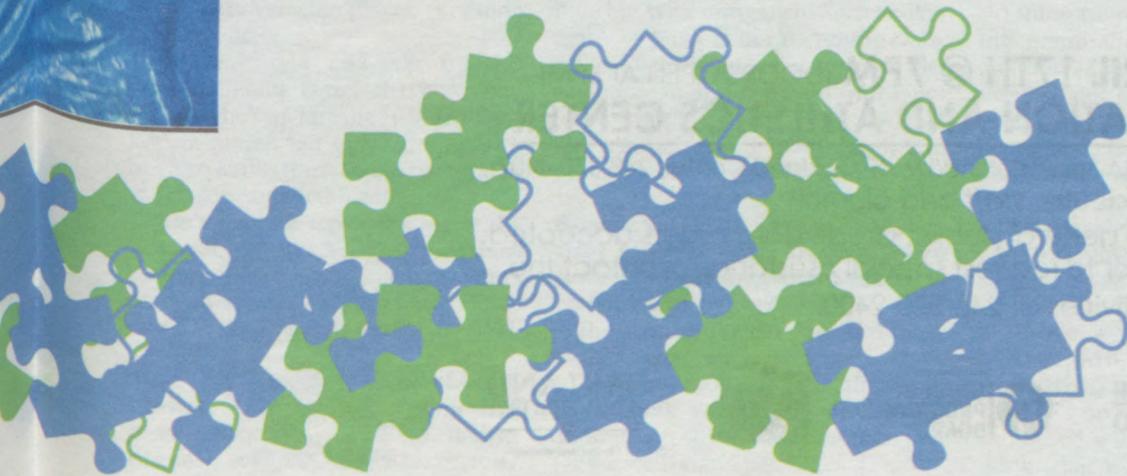


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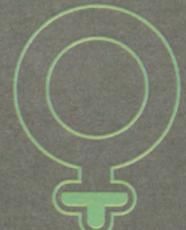
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Men's soccer scores talent

Head coach Eric Pogue discusses roles of recruiting class for upcoming season

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

Oakland University men's soccer head coach Eric Pogue has received seven recruit signatures from across the region this offseason, one even coming in from Canada.

Gerald Ben, Austin Ricci, Alec Greene, Wes Mink, Zachary Walker, Jayden Heyer and Brandon Steele have agreed to become Golden Grizzlies. Pogue agreed to sit down with The Post to talk about the new recruits.

Is there anyone in this recruiting class who you think is ready to go out on the field now?

It's hard to say. The hard part is right now they're competing against guys their own age right now so it's hard to translate right away to the college level.

They're not playing guys that are three and four and five years older than them. There are some good soccer players in this group.

I think a player from Toronto, Canada, Austin Ricci is going to come in, and he is a really dynamic player, and I think he can help us. At the very least he'll be able to come in as a spark plug and get minutes in his first year.

I think a player named Jayden Heyer, is a player in that back line that I think can come in and compete for minutes. He's a very versatile player, very long and athletic.

We have one mid-year transfer named Gerald Benn, that's already with us who's going to be an immediate impact player, not only in our team, but also in the Horizon League, and in the region, and in the nation.

He's made a few stops along the way, but now he's been with us since January. He's going to be a guy who's going to help us and be a potent force for us in the attacking part of the field.

As goalkeeper Sean Lewis leaves, how do you think the new recruits and existing players will fill in his absence?



Photo Courtesy of OU Athletics

After losing several key players from the 2013 campaign, OU head coach Eric Pogue knows reloading is crucial in any team's success.

Well, with the departure of Scott Messer and Sean Lewis from our team, but we knew we had Elliot (Tarney); but we also knew we needed to replenish our goalkeeping core a little bit. With bringing in Zach Walker and Wes Mink to our recruiting class, we feel like we added some guys that can come in and compete with Elliot for a starting position in the fall, and also add some good depth and development in the area.

Besides the seven players that signed with OU, is there potential for any more recruits to join the team?

The signing day has passed. I think at this stage, we're at a state we've added one more to that already. I don't think we're in a position to announce just yet, but other than that I think we'll stand pat.

If there's an opportunity that comes up between now and the time that we come, we'll kind of evaluate the situation, and evaluate where our team is at after the spring.

I think we're in good standing with the group that we've got, and the addition of one or two more players that I'm not sure we're in a position to quite announce yet in terms of compliance issue, but you know it's a good decent sized class.

We lost seven so it helps the team add some talent and some depth, and add some guys that are going to come in and help us right away.

Is there a formation you like to use and is it apart of your recruiting process?

There's no set formation. Last year we played a lot out of a 4-4-2, but I think what we're finding here is we

will probably have a variation of that. We'll also have a variation of a 4-4-3 system that we work in with the team, and we might even have a system ready to go out of a three-back system like a 3-5-2 or a 3-4-3.

Our guys have a really good understanding of all the different types of system. I think for us it's really an opportunity in August to see what gives us our best group on the field.

We don't have anything set in stone right now, but we have a lot of different formations and a lot can happen between now and August that will really dictate what formation we play with.

It might not be the same throughout the year. We might switch it up a little bit so teams don't get too accustomed to being ready for us out of one particular formation. That makes it a little more difficult to prepare for us.

How do you feel this year stacks up with your other recruiting classes?

A lot of key guys left within the team, but it's a cycle we always go through. I think we also have some guys who have been waiting in the wings and who have also put their time in on the training field.

For the past couple of years they've been waiting for their opportunity to shine, as well. They've been doing that here this winter. A combination of guys we have coming in, along with guys that are already on our team are going to get more significant opportunities to help the team, and have been waiting for their moment to shine.

When I think of a recruiting class, I not only think of the guys coming in but the guys we already have. We're going to need them to step up to maintain that level and I think we're going to do that and be a force in the Horizon League, and in the region.

We have a really tough schedule nationally so I think we're going to have to go out and produce. I think the talent level is there and the work ethic of the group is there. I think we'll be ready in the fall.

Bader makes 3-point championship

Senior guard is also up for mid-major player of the year award

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University men's basketball season may be over, but senior guard Travis Bader will be representing OU in uniform one more time this week.

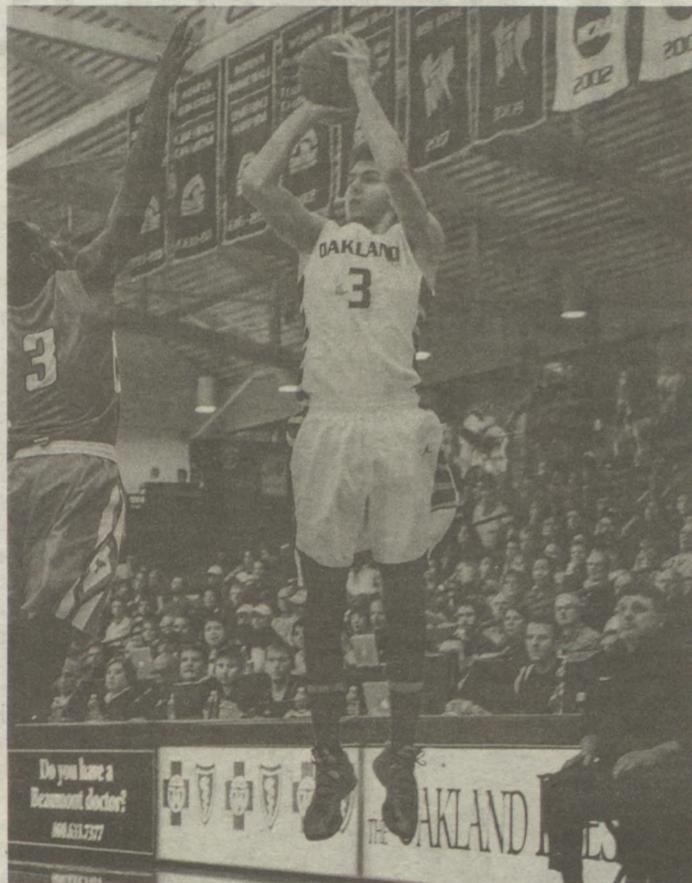
The Golden Grizzly star will compete in the State Farm 3-Point Championship at SMU's Moody Coliseum Thursday, April 3 at 9 p.m. Bader is also up for the Lou Henson award given to the nation's best mid-major player. This is the second year in a row Bader has been nominated for the award.

"Everything I put into this game, I'm just proud that I can represent Oakland University and put the Oakland name out there even more," Bader said.

Keith Benson, former Grizzly forward, won the first-ever Lou Henson award in 2000.

Bader has kept Oakland basketball on the radar with his production on the floor. OU has experienced a higher media following and more national coverage during Bader's career with the Grizzlies.

"You cannot pay for the type



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Travis Bader set the NCAA record for 3-pointers in a career this season.

of publicity that Travis has gotten Oakland University," Grizzly head coach Greg Kampe said. "It's just been unbelievable. It's phenomenal for our basketball

program, but it's also great for the university."

Bader is looking forward to pitting himself against the nation's other elite 3-point shoot-

ers.

"It's really cool, it's something you watch on TV every year," Bader said. "It's fun, I mean, you get to go out there and compete against the country's best shooters, and I'm excited to put on the Oakland uniform one more time."

Bader, the all-time leading 3-point shooter in NCAA history with 504 3-point field goals made, believes that the record will not weigh on him going into the event.

"This is nothing to feel pressure about," he said. "It's not the National Championship or the Final Four. This is an event put on to go out and have fun and compete."

Former Oakland players Erik Kangas competed in the event in 2009 and Rawle Marshall competed in the dunk contest in 2005.

"You'd be hard pressed to find another program within 10 years that had three players in this event," Kampe said. "It puts the program in a great light, and we use that in recruiting."

The State Farm College 3-Point Championship will air on Thursday, April 3 on ESPN at 9 p.m. ET. The Lou Henson award winner will be announced at the CollegeInsider.com Awards Banquet Friday, April 4 in Dallas, the home of this year's Final Four.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Track and field stopped

The OU track and field team cancelled their trip to Cincinnati due to inclement weather. The team will start the spring season April 5 at Detroit.

Men's basketball garners more accolades

Oakland's Kahlil Felder was selected to the 2014 Kyle Macy Freshman All-America Team, announced by CollegeInsider.com. Felder, a native of Detroit, is a finalist for the Kyle Macy Award, given to the country's top freshman.

Travis Bader was named to the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Team for the third straight year. Bader earned his undergraduate degree in communications and will graduate with a master's degree this May.

Baseball season stunted

Early season cancellations continued for the OU baseball team. This weekend, the continuing cold weather forced the team to cancel their home series against Valparaiso. The Golden Grizzlies are scheduled to head to Milwaukee for a Horizon League series this weekend.

Softball cancels series

The OU women's softball team announced several schedule changes due to the early season weather issues. The home opening series with Detroit, scheduled for last weekend, has been postponed and the series at Morehead State has been moved to this week, previously scheduled for March 8 and 9. This weekend, the Grizzlies are hoping to host Cleveland State for a three-game series beginning April 5.

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Tungate does not renew coaches' contracts

Women's basketball head coach to begin nationwide search for replacements with strong recruiting ties

Adam Kujawski
Staff Reporter

Oakland University women's basketball head coach Jeff Tungate has decided not to renew the contracts of two of his assistant coaches. Lester Harbin and Lindsay Scarlatelli have been informed that the team will be moving in a different direction in regards to coaching.

The two assistants were hired under former Golden Grizzlies head coach Beckie Francis, who was dismissed last summer. Following his first year at the helm for Oakland, Tungate is looking to bring in his own staff.

Tungate said he will begin a nationwide search for replacements in the coming weeks and is looking for coaches that have strong recruiting ties and player development capabilities.

Both Harbin and Scarlatelli will remain with Oakland until their respective contracts expire, with Harbin telling The Post his contract expires in April.

Harbin joined as an assistant coach on May 1, 2012, with additional responsibilities in scouting and individual player development.

Prior to arriving at OU, Harbin headed the women's basketball program at Salem International

University in Salem, W.Va. Harbin had also served as an assistant for the men's basketball team at the State University of New York at Fredonia from 2007-11.

Scarlatelli joined the women's basketball staff as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator on May 1, 2013. Scarlatelli previously held coaching and administrative positions at UIC and Michigan State. She was also student manager for Oakland women's basketball from 2007-2010.

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Lester Harbin (Left) and Lindsay Scarlatelli, assistant coaches for OU women's basketball, were told their contracts would not be renewed.

WGS film fest showcases women in hip hop



Courtesy of Rebekah Farrugia

Professor Kellie Hay (Center) strikes a pose with members of The Foundation.

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Managing Editor

There will be a riot at Oakland University April 5. Participants are encouraged to bring open minds, stomachs and a healthy dose of street.

Progressive hip hop artist Insite the Riot, and fellow members of The Foundation, a Detroit-based group that encourages women in hip hop, will be performing at Grrrls at the Mic, OU's 30th annual Women and Gender Studies film festival.

"In the past, we've done both serious topics and fun topics," said Women and Gender Studies Associate Professor and event committee member Erin Meyers.

Borrowing its name from the Riot grl movement in Olympia, Washington in the 1990s, Grrrls at the Mic will focus on gender inequality in the punk and hip hop spheres. Female-empowering films will be shown at the event.

OU alum and Detroit Revitalization Fellow Allandra Bulger, or "Insite the Riot," said that the event will be "a great experience for anyone who attends."

Growing up with both parents as writers and a DJ for an uncle, Bulger said rap and hip hop came naturally to her and has been a craft she has seriously pursued for eight years.

Bulger's main targets in revolutionizing thinking include the promotion of female voices in hip hop.

"Women have a voice that needs to be heard," Bulger said. "We're connected to

many social issues and if you don't have that voice, you lose a piece of the puzzle."

The Foundation "is a place for women to get on the stage and be central," said event co-organizer and OU Associate Professor Kellie Hay.

Hay and fellow OU Associate Professor and research colleague Rebekah Farrugia have been ethnographically studying the culture of The Foundation for two years, attending the organization's open mic sessions every Tuesday.

"The [open mic] performances can go from visual artists to rappers to beat makers to dancers," said Hay. "There's a camaraderie, despite skill level, where everyone comes together, and [The Foundation] is very involved in community building, socially conscious issues and what's going on in Detroit."

"They help provide an alternative to mainstream hip hop and rap music that doesn't involve misogyny," Farrugia said.

Besides encouraging women in hip hop, Farrugia hopes the performance will help OU students to feel a connection with the city of Detroit.

"A lot of our students have never been to or explored the city and there's this divide between the suburbs and the city," she said. "I hope people can come out to this event to learn more about Detroit as a whole."

"There's a women in hip hop movement that's happening around the country," said Hay. "[Grrrls at the Mic] is really relevant and will be a fun time for all."

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The magic school bus

Making friends is just one of the things Keisa Saunders likes about being a Bear Bus driver

By Josh Soltman
Copy Editor

Oakland University's Bear Bus program has been a staple on Oakland's campus since its inception in 2009. The program allows students and faculty the opportunity to be shuttled around campus to designated bus stop areas.

The Bear Bus program provides a lucrative opportunity for students to work on campus, meet new people and make a little money in the process.

Keisa Saunders, a junior majoring in health sciences, has taken advantage of the program by spending the last year and a half as a shuttle driver.

"I've enjoyed my time as a Bear Bus driver," Saunders said. "It's given me the opportunity to meet a lot of people I wouldn't have met otherwise."

Becoming a driver

In order to become a Bear Bus driver, Saunders said, she had to take class similar to a driver's education course.

"We had to take a road test with a shuttle," Saunders said. "After the test I received my CDL license that allows me to drive the shuttles."

Saunders has spent her time as a Bear Bus driver getting to know a lot of interesting people which, she said, is one of the best parts about the job.

"I've gotten to meet a lot of people like faculty or people who have made donations to the school," Saunders said. "Those are people I probably wouldn't have met."

Forming relationships

Aside from faculty, Saunders also spends time with a lot of students. With the main campus being slightly more than a stone's throw away from most of the dorms and apartments, many resident students take advantage of the Bear Bus program. Due to this, Saunders sees several repeat riders on her routes.

One of those repeaters is Chris Mosier.

Mosier, a senior history major, lives on campus and uses the buses as a



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The Bear Buses provide students with an easy means to get around the campus and some surrounding areas.

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Keisa Saunders
Bear Bus driver

quick way to get around.

"I like that the Bear Buses are already built into our tuition," Mosier said. "It's nice and keeps me out of the cold."

Mosier said that the program overall is a good thing for students, but if he could change one thing it would be the bus routes.

"Some of the routes make for long wait times and sometimes it seems unnecessary," Mosier said.

The routes are a common criticism from most of the regular riders, Saunders said. Most of the drivers, including her, agree.

"We, as drivers, don't have much of a voice when it comes to the routes," Saunders said. "But we drive the routes and interact with the students. I feel

like the drivers could help make routes that were more beneficial."

Many of the Bear Bus routes have changed this year due to the several ongoing construction projects happening on campus. The routes should go back to normal as the construction begins to wrap up, according to Saunders.

Even with the altered bus routes, the program has had a lot of positive changes this year as well.

"The program has doubled since last year," Saunders said. "In terms of students riding, drivers; it's bigger."

The program has also added new supervisors this year, and is looking to continue to grow larger-with more drivers next year, hopefully leading to an even larger increase in the number of student riders.

A bright future

Another service in the works is the addition of a 24-hour Bear Bus shuttle.

"Right now we have vans that leave campus and go to Meijer, Target and downtown," Saunders said. "We are hoping that we will have a 24-hour Bear Bus that will be able to leave



Keisa Saunders

campus as well."

Saunders said that she has enjoyed her time as a shuttle driver, and she is even planning to apply to be a supervisor.

"I've really enjoyed my time as a Bear Bus Driver," Saunders said. "It's given me a chance to see a lot of things that nobody else gets to see."

A little thing called magic

Disney internships help students' dreams come to life

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

Disney is opening its magical doors to college students through its paid internship program, the Disney College Program.

"An average day at Disney is not average — it's magical," Christiana Simian, Disney campus representative said. "Every role is fun. It's who you work with, what you make of it and where you are that makes it. Custodial doesn't sound fun, but it's one of the best ones."

Simian, Tiffani Kasperski, Lauren Vargo and Taryn Carr are the Disney campus representatives. These students said they enjoyed a unique experience throughout their time at Disney and applied to represent Disney on campus once they returned.

The program allows students to work on the various parks and resorts. No previous training is necessary because Disney provides extensive training upon arrival. Throughout the interview process, students narrow

down to their top three or four areas they are interested in working in, and Disney assigns them a position. Students have the opportunity to participate in classes, as well.

Magical Connections

Kasperski took Disney Heritage and although she didn't receive credit at Oakland, she still learned much.

"I did my internship in fall 2011 where I was a lifeguard at Typhoon Lagoon," Kasperski said. "I had the best time of my life - I met so many friends down there. You get to meet international students as well."

College students from all over the world are invited to come be a part of the magical world of Disney. Carr, who worked in merchandise at Yacht Beach Resort from January to August 2013, not only got to live with an Australian roommate, but also got to take in cultures from her co-workers.

"I learned so much from all my international co-workers," Carr said. "I had co-workers from Thailand, Japan and Australia. It's so much fun to talk



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Lauren Vargo, Taryn Carr, Tiffani Kasperski and Christiana Simian are the Disney Campus Representatives. Each shared their own unique paid internship at Disney.

to all of them. I want to work there after graduation. I absolutely love this company, I've loved it since I was a little kid."

Carr, whose favorite Disney movie is Aladdin, even got to work alongside Aladdin and Jasmine for a week at Magic Kingdom.

Both Carr and Vargo got the opportunity to extend their time at Disney.

"Out of 1,800 people that applied to extend the program, only 300 of us got it, so that was exciting," Vargo said.

Kasperski and Vargo also found love connections — both women met their boyfriends while working at Disney.

"I met my Prince Charming down there," Vargo said. "He moved down three years ago but he's from Michigan. It took me leaving Michigan and going to Florida just to meet someone from here."

If students have interest in applying for the Disney College Program, recruiting begins near September for the winter semester. Apply on the website, www.disneycollegeprogram.com.

"This experience is very life-changing," Vargo said. "I would highly recommend it. Disney was a good opportunity to get away and live on my own and meet connections from all over the world."

Sharing the history of Easter



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Rockson Nsiah, Josh Rooker and Hannah Dugan are three members of Defero Ichthus.

New Christian group on campus to unveil origins of Easter via video premiere in North Foundation Hall

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Defero Ichthus, a new Christian group at Oakland University, is aiming to share the original story of Easter with students at Oakland with new forms of communication in mind. "We have done skits to communicate what Easter actually meant," Nsiah said. "This time, I thought we would go video, because the medium for this generation is through videos."

Defero Ichthus plans to incorporate

personal experiences in the video, titled "What It Actually Meant: The Price of Life," but plans to base its information off of the Bible.

"We try to stick with Biblical truth," senior Josh Rooker said, "So with everything we were coming up with, we wanted to go back to the Bible and make sure we were communicating the Gospel and not just our thoughts and how we have twisted them to what our culture believes a Christian is."

The video will be released on Sunday, April 6, via Youtube and Vimeo.

They also plan to hold a screening event Tuesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in 156 North Foundation Hall.

"There will be a room where all the students can gather [to watch the video], and they don't have to be from any affiliation or religious background," sophomore Hannah Dugan said.

The video will be approximately 15 minutes, but split into multiple parts to attract viewers.

"We understand that not everyone wants to sit down and watch a 15 minute video," Dugan said while laughing. "But maybe a three minute video."

Instead of keeping the video solely on Oakland's campus, the group said it hopes the video will go viral online.

"We're looking to have the video circulate and go around, and start at Oakland by giving them the true meaning of Easter before going outside the campus," Nsiah said. "We hope to establish a reputation with the students for future events."

The Name Game

The group's name has its origins in Greek and Latin, where defero translates as "to communicate" and ichthus as "God's son" respectively, giving it the name "To communicate God's son".

"The motive behind [Defero Ich-

thus] was to communicate what Easter actually meant," Senior Rockson Nsiah, a member of the group, said. "We want to communicate what the major Christian holidays are, revealing what the pagan, culture-infiltrated aspects of them are and the true meanings behind them."

The inspiration for the group came to Nsiah when he experienced an Easter party at a friend's house two years ago.

"It was fun, but it had nothing to do with what Easter is really about," Nsiah said. "After the eggs, I was hoping there would be some Bible time, some time to discuss what the season is really about."

Ultimately, the group wants to reach everyone, Christian or otherwise.

"We look at the brokenness of our culture, the redemption, and what that means for the future, [such as] reconciling people to each other and people to God," Dugan said. "We also have a segment on reaching out to people who are not of the faith and sharing our understanding of Easter. And also on challenging people who are of the faith and challenging them to live out the truth."

More information about Defero Ichthus can be found at www.deferoichthus.org or www.facebook.com/defero.ichthus.

Puzzles

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- Indian music
- Put into overhead bin
- Pumice source
- Scratched (out)
- Moderate gray
- Comparisons
- Invalidate legally
- 'Silent' prez, familiarity
- Moving vehicles
- Most prudent
- Howard Keel movie musical
- Traffic lane marker
- Positron, e.g.
- Hair fixers
- Battery terminals
- Fail to keep up
- Dollar competitor
- Family man
- Casino card game
- Itty-bitty
- Coins
- Sums up
- Bumbling ones
- Speak well of
- Crib toy
- West Pointers

Down

- Scrawny
- Backboard attachment
- Clued in
- Magnetic mineral
- Prepares for vacation
- No ifs, ____, or buts!'
- Sesame starter?
- Spots
- ____ fiber (flax, hemp, ramie or jute)
- Geek's cousin
- Hanging loose
- Island near Molokai
- Ellipsoids
- Hoedown honey
- Henley event
- Analogous
- Turns to the right
- NPR has none
- Third-generation Japanese-American
- Ditty
- Important work
- Lash mark
- Spoils
- Where cookies might crumble
- Became threadbare

Down

- Bulk
- One responsible for managing clubs
- 'Really!'
- Cop game
- Attired
- Piecrust ingredient
- Qualities of the conceited
- Stare stupidly
- '____ Cowgirls Get the Blues'
- Stead
- Take nothing in
- Pacific rays
- Favorable factor
- Sincerely zealous
- Store salespeople
- Popular NBC soap, for short
- Figure of speech
- Large ship
- Correct copy
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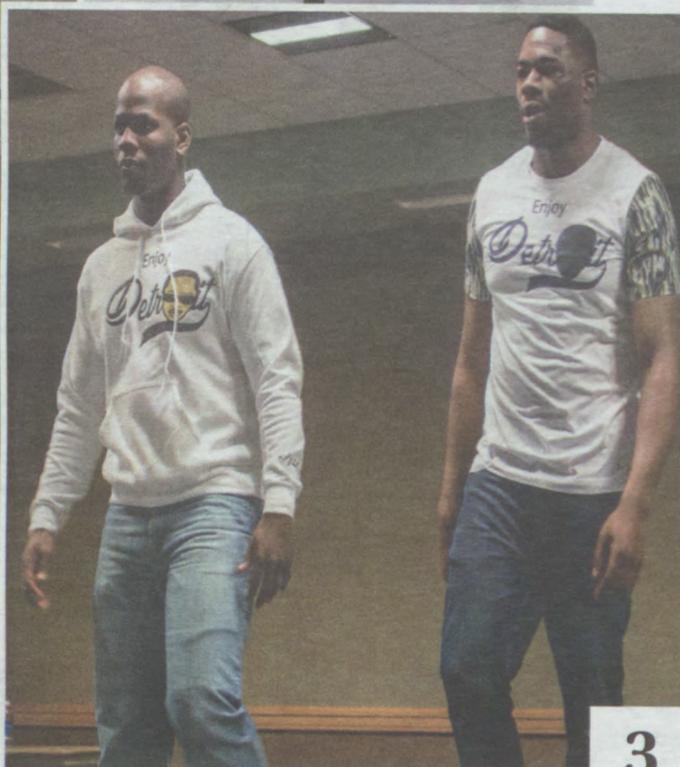


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1. Enjoy Detroit was one of the designers featured. They aim to revitalize the community.
2. The members of Fashion House provided host for the evening, "Coco," a laugh therapist, with a gift.
3. Male models were also used throughout the show.



3

Do a little turn on the catwalk

Fashion House of Oakland unites local designers to display new spring styles

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Stomp the Runway, presented by Fashion House of Oakland, generated a crowd that filled the Gold Rooms and featured local designers.

Courtney Hopkins, founder of Fashion House, said she plans to expand the Fashion

House and make it a state-funded organization.

"It feels good to see crowds come out and see my vision get supported," Hopkins said.

Hopkins was inspired to bring fashion to Oakland University after creating an online boutique, My Era Apparel. This boutique features clothes that Hopkins selected from vendors in California. She recently

brought in more clothes for the fashion show.

"You have to design a website, get promotional items such as flyers, know what's going on in the industry, attend events so you can get to know people in the industry and look for different vendors," Hopkins said. "It's a lot of researching and networking."

Hopkins said that social media plays a key factor in generating a crowd at her events. Fashion House can be found on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

"I'm a marketing major here at Oakland University so I know how to attract customers," Hopkins said.

"I constantly post on social media - I may take over your timeline every now and then."

Networking and connections are also what allowed the Fashion House to connect with various designers. The show featured eight different clothing lines: S.R.V.C Clothing, Francesca's, Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry, LaVas Couture, Enjoy Detroit, My Era Apparel, Rock Star Chic Clothing and E.S.C.L Clothing.

Enjoy Detroit, one of the designers featured, was created by David-SBOY (Successful brothers of youth)- Woods.

"Our clothing line is more than a brand - it is a

movement," Woods said.

Enjoy Detroit works toward uniting the community in various ways; mentoring kids, feeding the homeless and participating in local events, like Stomp the Runway.

"At the fashion show we spoke to every clothing line, there wasn't any competition," Woods said. "We just congratulated everyone on their clothing lines."

Their main goal is to revitalize the community they live in. They are located in Greenfield Plaza in Oak Park.

"It allows us to stay humble and we love to give back. It's a movement aiming to get people to come together," Woods said.

Mouthing Off

SATIRE

It's the end of the world as we know it

Josh Soltman
Copy Editor/Doomsday Prepper

Civilization is doomed. Life as we know it is ending. So grab a case of beer and that stack of Playboys and head to the basement, because the end is nigh.

OK, maybe we aren't completely doomed yet. How many times have we been warned of an impending catastrophe only to wake up the next day to the same boring life? But believe it or not, I think we are getting closer.

Last week, Safa Motesharrei, an applied mathematician at the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, published a report basically condemning all civilization to a destructive demise within just a few decades because of climate change, technology advancing more than we can handle, etc. Scary stuff, huh? I got pretty freaked out reading the report as I burned a bunch of coal and threw my plastic water bottle in the middle of a grass field for no reason.

So here it is: another doomsday prophecy. Most of us have been desensitized to the idea of an apocalypse thanks to all the nut jobs out there spewing fire and brimstone in the media every month or two. I mean, if Nostradamus had been right about any of his prophecies the world would have ended like 14 times already.

The most recent apocalyptic scare came in December of 2012 when the end of the Mayan calendar was apparently supposed to spell doom for us all. It was one of the most ridiculous ones in my lifetime. The fact that anyone would believe that a civilization that couldn't stay alive predicted the end of the world is pretty funny to me.

As ridiculous as it was, I still found myself huddled in the corner in my underwear, crying myself to sleep waiting for the end.

Then there's always that pesky possibility of a zombie outbreak waiting around the corner. I'm not too worried about this one, though. If "The Walking Dead" has taught me anything, it's that the best way to survive a zombie apocalypse is to



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Copy Editor Josh Soltman is groped by suspiciously life-like zombie appendages.

gather with a group of terrible actors and spend the days living out boring, melodramatic plot lines. Simple enough.

The most likely scenario to play out is something along the lines of what Motesharrei was prattling on about. The sad thing is that it's our fault. Every time I want to try and care about the environment I find myself too far from the recycling bin, so I'm literally forced to throw my plastic bottle in the trash.

It's a struggle.

If I've learned anything during my 22 years on this planet, it's these two things: doom is always around the corner and girls really don't like me. I'm more concerned with a Detroit sports team not being terrible than with asteroids raining down and pummeling the great state of Michigan.

And if the world ends, that's fine. I'll just have to make sure I have a laptop, high-speed internet and a really good antivirus software in case I survive.

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