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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your thoughts on Greek life at OU?

- A** It's fantastic! I'm a brother/sister!
- B** Not a member, don't care.
- C** They seem like nice people to me.
- D** I've been craving gyros lately.

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What are your thoughts on the new iPhone 6?

A) I need one, like, yesterday.

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B) Team Android fo' lyfe.

25.6%

C) It's just a sales gimmick. Pass.

5.1%

D) I'll wait until it goes on sale.

41%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

October 3, 2001

The mounted grizzly bear debuted in Bumpers Game Room to represent OU's mascot, the Golden Grizzly.

October 6, 1993

Jon Moshier, general manager of WXOU, helped change the station into a 115 watt FM band on 88.3, which brought it within listening range of Troy and Rochester.

October 6, 2004

More than 200 students gathered in front of Kresge Library for the first annual Equal Rights Rally.

-Compiled by Megan Carson, Copy Editor

BY THE NUMBERS

Greek Week edition

16

Number of fraternities and sororities at OU

1776

Year the first American fraternity was established

4

Number of historic two-story, up to 2,000 square foot homes shared by upper-division students in Oakland's Greek cottage district

112

Number of women who joined the Panhellenic council this year

249

Total points won last year's Greek Week games for Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Gamma Rho

STAFF EDITORIAL

Honor students with safe driving

Hailey Brouillet, 20, had a positive attitude, yellow apartment walls and dreams of being a physical therapist. She died on October 28, 2013 of injuries sustained in a car accident.

Maya Michelle Horton, 19, was a hard-working psychology major preparing to get married. She died on December 12, 2013 after being struck by another driver.

Eric Pauli, 18, had a bright yellow Pontiac G5 named 'Natalie' and loved to play trombone with the Golden Grizzlies pep band, where he met his girlfriend. He died February 2, 2014 of injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident.

Bassam Issa, 27, an Army veteran and criminal justice major one semester from graduation, loved riding his 2005 Kawasaki motorbike with his family and friends. He died this weekend in a motorcycle accident.

Out of the seven Oakland University students who have died in the last year, these four have died in vehicle-related accidents.

Hailey's injuries were the result of a 65-year-old man rear-ending her and causing a six-car pileup. She died five days after the incident, and the driver was charged with reckless driving causing death and reckless driving causing serious injury, 15-year and 5-year felonies.

Maya, who was driving and attempting to cross a road in order to get to her home in Harrison Township, was hit by a 50-year-old driver who "showed signs that he was in-

toxicated and was arrested on the spot," as Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham told *The Macomb Daily*. Police were uncertain if Maya yielded to opposing traffic.

Eric was snowmobiling with three friends when he lost control over a snow bank and was thrown off of his snowmobile, hitting the back of a fellow snowmobiler. He was wearing a helmet and not speeding, and Deputy Mark Richardson of the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office called it a "freak accident."

Bassam's motorcycle crashed into a 2005 Chevy Silverado while he was traveling shoulder to shoulder on east-bound I-696. He was wearing a helmet, but the case is still under investigation.

Within the past 365 days, four of our classmates' lives and aspirations were cut short. Four of our classmates were taken from us through avoidable circumstances.

According to the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), more than 37,000 people die in road traffic crashes each year in the United States. Nearly 400,000 of these people are under the age of 25.

On average, that's over 1,000 deaths a day.

The ASIRT reports that traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 29: the leading demographic at Oakland University.

While each death is different in circumstance, the haunting commonality exists between the fatalities: vehicles. The road. Other drivers.

The Oakland Post implores

the OU community to remember the stories of these fallen students and encourages other students, staff and faculty to be as safe as possible when it comes to vehicles and the road.

Check blind spots, keep a comfortable amount of space between your vehicle and the next, and use seatbelts. According to the World Health Organization, wearing seat belts reduces the risk of death by 61 percent.

Don't be distracted – put the phone down, wait to eat and turn down the music.

Be patient with yourself and others. Don't rush, no matter the circumstances. Remember: the goal is to get to the destination, and get there safely.

Seven OU students have died in the past year. Four of those deaths were caused by vehicle-related accidents, four deaths which stole our classmates, friends, and loved ones, four future circumstances to be avoided with a little more thought and care when it comes to the road.

So do it for Hailey, who was always laughing; Maya, who worked herself to the bone; Eric, who shared his soul and music with all around him; and Bassam, who loved and lived life to the fullest.

Next time you sit behind the wheel, remember these students, our classmates, and honor their memories by choosing the safe route.

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Campus Development Committee creates traffic and parking subcommittees

By Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

The Campus Development Committee (CDC) will be creating two subcommittees: one for general-purpose student uses and one for parking and traffic concerns, according to Kyler Johnson, student services director.

This was announced at the Oakland University Student Congress' weekly Monday meeting, held in the Center for Student Activities.

Possible parking and OC expansion

During a Senate Committee meeting for the CDC, Johnson said he and fellow members decided to begin a subcommittee on parking and traffic after

receiving numerous complaints regarding handicapped parking and metered spots being abused, as well as the backup spots at each of the campus exits.

"(The committee will) review traffic patterns, parking patterns, etc., to see what future plans will be," Johnson said. "They might hold off with University Drive about to open up, as that might eliminate a lot of the issues we're having now, but we really have no way of knowing until it opens up."

One of the items discussed was a letter-to-the editor from student Meghan Ponka regarding lack of sufficient overnight parking for residents and lack of Bear Bus availability at these hours. This letter, published in the September 10 issue of The

Oakland Post, questioned the safety and fairness of OU's parking options.

"They definitely do check to see what's going on," Johnson said. "I guess that paper did prompt some questions to be directed."

Johnson said he will also be looking into getting special parking for pregnant women. He saw an eight-month pregnant woman park in the back of lot P1 and make "a really long walk for someone who's pregnant."

"It would help to make Oakland a more friendly and accessible school to everybody. I think a lot of people would appreciate the little things (like that)."

Another subcommittee will be created to inspect general-purpose student use of facilities

such as the Oakland Center and Kresge Library and how these can be adapted for students' patterns. Something that has been building up discussion is an expansion of the OC.

"Officially, I won't say what they're doing," Johnson said. "But it is one thing that is really gaining some steam. The usage is there, the numbers are there, and I'm sure it will happen in the next three years or so ... It's a very expensive project that will have to be funded by students, and that's one of the other hiccups that they've run into."

Other OUSC items

Shawn Czewski, environmental, health and wellness director, said he would be meeting with the dean of students to discuss the non-smoking policy, what

exactly it means and how it will be enforced, if at all.

There are currently 15 positions still open for the research and review committee, according to Laina Townsend, chair of the committee. Those interested can contact her at ltkownse@oakland.edu.

"We need legislators," said Annie Meinberg, student body president. "Involvement-wise, you can be a legislator, join a committee."

"This year at our (meetings), Student Congress is going to focus on really concerns and comments from students. So if you ever see anything on campus, if you ever have any ideas or concerns, come to our general body meetings Mondays at four and voice those concerns and we'll problem solve."

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Grizzlies on the Prowl



*"Did you take the
Bear Bus this
year?"*



**Rebecca Pratt, freshman,
undecided**

"No, I commute, since I didn't know where to get the information about the Bear Bus from."



**Jacob Quattrocchi, senior,
finance**

"No. I don't generally park too far away from where I need to go."



**Alejandro Cesar, senior,
communication**

"No because I don't live on campus - I walk to my classes."



**Olivia Miller, sophomore,
business management**

"No because the bus is never where I need it to be. The app didn't work."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury
Photographer

POLICE FILES

Hit and run at West Vandenberg

Officers were dispatched to the police station in reference to a M.I.A. report from September 21 at 11:00 a.m.

The complainant stated she was walking on the sidewalk on the south side of West Vandenberg when a bicyclist came up from behind her and knocked her down from behind. Both she and the bicyclist fell to the ground, but the bicyclist seemed to be fine. Her camera was broken during the fall, though.

She said that since the fall, her left elbow and arm were continuing to hurt. Officers observed bruising on both knees and on the left side of her abdomen in addition to her left arm.

She said that she would seek medical treatment if it had not gotten better in a week.

Missing clothing

OUPD met with a student at the police station September 25. She stated that five shirts were missing from her dorm room.

The shirts cost \$55. The student had taken pictures of her shirts three weeks ago. She noticed that her shirts were gone September 22.

The student believes her suitmates' friends may know something about their whereabouts. Officers asked if she had asked her suitmates, but she denied, saying that she felt uncomfortable about it.

The resident assistant said she was going to meet with all the students to discuss the missing clothing.

Larceny at Kresge Library

OUPD met with a student at Kresge Library September 25 for a larceny report.

The student said she went to a study room around 9:47 a.m. and left her backpack to use the restroom. Approximately five minutes later, she returned to her study room and discovered her belongings were gone.

Among the missing items: backpack (\$20-50), HP laptop (\$2,000), biology textbook (\$200) and purse (\$50).

Her purse contained credit cards, debit cards, two checkbooks, keys and two name tags for work.

Officers reviewed the camera footage and saw a young black male enter the study room around 10 a.m. He kept the bill of his hat pointed down to cover his face. He exited with her backpack. They followed the suspect to O'Dowd where he entered the building with the backpack and left without it. Officers retrieved the backpack from inside the building. The student identified it as hers. However, the laptop, credit cards, debit cards and checkbooks are still missing.

The student said she wanted to prosecute.

Marijuana use at South Hamlin

Officers were dispatched to South Hamlin Hall for a report of possible marijuana use September 21 at 11:57 p.m.

OUPD knocked on the door where the smell was reported, but no one answered. A student approached the officers and said it was her room. After officers questioned her, she said she and a friend had been smoking marijuana in his car.

She consented to have her room checked. Officers found a small plastic bag with marijuana residue, a glass pipe and metal tongs with residue on the tips. OUPD issued her a citation.

Officers also located her friend and asked if he had been smoking marijuana. He admitted it. He was also issued a citation.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki
Chief Copy Editor



TOP Students now enjoy reading what was once a banned novel. **LEFT** Snakehead, The Golden Compass and The Land are just a couple of the well-known books on the banned list. **RIGHT** All of these books are household names, but now in admiration instead of scandal.

Danielle Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

As part of the national celebration of banned and challenged books, the Oakland University Writing Center (OUWC) threw its second ever Banned Books Week.

Every day last week, students and OUWC staff met at the Writing Center to discuss and read passages from different challenged books. The groups discussed Fahrenheit 451, Perks of Being a Wallflower, Of Mice & Men, Lord of the Rings, and To Kill A Mockingbird.

"The major difference this year was the new time frames and new books. We tried to have a more variety of books this time with both modern and classical books being discussed," said Ashley Cerku, Writing Center Operations Coordinator.

OUWC hung multiple pictures of different banned books around the center at the Kresge library. The pictures included the cover of the book

on one side and then a brief description of why they were banned on the other. Captain Underpants, A Light in the Attic, and Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone were among the examples hanging at the center.

Each day a different book was discussed, partially read and then a conversation was open to students and the staff about the books.

This year the national banned week was focused on comic books and graphic

novels that have been banned in some areas of the country. In fact, the most challenged book in 2013 according to the American Library Association (ALA) was Captain Underpants with reasons including: offensive language, unsuited for age group, and violence. Fifty Shades of Grey came in fourth place with reasons including: nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group.

According to the ALA, "a

challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness."

"I do not understand why parents want to pretend that these things do not exist. I guess parents are afraid that if children read about violence, sex, or drugs it will make it seem like a presentable lifestyle," said Cindy Bily, Children Literature professor at Macomb Community College.

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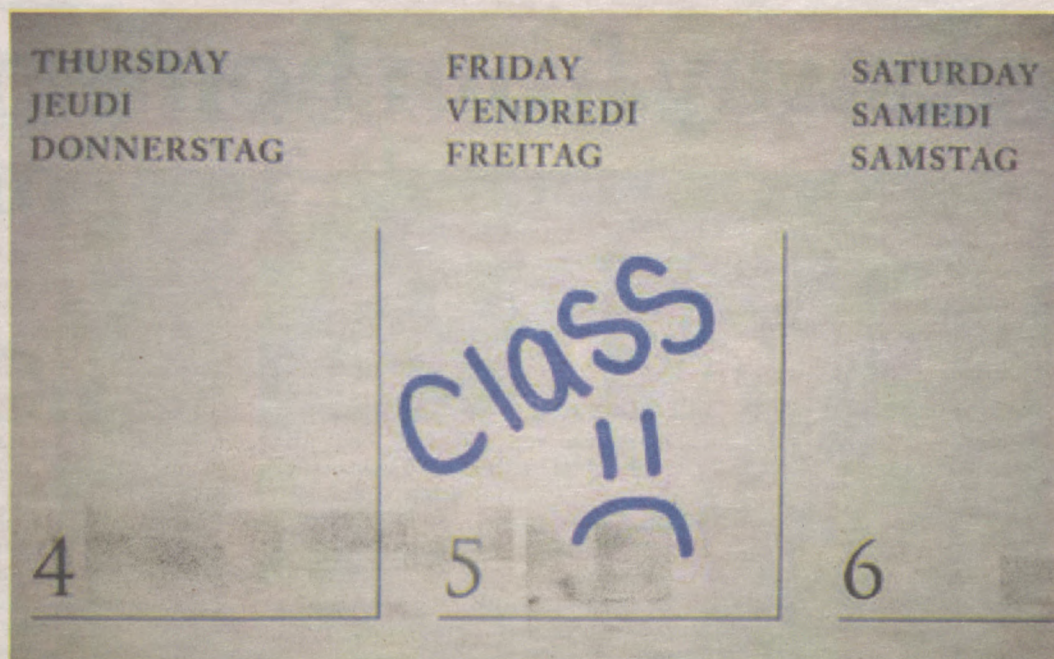
Cindy Bily
Children Literature
professor at Macomb
Community College

When the group met on Thursday to discuss Lord of the Rings, all agreed that they did not understand why the book was being challenged. Many question the challenged books on the list, which is why libraries across America celebrate these banned, yet beloved works.

More information on the most frequently challenged books can be found at ala.org. For more upcoming events at the OU Writing Center, visit oakland.edu/ouwc.

Banned then, beloved now

*Writing Center celebrates popular pieces of literature
that were once shunned society*



Selah Fischer / The Oakland Post

Students dread spending their Fridays in classes taking exams, listening to lectures, and doing loads of homework.

Friday classes are not a fan favorite at Oakland

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

After a long week of exams, homework and studying, there's nothing better than knowing it's the weekend—unless you're one of the many students who has to attend a Friday class.

"I would rather have my classes be longer on Mondays and Wednesdays than have a Friday class," Ivana Vitosevic, a junior at Oakland University, said.

Logging into SAIL to schedule classes, students hope to get a schedule that is as smooth as possible and fits in with their extracurricular activities and lives outside of school.

Senior Bernie Mighion has anthropology, anatomy and physiology on Fridays.

"It doesn't really bother me, although if I only had one Friday class and had to drive all the way to campus for one class I would be annoyed, that's why I tried to schedule more," Mighion said.

Sometimes students have no choice but to take Friday classes because they may need a course that happens to only be offered

"I would rather have my classes be longer on Mondays and Wednesdays than have a Friday class."

Ivana Vitosevic
Student

on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (MWF). If they are also taking courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it usually results in an exhausting semester.

"Getting students to utilize five days of the week and be active these days is ideal," said Steven Shablin, Registrar at Oakland University.

Departments such as Writing and Rhetoric, Mathematics, Languages and others usually have Friday classes. Many students wonder why some courses are only offered MWF.

Each academic unit is responsible for offering the classes and determining when they meet. However, they don't choose to make students attend these days for no reason. There are certain preferences and requirements that are kept in mind when creating course schedules for students to pick

from.

"The way the MWF schedule works is in order to offer four credit hour classes, those MWF classes must meet for 67 minutes three days a week," said Lori Ostergaard, Chair of the Writing and Rhetoric department at Oakland University. "This isn't only a choice departments or individuals make, it has to do with the room schedules as well."

The courses that students need determine what their schedules look like, but not every one will fall in the best time slot. Depending on whether or not a student is an undergraduate will also influence the schedule.

"With a lot of sections to run, we don't really have the luxury of picking and choosing when our classes will meet," Ostergaard said. "For a few years, we offered our MWF classes as Monday, Wednesday, online Friday classes. Now we eliminated the online requirement and went back to regular MWF classes because some teachers preferred working in the classroom with their students three full days a week."



Courtesy of OU Marketing and Communications

Oakland continues to advertise the brand slogan "Aspire to Rise."

New billboards make students 'OU famous'

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

There's a good chance that if you're driving down the highway, you might recognize some fellow classmates on the Oakland University's new billboards.

OU has released new advertisements and billboards for the new school year as it continues to encourage current and potential future students to "Aspire to Rise." The billboards feature real OU students in classroom and other campus environments around the university.

"We used real students because our marketing platform is based on authenticity. Real students, real faculty, and real shots of Oakland University," said John Young, Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing.

Jeff Cox and Bria Brown are two of the students who gained recognition by being featured on some of the billboards. Cox and Brown were interns for the communication and marketing department at OU and happened to be on the set of the photo shoot.

"It honestly just kind of happened," Brown said, "We were just filling in and weren't thinking we were going to be on the billboard, but it's pretty awesome that we did."

Cox is a senior communication major, and Brown is a junior journalism

major. They both were on the Social Media Street Team last semester, which led them to the internship.

Both of them said that they weren't expecting to be on the billboard, but when they heard that they were featured on some of the advertisements, they were shocked.

Brown says she found out while driving on I-75 going north near 14 mile and noticed that the girl on the billboard was wearing a similar shirt that she owned. When she realized it was her, she couldn't contain her excitement.

"People come up to me now and say 'Oh my gosh, you're OU famous!'" Brown said.

The billboards featuring Cox and Brown can be found on I-75 and even on I-94 West heading to Chicago. Cox says that he is finding out that he is on more and more as time goes on.

"At first they said I was on one, then my mom drove past another one last week, and I just found out that I'm on a third one," Cox said.

Both seem to enjoy their sudden rise to campus fame, especially since neither of them had expected to be on the advertisements.

"I would always drive by the Oakland University billboards on 75 and wish that would be me one day," Cox said. "Well I guess like Disney, dreams do come true."

Finding a home away from home

Various new student orgs provide ways to get involved and feel welcome at OU

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's Center for Student Activities currently boasts 660 groups to choose from, with nine new organizations added as of the 2014 fall semester.

Students can join groups from a plethora of categories — everything from Greek life to academics, social awareness, and sciences — all accepting new members who share a common interest and want to get involved with others on campus.

Among the nine new student organizations, The Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners (MICNP), League of Engineers and Computer Scientists, and The Journey provide some insight into their fledgling organizations for prospective members.

A niche for nurses

Peg Kennedy, registered nurse practitioner and president of OU's Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners, said her organization is excited to get itself off the ground and increase membership in the coming months.

"Our goal is to establish a valuable resource for OU nurse practitioner students and graduates," Kennedy said, "that will provide information relevant to NP practice, networking, skills workshops, and more."

Although providing nursing students and graduates with a "home" on campus is a major goal of Kennedy's, her biggest hope for the organization is to keep OU's current and future nurses up to date on Michigan's changing legislature.

"We will strive to provide many opportunities for nurse practitioner students to take an active role in their profession by advocating for

legislative changes that will allow [nurses] in the state of Michigan to practice to the fullest extent of their training and education," Kennedy said.

In addition to keeping OU's students and graduates of the nursing program up to date on important legislative actions, Kennedy hopes the MICNP-OU will provide "mentoring, coaching, and networking opportunities" for all group members.

The journey to fit in

In keeping with the idea of having a "home" on OU's campus, Antionette Debose, mother of two, grandmother, and student, created her group, The Journey, in order to give adult and nontraditional learners a place to call their own.

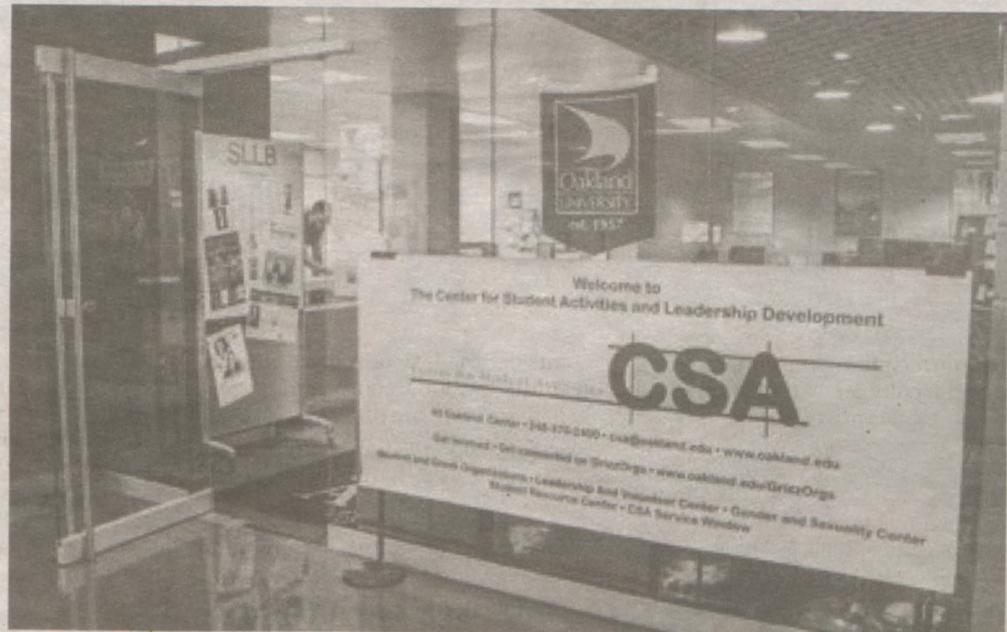
"I remember my first day at OU as a junior social work student," Debose said, "feeling out of place and really disconnected. Most students were cohorts coming from high school and had already completed two years of studies on campus."

Debose said that this disconnect prompted her to speak with social work director Maria DeVogd Beam about starting a group for nontraditional and adult learners.

Debose's goal for The Journey is to serve as a link between the university and adult learners who are coming to campus in order to change their life's path, and accomplish something great.

"We want to lay the groundwork for those who will follow us in this endeavor, and provide age-specific resources that will assist an older adult returning to college," Debose said.

Debose conducted research and found that within the next 10 years, the number of adult learners on campus is expected to increase even



Katherine Cagle / The Oakland Post

The Center for Student Activities, located in the lower level of the Oakland Center, is the place to find more information about starting a new student organization or club. There are already over 660 groups to join.

more. This will provide the opportunity to continue The Journey's "journey" as the group strives to serve as a resource for learners, ages 35 and up, on campus for the first time.

LECs get pumped

Computer science major Dominic Dabish is taking a more creative and fun-loving approach to his new student organization.

"It's gonna be sweet," he said.

Dabish is the founder of the League of Engineers and Computer Scientists (LECS) — a new organization that hopes to "join together idea-makers, programmers and engineers to make amazing new stuff," Dabish said.

LECS will hold bimonthly meetings where members will work on exciting projects. Meetings will contain discussion of new and upcoming electronics, members will film YouTube videos showcasing the work that they've done within LECS, and resume-building coaching will also be provided.

According to Dabish, the

end goal of LECS is to "explore, develop understanding, and establish engineering and computer scientific enhancements and programs". However, LECS won't be stopping there.

"You're reading it [in] The Post now," he said, "but you'll see it on skyscrapers!"

A space to call home

Student Cameron Hanson wanted to create a base on campus for students sharing interest in an area of study where Hanson saw a void in campus involvement: space, astrobiology, and aerospace engineering.

Hanson said he hopes that The Astronomical and Planetary Society-OU will give like-minded students the opportunity to pursue research opportunities and internships, and the opportunity to reach out to the community.

"We welcome all majors," said Hanson. "The love of space and science spans all kinds of majors."

Hanson hopes that The Astronomical and Planetary Society will spur enough student interest over time

How to start a new student org:

1. Register your organization on GrizzOrgs
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3. Must have four registered OU students, one on campus adviser, and a statement of purpose and/or constitution for the organization.
4. President and treasurer must attend a Student Org. Training (visit GrizzOrgs for the next training date)

to inspire an astronomy or astrophysics degree program at OU.

Contact Staff Reporter Kaleigh Jerzykowski at memekaleigh@gmail.com.

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Jacob Grusch
Staff Intern

One of the first things students smell when they enter the Oakland Center is the food; it wafts its way down the hallways of the food court, blending with the rich aroma of coffee from Café O'Bears. The court fills with conversation from hungry students and faculty ready to reap the benefits of the wide variety of food options available.

With these food options, there is also a wide variety of students, and for 20 years, Gerald Gatto has witnessed them all. As the Regional District Manager of Chartwells Dining Service, Gatto knows that in order to keep up with the ever-changing student body, he has to meet the demands of the students.

"As the University's food service program has grown throughout the years, we have continued to look at ways to

improve our services for the students and campus community," Gatto wrote via email.

Appetites satisfied?

As the student program has grown, however, not everyone has been satisfied. Sophomore Ethan Childress is one of them.

He points out the lack of vegetarian options in the OC food court, stating that, with the exception of the black bean burgers, "they don't have many options for vegetarians."

Gatto said there are a multitude of vegetarian choices within the OC food court, including Chop'd and Wrap'd custom made wraps, Subway's Veggie Delite, and Papa John's Cheese and Vegetarian Pizzas.

"Also new this year, we have a dedicated vegetarian station at the lower level of Vandenberg called 'Terra Ve,'" Gatto said.

Another problem was with the lack of Halal options throughout campus. Halal is the process of preparing and slaughtering meat according to the Islamic Holy Book.

Many devout Muslims cannot eat meat that is not prepared in the traditional Islamic way, therefore, the only type of meat that they can eat on campus is fish.

"We have been limited in offering Halal prepared offerings. Many of the reasons stem from our use of National Brands which only allow us the use proprietary meat products," Gatto said.

However, Gatto did mention that the catering services in OU do have Halal prepared foods, and that "their resident chef can make fantastic region-flavoured dishes for any event."

Chartwells serves hundreds of students and faculty Monday through Friday in all of its locations around campus. Many students are commut-

ers, and don't have to rely on OU's food service on the weekends, but what about those who live in dorms and apartments?

"We offer many food choices in Vandenberg Dining Hall," Gatto said, "As well as the Subway window in the Oakland Center."

Chartwells also recently opened a convenience store, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., serving convenience items, grab-and-go sandwiches and salads, and made-to-order lunches.

Routes of contact

A student can contact Chartwells in one of three ways; by either filling out a comment card located in every food service station on campus, participating in the fall or winter surveys available to all OU students, or by entering feedback online at www.dineoncampus/oakland.com.

Student organization RAISEs awareness about health related issues

Andrew Wernetter
Life, Arts & Entertainment
Editor

A new student organization is aiming to spread knowledge on trending health topics to Oakland University students and beyond.

Named RAISE, or Raising Awareness in the Student Environment, the organization is looking to regularly hold informational events that discuss current health-related themes, such as HIV and STDs.

The group is the brainchild of Aishwarya Navalpakam and Sean Mackman, co-presidents of the organization and second-year medical students. They discovered that both of their capstone projects dealt with health issues relevant to the undergraduate community, so they decided last year to form RAISE as a joint venture.

"We're serving the under-

graduate population to see how educated they are about the issue," Navalpakam said, "and this is kind of like an extension of our project to see, not only to determine what is lacking, but to help educate the students."

RAISE is a student organization based within the medical school, as is its executive board. However, both medical students and undergraduates are free to join the group as members. In fact, this is a distinctive feature of the organization.

"We're the only group in med school that has undergraduate members," Mackman said.

The basic goal of the organization is to disseminate health-related information and advice throughout the whole student body. While RAISE has sparked the interest of medical and pre-medical

students, the executive board also aims to attract those not aligned with the field of medicine.

"We're the ones that have that [medical] background," said David Tobin, the undergraduate liaison for RAISE. "Educating others is the important part. We decided to branch out and allow undergrads to be members in the group."

RAISE held its first event on Sept. 23 in O'Dowd Hall. In response to the recent movement against vaccinations, the group brought in Dr. Nicholas Gilpin of Beaumont Hospital's Infectious Disease section to discuss vaccinations and where the debate stands now.

"He did an excellent job," Navalpakam said.

She said that the event turned out to be more of an informal discussion on the topic rather than a lecture, which



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the group wants as a model for future events.

Ideally, it wants to hold gatherings like this about twice every semester.

Mackman emphasized that these events were not about spewing medical jargon that would fly over most people's heads. The goal, he said, was to communicate these themes specifically to those not in the field of medicine.

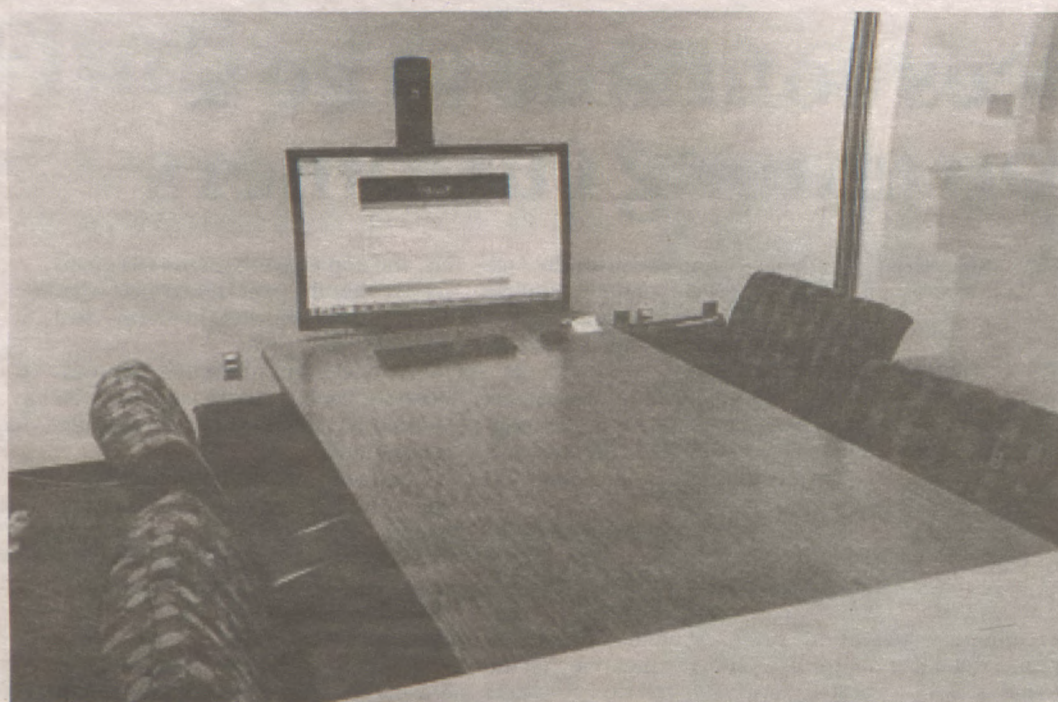
This, Tobin said, is what the executive board has to figure out.

"A lot of the challenge is

getting people who are not in a science background to also understand the same things that we do," he said.

RAISE does not want to stop at the student body, either. OUWB is setting up a system where medical students can go into classrooms at Avondale High School to teach high school students subjects like infectious diseases. Through this, the organization wants to expand their reach.

"I think the next big thing is branching out to high schoolers," Mackman said.



Josh LeVair / The Oakland Post

This semester you can now reserve sections for a set time instead of having to "claim" it.

Library rooms for reserve

New reservation system lets students grab rooms ahead of time

Ali DeRees

*Campus & Administration
Editor*

You may have walked into the library ready to study, write a paper or complete a project in one of the private rooms on the first or second floor.

If you walked into a room and found someone already working in there, confusion may arise.

This is because there is now a room reservation system at Kresge Library.

The reservation program was implemented due to "mounting requests and security issues," according to Rob Burns, Manager of Library Technology Services.

"People were trying to claim their place by leaving their stuff there (the rooms)," said Burns. "With a reserve section you have that room for a set time and no one can take it."

To reserve a room, students can go to the library's website and click on "Study Room Reservations."

From there, simply choose the floor you'd like a room on, then click on a room slot you

would like. Those in green are open and those in blue are booked.

Students will be asked for a name and email and will have to confirm their reservation through an email that will be sent to them.

Burns said reservations must be made two weeks in advance and you can only reserve a room for a maximum of three hours a day, four days a week.

Reservations are made under one student's name. If a student does not show up for his or her allotted time the room is up for grabs.

There will be an adjustment period for students, according to Burns, but he is confident that students will be able to cooperate with one another and make the system as efficient as possible.

"It's that kind of cooperative spirit we're hoping to achieve," he said. "Our library staff is happy to help with that cooperation."

Freshman India Leib and junior Eva Reed gave their thoughts on the rooms and the reservation service.

"It would be nice to have

both (open rooms and rooms to reserve)," Reed said.

"I've heard they're never free," Leib said.

Interesting facts

-The Kresge Library website details what type of rooms are available for students to reserve.

-The first floor has 18 rooms that can hold one to two people and seven rooms that can hold four to five people.

-The second floor has five Media Collaboration Rooms that hold four to five people; four media collaboration cabanas that hold six to seven people; and a group study room that holds four to five people.

-The fourth floor has the Media Collaboration Alcove

Students push for more gender neutral restrooms

Options for gender variant people may reduce harrasment

Kaseb Ahmad
Staff Reporter

Bathrooms can make or break a public place. In a setting as public as a university, easy access to a restroom is of tantamount importance for there to be an avoidance of mass hysteria.

However, the focus on only two genders for restrooms leaves some people out of this proclaimed equity, which has led some to call for the idea of gender neutral restrooms.

"Gender neutral or unisex restrooms are typically single-stall public restrooms that can be used by anyone, regardless of sex or gender," said Grace Wojcik, Coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Center. "The purpose of a gender neutral restroom is to provide a safer option for transgender or gender variant people who often experience harassment, physical assault, and/or arrest when using typical public restrooms."

While seemingly only for those that are transgender or outside the gender binary, these restrooms would also benefit those who do fit into the gender binary.

Organizations associated with the GSC, such as the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), have pushed this idea at OU in the past, as early as fall of 2012 according to Wojcik.

"The goal is to have at least one gender neutral bathroom in every building on campus," Kevin Farmer, treasurer of the GSA, said.

"There are already gender neutral bathrooms around campus, but they are few and far between and, for a student who really needs to use the restroom but is switching between classes, it can be a real struggle," GSA President Becca Reichenbach said.

Currently, there are no gender neutral restrooms in the Oakland Center, but some have been mistakenly presented as one.

"A sign on the bottom level of the OC between the men and women's restrooms still has a gender neutral bathroom sign on it but was never made into one," Reichenbach said.

"Some students might think it is one, but in fact, it is just a closet."

With stars like trans-activist Laverne Cox appearing on the cover of TIME magazine, transgender acceptance is seemingly at an all-time high.

However, many do not feel that there are enough safe spaces for those that do identify as such.

"Just one issue is knowing exactly which faculty and professors one can trust when it comes to being an ally to the L [lesbian], G [gay], B [bisexual], and T [transgender/transsexual] communities," Farmer said. "Those who are an open and an active ally to the L, G, B communities might not be so friendly to the community."



THE DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACE GUIDE FOR OAKLAND UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS

Oakland University (OU) is committed to providing an environment that is free from the misuse or unlawful possession, use, and abuse of: alcohol, drugs, and prescription drugs. To address these matters, OU is required by law to adopt and implement a program ("Program").

The Program addresses: campus standards of conduct, University sanctions, and legal consequences for violations of local, state, or federal law related to illicit drugs and alcohol, health risks, a description of applicable counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, or re-entry programs; and a biennial review of the program. Pursuant to the law, OU is issuing the statement set forth below.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: The unlawful possession, use, or distribution, of illicit drugs and/or alcohol by students or employees and the misuse or abuse of prescription drugs in the workplace, on OU property or as part of a University activity is specifically prohibited by OU Ordinances and/or by state or federal law. The possession of a Michigan marijuana registry identification card does not exempt students or employees from this prohibition. The use and possession of marijuana remains illegal under federal law and, as a recipient of federal funds, Oakland University is subject to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, and could lose federal funding for any violations of these Acts, which require Oakland University to take measures to combat the use of drugs and alcohol. The OU Ordinances governing the use of alcohol and drugs are available in the Student Code of Conduct (www.oakland.edu/studentcodeofconduct) and University Administrative Policies and Procedures, Section # 600, Health and Safety. In addition, the misuse or abuse of prescription drugs is prohibited conduct.

UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS: OU will impose sanctions for violations of this statement consistent with local, state, and federal law and with applicable collective bargaining agreements, employee handbooks, student handbooks, and University ordinances. Violations by faculty, staff, or students will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, expulsion, and referral for prosecution. The discipline imposed will depend upon the seriousness of the offense. In addition to, or in lieu of, discipline, violators may be required to complete an appropriate rehabilitation program. Additional information is available in the Student Code of Conduct (www.oakland.edu/studentcodeofconduct), Academic Human Resources, and University Human Resources (<http://www.oakland.edu/uhr/>).

LEGAL SANCTIONS: There are legal sanctions under OU Ordinances, and under state and federal law, for the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. Any violation of an OU Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both. Violations under state and federal law may result in punishment for a misdemeanor or felony, depending on the nature of the crime, including fines, imprisonment, and loss of certain licenses and forfeiture of real and/or personal property. Descriptions of the state and federal sanctions for illegal possession and distribution and, in some cases, use of a controlled substance are included in this guide. Sanctions may change from time to time.

HEALTH RISKS: The psychological and social consequences of illicit drug use and alcohol abuse can be devastating. This can lead to various health and other risks including feelings of depression or anxiety; diminished or impaired work or academic performance; absenteeism; poor decision making; poor morale; low self esteem; financial problems; conflicts with co-workers, classmates, families, friends and others. Loss of job, friends, divorce and the creation of a dysfunctional family system are common consequences of substance abuse. Additional risks include sexual assault or other unplanned sexual relationships; unwanted pregnancies; irreversible drug-induced psychotic state and/or delusions of omnipotence which trigger life-threatening behavior. Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and intellectual disabilities. In addition, research indicates that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk than other youngsters of becoming alcoholics.

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EMPLOYEES WORKING ON FEDERAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:

As a condition of employment, all employees working on federal grants and contracts must abide by this statement. Such employees must notify their supervisor or department head of any criminal drug statute conviction occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after the conviction. The supervisor or department head must then promptly report the violation to the Director of Sponsored Research.

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NOTE: This is a partial list of substance abuse facilities. More programs and centers may be listed in local and other area telephone directories.

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Brooksie Fast Facts

STORY BY ALI DEREES

What: HealthPlus Brooksie Way races

Why: The races are held in honor of the late Brooks (Brooksie) Stuart Patterson, 28-year-old son of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who died in 2007 after a snowmobile accident. Money raised by the races goes towards mini-grants that are given to organizations that support healthy living.

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds at Oakland University

When: Sunday, September 28

Fact: Mother Nature is always kind for the Brooksie Way, providing perfect weather for a run or walk.

Thoughts from the runners:

"My mindset was to sprint up the hills so I could kind of relax at the bottom"
Dana Davidson, 2nd place winner of the Women's 10k

"It's all about staying comfortable."
Bryce Stroede, member of the OU Men's Track & Field team, placed 3rd in the half marathon

"The course was right on."
Adam Richmond, Winner of the Men's 5k

Grizzlies at the races:

"It's good to see so many familiar faces from faculty to students. It's our community within the bigger community."
John Young, Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing

"Great turnout, great publicity for the school."
Steve Shablin, Registrar

Notable faces:

"This has become an almost state-wide event. I think runners will travel for a good course."

L. Brooks Patterson

Brooksie Numbers

- Over \$150,000 is given in mini-grants to organizations dedicated to healthy living
- There were 5,600 runners and walkers
- 17:00 was the best male time for 5k
- 17:41 was the best female time for 5k

COMMUNITY TIES

PERSPECTIVE BY JACKSON GILBERT

Thank goodness it's over because I don't want to think about those hills anymore.

Those hills help make The Brooksie Way one of the lovelier races in the country.

It's certainly my favorite. The course winds through Rochester and Rochester Hills, where I grew up, the city that was just recently named the ninth best place to live in the country by money.com.

You get to see the best scenery that our area has to offer, and it's really quite underappreciated.

About 6,000 people showed up at 8 a.m. on Sunday just for a run—pretty damn impressive for a city with about 70,000 people living here, in my opinion.

This was my fourth year in a row running the half marathon. I've done it every year since I graduated from Rochester High School.

It's the only half-marathon event I've ever run.

Sure, I've run the Great Lakes Relay and a few 10-mile races — the Crim and the Run Thru Hell — but I don't look ahead three months and circle the date for them like I do for the Brooksie.

This year was the seventh the race was held. The first was in 2008, named after L. Brooks Patterson's son who died in a tragic snowmobile accident.

That year only about 2,800 runners completed the half marathon, and that was the only race that took place. The race has steadily grown since then, along with the events.

Organizers have added a 5k and a 10k to the race options and have obviously managed to double the amount of participants. The website identifies the race as a "quality of life event." Originally, Patterson started the race to "encourage people to become more physically active."

Well, the race became a lot more physically challenging this year.

The course was slightly adjusted to avoid construction on Tienken road. This meant that runners (including me) were instead routed up Dutton road and its newly infamous hill/mountain/wall.

Congratulations to everyone that managed to maintain a stride up that thing. I couldn't do it. I had to stop and catch my breath.

The hills aren't my favorite part of the race. Rather, it's the people.

I'm always impressed with the diversity of people,

body types, and ability levels.

Nobody is unwelcome; it's just a bunch of people trying to better themselves. And every year, I've ended up running next to some of the coolest people that I know I share a bond with even if I'll never know their names.

To the kid who paced me through the first six miles, I'm sorry I couldn't stay with you. You had a great stride going, so thank you for that.

But the last few years I've ended up with the same guy by my side — Rochester runner Rich Power.

I didn't know much about him before my first Brooksie but he's gotten me through about 20 miles of hard racing through the years just because we wind up around the same pace.

And while I'm struggling to breathe correctly, Rich is always taking the time to thank the people along the route.

Rich said he has been running since middle school, had an injury-riddled collegiate career at the University of Michigan, but still continues to run almost 40 years after starting.

He said the desire to get exercise and fresh air is enough for him.

"Now I'm trying to stay ahead of the cardiologist, I don't want to have to get to know him better," Power said.

To me, Rich is the embodiment of running. He's doing it for all the right reasons. And he's beaten me every time.

I'm not disappointed. I've finished in the top 20 three of the times I've raced it.

Finishing well is nice but it's a better feeling to see everyone around the city supporting the struggling runners so early on a Sunday morning. I wish I could thank every single one of them during the race but gasping for air seems more important at the time.

That's why I plan to keep running these hills until I can't.

On Sunday men, women and children participated in the HealthPlus Brooksie Way races, held in honor of Brooks Stuart Patterson, late son of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Money raised by the races goes towards mini-grants that are given to organizations that support healthy living.



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Elle Nichols celebrates her first tournament win in three years playing with her teammates. She won the tournament with just one stroke.

Elle Nichols finishes first, golf team loses

Ohio University wins by eight strokes, but Elle Nichols scores five-over-par 149

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

The Oakland Grizzlies' Elle Nichols finished ahead of the pack, shooting a 149 (+5) against some of the region's best golfers on Sunday.

The OU women's golf team fell short to Ohio in the tournament on their home course this past Sunday by eight strokes 324-316. The scoring is based on five golfers over two rounds, which was held at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins golf course.

"To be able to play on our home golf course ... we haven't been able to do it in the three years I've been here," Coach Russ Cunningham said.

There were a lot of teams from the MAC Conference and Horizon League featuring Detroit, Youngstown State, Central Michigan, Ohio, and Bowling Green.

"We've bid on hosting an NCAA regional, and the NCAA suggested that we bid again," Cunningham said. "Now I've think we've shown that this is a quality venue, and the course can play a lot tougher than it did this weekend."

"We're making doubles and higher, and we're not taking advantage of the par fives."

Russ Cunningham

Head Coach

Nichols edged out Ohio's Angela Codian by one stroke. Codian, had the tournament's best single-day score of 70 on Sunday.

It proved to be the difference in the event as Codian's score improved by 10 strokes from the day prior.

"Well it's pretty much been the same all year, we're making doubles and higher, and we're not taking advantage of the par fives," Cunningham said.

He would like his team to be more prized of their home turf.

"When we have a wedge in our hands, or holes we can get a wedge in our hands, we're losing strokes to par," Cunningham said. "The doubles and three scores on the par fives could've been the difference in this match. That's where Ohio took advantage."

Oakland's Morgan Smith also helped Nichols lead score for the Grizzlies finish as runners-up placing third in the tournaments individual scores, but it was Nichols who climbed atop the board.

"I played pretty well off the tee today. I hit a lot of good drives, which on this course can be pretty tricky," Nichols said. "Just setting myself up for good approach shots can be pretty helpful."

Remaining poised was her key.

"I just try to stay focused on every shot. I try to play 18 one-hole tournaments and just know that I should focus on every shot heading forward," Nichols said. "If they win, they win. You can't play defense in golf, so I just have to keep my momentum going."

OU heads to Iowa for the next tournament and Cunningham hopes to have his team ready.

"They know what they need to do, we have pretty structured practices plans, and more than anything else it's just trusting in the process of each and every one of them," Cunningham said.

"Just focus on the next shot because that's the only thing that matters."



Men's soccer

The Golden Grizzlies took the University of Illinois-Chicago to extra-time in their first Horizon League match. The game ended in a 1-1 tie thank to OU's Matt Rickard who scored the equalizer in the 66th minute. The goal came on a long pass from teammate Cody Archibald. The Flames were last year's Horizon League regular season champions. The Grizzlies (0-5-1) face inner-state rival University of Detroit-Mercy before returning home next Saturday Oct. 4 to face Green Bay.

Men's golf

The Cleveland State University Invitational final round has been canceled due to weather. The event was just played as a 36-hole tournament and Oakland finished in fifth place, nine strokes behind Appalachian State. Evan Bowser finished tied for fifth overall with a score of (-1). The team totals was 588 (+12) on the tournament Softball team drops two to Michigan teams in tournament

Women's volleyball

The OU volleyball team started it Horizon League play with a three-set-sweep of Youngstown State 25-22, 25-18, 25-18. Melissa Deatsch had 17 kills and teammate Ciara Schultz had 30 assists and nine digs to lead the team in both stats. The team traveled straight from there to Cleveland State where the won the match in a 5-set thriller.

Compiled by Matt Saulino,
Staff Reporter

Meet the future of Oakland club football

Jake Alsko
Web Editor

In his first game for the Golden Grizzlies, Oakland University Football Club quarterback Justin Mills put up over 200 yards of total offense along with two rushing touchdowns in their 27-26 homecoming victory over UW-Milwaukee. Mills led the offense on a game-winning drive with less than two minutes remaining.

What is your class standing, age and major?

Freshman, 21, business management.

Being 21 and a freshman, what were you up to between the end of high school and now?

Well, I went to OCC (Oakland Community College) for two years after high school, but after my first year there, I switched majors. So, only 20 credits from OCC transferred over to OU, that's why I'm only considered a freshman at OU.

How many credits are you taking this semester?

I'm taking eight credits at OU right now.

Do you commute to OU? If so, from where?

I do commute to OU. I have an apartment just outside of Auburn Hills, so it's really only a 10-15 minute drive for me which isn't bad at all.

When did you start playing football?

Been playing football since I was probably four, but I started playing organized football in sixth grade.

What made you decide to play for Oakland University this year?

I love football and saw OU as a great opportunity to continue playing. I also really want to help the program grow. I believe that OU should have football for its students and the community. There's so much football talent around Oakland county, so it would be great for this program to grow and OU, and it give kids in the area an opportunity to play football close to home.

So before playing for OU this year, was this your first time



Courtesy of OU Athletics

Oakland University quarterback Justin Mills carries the ball during the club's 27-26 homecoming victory over UW-Milwaukee.

playing organized football since high school?

Yeah, this is my first time since high school playing organized football.

Did you play any other sports in high school?

In high school, I played football for four years, basketball for three years, baseball for a year and golf for a year.

You played with Brandon Tucker in high school, what role did he play in getting you to come to OU and play?

Brandon really wanted me to play last year, but I just didn't have the time or the finances to do it. So, if it weren't for a few time and money constrictions, I would have played last year. But Brandon is one of my best friends so he definitely played a big role in getting me to come out this year.

How has having a receiver you played with in high school helped you on the field this season?

I was lucky enough to play with Brandon in high school, and we were able to develop great chemistry over those years. It really is helpful having him to

throw the ball too, especially considering I haven't played in 3 years. So it gives me a lot more confidence, and I'm much more comfortable knowing that I have someone like Brandon to throw the ball to.

What motivates you in football and in life in general?

The thing that motivates me most in football, and even in life, is family. In football, your teammates are your family. So they're what motivate me to be the best person and best teammate I can be.

Given the inherent risk of injury (particularly head injuries) of football, how do you balance wanting to continue playing the sport versus being mindful of your (present and future) health?

Health is always a big concern. when you're in highschool you don't think about it as much but now being even just a little older, it's harder for your body to recover. The guys we play against are bigger and faster, so the chance of injury is much higher, but for me I'm always so competitive that during the game and practice, the thought

of injury really never crosses my mind. I am just trying to play as fast and as hard as I can at all times.

What are your individual and team goals for this season?

Individually this season, I'd love to be an NCFE All-American, but really my main focus is to just help my team win. As a quarterback, it's never really about you. It's about leading the team and putting them in the best position to win football games.

Our team goal is to win the conference, and then have an opportunity to compete for a national championship. Right now our focus though is one game at a time, and if we can play our game all year, hopefully we'll be playing in Salem, Virginia.

Fast Facts

WHO OU Football Club
WHAT Football Under The Lights
WHERE Auburn Hills Civic Center
WHERE Saturday Oct., 4 at 7 p.m.
MORE INFORMATION Visit facebook.com/oufootballclub

Fields opening this week, but dome still in progress

Athletics gets pumped as projects continue to move

Dave Cesefsky
Staff Intern

In March 2013 the Oakland University Board of Trustees approved \$65 million worth of innovations and projects around campus, 7.8 million of which was set aside for renovations and updates to the main campus' recreation and athletic facilities.

Current renovations include the athletic dome construction as well as the upper fields project on Ravine Drive.

The upper fields will include three new turf soccer fields that will be used for recreational use

for students along with a track that wraps around.

And the good news: next Monday, the athletic fields will be open. According to Greg Jordan, director of campus recreation, the lights will be activated as early as Wednesday, October 1.

Jordan said the intramural club football games will be starting next Wednesday with intramural soccer starting a few weeks later and running until November 13.

"We are so excited to finally have the fields opening. We have 12,000 students that participate in intramural sports so this is a big deal," Jordan said.

Some things to remember when visiting the fields in their early stages is that the burms have just been seeded so attendees need to stay on the

sidewalks and turf. Also, parking will be cramped on that side of campus as P-11, the upper fields lot, is designated as an overnight lot.

Jordan said it will almost always be full so be prepared to go for a walk.

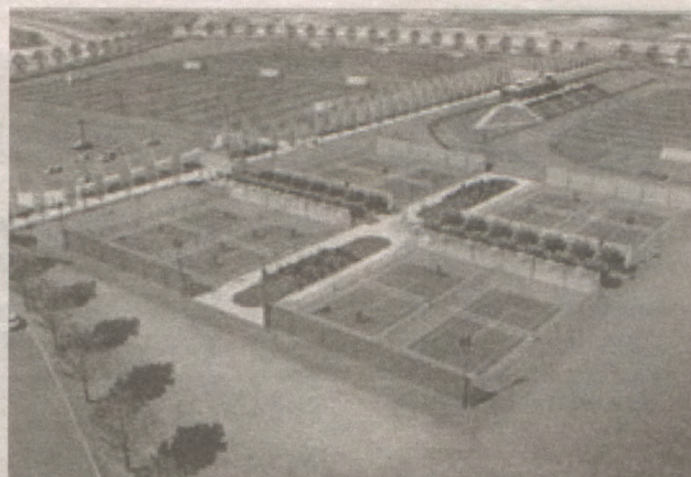
The club sports, including club football, will be allowed to practice on the south field along with lacrosse and rugby.

For this year, however, club teams won't be playing their games on the new fields.

Jordan said that there is a possibility that the situation could change next year.

"The dome was projected to be done in November, now they're hoping they can get it done near December, but it may be even January until it's all completed."

The stadium was previously



The Oakland Post File Photo

The layout of the new track facility is finally ready.

29,000 square feet, and will now be 108,000 square feet.

"It's a multi-purpose training facility," Scott MacDonald, assistant athletic director for communications, said. "Once the construction is done there will be an additional parking lot closer to the softball field, which will be nice for anyone who is going to watch a softball game."

OU teams will only be able

to use the Dome Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., the rest of the times Total Sports can rent out the field. The partnership is a true win-win situation for OU and Total Sports, MacDonald said.

"It was a way for us, the university, to upgrade the facility without spending any money."

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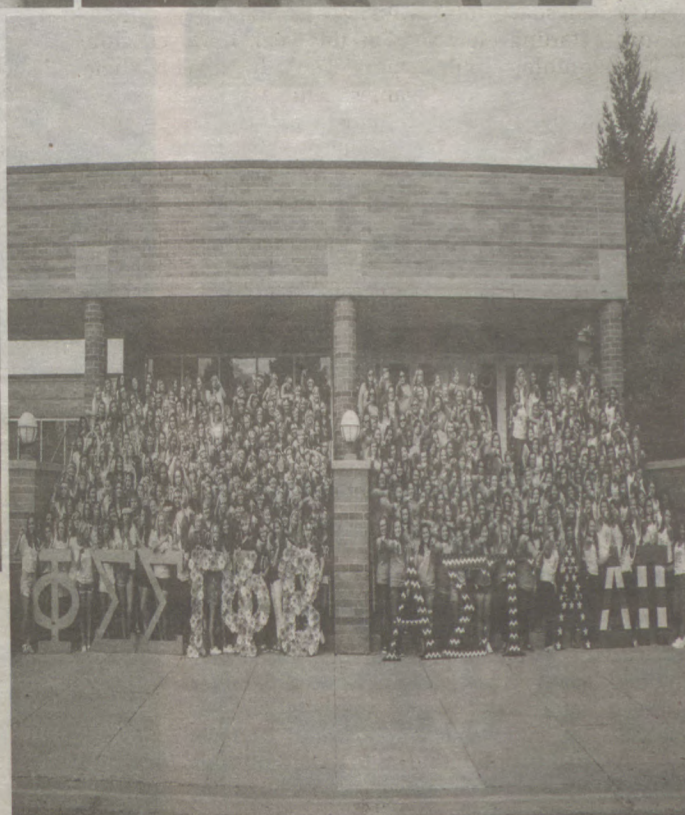


1. Sunday was bid day for the PanHellenic Counsel. The sororities involved were Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma.

2. Greek sisters party til-the sun comes up.

3. 112 women joined the Panhellenic community through sorority recruitment. Each chapter was able to welcome 28 women.

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Sisterhood takes center stage

Greek sororities finish up their recruitment processes with bid day

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

The ladies of Oakland are going Greek. Sunday was bid day for the PanHellenic Counsel. The sororities involved are Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma.

Bid day is the last day of re-

cruitment.

"The idea of bid day is for potentials to line up in the gold room and state where they belong based on a bid they received from their top sorority," Alpha Sigma Tau member Alexis McCullum said. "I didn't have many girl friends in high school. I joined because I was looking for a close sisterhood and also wanted to

be more philanthropic."

Senior Sarah Carson, who is studying business in human resources, decided to go Greek.

"I came in as a sophomore and these women helped to build me up," Carson said.

Sophomore communication major Paige Stefan joined Alpha Sigma Tau.

"It wasn't exactly what I expected, but I made a lot of friends and met a lot of new people," Stefan said. "My most memorable experience would be the bid. Everyone seems close and you are finally home and with your sisters."

Saturday, the day before

the bid, was called preference night.

"This is the night when potentials will just know where they belong. It's the time when the chapters will embrace them," Rho Gamma Jenna Blankenship said.

"Everyone always cries during preference night," McCullum said. "It's an emotional and intimate experience where everyone come together and share secrets."

A Rho Gamma is a recruitment counselor, selected by the PanHellenic Counsel.

"There's no stigma," Blankenship said. "It's more diverse compared to previous years."

"It's really rewarding to be a Rho Gamma because you get to help potentials discover where they belong," fellow Rho Gamma Sydney Edelmann said.

Edelmann, a senior majoring in business management at OU, said the Counsel is in the process of adding a fifth chapter next year.

This year's recruitment did well in terms of numbers.

"Each year it's getting larger and larger," Phi Sigma Sigma member Lauren Kayser said. "All the growth of Greek life is really exciting."

Each sorority has its own goal and signature events.



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The Oath Lies Here has opened for acts such as Godsmack, Skillet and Buckcherry.

Local rock band looks to make it big

Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

A local band featuring an Oakland University student is making some big noise.

Opening for major bands like Godsmack, Skillet and Buckcherry, percussive music major Jon Genautis and his heavy metal band, The Oath Lies Here, have been working their way into the mainstream.

Genautis plays alongside his band mates Keith Wright, Tobin Soave, Ben Bejune and Nigel Fisher. Together, the five of them rock and scream on their journey to becoming a household name.

The band was formed last year when Genautis started a side project from the band he was playing with at the time. After creating music that they found suitable, the musicians decided to make it official.

"When we started to write some good material, we really put our energy into it, and a few months later we had a lineup to play gigs," Genautis, the band's drummer, said. "We originally formed the band to grow as musicians and to create a unique sound. We never would have thought we would come this far."

Like many other bands, the group started off by doing small gigs around

the area.

Each member invited friends and shared the band's music on social media sites. Through this and word-of-mouth, the group started getting attention and making headway into the mainstream.

"What has worked best for us recently is just playing shows with larger audiences," Wright, the band's vocalist, said. "After a good show, we have had people come up to us and buy our merchandise, music and even ask for autographs."

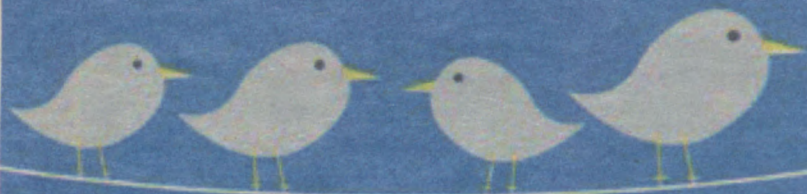
The band has created a music video for its song "No More, No More," and has another one on the way. It has a complete three-song EP and an album in the works.

This past summer, the ensemble played to its largest crowd yet when it was signed onto the Rockstar Uproar Festival Tour and played for a full audience at DTE.

"We played a killer show and got the audience clapping, fist pumping, and moshing," Genautis said. "Consequently, we gained a lot of new fans... It was probably one of the most exhilarating moments of my life."

The Oath Lies Here has some of its own material that can be viewed on their Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram pages.

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The life of a dancer: a constant balancing act

A senior dance major shares the crazy life of an OU dancer, and what it takes to stay in the game and on top of things

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter

Some people can be quick to discredit dancing as just a hobby, and not something to pursue as a career. For dance majors at Oakland University, it is more than a hobby or a degree: it is a lifestyle. It's something that can bring students together and create lasting bonds.

While many college students struggle to find free time, dance majors find it especially hard. Once they factor in homework and part-time jobs, free time can sound like a foreign concept.

"It's hard when you have rehearsal at 10 p.m. and have to be up at 8 a.m. for dance class," Mariah Chandler, a senior dance major, said. "All your friends who aren't dance majors want to go party or shopping, and you are like, 'I can't go.'"

Most days start early and end late. Many dancers begin each day with an hour-long dance class and end with a three-hour rehearsal at night. The middle of the day tends to be filled with general education classes and those covering dance theory and history.

According to Chandler, there are many benefits to being a dance major at a smaller university. For her, it is the family atmosphere within the program, something she credits the faculty for fostering. When one spends six hours a day with the same people, they are bound to become closer.

"Everyone is supportive," Chandler said. "If there is any safe environment for growing yourself, it should be in school."

These bonds do not end when class does. With such busy schedules, many students find themselves sleeping over at other dancers' homes. This can happen on a weekly basis.

Gregory Patterson, Associate Professor of Dance at Oakland, said emotional resilience is forged through the community bonding.

"It's the nature of the beast," Patterson said.

Because the students spend so much time dancing, the program keeps an extra eye out for injuries.

Dance majors are required to take



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Dance major Mariah Chandler works hard during her senior year.

courses like kinesiology, where they learn how to move their bodies correctly to avoid injuries.

There is a strict policy on how many classes one can miss before a student's grade suffers.

Even though classes can add up in an already jam-packed schedule, it is important to faithfully attend each one. For a dance student, an injury that precludes them from class can mean a failing grade.

Classes can get stressful. From choreographing solo performances to working in duets and trios, there is never a dull moment, Chandler said.

That is why professors always keep their doors open.

"They get tired," Patterson said. "We talk about priorities and conserving your body when you aren't moving."

Dance is a competitive program. Some days, students may wonder why they are doing it, but then there are others when it is all worthwhile.

It is something you have to be "committed to and pretty much passionate about," Patterson said.

It takes hard work. But, like most things, hard work pays off.

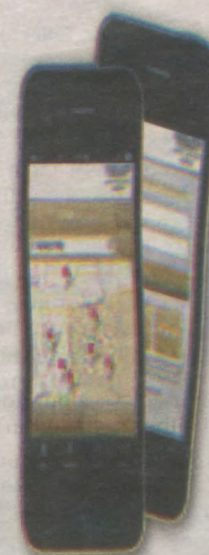
"If it's what you love, then you have to do it," Chandler said.



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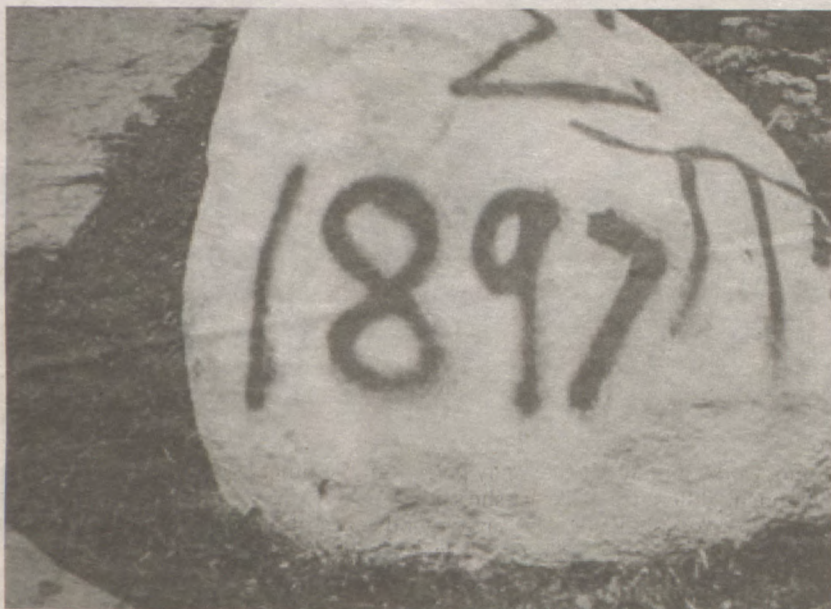
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"It gives you a second family and a complete support system throughout your college experience," student Kathleen Patterson said about her experience with Greek life.

Greek life provides solace

Kevin Teller
Staff Intern

With 16 fraternities and sororities on campus, Greek life is certainly a large part of the college experience here. These organizations are close to many students' daily lives.

That's why it was a shock to many to learn that, recently, there have been allegations against the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity, an organization that also has a presence at Oakland University.

There have been reported claims that students at parties hosted by the Milwaukee chapter were given alcoholic drinks that contained drugs that made them drowsy and incoherent. That chapter has been suspended by the national TKE fraternity, at least while there is an ongoing investigation.

Some members of OU's branch of TKE feel they have been affected by the national situation.

"I would be disappointed to learn that this is true, especially of 'Teeks' (nickname for TKE members)," said Gary Essenmacher, a senior. "This is not acceptable behavior of students in Greek life or any other organizations."

Essenmacher has been in the fraternity for three years, and is hopeful that these claims are not true. It would be a damaging blot for the organization as a whole, he said.

OU's Greek life organizations are not allowed to serve alcohol at their events, and members of these organizations said there is nothing scary about these gatherings. Students that attend, they say, are only there to have a good time and connect with others.

Greek life is one of the most vibrant communities that our school has to offer. Its organizations can be beneficial to students that are heavily involved.

"It gives you a second family and a complete support system throughout your college experience," Kathleen Peterson said. "It helps you through hard times, and celebrates achievements with you. The Greek community has so much to offer."

As a member of the sorority Phi Sigma Sigma, Peterson has been involved with different functions through Greek life. There is a clear sense of camaraderie within the Greek life organizations between students.

While there are beneficial opportunities that students can reap from joining a fraternity or sorority, they can also help support the local community through the organizations. Greek life is one of the easiest ways in which students can get involved with helping the community through service projects and events.

The Greek Council meets every other Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, email Greek Council President Victoria Franso at vfranso@oakland.edu.

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Life

Professor professes love for studying romance

OU's Love Doctor observes, documents, and writes about relationships

Sam Schlenner
Staff Reporter

Terri Orbuch stared at her computer, looking at the results.

Where wives did not tell their husbands they were special, the divorce rate was almost twice as high.

She called her husband and unleashed every compliment in the book. He paused, then spoke.

"What do you want to buy?"

They've been married 22 years.

Holding a doctorate in sociology, Terri L. Orbuch — therapist, researcher, professor of sociology at Oakland University and *The Love Doctor* — prac-

tices what she preaches.

"All the things I write about academically, and in my popular books, and online, and in magazines, I try to incorporate into my own marriage and relationships," Orbuch said.

She's living a quadruple life.

As a therapist, she helps you discover what your relationships really are, and how to deal with them.

"As a researcher, I'm there to examine reality," she said, "Observe, document, and write about it."

As a professor, Orbuch said, she's there to teach you the science of relationships.

As *The Love Doctor*, she takes that science and research and makes it tasty for the masses to enjoy.

Ying and Yang

Orbuch said her first relationship was with someone who was the opposite of her. She played tennis and was a vegetarian. He

"You want to wait until that passion declines, and you begin to see that person for who they really are."

Terri Orbuch
Love Doctor

did not and was not.

"He didn't have many friends, and didn't place much value on relationships," she said, "Ours either."

Things didn't work out. According to Orbuch, difference can be exhilarating, but it's similarity that keeps people together.

The launch

"All relationships are exciting at the beginning," Orbuch said.

It's a drag race, with all the dangers that it entails.

"We're blind to the person's faults. We have those rose-colored glasses on," she said.

"The passion does eventually fade," said Carter Comrie,

an intern at the OU Counseling Center.

"You want to wait until that passion declines, and you begin to see that person for who they really are," Orbuch said.

But, enjoy the ride.

"It's a great way for a relationship to start, don't get me wrong," Comrie said.

Laughter is important

Orbuch's husband has a sense of humor.

"Ninety percent of the time, I like it," she said.

She says a good sense of humor goes a long way for a couple. There's room for laughter in a serious thing.

"We forget that relationships are about fun," Orbuch said.

It's not only about the laughs, though. It's a way to deal with the bad times. According to Comrie, "It's one of the best defenses we have."

Orbuch also pointed out that relationships are more than just

loving the other person, they are also about growing and learning about yourself.

"It's like a mirror," Orbuch said.

Contingency plan

If all else fails, Orbuch has dealt with the breakup of a five-year relationship before. She talked with friends and family, read self-help books and exercised to help relieve the pain. Orbuch strongly recommends exercise.

She also said to write a letter to the person every month. But don't send them.

"You get it all out on the piece of paper."

Orbuch is currently writing her third popular book to be completed next summer, though she said the topic is a secret.

Those interested in seeing *The Love Doctor* live can catch her every Saturday morning between 8 and 8:30 a.m. on FOX2 news.

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The Center of Multicultural Initiatives keeps the dream of Martin Luther King alive by awarding students for contributions in leadership and school involvement.

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Applications due for Keeper of the Dream

Scholarship award recognizes students for breaking down racial stereotypes, bringing students together

Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

It has been a tradition for the past 22 years to honor Oakland University students who have excelled inside and outside of the classroom with the Keeper of the Dream (KOD) Scholarship Award. This year, up to six students will have a chance to receive the scholarship for their contributions in leadership and campus involvement.

The Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Award honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and his vision for civil rights. Students who have not only acted as a role model, but have worked at breaking down racial stereotypes and bringing the student body together

have a chance at be selected for the KOD scholarship.

"The Center of Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) is happy to honor the dream that Dr. King had by investing in our students," said Omar Brown-El, the Director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives. "Today our students are living his dream and working at breaking down cultural barriers on and off campus."

The award ceremony takes place on January 19, 2015 and features a keynote speaker. In previous years the ceremony has had rapper Common, actor Lou Gossett Jr., and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte speak.

This past January, five Oakland students received the scholarship. Each was award-

ed the scholarship and given recognition for all of his or her hard work at the annual celebration.

One of the winners was Daniel Lewis, now a junior.

"I applied for the scholarship and was surprised I was selected," Lewis said. "At the time I was part of the Circle of Brotherhood and the Association of Black Students. I have always been interested in different cultures and did my best to help myself and others become more culturally aware."

Another recipient, Raya Hollis, never thought she would receive the award. She learned about it from her RA and applied as a junior.

"I had never thought about applying for the award until

I was a mentor for the CMI," Hollis said. "Every applicant gets interviewed. I think I received the scholarship because in my interview I said that if I am selected for this award, anyone can (be selected). It shows that anyone who offers help or an extra hand can be acknowledged and that

they are appreciated."

The application for the award is due October 10. For more information, please visit oakland.edu/cmi.

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Heart of gold, legacy of courage

Friends and family mourn the loss of student and veteran Bassam Issa

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Bassam Issa of Sterling Heights, a veteran, friend, family man, and criminal justice student, died Sunday night as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. He was 27.

"I just talked to him last week," said OU Veterans Liaison and friend of Bassam, Bradley Reichelt. "He'd just finished his internship at the Oakland County Correctional Facility and said it was one of the coolest things he's done."

Bassam was set to graduate from Oakland University in April 2015 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and spoke with Reichelt about the possibility of applying to grad school to pursue a master's degree.

"You see so many people lost not knowing what they want to do," said Reichelt. "It's a great thing when somebody actually finds something they're passionate about."

In fact, according to Bassam's cousin, Elvis Issa, Bassam "always knew what he wanted to do."

"He had control of his life; he was the oldest [sibling] and always took charge. He wasn't scared of anything. He even jumped out of airplanes in the Army," said Elvis.

Bassam, a member of the Army Reserve, joined the military as a mechanic after graduating from Adlai Stevenson High School in 2005. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan for three years.

"He always loved working on cars and fixing things," said another of Bassam's cousins, Simon Issa. "One time he told me how he had to fix a Hummer in the 'red zone' [an area in Baghdad unsafe for American soldiers] with shots being fired all around him. He was always very brave and confident."

It was not until after Bassam went on leave from the Army to attend OU that he became interested in what grew to be his passion: his Kawasaki 2005 motorcycle.

"Whenever he had time, we'd go out to bike— maybe twice, three times a week, if we could," said Bassam's friend and fellow biker Kyle Paulan.

"He loved his Go-Pro [camera] and

always had it on his helmet. As soon as one of us would do something stupid, he'd whip it on to catch us," Paulan said. "He had a great sense of humor."

On the day of the crash, Paulan, Bassam, and several of his cousins rode to Hell, Michigan for a day trip. They stopped for ice cream and ate at Olive Garden, Bassam's favorite restaurant.

The group rode back together to metro-Detroit before splitting off to ride to their homes. Fifteen minutes after separating, Bassam's motorcycle crashed into a 2005 Chevy Silverado along eastbound I-696 near Evergreen Road. Details of the accident are still under investigation, according to the Southfield Police Department.

"He was one of the safest riders in the group," said Paulan. "He was always wearing a helmet and he did that day."

Perhaps, however, Bassam Issa will be remembered most by his friends and family for the love that he showed for others.

"He cared a lot for his family and friends, was always looking out for them," said Bassam's cousin, Frank Issa.

Nick Walter, Bassam's criminal justice classmate, remembered Bassam for his lively presence in the classroom. "He was always smiling, always laughing and joking around, but was also really dedicated and asked a lot of questions. You could tell he was always trying his best."

"He had a heart of gold," said Frank. "He truly did."

A service was held for Bassam Issa on Tuesday, September 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Troy.

For more information on a tribute to Issa through Oakland University's Veterans Support services, visit www.oakland.edu/veterans or look to The Oakland Post for the latest.

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Issa family



ABOVE: Bassam Issa served in the U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan for three years as a mechanic.

LEFT: Issa (second from right) was a family man, according to his friend and family. "He had a heart of gold," said cousin Frank Issa.

SATIRE

Attendance is next to godliness

Josh Soltman
Copy Editor/Frequent Absentee

Even though I constantly bitch about everything, life here at Oakland University isn't really all that bad. Nice campus, decent coffee, lots of lovely urinals; couldn't ask for more. But in the midst of all the wholesome goodness that is OU, there has always been one thing that has kept me up at night, causing me to wet the bed (figuratively), and that thing is professors who institute attendance policies. Strap in for a terrible ride; this isn't funny at all guys, just saying.

If you asked me which is worse- attendance policies in college or communism- I would call you stupid for asking me such a ridiculous question, but seriously, attendance in college is preposterous. It is absolute savagery to expect us wonderful young men and women to pay all the money to go to this institution, only to turn around and penalize us for missing a few classes.

It's important to understand that there is no "official" attendance policy; it is solely based on each and every professor's prerogative. This is what makes it so frustrating, that it is really not something that will ever be remedied, at least not easily.

I will raise my children in the woods and make it their sole purpose in life to create an army of woodland creatures that will use critical thinking and jet skis to one day solve the problem of attendance policies in school. I literally don't know what the hell I'm saying half the time, guys.

I still remember the first class that I got screwed in because of attendance. It was a Monday Wednesday Friday class, one hour each day -- some useless gen-ed that literally had no impact on my education or future whatsoever. The policy was basically if you missed three classes in the semester you would go down a whole letter grade, then it would go down another one for any other days missed.

So, in the course of the semester I would have had something like 35 or 40 class periods, and I'm only allowed to miss three. Clearly that professor just wanted to make the students in my class fear for their lives on a daily basis.

It got to the point where people would come to class, even in the most dire of situations, because they were terrified to miss a class. Kids would be coming to class with iron lungs, missing limbs; and there was me, the asshole who missed like eight class periods while everyone else braved their hardships.

Long story slightly shorter: I end up getting a 1.6 in a class that I could have aced while intoxicated. And this is the problem with our world.

A few professors I have spoken to on the subject have claimed that they have attendance policies because it is disrespectful to sign up for a class and then not show up.

Unless you miss a bunch of classes and then show up and act like an obnoxious ass (and there are

a lot of those people, don't get me wrong), I don't see a problem with it. If you still do the work and don't create extra work for the professors by asking stupid questions then what difference does it make? I still have to pay thousands of dollars to take the class, and they still get paid regardless of how many times I come to class.

We all know I don't need yet another reason to be pissed all the time.

If there's actually even one coherent thought splattered somewhere in this cesspool of text that I call my own, it is this: attendance (which seems unnecessary to me) is clearly looked upon by our educators as something of the utmost importance. But really, there is absolutely no meaning in anyone's life or anywhere in this story.

Have a great semester.

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