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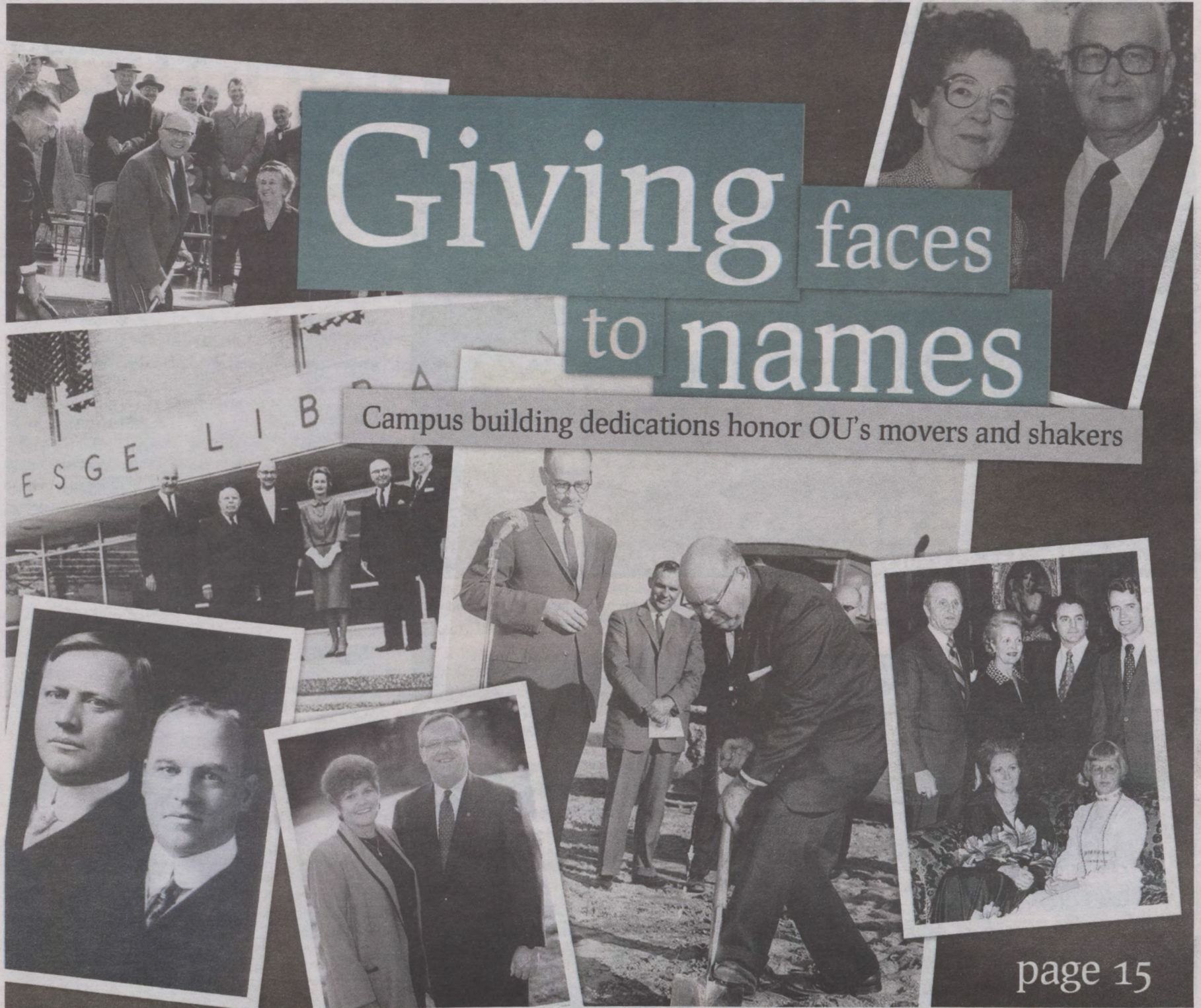
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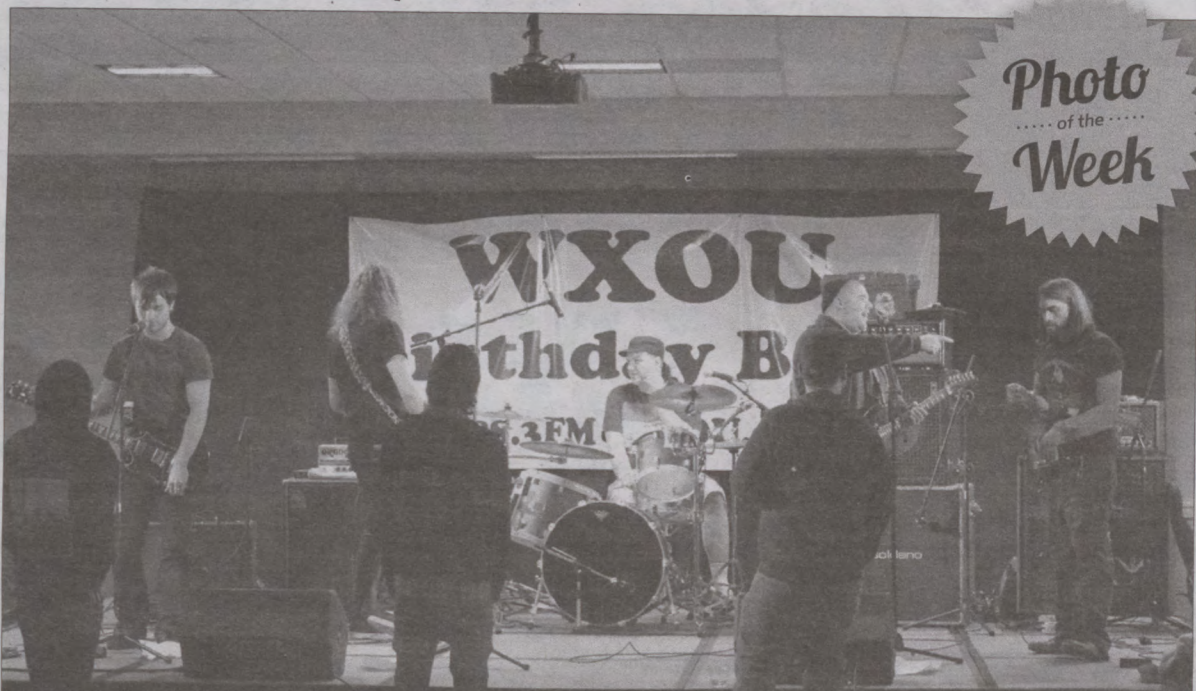
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WXOU celebrates 45 years // Monday, March 28 KEVIN ROMANCHIK/The Oakland Post

Oakland University's student-run radio station, WXOU, celebrated its 45th year with a birthday bash Monday in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. Five musical acts performed, including Against the Grain (pictured above). While providing students and guests with food and entertainment, the event had booths to help raise money for Japan tsunami relief.



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Total residents in the state of Michigan

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Editorially speaking

The editorial board recently stumbled across old copies of the 1960s student publication Outcry. We were enthralled by its snarky nature and sass — two qualities we possess large quantities of. We also saw some parallels between Michigan State University-Oakland and present-day Oakland University. Outcry and its “Editorially Speaking” section inspire this editorial.

July 24, 1964 — “PRAISES TO THE OAKLAND CENTER. THE NEW PATIO IS GREAT!!!!”

Now — It’s still pretty great — when it’s warm enough to enjoy it.

Nov. 2, 1962 — “Someday perhaps the administration should try to eat a hamburger from our Grill. We don’t mind paying high prices, unlike other schools, in order to pay off the Oakland (Student) Center bonds ...”

Now — Presumably the Oakland Center’s completely paid for by now. So why are food prices still so high?

Nov. 28, 1962 — “Thank you. The restricted parking signs have been taken down from in front of the library. How about it, students. Let’s do our part and observe the ‘Reserved for Guests’ sign which is posted for the last three spaces closest to

the library.”

March 30, 2011 — And they only had 1,259 students to worry about back in ’62. Nearly 40 years later, students still have trouble observing parking signs. Park at metered spots without paying at your own risk, but leave the handicap spots for those who need them.

Then: We don’t mind paying high food prices in order to pay off the Oakland Center.
Now: We kind of mind.

These reflections got us thinking, so here are some more of our own “Editorially Speaking” tidbits.

Don’t drive like a crazy person around the parking lots. Do you want to be run over when walking out to your car? Didn’t think so.

Write a signed letter to the editor if you want to express your concerns. Our letter policy is in the gray box on this page.

But please note: Editorials are not articles. There is reporting, but we also are expressing opinion, which often involves

invoking emotion.

The probability of Grizznet working is about the same as a person’s chance of finding a convenient parking spot at noon.

Please stop defacing our newsstands by putting items on them or on the newspapers themselves.

Babies, cupcakes and puppies are always welcome in our newsroom. Inquiries about free food and yelling are not.

Bathrooms should not be napped in when there is a recliner lounge right down the hall. Do not nap where you crap.

We don’t take campaign materials being handed out because we have all felt the stinging rejection after someone refused a newspaper from one of us.

Votes cannot be bought or sold. Free stuff is great, but it’s the platform that counts on Election Day.

Traffic in the roundabout should be continuous. Also, lane lines should be painted.

Speaking of the roundabout: When will the statue of Greg Kampe riding a grizzly bear be constructed in the middle of it?

Fifty years from now, we wonder if expensive food and a lack of expansive parking will continue to be a problem.

Until then.

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Support organizations by voting for Proposal 1

Two weeks ago, I traveled 19 hours with the Grizz Gang to Tulsa, Okla., to watch the men's basketball team compete in the NCAA Tournament against the University of Texas.

Though we didn't win the game, the event was still victorious — it marked a turning point in my personal journey here at Oakland University.

Each of my two years at OU has been drastically different.

Picture me last year. I was the type of student who only ventured the 15 miles to OU just for class, sprinting out the door to return home right as class was dismissed. I made no effort to attend any of the events offered on campus, and the only friends I had were leftover from my high school years.

Fast forward to this year. I'm the features editor of The Oakland Post and the founder of The Muggle Quidditch League of Oakland University, a social organization that currently consists of 50 players and counting. I am on campus every day, often for more time than I would ever commit to, and I go to a majority of events,



Nichole Seguin
Features Editor

even hosting some of my own.

But this editorial isn't about me, it's about you.

The recent proposal to increase the student activities fee by \$5 — from \$25 to \$30 a semester — could immensely help students obtain the proper OU experience by making it easier for students to get involved.

An approval of the proposal would allow organizations to devote more to the events that are on campus almost every day like Casino Night, European Night and a celebration of the Chinese New Year, which were all free of charge for everyone.

With an increase in student funds, students will be able to get additional monetary relief from some of the more elusive trips like the upcoming day trip to Chicago, offered for only \$10 a student, \$15 for guests.

For \$35, students were given tickets to two NCAA games and enjoyed the luxury of a chartered bus all the way to Tulsa, which only heightened the appeal.

The extra money would also help bring more speakers and concerts to the school.

In the past, OU has had people including the likes of Oprah Winfrey, former President Jimmy Carter, Mitch Albom, Jimmy Fallon and Al Roker visit students, not to mention the more recent appearance of rapper Lupe Fiasco that was made possible by the Student Program Board and a group of students on Twitter.

Other than events, concerts and speakers, there are nearly 220 student organizations on campus, leaving a wide-open area for students to get involved. On the off chance there isn't a club that you are interested in, that extra \$5 would help you create an organization of your own, as I did

this year with quidditch.

I have heard a lot of students complain about OU saying that it is "boring" or "uneventful" or that they can't make everything that's going on because they commute, but that's no excuse.

An extra \$5 per semester for student org funding will lead to an invaluable college experience for all.

As a commuter myself, I often find the time to come out to the events.

People have also complained to me about the \$25 fee saying it didn't affect them because they weren't involved in anything, but then I watched them consume some of the free food that was offered at a movie screening, food that was made entirely possible by the funding.

Already a part of every student's tuition, there really isn't a reason for students to vote "no" on the proposal. The funds are what allows OU to have the university appeal that too many students ignore.

Continuity is important for student organizations, old and new

Every year, clubs and different organizations on campus elect new officers for their open positions for the upcoming year. But this isn't always an easy process.

On Oakland University's campus alone there are over 300 clubs, organizations and Greek Councils that any one student is able to join. For clubs or organizations who have a large following such as the American Marketing Association or any of the Greek organizations, it's not a matter of finding someone to fill a position, but more a fact of who will be the right one for the right position since there are more likely a handful or so of candidates for one office.

But those clubs or organizations who have a smaller clientele will have a harder time finding people to fill their cabinet.

I am currently the president of the Asian American Association



Jomar Mabborang
Guest Columnist

(AAA) and the treasurer of newly revived Street Dance Association.

The AAA has been here for about three years while the SDA was established two years ago.

With the semester about to end, AAA is searching to find people to fill the spots for its executive board. We are a small group though we are always looking for additions throughout the year to join. However, with this being my second year in the group, I may or may not run for an office since I became president

this year and I would like to have a new board in place for the group. If need be, I could stay in office for another year.

So then I wondered how many people usually go through this process wherein they need to resort to having some of the e-board from one year stay to fill spots for the upcoming year.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, gave some advice on elections for the new year.

She said e-boards that are larger or have more clout have an easier time finding candidates for their council. Newer boards have a harder time finding people to join the club and run for office.

One club Miller mentioned was Urban Farming. The council who founded and formed the group one year graduated the next. The club became idle until a group of students wanted to form the

group again, not knowing that graduates of OU already formed the group earlier.

The year-to-year transition for clubs is more complex than you'd think.

The process in looking for possible candidates seemed daunting with how small our group is especially with some of our group graduating or transferring to another college like Michigan State.

Miller said there are even times where some clubs and organizations on campus go to her for help with transitioning from one year to the next.

It seems that the more new the group, the harder it is to transition the e-board from one year to the next. The more established or larger groups have an easier time.

Well that concept seems simple enough, but as the clock winds down with the school year coming to a close, groups should finish their transition and not scramble to find people to fill their spots.

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'Wild and crazy'

A look back at the Gustafson/Ring administration

By JAKE THIELEN

Sports Editor

Following the record turnout in the 2010 Oakland University Student Congress election, Student Body president Brandon Gustafson and vice president Amy Ring were faced with the task of overseeing OUSC's growth as an organization.

After being elected with a record 1,429 votes in the 2010 election, roughly 51 percent of the 2,796 votes cast, Gustafson and Ring came into office with a plan already in place.

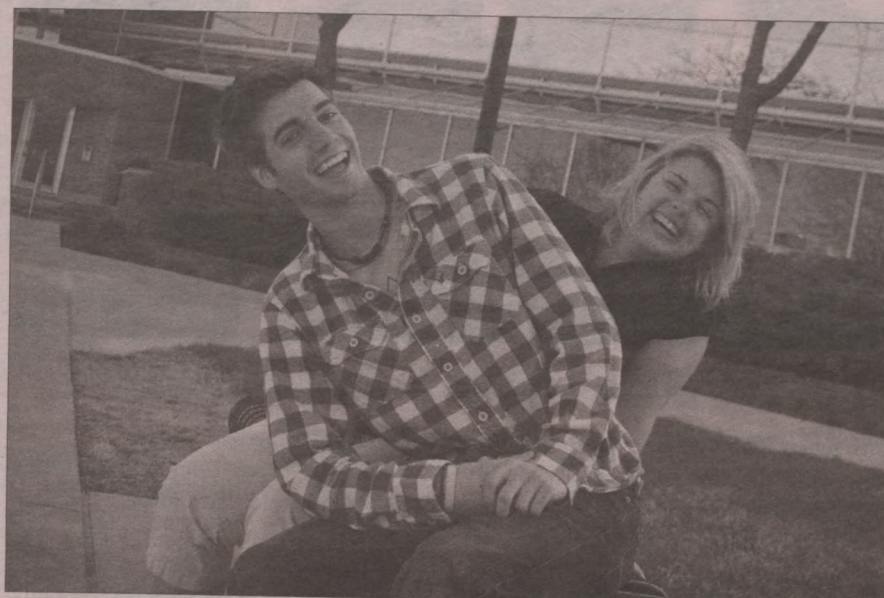
"When we first got elected, we had a lot of goals and a lot of things that we wanted to accomplish," Gustafson said. "I think right from the gate, you realize that things were going to be harder than we anticipated, but by us having goals and a plan already set up, it made some of our things easier."

Ring said the new administration was able to get most of its platform initiatives accomplished within the first few months of its term.

"We spent a lot of the summer in the office so that when school started we really could concentrate on specific issues that students had," Ring said. "By the end of the summer last year, we had already implemented our spirit packages in all the different local businesses and built relationships with that. When school started, we luckily had our hammocks outside, and I think that was a really great tangible thing that people remembered from our platform that they were able to actually utilize right when school started."

Ring said one of the first things she and Gustafson did was try to meet with university President Dr. Gary Russi to discuss their platform and goals, and Gustafson said building a good relationship with the university administration was key to their success.

"We were able to gain respect (from the administration) because our first meeting with Dr. Russi, we came in with solid plans and ideas and we just presented them to him," Gustafson said. "One of the biggest



Brandon Gustafson and Amy Ring were elected to OUSC with a record 1,429 votes. JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

things that I've learned in this position is that the administration is here to help us, and they want our help and our input. They don't want Student Congress to fail because then that means that students aren't taking an active role in their education."

Throughout their administration, Ring and Gustafson have focused on working for the students and holding events that students would be interested in attending.

"We've really tried to create programs and events where the average student would want to go to," Ring said. "Maybe they don't want to go to a luncheon and get educated by a forum, but maybe they want to go to a tailgate, so we were able to make different events and programs that the average student would hopefully want to go to. Hopefully, that will lay the groundwork for future administrations."

Gustafson said he also focused on growing OUSC's profile within the student community. In addition to the tailgate, OUSC sponsored several events this year including a bonfire for the soccer team and a bus trip to Tulsa, Okla., for the NCAA Tournament.

"I think our underlying theme was to show people what Student Congress can do. I think we did a really good job of just

doing wild and crazy stuff just to kind of show that 'hey, we're able to do this,'" Gustafson said.

OUSC adviser Meghan Walters said Gustafson and Ring have done a great job increasing student involvement within the organization.

"This is the first time we've had a full legislature, and I'm very impressed with that," Walters said. "I think they really did try to get the message out there that they're here for the students and they wanted to bring programming here that's applicable to them and interesting to them."

Ring said she and Gustafson will help ease the transition for the new administration and offer them advice.

"I think the most important thing that we'll be sharing with the new administration is to be proactive," Ring said. "To show that initiative really shows the (university) that the new administration is going to want what's best for the students also."

Ring and Gustafson will both be graduating on April 30. Ring said she plans to attend graduate school at Kent State University for higher education, while Gustafson plans to pursue internships and a master's degree in business administration.

campus briefs

Chorus and Chorale

Oakland University chorus and chorale groups will be giving several evening performances at Varner Recital Hall this week. For more information, call 248-370-2030.

Privacy Lecture

Helen Nissenbaum is giving a lecture on Thursday, March 31 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Elliott Hall Auditorium. The lecture will involve the value of privacy. For more information, call Tom Lauer at 248-370-3278.

Ekphrasis Poetry Contest

The English department Ekphrasis poetry contest challenges anyone in the campus community to create poetry based on a work of art. Entries are due at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 1. For more information, contact Gladys Cardiff at 248-370-2259.

Kicks for Kidneys

The Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will be holding a Kicks for Kidneys kickball tournament on Saturday, April 9 from 2 - 6 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the National Kidney Foundation. Call 248-659-7111 for information.

Summer law institute

Students are invited to apply for the free Summer Law Institute at Cooley Law School in July. Participants will be exposed to an intensive preview of law school and legal careers. Those accepted are not charged fees and a small stipend will be awarded. For more information visit www.cooley.edu

— Compiled by Kevin Graham,
Staff Intern

Presidential hopefuls debate platform goals

By **ALI ARMSTRONG**
Staff Reporter

OUSC presidential hopefuls made their final remarks to students Friday before voting commenced this Monday, March 28.

The candidates gathered with their running mates in the Fireside Lounge to discuss their platforms, taxes, funding from the state and sing the fight song.

Roughly four dozen students showed up to watch the debate.

The candidates were asked questions ranging from discussing the obstacles that stand for implementing their plans and how they compliment the current administration and running mates.

Junior Shakita Billy, running with junior Eric Sturgis, spoke of her OUSC experience and campus involvement when asked why she was qualified to become the next student body president.

"I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth. I know how the average student feels. I can relate to the average student ... I believe that my experience makes me more qualified than the other candidates," Billy said.

Freshman Benjamin Eveslage, running



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OUSC presidential candidates discuss topics like taxes and state funding at the debate.

with junior Elisa Malile, spoke to the audience about the keys to accomplishing his platforms goals.

"We have some amazing goals that we would like to accomplish, but the biggest thing is having the support and motivation behind you to get those things done and I think we've already done that," Eveslage

said about his experiences so far.

Junior Tom Cruz, running with junior Brett McIsaac, said that professors are key to reaching out to the student body and helping them to become more involved.

"The professors want to make this more like a college campus just as much, if not more, than we do and they'll be willing to

take five minutes at the beginning of their class to advertise ... to help get the students more involved," Cruz said.

Each candidate also touched on the proposed expansion of student fees made Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee. The Student Activity Fund Assessment Committee recently passed a proposal to up the student activities fee to \$30 from \$25.

"If we're paying more money, there needs to be a direct by-product for all the students as well. We want to see events that everyone can participate in, and not have to pay \$5 to go see," said junior Tyler Glen, who is running with junior Ryan Rott.

The debate ended with a series of "rapid fire" questions at the event of the debate where they were to provide one-word answers.

They were asked whether they support the 56 credit requirement to live in the student apartments, which candidate they would vote for if they were taken out of the election and were all asked to sing the OU fight song simultaneously.

OUSC Elections end Wednesday, March 30. The election results will be announced Friday, April 1 in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

GSC room expansion ceremony spills into hall

By **KEVIN GRAHAM**
Staff Intern

Administrators and students packed the Gender and Sexuality Center, flowing into the hallway, last Thursday to celebrate the center's expansion.

The event, which featured several speakers, food and a ribbon cutting ceremony, was a long-awaited affair.

Located in the basement of the Oakland Center, the center is home to students of the LGBTQ community, women and genders studies students, members of the Gay/Straight Alliance and any interested students.

Recently, the room had its size doubled following the demolition of a wall that had previously limited the amount of space available.

"The expansion of the room is something we've been trying to get for a while," GSC coordinator Melissa Pope said. "This is my second year here, and the space was obviously needed. It was far too small."

Junior psychology major and President of the Gay/Straight Alliance Alexa Van Vliet emotionally discussed how much the center meant to her, even shedding tears to express her gratitude.

"Everyone is here, not just on a daily basis, but during the depressing times too," she said. "There is something wonderful about having a place like this together. This expansion is going to do great things for the student population."

Before the expansion, Pope said there were so many people

in the center that some would have to sit on the floor and some would leave because there wasn't enough room.

Director of the Center for Student Activities Jean Ann Miller shared in the students' enthusiasm.

"This expansion represents a dream come true," Miller said. "It's only going to get bigger and better in its use and usefulness."

Pope commented on the great support the Oakland community had shown for the event, expressing how much she cared about it.

"There is great joy and irony in celebrating the expansion," she said. "We can't get everyone in here. I hope it's a message to students and staff."

The highlight of the ceremony was a ribbon-cutting attended by



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Supporters gather as the ribbon is cut at the expansion ceremony.

several university dignitaries including Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder and Provost Virinder Moudgil.

Mark Martinez, a freshman linguistics major, talked about the

happiness he felt about the number of students at the event.

"It's a great turnout," he said. "I'm glad we can all share our happiness and that it's spreading around."

Students to be featured at 10th Festival of Writers Showcase

By EMMA CLAUCHERTY

Staff Reporter

On April 12, the department of writing and rhetoric will host the 10th Festival of Writers Showcase in Banquet Rooms A and B of the Oakland Center from 12-3 p.m. The Festival of Writers is hosted at the end of every semester to allow writing students a chance to showcase their work.

"Students from across the campus are invited to submit their work," event coordinator Jennifer Coon said. "We feature journalism students, poets, fraternities, student writer groups, the writing and rhetoric majors group, music composers, English and foreign language majors. Any type of writing is welcome — visual, digital, artistic and oral."

The festival of writers is designed to be a celebration of the high quality writing students have submitted.

"(It) has a party atmosphere with door prizes, oral presentations, interactive media presentations, snacks, a live recording booth and a chance to talk with young writers about their work," Coon said.

The party will have certain literary entertainment twists as well.

"(There will be) a Facebook update-your-status-from-the-festival corner, videos, live demonstrations, dramatic readings of student-

authored plays, a recording booth for the Digital Archive of Literacy Narratives, a graffiti wall, the 2011 Ekphrastic Poetry winner and the student writer's group Swallow the Moon," Coon said.

About 250 pieces will be showcased at the festival. The span of the writing projects includes group, oral and individual.

"Truly the best aspect of the event is offering our student writers a wider audience for their writing than just a professor, if the work is for a class, or a friend if the work is personal," Coon said.

The festival of writers will display the work of about 350 writers. They expect over 200 visitors.

"We invite everyone from the campus community, including those who value writing in their own work and teaching," Coon said.

The large audience gives participants the chance to learn more about how to improve their writing.

"We invite students and teachers from local high schools so they may experience college-level writing, and we also hope to host many families and friends of our young writers. In this way, we offer our students the chance to receive feedback and the chance to talk about their process, choices and completed work."

For information about the Festival of Writers showcase visit www2.oakland.edu/wrt/festival.cfm

police files

Light-headed in Hamlin Hall

On Tuesday, March 22, OUPD received a call regarding a medical emergency in Hamlin Hall.

When officers arrive at Hamlin Hall, they observed the student sitting in a chair in the entrance of her dorm room, where she stated she was feeling light headed and having breathing problems.

The Auburn Hills Fire Department arrived and waited with the student until an ambulance arrived. A housing representative was notified.

Vending machine larceny investigation wraps up

On Tuesday, March 22, OUPD reviewed security camera footage regarding last week's vending machine coin larceny in the Oakland Center. Two suspects were observed as opening more than one vending machine coin box with a key. One suspect, who was identified as a former employee, stood as a lookout while another, unidentified suspect, opened the coin box inside the vending machine to retrieve money.

The same two suspects were caught on surveillance cameras at Kresge Library, another spot where vending machines were tampered with.

An OUPD officer phoned the former employee suspect and alerted him that he was a suspect for a theft on campus who then informed OUPD of the accomplice's name. The two were interviewed and confessed to the larceny.

Most of the money was returned. A warrant request is pending.

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Faculty honored for journal publications

By MEGAN SEMERAZ

Staff Reporter

Over 70 faculty authors were featured Wednesday, March 23 at the sixth annual "Authors at Oakland" celebration. This year, the event honored individuals who have written journal publications.

Each year, many OU faculty submit their articles to be represented. The Senate Library Committee reads through the submissions and selects pieces that would be of "broad interest," according to Frank Lepkowski, interim dean of Kresge Library.

"It is important to note that these articles and their authors are not selected as the best, or given special distinction," Lepkowski said. "Rather these articles and their authors speak in representation of all of the OU authors who have written articles that are featured in the celebration."

Dr. Jeffrey Insko, an associate professor of English, and Dr. Laura Pittiglio, an assistant professor of nursing, were both featured authors. The pair was selected to speak on the topics of their articles at the event.

"It was a great honor to be selected to speak at the 'Authors at Oakland' event — it's one of my favorite events at Oakland," Insko said. "OU faculty members across fields and departments are producing exciting and valuable scholarship that is well worth celebrating."

Insko's article, "The Logic of Left Alone: The Pioneers and the Condition of U.S. Privacy," is based on James Fenimore Cooper's 1823 novel "The Pioneers" and how it relates it to the right to privacy from the 19th century to today.

"It explores the complex and paradoxical interplay between privacy and personhood found in Cooper's novel as well as the 2003 Supreme Court decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* and the military's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy," Insko said.



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Dr. Laura Pittiglio, an assistance professor of nursing, speaks about how HIV-infected mothers cope with the disease.

Pittiglio's article, "Coping with HIV: Perspectives of Mothers," was written in relation to a study she conducted.

"This manuscript disseminates the results from a qualitative study I conducted which explored how HIV-infected mothers cope with a diagnosis of HIV and their resulting life circumstances," Pittiglio said.

Dr. Mary Lewis, chair of the Senate Library Committee, oversaw the article selections. She thought both speakers represented their fields well.

"We, as a committee, purposely chose someone in the field of humanities ... and someone in the field of sciences,"

Lewis said. "Both of them were very much, in my understanding, in line ... with what they do."

Pittiglio was grateful she was selected to speak at the event, but she was mostly glad to be able to share the stories of the women coping with HIV.

"I was honored, but more importantly, I was thrilled to have an opportunity to share the amazing stories of these courageous women who have found a way to continue to live life despite their illness," she said.

For more information on the featured articles, visit library.oakland.edu

Scholar discusses global debt at Gorlin Memorial Lecture

By LAURYN ANDREWS

Staff Reporter

Oakland University's School of Business Administration hosted the 2011 Gorlin Memorial Lecture on Thursday, March 24, in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

The Gorlin Memorial Lecture was created in honor of Alice Conner Gorlin, an economics professor at Oakland from 1972 until her death in 1987.

According to the School of Business Administration, Gorlin gained international recognition as a scholar of the Soviet Union.

Her dedication to the citizens of the world led her family and friends to create the Gorlin Lecture series to promote un-

derstanding of both international issues and events.

This year the Gorlin Lecture featured a Dennis Weatherstone Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Dr. Carmen M. Reinhart.

Dr. Reinhart was previously a professor of economics and director of the Center for International Economics at the University of Maryland. Prior to teaching, Reinhart was the chief economist and vice president at Bear Sterns.

On Thursday evening, Reinhart discussed how the high levels of public and privately held debt affect both advanced and emerging market economies.

Reinhart said advanced market econo-

mies face three main issues: high unemployment, subpar recovery and debt overhangs. She stressed that almost all advanced economies are dealing with high unemployment rates.

"Don't forget that if we are complaining here as we should with 9 percent unemployment, the unemployment rate in Spain is over 20 percent and the youth unemployment is about 40 percent. It's an advanced economy problem," Reinhart said.

She said that emerging market economies must also overcome three main issues: big capital inflows, the avoidance of future indebtedness and high inflation rates.

Debby Balint, a sophomore accounting major said Reinhart discussed many topics

that she did not know much about.

"To know how bad advanced economies are really doing and how well emerging economies are doing was kind of shocking," Balint said.

Reinhart concluded her lecture by emphasizing a long recovery period for the world's advanced economies.

"I think that as we move forward, the scenario that I want to leave with you is the scenario where we don't go back to the old normal, which wasn't normal. This is not gloom and doom and the end of the world, but it is a much more subdued scenario, in terms of growth, in terms of employment and in terms of deleveraging. It does not happen quickly," Reinhart said.

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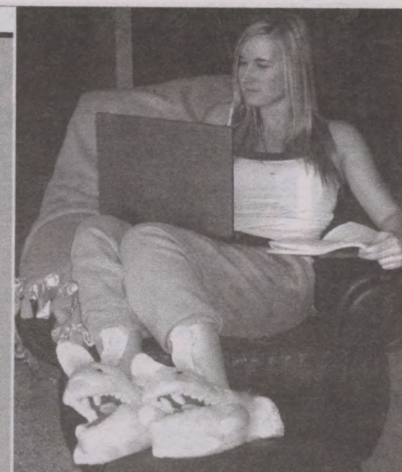
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Grizzlies primed to attack

Oakland baseball team seeks return trip to the postseason

By RYAN HEGEDUS

Senior Reporter

Starting out its season with a 4-10 record, including three losses against No. 4 Oklahoma, the Oakland University baseball team's morale could have taken a serious hit.

Regardless of what the win-loss column looks like, however, senior infielder D.J. Jarrad is sure the Golden Grizzlies will be ready to compete when it comes time to play Summit League conference games.

"There are no real moral victories, but we can take away that we're stacking up against some of the top teams in the nation. We went down to Oklahoma and were with them every single game," Jarrad said. "We've played the top teams in every conference and been right there, and if one call goes our way, we're winning those games."

With games against teams like Butler, Wright State, Michigan and Illinois State, OU has played teams from seven different conferences, seeing different styles of play in each series.

Six of their losses have been by three runs or less, something that head coach John Musachio thinks the team can learn from later on.

"Every time you play in tight games, you get more comfortable in those situations and you understand how important the little things are in all the innings, not just the last," Musachio said. "Losing those close games really stings, but guys remember all those details. I think it's going to really prepare us to play in tight games and under pressure. If you can win the one-run games, you're going to have a heck of a season."

Coming into the season, Oakland was expected to be a good offensive team, as they were returning several starters from last season's squad. The team's pitching, however, was an area of uncertainty.

After playing 14 games, however, senior infielder Tommy Jablonski said he thinks otherwise.

"I think we might be even stronger, actually," Jablonski said. "We have the same offensive group coming back, but some really



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Infielder D.J. Jarrad and the Oakland University baseball team will look to improve the team's 4-10 record in the home opener against Rochester College on Friday, April 1.

good new pitchers, a few more power arms. Our pitching has already proven to be better, and they've kept us in games this year."

The team's pitching staff, led by senior Aaron Wick (2-3) and junior Greg Welke (1-3) has provided a reason to be optimistic. The two have combined for 42 strikeouts in 53.2 innings.

While they have returned so many players, the team's offensive approach has

changed somewhat.

Jablonski considers the Grizzlies a "small-ball" team: getting base hits, bunting to move over runners, and becoming more effective in getting runners home from third base with less than two outs.

"We faced some really tough pitching early on, but if guys stick to the process like I know they will, this team is going to hit at or above .300," Musachio said. "The one

thing about this year's team is our aggressiveness on the bases. We're trying to instill an attack mentality that is really going to help us down the stretch."

That attack mentality has been evident early on this season, as the Grizzlies are averaging nearly three stolen bases per game.

One player that has pleased the coaching staff in the first two months of the season is sophomore Kyle Bobolts.

In 14 spot appearances his freshman year, Bobolts had three hits in 19 at-bats. After five games this year, he already has eight hits in 15 at-bats.

"Kyle is playing extremely well. He's a tough, fearless kid and we can play him all over the baseball field. We haven't seen him a whole lot on the mound, but he's (also) going to be one of our best relief pitchers this year," Musachio said. "He's come along quicker than we anticipated and he's going to be a big piece of this team."

With underclassmen comprising almost half of the team's roster, the challenge of calming rookie nerves rests with the seniors — a task they've gladly taken up.

"It's all about approach, and if you have the right approach and make a mistake, that's okay because down the road we're going to have success," outfielder Dan Gliot said. "If you don't have a good approach, that's where we'd need to change something, but most of our guys have the right approach and are executing."

Knowing that his team's chance at a second consecutive postseason berth depends on what happens in Summit League play, Musachio isn't putting much stock into his team's win total just yet.

"I'm pleased with the direction that the team is going and I'm pleased with the way we've played the game of baseball," Musachio said. "Obviously you want more (wins) and that hasn't happened, but we have to focus on the process and the (wins) will be there in the end."

The Grizzlies are scheduled to have their first home game of the season on Friday, April 1 against Rochester College. The game will be at 3 p.m. at the OU baseball field.

Chance for redemption

By SHAWN MINNIX

Copy Editor

This season, the Oakland University women's lacrosse team had several goals in mind, including a return trip to Scottsdale, Ariz., for the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League Div. II National Championship.

The Lady Grizzlies (7-1, ranked No. 15 in Div. II) took another step toward that this week, clinching their fifth consecutive division title with an impressive pair of victories that were played in tough weather conditions.

On Tuesday, Oakland defeated Wayne State University by a score of 18-3 in a game played with sleet and snow falling at Troy High School. While it was nasty, Thursday's game against Saginaw Valley State University might have been worse with a game-time temperature of 26 degrees.

Despite the extreme weather, the Lady Grizzlies defeated the Cardinals 22-2. Sophomore midfielder Vikki Wallace scored six goals, while junior Desiree Messina and senior Ashley Krisfalusi added four each.

Wallace scored three goals in the first 10 minutes, as Oakland jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead. After a SVSU timeout, the Lady

Grizzlies continued their attack on the Cardinals' net and built an 11-0 halftime lead.

The second half was punctuated by senior captain Charlotte Rose's transition run all the way down the field, which set up a free position goal for the defender. After the game, head coach Towbey Kassa said he believed playing in those conditions would ultimately help the team later.

"The weather hasn't been the greatest, and it's just going to make us stronger," Kassa said. "When we get out to Texas, they'll enjoy the weather a little bit and hopefully get us ready to come and play Michigan State and Grand Valley State to end it up."

After last year's outstanding run, things were expected to be a little tougher for OU as they lost the contributions of several key seniors. Still, the team maintained their focus on the task at hand and Kassa said this division title might be more special than the previous year.

"It feels different because of a new group. With the amount of change-over from last year it means a little bit more," Kassa said. "These girls can see that they don't need the players from last year to continue to do what they've been doing in years past."

Oakland finally got a chance to play in-

doors on Sunday, with a game at the University of Toledo. The Rockets have played Oakland tough the last few seasons, and Kassa fully expected a close game.

The Lady Grizzlies defeated the Div. I Rockets soundly, 20-6, and in doing so sent a statement to the rest of the league that Oakland is ready for the big stage.

They will get the chance to prove it in this upcoming week, as they take part in the Lonestar Showdown in Austin, Texas.

They will face four teams, including the nationally ranked University of Texas Longhorns, as well as the University of Arizona Wildcats.

But the game the Lady Grizzlies crave the most is a rematch against Southern Methodist University, which is currently ranked third in Div. II and is undefeated. Last year, Oakland lost a heartbreaker to the Mustangs, 17-16, in the National Championship quarterfinals, which knocked OU out of contention.

Kassa said "defeating all four teams would turn heads nationally," but the main goal was to defeat SMU and exact a bit of revenge for last year's loss.

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Reading the 2010 Census Bureau

The 2010 Census Bureau released data for the state of Michigan last week. Here is a look at some Oakland County population numbers.

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Total residents in the state of Michigan

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2009: 9,969,727

2010: 9,883,640

Oakland County population:

2009: 1,205,508

2010: 1,202,362

21,412

Auburn Hills total population

12,711

City of Rochester total population

70,995

Rochester Hills total population

80,980

City of Troy total population

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CAR THEFT:

On Monday, March 28, it was reported that a Troy resident's 2010 silver Ford Edge was stolen from his home garage, located at the 2000 block of Derby Road. There is no further information at this time.

BURGER KING BUMP:

On Saturday, March 26, the Troy Police Department received a drunk driving alert on Rochester and Big Beaver roads. The complainant reported that her vehicle was struck from behind while in the drive-thru of Burger King. The striking vehicle fled the scene. Officers observed the vehicle turning east on Big Beaver Road from Rochester Road and stopped it.

The female driver immediately told officers "I'm sorry about what happened at the Burger King".

She stated that the other vehicles were going too slow so she "pushed" them. Officers noticed a strong odor of intoxicants and that her eyes were glassy and bloodshot. She failed sobriety tests.

The 49-year-old female from Sterling Heights was arrested. A search warrant was obtained for a blood test. Test results are pending.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA:

On Saturday, March 26, Troy officers received a call regarding a stolen cell phone at the Troy Community Center, located at 3179 Livernois Road. The complainant reported that his cell phone was taken from a bench while he was playing basketball. Officers arrived on scene to investigate.

After reviewing video, officers talked to a subject who was seen taking something off the bench. The investigation resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old male from Detroit. The phone was recovered.

LARCENIES FROM AUTOS:

On Sunday, March 27, Troy officers received a report about several auto larcenies in the parking lot of Lifetime Fitness. Four vehicles parked in the lot were broken into. All four had windows smashed and purses were stolen.

On Saturday, March 26, a report was received regarding parking lot larceny at the Troy Tennis Bubble. The complainant reported that someone smashed the window of her 2004 Lexus and stole her purse.

— Compiled by Jen Bucciarelli, Local Editor

Local Briefs

Michigan's new driver's license

The Michigan Secretary of State began issuing a newly designed driver's license and identification cards Tuesday. The new cards will have advanced security features such as the Great Seal of Michigan, which will only be seen under a black light, laser perforated "MICH" that can only be seen when held up to a light source will be on the card, along with many other features.

The new cards will cost the same as old driver's licenses — \$25 for new, \$18 for renewal as well as \$10 for ID cards — according to The Detroit News.

World Health Day: April 7, 2011

Antimicrobial resistance is the focus of this year's World Health Day, which is Thursday, April 7, according to the World Health Organization. The organization will introduce a six-point policy package to combat the spread of antimicrobial resistance or drug resistance.

Antimicrobial resistance is defined as the process of resistant organisms — bacteria, viruses and some parasites — withstanding attack by antimicrobial medicines, such as antibiotics, antivirals and antimalarials, so that standard treatments become ineffective and infections persist and may spread to others, according to the site. This typically is a consequence of the misuse or overuse of antimicrobial medicines and develops when a microorganism mutates or acquires a resistance gene.

Arbor Day: April 29, 2011

Ten ways to celebrate Arbor Day from the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance:

1. Plant a tree.
2. Volunteer with a local tree planting organization.
3. Visit a local, state or national park.
4. Help your community organize an Arbor Day event.
5. Volunteer with your local school and read a book to children about trees.
6. Start recycling your junk mail.
7. Convert your financial statements to e-statements.
8. Learn about trees. Read a book, attend a workshop or research online.
9. Switch to reusable containers for drinking coffee.
10. Take a tree walk and photograph your favorite trees.

— Compiled by Jen Bucciarelli, Local Editor

NEWS BRIEFS

A look at significant current news events from around the globe:

1. Iraq

In Tikrit, former dictator Saddam Hussein's home town, eight or nine gunmen wearing military uniforms over explosives held a local Iraqi government center hostage Tuesday. The five-hour standoff left 56 victims dead and 98 wounded, including three councilmen, government workers, security forces and bystanders amid volleys of gunfire and explosions, according to Salahuddin health director Dr. Raied Ibrahim. The carnage ended only when the attackers blew themselves up.

2. Japan

While Japan has been steeped in destruction of horror during the last few weeks, there is one

unifier among the nation: high school baseball. The nationally televised tournaments, held in a field outside Kobe, inspire the excitement equivalent to America's "March Madness." Last week, the spring tournament launched with the moving speech by Shinsuke Noyama, a team captain, about the recent earthquake and tsunami calamity.

3. Israel

In a move that would deal a crushing blow to prospects for negotiating a peace deal between Israel and Palestine, Israel is considering annexing major West Bank settlement blocs if the Palestinians unilaterally seek world recognition of a state, according to an Israeli official on Tuesday. On the West Bank, 300,000 settlers now live among 2.5 million Palestinians. Israel has held off on annexing the site for four decades, but the Palestinian campaign to



win international recognition of a state threatens their already unstable relationship.

4. United States

Carol Schnuphase, 47, was sentenced to spend a year in jail Tuesday for scamming thousands of dollars from donors for lead-

ing them to believe her 12-year-old son had cancer. In February, Schnuphase pleaded no contest to charges of second-degree child abuse and acting under false pretenses. Although she denied drugging her son to give him the physical appearance of a cancer patient, prosecutors said a hospital

tested the boy and declared that he was going through opiate withdrawal. The defendant's family felt the sentence was too lenient and wanted Schnuphase to be sentenced to five years in prison.

— Compiled from AP Reports by Sarah Wojcik, Senior Reporter

Creating cheaper healthcare for youths

By ANNIE STODOLA
Staff Reporter

The Affordable Health Care act turned one last week.

Instead of cake and ice cream, however, young adult health care advocacy groups celebrated with a conference with Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Campus Progress, Young Invincibles and Student PIRGs all participated in the conference, focusing particularly on what the Affordable Health Care Act means to 2011 graduating classes at universities throughout the nation.

Though the provisions of the health care bill affect many segments of the population, Sebelius said young adults are among those who she expects to see receive the most assistance from the act.

"One of the groups that benefits most from the law is young Americans," Sebelius said. "A year ago, young Americans were among the most vulnerable group in the

health care market."

Prior to the Affordable Care Act, many states only allowed parents to keep their children on their health care plan while the child was under the age of 19 or maintained full-time student status. Following the passage of the law, however, young adults may stay on their parents' plan until the age of 26 as long as the plan covers children and the child cannot get health care through their work.

"Americans in their 20s are twice as likely to go without health insurance as are older adults," she said. "But the health law is beginning to change that."

Sebelius and her staff estimate that about 1.2 million young adults will gain health care through this act as the class of 2011 graduates from American universities.

Oakland University senior Kristin Hambaum, who graduates this April, said she is worried that some people will take advantage of the new law.

"It could prevent people from going and getting a job because there's no incentive

if they already have health care insurance," Hambaum said. "It may promote laziness."

Sheena Patel, who is also a graduating senior at OU, said that while she thinks people may take advantage, she can also see the benefits.

"Certain people may take advantage of the law, but I think it'll be a positive thing," Patel said. "It can be hard to find a job sometime, but not having to worry about health insurance could get people to go to graduate school or pursue other things. It pushes you to do something with your life."

Although Katie Neeb plans to attend graduate school this fall directly after completing her bachelor's degree in social work this May, she said she still knows the new law will help several of her classmates.

"For me, I'm going straight to grad school so regardless I would be on my parents' plan still," Neeb said. "Many of my classmates are doing that too. For one girl in my classes, though, she's going to be a sorority head in Atlanta, so it helped her. She gets to stay on her parents' plan while she goes to do that."

In addition to allowing coverage through a parent's health plan, Sebelius said the act will improve the future of the country as a whole, particularly through allowing new health care subscribers the opportunity to get preventative measures including immunizations without paying deductibles.

"Thanks to the passage of this law, you can look forward to a future where the health system is stronger and more focused on health and wellness and not waiting until you get sick," Sebelius said.

For more information about the Affordable Health Care Act and its effects on young adults, visit www.facebook.com/youngadultcoverage

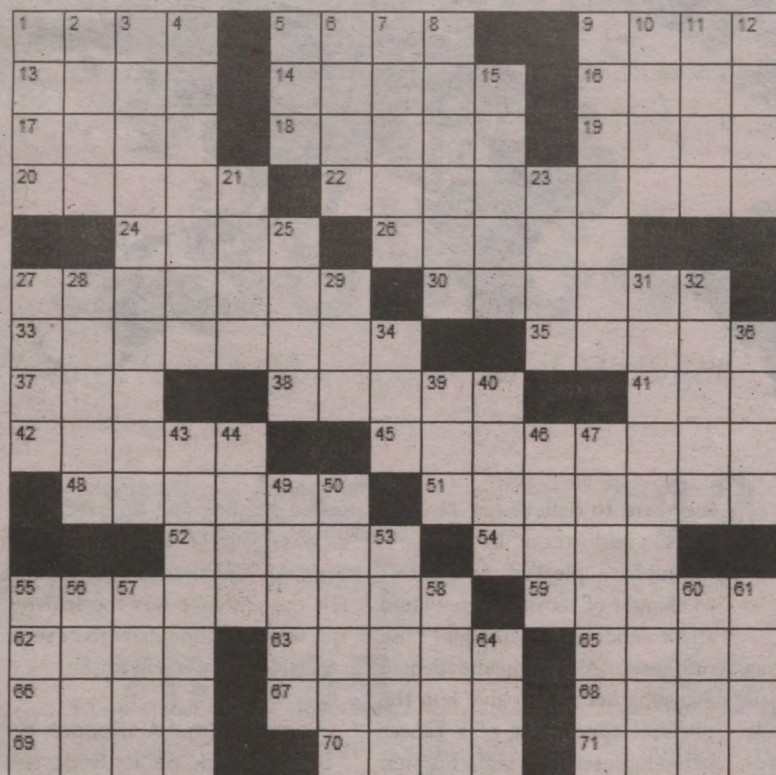
"It means you'll have some more choices as you start your career," Sebelius said. "You can pursue jobs or opportunities that are best for you without worrying about what happens with health insurance. You don't have to wonder if the desk job with insurance is a better choice than pursuing a dream of being a teacher or a doctor or an artist."



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22. Intensifies
24. Extol
26. Cassettes
27. British term for a wrench
30. Static balance
33. A metallic element with the symbol Ta
35. A thin coagulable body fluid
37. And so forth
38. Electronic messages
41. Missing In Action
42. Devoutness
45. Enjoyable
48. Detestable
51. Emissaries
52. Melodies

54. Travelled on a horse
55. Exasperate
59. Circumference
62. Male cow
63. Fairy tale character
65. King
66. Brainstorm
67. Detect
68. A dog wags this
69. Scorch
70. Turned blue, maybe
71. Swill

DOWN

1. Religious offshoot
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3. Deranged
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Stanley Sebastian Kresge, Sebastian Sperring Kresge's son, breaks ground on the library project on Oct. 17, 1960.

Sebastian Kresge

The Kresge name is one that is oft seen on buildings around Michigan and beyond. The campus library is named for Sebastian Sperring Kresge, who founded the S.S. Kresge Company. The company became known as Kmart in the 1970s. A \$500,000 donation facilitated by the Kresge Foundation was given to Oakland University to help with the library's \$1.5M projected building cost. The building was dedicated on May 12, 1962.

Kresge was known for investing in Michigan. His first dime store, opened in 1897, was located on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. There are other Kresge libraries at the University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame and Dartmouth College.



O'Dowd is pictured here with his wife, Jan, in a rare picture together.

Jan and Don O'Dowd

Don O'Dowd was a psychology professor at Michigan State University-Oakland and became the dean in 1961. After a series of title changes, he became the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost. In 1970, O'Dowd was appointed the acting chancellor of Oakland University, as a debate raged on about whether the school should become a separate entity from MSU. He succeeded Woody Varner and became OU's first president appointed by its independent board of trustees. He ended his tenure at OU in 1979. Jan and Don O'Dowd Hall was dedicated July 17, 1981.



John Hannah is pictured here at a groundbreaking ceremony with Matilda Wilson.

John Hannah

Hannah cofounded OU with Matilda Wilson and was the longest-serving president of MSU. His name was the first to grace an OU building, since Hannah Hall was completed in 1961, shortly after the Oakland Center, North Foundation Hall and South Foundation Hall were dedicated.



Woody Varner, pictured here with wife, Paula, was the first chancellor of OU.

Woody Varner

Dedicated July 9, 1971, Varner Hall is named after Derwood "Woody" Varner and his wife Paula. Varner was the first chancellor of Oakland University, a position he held from 1958 to 1970. He was instrumental in creating the school. Varner served as a vice president at MSU under then-president John Hannah, for whom Hannah Hall of Science is named. He and Hannah met with Alfred and Matilda Wilson at Meadowbrook Hall in 1956 to confirm the donation that would ultimately create OU.

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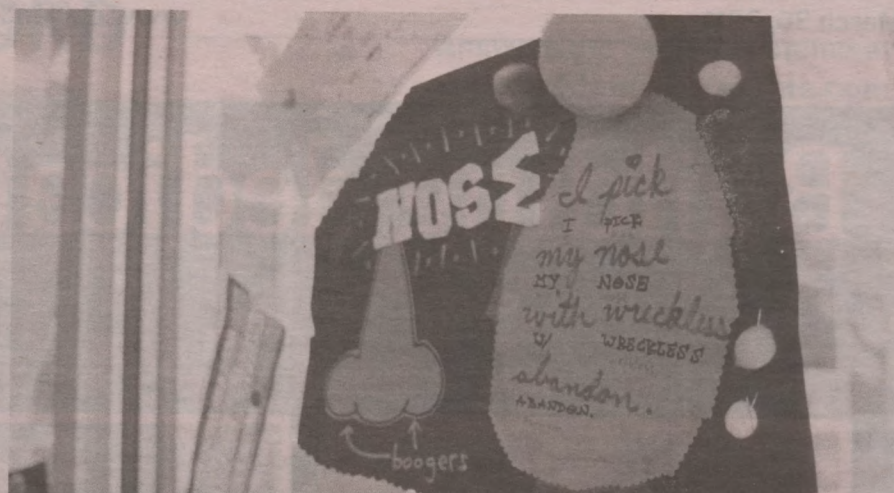


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On the windows in West Vandenberg Hall, students are able to post anonymous secrets for everyone to read. This one describes one student's booger-picking fetish.

Secrets revealed on communal wall

By EMILY RICHARD
Contributing Reporter

Would you ever consider telling people the name of your vibrator? What about coming out of the closet in a very public way? How about telling the Oakland University community that your parents were homeless when you were born? OU students can now do these things without taking ownership of their statements.

The windows in West Vandenberg Hall allow students to do just that.

West Vandenberg resident assistant Alexa Van Vilet is responsible for the development of the Secrets Wall, which was considered one of her passive programs.

"I can't remember my first inspiration, but I was probably wandering through a Barnes & Noble and saw one of the PostSecret Books," Van Vilet said. "My goal was to show that we shouldn't feel bad if we think we have mean or weird thoughts and feelings. I think it brought some humor and depth to the community."

Most of the posted secrets are handwritten on pieces of colored paper. Many students said the wall is a creative outlet for students.

"It's a cool thing for people to be able to express themselves," said Katelynn Gumper, a resident in the hall and a nursing major. "It's a cool way for people to say what they really want."

Some of the secrets on the wall are personal messages to girlfriends, embarrassing habits and even some deep, dark secrets.

Some students think the wall is a good stress reliever, while others think the wall is more serious.

"I was a little surprised that some are depressing," said Christy Sauer, a resident and biology major. "I didn't realize there were that many people who felt that way."

According to Sauer, there was a posting about a suicide up on the wall at one point, which is not on the wall anymore.

Van Vilet said the housing department would step in if suicide-themed or harmful secrets were posted.

"We'd probably do a building program and bring in Graham's counselors about ways to deal with those feelings," Van Vilet said. "We didn't discuss the possibility of a bomb threat or violent assault, so I am unsure about what we would do. I speculate that Oakland University Police Department would get involved."

The maturity level of the wall's users is often a topic of interest to those who read the wall.

"It's not a bad idea," said Adam LaFramboise, a Resident and a psychology major. "But with this age group, you get people who are going to be mature about it and people who are going to be immature about it."

Many residents have taken time to read all of the secrets, including Andrew Mandley, who was able to notice a new secret on the wall immediately. The posted secret had the words "I think about other boys when I'm in bed with you" written on it.

"That's not OK," said Mandley, a Resident and engineering major. "Guys should learn to recognize their girlfriends' handwriting."

Some may consider the wall too raunchy and some may consider it funny. Regardless, the wall is a place for students to be honest without facing judgments.



Photo courtesy of Scott Gries
Oliver did a special presentation for the second season of his stand-up show at the South by SouthWest festival.

Back on the stage

Oliver launches second season of stand-up

By **KAITLYN CHORNOBY**
Scene Editor

While many comedians have shown off their talents on Comedy Central, few have been as influential and loved as John Oliver.

Oliver, senior British correspondent on "The Daily Show" and co-host of the weekly satirical podcast, The Bugle, is the star of the second season of "John Oliver's New York Stand Up Show," which premiered last Thursday at midnight. The show will continue for five more episodes in the season and features some of Oliver's favorite performers.

Beyond his Daily Show and stand-up performances, Oliver has contributed his funny-man skills to "Community," where he says he loves working with the cast — Donald Glover in particular — and the writing of creator Dan Harmon.

However, his love for stand-up and comedy keeps him returning to the stage he calls home.

"I've always done stand-up," Oliver said. "I feel that if I don't do it for a certain amount of time, I get jittery, so I love to do it. Doing a series each year means I can just burn that hour of material I've worked up over the

year and can then start again. It keeps me refreshing material. Also, I do love the idea of doing stand-up with people that I admire."

Oliver said the lack for another career alternative was one of the strongest reasons he got into comedy.

"I wanted to be a footballer and lacked the skills to do that," Oliver said. "I loved comedy growing up, and I started writing in college and realized I wanted to do it as a career. Then a few years in I realized that I didn't have any other marketable skills and I would have to do it as a career. Quite the incentive."

Oliver pointed out that many who aspire to be comedians are naturally outsiders and take an outside view of society. He contributes part of his success to his British accent.

He said it helps his stand-up since he is audibly different from the beginning of his act. However, this does not make him invulnerable to embarrassments on the stage.

"When you do stand-up, it is basically a sequence of unrelenting embarrassments," Oliver said. "I've had terrible things said to me. It just sorts of blends up. But after the 100th insult you've had thrown at you when doing stand-up, it eventually just loses

the capacity to hurt."

Oliver enjoys watching other comedy shows, including "South Park" and "Community," but says he avoids watching shows he is in because it is "incredibly painful."

While several comedians who debuted on "The Daily Show," including Stephen Colbert, Ed Helms and Rob Riggle, set off on their own paths, Oliver said he plans to stay with the show and continue stand-up.

Referencing the dramatic skills of "House" star Hugh Laurie, Oliver said he doesn't have those types of gears in his gearbox and finds it less fun to do a dramatic role than, as he says, "messing around."

He commented that the producers of "Community" were able to work around his "Daily Show" schedule. He said taking larger roles on television or in movies would cause him to have to leave "The Daily Show," which he does not want to do.

"I like doing the other things just to get a bit of balance in my head," Oliver said. "I really love it (at the Daily Show), so I won't leave unless they fire me."

Read the whole story and more commentary from Oliver at oaklandpostline.com/topics/scene

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HOP // PG // 95 min.

E.B., the teenage son of the famous Easter Bunny, is expected to take over the family business but leaves for Hollywood to pursue his dream of becoming a drummer. When he hears that a power-hungry chick has taken over his former home, he must go back and save Easter.

SOURCE CODE // PG-13 // 94 min.

Captain Colter (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a part of a secret government experiment that allows him to take over another man's identity for the last eight minutes of his life. Colter, part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train, must relive the event until he can stop a second larger attack from happening.



WIZ KHALIFA // "Rolling Papers"


Rapper Cameron Thomaz, commonly known as Wiz Khalifa, is releasing his third studio album, "Rolling Papers." It features hit song "Black and Yellow," referring to his hometown football team, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

THE SOUNDS // "Something to Die For"

The new wave band from Sweden is back with their fourth studio album, "Something to Die For." Ditching the tradition of having a producer, they produced and recorded in their own studio. Mixing the electronic, dance and indie rock, the album shows that they haven't slowed down yet.



— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik, Staff Reporter



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Wireless show previews new, upcoming gadgets

By **KAITLYN CHORNOBY**
Scene Editor

With the world going wireless, companies are competing to stay on top of the game and offer the best to their customers.

The International CTIA Wireless Show, held this year in Orlando rather than the usual Las Vegas, is the perfect place for companies to showcase their new and upcoming merchandise.

Many might consider Sprint to have stolen the four-day show with announcements including its integration with Google Voice, the HTC EVO View 4G tablet, Nexus S 4G and the HTC EVO 3D.

Google Voice allows its users to make and receive free calls and texts in the U.S., forward calls to multiple devices and block certain numbers, among other features.

The program can also provide a transcript of received voicemails on Android phones and even send an email to alert of the new message.

Previously, users had to register a new number to use the service. Now, with the partnership with Sprint, users can port their existing cell phone number to the service, eliminating the need to memorize two numbers.

For Sprint, the partnership "is a strategic pillar to drive growth and strength in the brand," said Kevin McGinnis, Sprint's vice president of product.

Although Sprint lacks the resources to offer an innovative service like Google Voice, according to McGinnis, the deal with the company would help evolve the user experience.

HTC continues its run of successful products with the announcement of the EVO View 4G tablet and the EVO 3D, the newest of the HTC smartphone cousins.

The tablet, running Android on a 7-inch screen, features the HTC Scribe stylus, a pressure-sensitive pen.

Although sold separately, the pen will allow users — especially students — to use the tablet as a notebook, writing down notes from meetings and classes and sign documents.

The EVO 3D, which will run exclusively on Sprint's network, features a 4.3-inch glass-free 3D display. The first of its kind on any network, the phone also packs in a 1.2 gigahertz dual-core processor and WiMAX connectivity. The camera takes a small hit from the original eight megapixel down to five, but supports 1080 video playback.

Pricing still isn't available, but it is slated for a summer release.

With Sprint's powerhouse of a display, AT&T is trying to push itself back up to

the top, announcing they will be buying T-Mobile USA for \$39 billion dollars in cash and stocks.

To put that number into perspective, one could buy over 39 million iPad 2s, 573,000 Cadillac Escalade EXTs or 100,000 two-story homes in California.

With this purchase, AT&T will be acquiring 130 million users and will also expand their LTE footprint — 95 percent of Americans — which is about 46.5 million more than if they had pushed for a 4G LTE alone.

Unfortunately, many T-Mobile customers are not as excited about this merger as AT&T seems to be.

Infatuated by T-Mobile's straightforward advertisements and set pricing, some might be concerned that AT&T will subject them to added costs for their 4G initiatives.

T-Mobile is still taking issues into its own hands, though. The show provided the stage for the company to announce the pricing on its LG G-Slate tablet, which stands at \$530 with a two-year contract.

The G-Slate is 3D compatible, running Android's Honeycomb operating system.

Many announcements made at this year's CTIA conference were to assure anticipating customers that their product is still on track for an upcoming release.

The BlackBerry Playbook, featuring multi-tasking technology, is still on course for a summer release.

Samsung also took their piece of the cake, announcing two new models of the Galaxy Tab, both just slightly thinner than the iPad 2, allowing Samsung to snatch the title of being the thinnest and lightest tablet on the market.

During Samsung's keynote, they referenced consumer interviews where they were surprised to learn users expect a different experience for different screen sizes on tablets.

"This is why at Samsung, we have been pushing ourselves to constantly evolve our tablet experiences," said J.K. Shin, president and head of mobile communications for Samsung.

LG showed off a wireless charging pad but has so far been unable to announce which devices it will be compatible with, how much it will cost or when it will be available.

Although technology enthusiasts may feel left in the dark with these recent announcements and promises, they can be assured that the future will be bright — likely filled with AMOLED lights.

For more in-depth information about the keynotes, announcements and event photos, visit daily.ctia.org/wireless2011

Hey, NFL — I'm really mad at you

By BRIAN FIGURSKI

Guest Columnist / Disgruntled non-fan

Every morning, I get up at 6 o'clock, scratch myself and go upstairs to watch the news and eat my cereal.

My roommates — who are all huge critics of athletes, yet never seem to do anything remotely athletic — always turn on ESPN. Personally, I am not bonkers about balls and statistics, so I tend to immediately change the channel.

Lately though I feel like CNN is accidentally being broadcast over sports television airwaves.

Constantly I see the big muscular men hidden behind suits and dress shirts on these sports shows. I haven't seen more than two minutes of NCAA Tournament coverage. If it weren't 50 degrees one day and 15 degrees with heaps of snow falling from the heavens the next I would have no idea it's March.

These burly men I reference are those of the National Football League, and the reason for their spruce appearance is the current state of the NFL — a lockout plagu-

ing the season and drying up bar patrons around the country if this issue does not get resolved.

I mentioned I am not the biggest sports fan in the world, but I love buffalo wings and pitchers of cheap light beer. If the lockout isn't resolved by September, I'm going to have to double my Sunday alcohol intake to wash away the depression from not getting blackout drunk naturally.

After the initial momentary loss of feeling, thinking that my forthcoming Monday nights may be sober and grease-free, I decided to do some amateur research on why these disagreements are happening so I could make fun of the situation with some degree of accuracy.

In the most concise and generalized single sentence, the owners and the players cannot agree on a fair and just division of the revenue.

What? There are vapid disagreements over how to divvy up multiples of billions of dollars? Is this league full of crybabies?

I'm not siding with either one of these parties. All I'm saying is I work my butt off

and don't even make \$12,000 a year. The fuss is over amounts that most people won't see accumulate in their lifetimes as professional armory thieves.

Is the NFL full of cry babies? The fuss is over amounts of money most wouldn't make as a lifetime armory thief.

Football is most likely the biggest source of domestic income in America, and I'm not talking strictly the league itself. Imagine everything that will suffer if this lockout extends into Autumn: TV stations, beer, bars, chicken wings and taxis picking up the drunken fans.

These are just the game day consequences. No football season? That also means no Madden 2012, unless Electronic Arts can find an appealing and profitable way to make a game out of Aaron Rodgers debat-

ing with team owners.

People are losing their minds out there over this. A man in Cleveland is suing the NFL for infringing on his right to buy tickets to nonexistent games that have no certainty of happening. Hell, let the man buy the tickets if that's his fix.

Football is truly the greatest connection between any two random Americans on any given Sunday in the fall. The crisp afternoons are spent with howling fans littering the sports bars, shouting obscenities at missed tackles and incomplete passes (like they could do better) while they stuff their gullets with grease.

Well, NFL, they can't do better, and football is the lifeline that gets them through the remaining days of the dreary week. Think about the masses you pack into a stadium that consider you their heroes before you go fretting about a million dollars here or there. Without these fans, there wouldn't be any money being frivolously invested into the pigskin.

All this worrying is really getting in the way of my beer drinking.

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