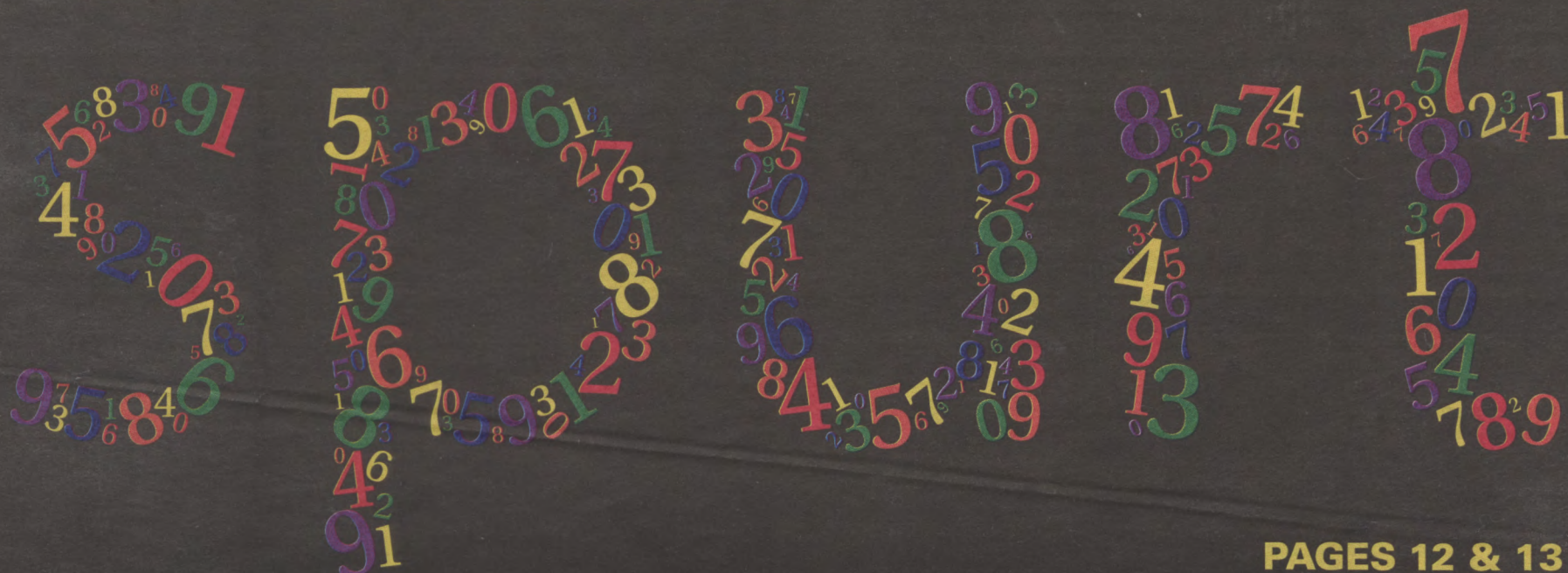


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A copy editor searches high and low around campus for a Bear Bus

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8 MONDAY

WOCOU Annual Kickoff: Countdown to "The Madnezz" featuring The BackBeats - Beatles Tribute Show

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

Student Alumni Association: Matilda Wilson's 129th Birthday Bash and Celebrating OU's 55th Anniversary. FREE birthday cake. 500 FREE WOCOU T-shirts.

Noon-1:00 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

Athletics, Oakland University Student Congress, Residence Halls Association, and Student Life Lecture Board Present: Jamie Tworowski, Founder of "To Write Love on Her Arms" (TWLOHA)

7:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center (FREE/Tickets are not required.)

9 TUESDAY

Student Affairs: Grand Opening of the First Year Advising Center

Noon-1:30 p.m., 121 North Foundation Hall

Student Program Board Talent Show: "OU's Got Talent" featuring Comedian Ty Barnett

7:00 p.m., Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall (FREE/Tickets are not required.)

10 WEDNESDAY

Center for Student Activities: Stop by CSA to . . . "Get Involved" Day!!!

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., 49 Oakland Center

Grizz Gang: "The Shoot Out" with the OU Women's and Men's Basketball Teams

Noon-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Gender and Sexuality Center: S.A.F.E. On Campus Training

Noon-2:00 p.m., Gold Room A, Oakland Center

11 THURSDAY

October 11 is OU/National Coming Out Day.

Student Alumni Association: OU Scavenger Hunt

To Register, go to oualumni.com/saa, click on the Scavenger Hunt Link.

5:00-9:00 p.m., Gold Room B, Oakland Center

Student Program Board: Outdoor Movie showing "Space Jam"

7:00 p.m., Between the Oakland Center and "The Lake"

Gay/Straight Alliance: "Coming Out Monologues"

7:00 p.m., Gold Room A, Oakland Center

Athletics: Pizza Give-A-Way to Promote "The Madnezz!"

10:00 p.m., Hamlin Circle

12 FRIDAY

October 12 is "The Madnezz" and OU's 1st Color Day. A celebration to promote the spirit that embodies the college experience and recognizes we are all OU champions. OU students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to wear OU apparel throughout the day.

Oakland University Student Congress: Tailgate Party in P16 Parking Lot

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Set up for Tailgate Party; 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Tailgate Party

Residence Hall Programming: Friday Night Live with Comedian Tony Baker

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

FIRE BY THE PARKING STRUCTURE // On Tuesday, Oct. 2 at around 12:50 p.m. a student's car caught fire in the entry way of the Pawley Hall parking structure. The Auburn Hills Fire Department and Oakland University Police Department responded to the scene. According to Lieutenant Ross, the fire is still under investigation. No injuries were reported.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

Have you ever attended a Board of Trustees meeting?

- A** Yes.
- B** No.
- C** I'm not driving to Mount Clemens for this one.
- D** What's the Board of Trustees?

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Are you registered to vote in this November's election?

A) Yes
107 votes | 87%

B) No
7 votes | 6%

C) Not yet
6 votes | 5%

D) There is an election?
3 votes | 2%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 5, 1962

Enrollment reaches 1,265, with 362 freshmen and 140 transfer students.

OCTOBER 6, 1967

Matilda Wilson bequeathed much of her Meadow Brook Hall estate to Oakland University on the condition the Hall be used as a cultural center.

OCTOBER 4, 1968

Senator Edmund Muskie, a vice presidential candidate, visited campus. About 100 demonstrators held a moment of silence in front of Muskie's car to prevent him from leaving until he had thought about the Vietnam War.



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SOCCER IMPROVES TO 6-3

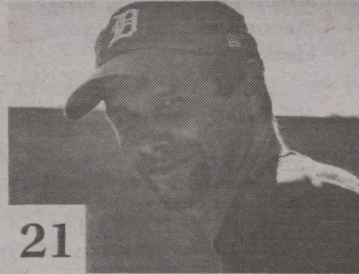
After defeating Western Illinois, the men's soccer team improves to a 6-3 record and remains undefeated in conference play. The team will play Detroit Mercy Wednesday.



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SEWING EXPO IN NOVI

The 19th annual American Sewing Expo featured many activities including more than 200 sewing classes, hands on workshops, crafters, shopping and fashion shows.



21

WINNING VIDEO

Two Oakland University artists-in-residence won a MTV Video Music Award for their visual work collaboration on Skrillex's "First of the Year" music video.

BY THE NUMBERS

34

days before the presidential election

1960

year of the first televised debate

90

minutes allotted for Wednesday's debate

524

million people watched the first presidential debate between President Obama and Senator McCain

3,500

media outlets expected at the debate

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

What happens on campus should stay on campus

On Thursday, the Oakland University Board of Trustees will conduct its second formal meeting of the academic school year.

Though the meetings are typically held in the Elliot Auditorium on campus, this meeting will be held off campus at the Anton Frankel Center in Mount Clemens at 2 p.m.

When we asked why the meeting would be held off campus, we were told it could possibly be so board members could be introduced to the new center, which was built over a year ago.

The BOT is responsible for making important decisions regarding the university.

They make decisions about things like tuition increases, new building proposals, housing and custodial contracts.

This meeting, which will be the first one attended by the new BOT Chairperson Michael Kramer and Trustees Scott Kuneselman and Dennis Pawley, is only one of five meetings held during the school year. It's also one of two meetings that will be held in Mount Clemens this year.

Some topics up for dis-

Though the attendance of students and faculty is usually scarce (at Board of Trustees meetings), how are students and faculty expected to contribute if they have to drive 21 miles just to be there?

cussion include AAUP, but the most pressing topic to discuss is housing.

Considering the importance of the items discussed, we would like to see more non-BOT participation.

In the last several meetings we've attended, we've only seen a few faculty members, and even fewer students — some of whom were there for class assignments and work requirements, not on their own free will. That means that very few students are putting forth the effort needed to first understand and then improve their school.

This needs to change.

Students are notorious for complaining about decisions the BOT makes, but are refraining from actually attending and being involved with the process, unless the items are controversial. Even then,

university officials outnumber them.

We can't lay the blame on just the students, however.

Oakland needs to put forth more of an effort to make students aware of when the meetings are taking place and where. Informing the students of the locations of these meetings is especially important when they are being held off campus.

Regardless of the fact that attendance by students and faculty is usually low at the on campus meetings, how are students and faculty expected to contribute to discussions about the school if they have to drive 21 miles just to be there?

In order to be involved in the process, students have to be informed.

While we can sit here and tell you to get involved, nothing will happen until you actually do so.

Start attending the meetings to make your opinions count. A Facebook post or Tweet won't accomplish anything. Attending a BOT meeting and making your ideas known will.

The staff editorial is written weekly by members of The Oakland Post's editorial board.

Corrections Corner

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- Oakland University as a whole was recognized as a military friendly school, not the Veteran's Club.

Letters to the Editor

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EDITORIAL

Go over the top to avoid underemployment

Even during an 11-year high in the underemployment rate, there are still opportunities for those willing to work

Many of us are in the final stretch toward earning our degrees. But before you start celebrating, take a better and look around you. What you see may put a stumble in your stride.

According to a report by the Associated Press, about 1.5 million, or 56 percent, of bachelor's degree-holders under the age of 25 were jobless or underemployed last year — the highest it has been in the past 11 years.

Are you slowing down yet?

The article, based on an analysis of 2011 Current Population Survey Data by Northeastern University and a study published by Rutgers University in New Jersey titled "Chasing the American Dream: Recent College Graduates and the Great Recession," highlights the prospects of those who, like myself, are working their way toward their bachelor's degree, with ... well, not too much hope.

The article goes on to read that only three of the 30 occupations with the largest number of expected



CLARE LA TORRE
life editor

job openings by 2020 will require a bachelor's degree or higher — so 27 will not require education higher than an associate's degree (or less). This sad fact is already evident in today's job market. Within the 1.5 million recent graduates who were without a job last year, about half were underemployed.

Did your slowing pace come to a halt?

And as the total student debt reached \$1 trillion in 2010, paying for college has gotten even harder. Fifty-six percent of those who took the Rutgers survey borrowed money from a government program or private bank, while 8 percent borrowed from a family member or relative who they plan on reimbursing.

"Okay, so after college I'm going to be in massive debt, living with my parents and folding t-shirts at the mall for the rest of my life," you ask?

Well no, not necessarily. There are jobs out there; you just have to sweat a little for them.

The study also shows that those who work in internships within their field of study while still in school were likely to earn 15 percent more than the average

graduate — think \$30,000 instead of \$26,000. On top of that, 80 percent of those who were employed found a job while still in school. Is the message getting through? Keep up with me.

It's tough out there — tougher than it has been in the past 10 years. But don't lose your stride — go above and beyond. Do internships (multiple, not just one) and get involved with organizations and groups related to your major. Meet people and gain references. That and experience is what is going to get you that job and pay off your student loans.

If you think graduating with good grades and doing your homework (almost) every day is going to land you an efficient job, you have some work to do.

Make the realization now, while you can still take advantage of the resources and avenues offered to you. Go the extra mile before it's too late — or you'll be making friends with the proverbial pavement come graduation.

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NOTED SPEAKERS COMING TO OU IN OCTOBER

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Jamie Tworkowski

Founder of To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA)

TWLOHA is a non-profit group dedicated to helping those who suffer from depression, addiction, self-injury, and suicidal tendencies find hope, support, and love.

Music by Steven McMorran of Satellite

Monday, October 8

7:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, OC

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Max Brooks

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Tuesday, October 16

7:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, OC

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Erin Merryn

Speaker on Child Sexual Abuse and Author of *Stolen Innocence* and *Living for Today*

Erin's mission is to take the stigma and shame off of sexual abuse survivors and give them a reason to speak.

Thursday, October 18

7:00 p.m., Banquet Room A, OC

Sponsored by Athletics, Center for Student Activities, Oakland University Police Department, Office of the President, School of Education and Human Services, and Student Affairs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be a part of the solution to parking, not the problem

Fay Hansen
Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

The Post's Sept. 19 editorial: Why not give parking a "green"—as in sustainable—light? The Bear Bus and the now defunct bike program are/were good starts, but there are so many other creative options out there.

1.) Car pooling: What if OU employees decided to do more car-pooling to free up spots for students? The administration might offer some incentives, even though gas and mileage savings should be enough. Car-pooling may be more complicated with many students working part-time jobs, but it's not impossible and a few students are indeed doing it. What if instructors initiated a car pool sign-up for their classes? I challenge our creative students and even our mathematical modelers, engineers, sociology, psychology or business classes to come up with a plan that works for our campus community. SEMCOG has a commuter matching program (www.semcog.org/MiRideshare.aspx), and the nearby tech parks extend the pool of potential riders from every community.

2.) Buses: Why not push for more public transportation? SMART buses periodically stop briefly on campus, but there are no posted bus stops or shelters on campus and the nearest listing for the SMART bus on-line trip planner is actually Baker College — no listing for OU.

3.) Outlying Parking: OU might also take a lead in developing an off-campus mini-transportation system from nearby underutilized paved lots in the Pontiac area for our campus community, thereby also, lending economic help to our nearby city?

4.) Walking and biking: Promoting safer walking and biking paths and intersections connecting the nearby recreational bike trails to campus would be a huge help for those seeking healthy but safe routes to campus.

Let's all be part of the solution, not the problem.

Recent survey doesn't show true student sentiment.

Kyle Minton
Senior, English Major

Chartwells recently facilitated a survey asking students their opinion on whether or not the restaurant Chick-fil-A, and all its homophobic implications, should remain on campus. I thought the survey's intentions were fair, but it was inconsiderate, rhetorical and poorly planned.

It was considerate because it is clear Chartwells is using the survey as ammunition against those who are against the establishment. Reading the survey, it is clear that Chartwells does not care about what the students believe but rather feel they can drum up enough support to ward off anyone saying otherwise. Which brings me to my next point: rhetorical. The phrasing of some questions seem biased, for example "Are you aware that Chick-fil-A employs students and is not run by the Chick-fil-A corporation?" While I may have paraphrased the question, it still stands that the answer, either yes or no, is arbitrary. The purpose of the question was to tell students, indirectly, all of Chartwells' counterpoints to the opposition. Answering that question would tell them nothing of what they students believe on the matter. Finally, I say the survey was poorly planned because one table in a relatively low trafficked area of the OC, certainly does not capture the voice of the student body.

It is time to let go of our pride in the effort for equality. It is clear that the name Chick-fil-A carries homophobic implications, the fact that we consider this establishment a source of pride for our campus and our state is an insult to me as a student, citizen and a person.

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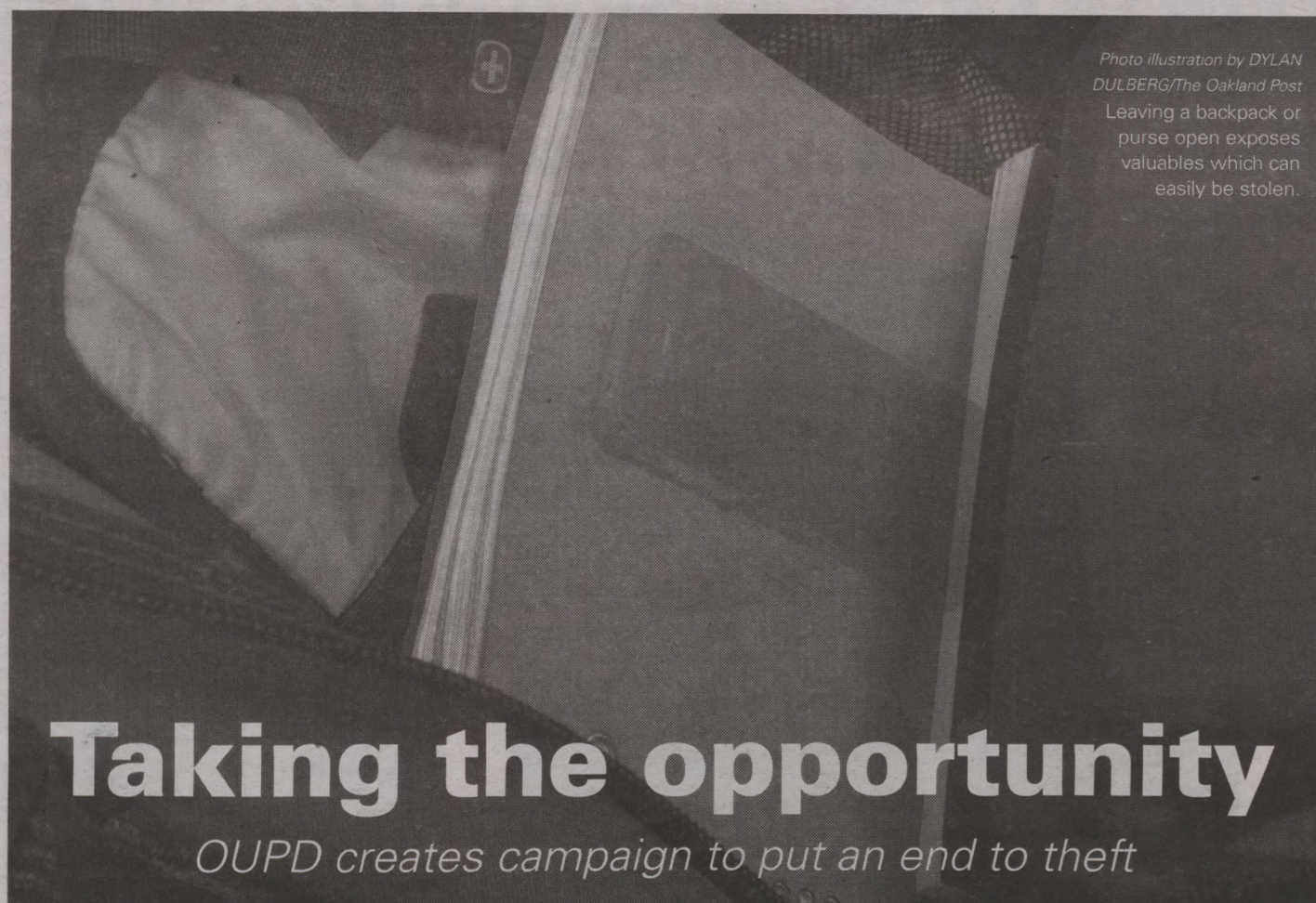


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Leaving a backpack or purse open exposes valuables which can easily be stolen.

Taking the opportunity

OUPD creates campaign to put an end to theft

By Lauren Kroetsch
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Police Department has started an ads campaign to raise theft awareness and prevent students from inadvertently providing an opportunity for their belongings to get stolen.

This campaign consists of various flyers posted around campus in the most high-theft areas such as the Oakland and Rec Centers. The posters show the Grizz as an OU student, unaware that his backpack or iPhone are being stolen from right under his nose.

The Grizz donated his time to the project, and the communications and marketing department helped as well, according to OUPD.

"If we have one person that sees the flyer on their way to the bathroom in the library they can think, 'Oh, maybe I shouldn't leave my stuff unattended,'" said OUPD Sergeant Nicole Thompson. "It's the first time OUPD has really done anything like this, an ad campaign to raise awareness."

Rebekah Thomas, a sophomore American Sign Language major, thought her backpack would be safe if she stored it in a locked room at WXOU while she went to the Rec Center with a friend. When she came back to retrieve it, everything was

"It's the first time OUPD has really done anything like this, an ad campaign to raise awareness."

Nicole Thompson,
OUPD Sergeant

there except her Macbook Pro.

Thomas, who worked at WXOU last year, she said before the incident she never before left her belongings unattended for fear they would be stolen.

"I was leaving the Rec (Center) when I remembered I needed (the keys to the office)," Thomas said. "He (her friend) then told me about the spare key's existence and where I could find it. So I go to the station and get my stuff and when I pick up my backpack, I knew my laptop wasn't there."

Thomas thought she may have left her computer in the library earlier, but she couldn't find it there either. She immediately filed a police report.

"It was literally the nicest thing I owned," Thomas said. "There was no way I could afford another one."

Theft on campus is the most common crime committed, according to OUPD.

Thompson said OUPD gets reports of stolen items at least once a week, and if

theft is reduced OU's crime rate will decrease dramatically.

"It's almost deceiving because everybody feels so safe here on OU's campus that they don't think about crime," OUPD Detective Shona Collins said. "You wouldn't set several thousand dollars out on the table at the library and go walk to the bathroom, but you leave your laptop. And for a criminal, that's the same thing."

Although Thomas never got her laptop back, there are things students can do ahead of time that can increase their chances of getting their things back if anything is stolen.

"We suggest writing down serial numbers, model numbers, even take a picture of your expensive items," Thompson said.

If a student has a serial or model number, OUPD can enter the information into their LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) system. If the item turns up somewhere, OUPD can enter the serial number back. Cell phones and computers with GPS also have a better chance of making it back to their owners because they are easier to track.

"Especially if students have them (serial numbers) written down, the odds are a whole lot better," Collins said. "Even if you wait a day, it can already be sold and it's gone forever. If you have it immediately then it's a huge help."

HOUSING UPDATE

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Congestion, which forced university housing to



Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

place 31 students at an off-campus hotel, has finally been alleviated.

The housing department was able to make room assignments for the remaining

six students that were in Homestead Studio Suites on University Drive in Auburn Hills last week, according to Jim Zentmeyer, director of University Housing.

Dormitory capacity on campus is 2,100 revenue-generating beds, or beds not reserved for residence hall staff.

A proposal to add roughly 450 beds to campus with the creation of a new residence hall is expected to be on the agenda at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting, according to Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Mary Beth Snyder.

The Board's formal session will meet at 2 p.m. at the Anton Frankel Center, OU's satellite campus at 20 South Main Street in Mount Clemens.

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The Oakland Post File Photo

Students who were placed in the off-campus hotel are now returning.

Students begin building 'The Wall'

Students create new OUTV show to air on TV, online

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

OUTV's newest weekly show "The Wall" takes student suggestions about current events and brings them to a panel for discussion and debate.

Sophomore biology and communication major Zalika Aniapam came up with the idea for the news panel show during the summer with the help of co-producer and junior biology major Yahawa Ashqua.

After stage managing plays in high school and a few months managing the OUTV show "Live at Oak," Aniapam wanted to start one of her own. She met Ashqua and they decided to do just that.

"We're doing this for the students. We really want to get them involved," Aniapam said. "The Wall" posts from different people will make it really divergent. I want to spark peoples' interest. This won't be like other news shows."

Wall posts

Discussions will include current events, in addition to student suggestions posted onto the show's Facebook wall to make discussions divergent, according to Aniapam.

This idea came from Ashqua's idea for a name, which was then molded into the show's theme.

Having started working at Student Video Productions in 2010, Ashqua decided to branch out by co-producing the show with Aniapam.

According to Ashqua, the show is something new. SVP doesn't have any talk shows, so this is an opportunity to do something different.

Using "text-talk" lingo in episode titles, the show will be a modern take on debates giving students on the panel a chance to voice their opinions and comment on issues like news, politics and celebrities.

The hosts

Junior performance and production major Victoria Crow, junior journalism and communication major Misha Mayhand, senior journalism major Brian Johnston, sophomore communication major Revon Yousif and undecided freshman Hailie Hogan-Wilson are the auditioned hosts of the weekly show, which will air online as well as



STEPHANIE SOKOL/The Oakland Post

Yahawa Ashqua (LEFT) and Zalika Aniapam (RIGHT) are co-producers for OUTV's newest show, "The Wall." The show will discuss current events and topics students suggest.

on analog Channel 11. A pilot is set to record Oct. 3.

Yousif tried out after a friend mentioned the show to him. He said while he has a lot of acting experience in both high school and college, this will be his first show in front of a camera. He also said he's excited to be part of a show where the issues really matter to the students and having four different hosts will bring a variety of perspectives.

"I think a lot of times people are afraid to speak their mind," Yousif said. "They are often scared to pick sides around people of different backgrounds. It's okay to have an opinion and this will give students the opportunity to voice it."

According to Crow, who has past broadcast experience through class and work at the 2011 Republican Debate hosted on campus, the show will raise many topics that are important to students, from campus problems like parking to bigger issues such as politics and laws affecting students.

"THERE'S NO POINT IN HAVING A SHOW WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE. SINCE STUDENTS ARE THE AUDIENCE, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CATER TO THEM."

Victoria Crow
Co-host of 'The Wall'

"I think 'The Wall' is a great idea," Crow said. "There's no point in having a show without talking about the things that are really important to people. Since students are the audience, it's important that we cater to them. Hopefully people will watch it and hear their own views represented."

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POLICE FILES

Marijuana possession

On Sept. 23 at approximately 11:35 p.m., OUPD was dispatched to Hamlin Hall due to a report of marijuana possession. A male resident told police he found drugs and paraphernalia that belonged to his roommate.

The resident said after dinner that day, he returned to his dorm and smelled burned marijuana in the room and the hallway.

The student said a few days prior he had seen his roommate put a jar containing marijuana and paraphernalia in his desk, and said at that time his roommate having drugs in the room did not bother him.

After smelling the smoked marijuana, the student told police he became concerned he could get in trouble if other people knew there were drugs in their room. The student turned in the paraphernalia and drugs to police.

MIP report at Van Wagoner

On Sept. 28 at approximately 3:40 a.m., OUPD responded to the Van Wagoner House for a minor in possession report. Upon arrival, police were advised that a Nightwatch station attendant had seen a female vomiting outside the hall before entering the building.

Police proceeded to the room and made contact with a female who said her friend was on the floor of the room trying to sleep. Police tried to wake up the sleeping female student, but she was uncooperative.

The student told police she had drank a cup and half of a mixed alcoholic beverage. The student then crawled into her bed, vomited again and began to fall asleep.

Police administered a preliminary breath test, but the student gave a poor sample. When police attempted to collect another sample, the student began vomiting. The student was transported to Crittenton Hospital.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski,
Assistant Campus Editor

Reinvented in time for WOCOWeek

Re-allocation of SPB funds changes number of events

By Mark McMillan
Local Editor

The annual Week of Champions at Oakland University begins next Monday and features activities throughout the week designed to entertain and excite students.

The week, dedicated to showing spirit, culminates with the Madnezz event Oct. 12, which celebrates the beginning of the 2012 NCAA division I basketball season.

According to the President of OU's Student Program Board, Nicholas McCormick, this year's WOCOWeek marks a change in the way SPB handles the event. SPB, the largest funded student organization at OU, has decided

to re-allocate funding, in the amount of \$5,000, which normally would have gone to the athletics department for the event, to additional expenditures.

"We took a look at what we were doing with the event (the Madnezz) and our stake in it and we decided we would redirect our funds to a more student centered funding base rather than just a transfer of money," McCormick said.

OUSC on board

OU Student Congress President Samantha Wolf agreed with SPB's decision to redistribute the money.

"I think that the re-allocation of \$5,000 was a wise decision made by the SPB board," Wolf said. "With the re-allocation of students' money, SPB will be able to have more control over how it is spent and will reach more students."

"The money will be used for

further fall programs that students have voiced their enthusiasm for," Wolf said.

McCormick said the movement of SPB funds did not come from outside pressure but by re-evaluating last year's performance.

"Last year everyone (the other student orgs) was moving up and we were just stuck doing the same ten events during the fall semester," McCormick said. "I'm not going to let that happen anymore. We're stuck in 1.0 and everybody's moving on to version 3 or 4 of their organizations."

According to Wolf, SPB's new priorities are directly in line with how the other student organizations are operating.

"I am very proud on how well student organizations are working together this year," Wolf said. "It allows the students to have a better college experience and all the decisions SPB has made are centered around that goal."

Providing for students

Most of the changes SPB are initiating come as a direct result of their revamped desire to provide even more for the students whose tuition dollars fuel the year's events.

"(Students) entrust us with their money," McCormick said. "I want to take it a step further and get the most diverse programming that we can do things that haven't been done before. It's a philosophy change."

McCormick is adamant about the reasons behind SPB's decision to remove the \$5,000 from the athletics department's Madnezz budget.

"It's not a negative thing against athletics. We definitely support WXOU but this has nothing to do with our (position)," McCormick said.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

OCT. 8

Celebrating Matilda Wilson's 129th birthday and OU's 55th anniversary from noon to 1p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court. Free WOCOWeek shirts will be given away.

OCT. 10

Grizz Gang: "The Shoot Out" with women's and men's basketball teams from noon to 1p.m. at Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center

OCT. 11

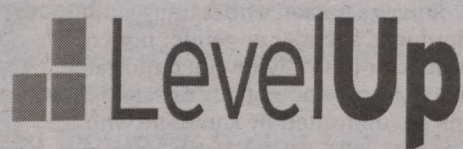
Student Program Board: Outdoor Movie Showing featuring "Space Jam" at 7p.m. between the OC and Beer Lake.

OCT. 12

"The Madnezz" is an all day event which features a tailgate in Parking lot 16 from 7 to 9p.m. followed by "Grizz Madnezz" in the Recreation Center and Athletics Center from 9 to 10 p.m.



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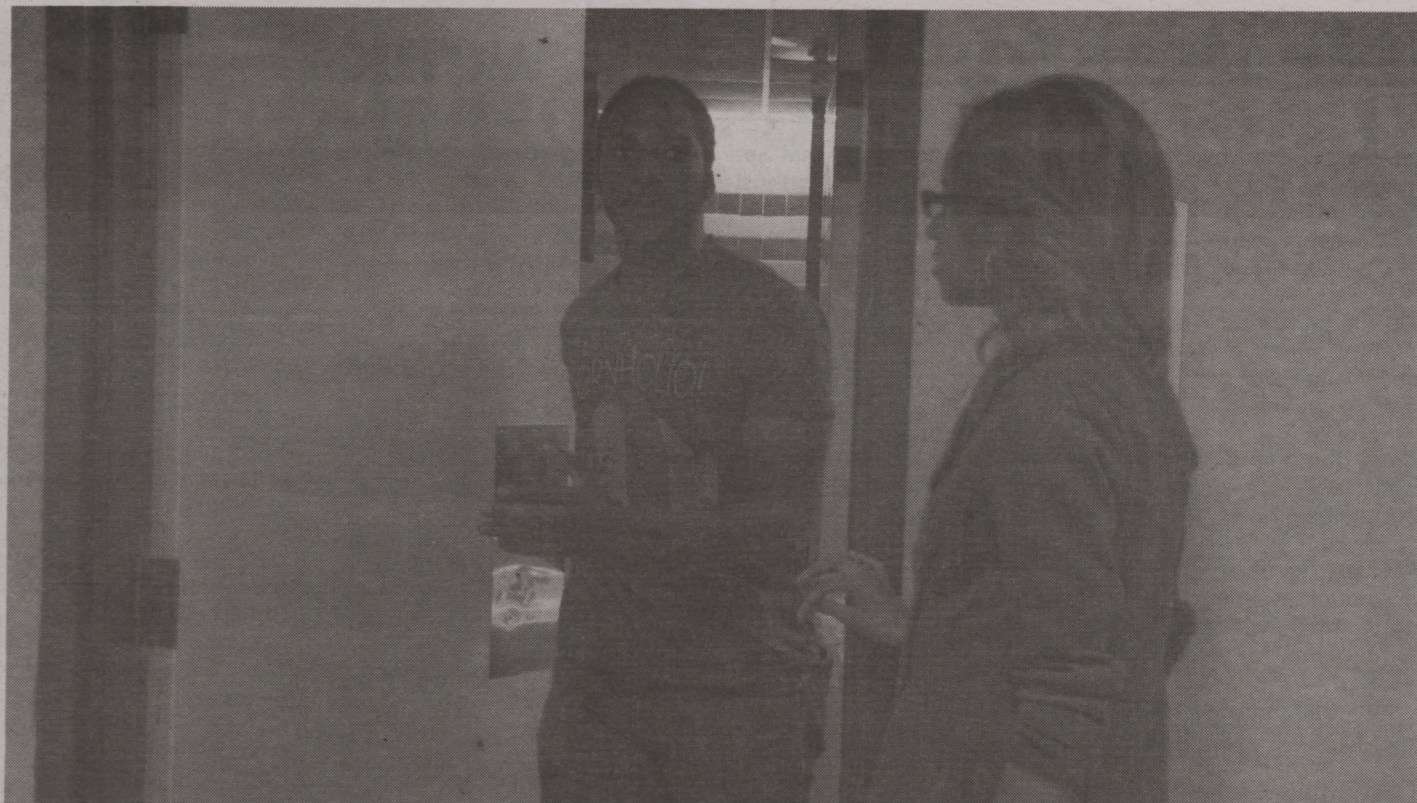


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Several buildings have gender-neutral restrooms, but a group of students are asking for more. Some targets are the lower level of the OC.

Breaking down stall walls

Students, faculty push for gender-neutral restrooms

By Natalie Popovski
Assistant Campus Editor

A group of Oakland University students and faculty are advocating for more gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.

According to Blake Bonkowski, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance at OU, people who are transgender, have a family with young children or are disabled are inconvenienced or unsafe when the only restrooms nearby are gendered.

"There are already a few (gender-neutral restrooms) in some of the buildings, but we are mostly concerned right now with placing one in the lower level of the OC by the bookstore, which already has room for a gender neutral bathroom, and having more in housing," Rebecca Reichenbach, vice president of the GSA, said.

There are currently six on campus.

Transcend, the transgender and allies organization on campus, is also helping with the proposal, according to Bonkowski.

According to Bonkowski, the Intro to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies class taught by Dalton Connally,

"We haven't aimed for a specific date, but the sooner, the safer and the better for OU students."

Rebecca Reichenbach,
GSA Vice President

assistant professor of social work, approached the GSA to get involved in the project.

"Dalton Connally's Intro to LGBT Studies class has taken the lead on this project and we are supporting them in any way we can," Bonkowski said.

Reaching their goal

According to Bonkowski, last fall, Transcend began locating all of the gender-neutral bathrooms on campus, and there is currently a list of locations available to students who need it.

Reichenbach said the proposal to add more gender-neutral restrooms on campus came to the forefront in June during a Leadership Institute Camp at OU, although the idea has been around for longer.

The next step, according to Bonkowski, is trying to get more of these restrooms on campus.

Reichenbach said the GSA is still working on determining who and when to present the proposal to, but they hope to

have the bathrooms installed as soon as possible. Bonkowski said any construction that needed to be done could be completed during winter break.

"We haven't aimed for a specific date, but the sooner, the safer and the better for OU students," Reichenbach said. "Planning and construction would take some time, but for spaces like the one between the designated gender bathrooms in the lower level of the OC, there is already running water, enough space and a sign that says the closet was intended to be a gender-neutral bathroom. Spaces like this could easily be turned into a gender-neutral bathroom within the next few years."

Safety and convenience

Reichenbach said she hopes, if these bathrooms are created, students will gain safety and feel more accepted on campus.

"Walking into a designated-gender bathroom as a person who is transgender, genderqueer, agender or gender nonconforming, can not only be uncomfortable but could also be potentially unsafe if the person is confronted by someone who is not an ally, who wishes harm upon the student," Reichenbach said.

"My goal as president of the GSA has always been to make sure that all students are as safe, comfortable and prosperous as possible during their time at OU," Bonkowski said. "This desire continues through this project."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Kickball for Kidneys

Phi Sigma Sigma is hosting their third annual Kicks for Kidneys Kickball tournament Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. at Civic Center Park on N. Squirrel Rd in Auburn Hills.

The event is free and open at all OU students. There is a fee of \$10 to play on a team which includes a t-shirt. All proceeds benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

To sign up, contact Julia Key at jlkey@oakland.edu.

Oakland Symphony Orchestra opens

The Oakland Symphony Orchestra starts its season with a performance Oct. 7 from 3-5 p.m. at Varner Recital Hall. They will play a variety of pieces including "Chairman Dances: Foxtrot for Orchestra" by John Adams, "Adagio from Symphony No. 5 in C minor" by Gustav Mahler with guest conductor Alan MacNair, "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" by Benjamin Britten and more. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students. For any questions call 248-370-2030 or email Gillian Ellis at gellis@oakland.edu.

Freedom from smoking cessation

Graham Health Center is hosting smoking cessation classes from noon-1 p.m. starting Oct. 10 in Room 126 of the Oakland Center. This class is held during the course of seven weeks and consists of eight sessions. This program is a step-by-step plan to help quit and a chance to work on progress of quitting. Classes are free to students and employees. Students can go to the GHC website to register, and faculty and staff can register on-site. For more information, contact Julie Proctor at 248-370-2758 or send an email to jprocto@oakland.edu.

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Depression: Stopping illness in its tracks

To Write Love On Her Arms founder to speak on campus

By Stephanie Preweda
Campus Editor

Jamie Tworowski, author of "To Write Love On Her Arms," is coming to Oakland University to speak about suicide and depression prevention among people.

Tworowski will speak on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

According to Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, he's nationally known on this issue. She said his cause is about prevention, not reaction.

"Our hope is that he will bring a different kind of atmosphere with him to campus," Oakland University Student Body Vice President, Robbie Willford, said. "By having someone of his stature and by fostering the discussions that he brings, we're able to reach out to people who can relate. It brings a diverse topic to campus and we can reach a variety of students."

Renee's story

"To Write Love On Her Arms" started in 2006 when Tworowski was trying to help his friend, Renee, who was struggling with depression, drug addiction, self-injury and attempted suicide.

"The night I met her (Renee), she wrote the words 'f-word up' across her forearm with a razor blade," Tworowski said.

He wrote the story after spending five days with Renee after she was denied entry to a treatment center in Orlando, Fla.

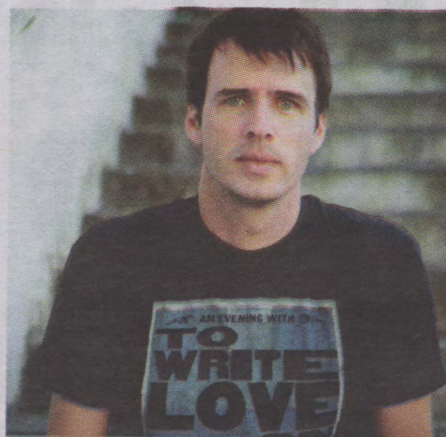


Photo courtesy of To Write Love On Her Arms

Jamie Tworowski, author of To Write Love On Her Arms is coming to campus Oct. 8.

Tworowski started selling t-shirts locally to raise funds for her treatment.

His two-page story started online, then grew nationally and is now worldwide.


Tworowski said last year he traveled to around 40 schools giving speeches about his paper.

"At the end of the day, we are just trying to move people to get the help they need and deserve and move people to choose to stay alive," Tworowski said.

Today, "To Write Love On Her Arms" is a non-profit organization to provide hope, encouragement and resources to those dealing with depression, suicidal thoughts, self-injury and drug addiction.

"Jamie is someone who wants to support those who have suffered in the past and empower them," Williford said.

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Oakland accepts highest number of transfers, sees 14th consecutive year of enrollment growth

Enrollment has increased for the 14th consecutive year at Oakland University, which is now home to 19,740 students. Of that number, 16,190 are undergraduate students and 3,550 are graduate students — both groups experienced increased enrollment this year, at a rate of 2.2 percent and 0.3 percent.

The university also welcomed larger groups of transfer students and freshmen. This year's transfer group is the largest to date, with 1,989 students — a 5.2 percent increase from last year. The freshman

class, consisting of 2,464, saw an increase of 4.4 percent from last year.

"Oakland continues to attract not only a greater number of students each year, but students with increasingly impressive academic accomplishments," said OU President Gary Russi in a Sept. 11 statement. "I have no doubt that this comes as a result of the tremendous work our faculty and support staff have done to expand the quality and diversity of the educational opportunities we offer."

According to Laura Schartman, the director of the Office of Institutional Research, the enrollment growth has been steady for years.

"It's hard to know what, if anything, is pushing those numbers," Schartman said. "We've had a pretty steady rate of growth, about 1.5 to 2 percent each year. Some years it's a bigger jump and some years it's smaller, but it's been steady since about the mid 90s."

In addition to the increase in numbers, this year's freshman class had higher average ACT scores and GPAs than previous classes. The average ACT score was 23.2, and 34 percent of the class had scores above 25. The average GPA was 3.4 and 42 percent of the group had a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

This general academic profile has been accompanied by an increase in the amount of scholarships awarded.

"We do have a lot more scholarship students in the incoming class. Our scholarship numbers in our top four scholarships all increased," said Eleanor Reynolds, assistant vice president and director of admissions.

Reynolds attributes some of the increases to OU's strong financial aid offerings.

"When you're in a time of economic challenges, sometimes universities will pull back a little bit with scholarships because they don't necessarily have the resources to do that. Oakland does not shy away or pull back. We've been committed to recognizing that families need financial support," Reynolds said.

Reynolds also thinks the growth in enrollment is related to OU's increasingly positive presence in the Oakland and Macomb areas.

"We've been successful in getting our story out there: who we are, where

"OAKLAND CONTINUES TO ATTRACT NOT ONLY A GREATER NUMBER OF STUDENTS EACH YEAR, BUT STUDENTS WITH INCREASINGLY IMPRESSIVE ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS."

Gary Russi,
University President

we are, the strength of our programs," she said. "Often times, high school students and parents will look at where the top scholars and athletes go (to college). A lot more of the top students in Oakland and Macomb counties are coming to OU and that influences others."

According to Schartman, the increases come at a time of challenge for the state, citing both the decreasing demographic of high school graduates and economic challenges.

"There have been fewer high school graduates every year for the last few years, because Michigan's been hit so hard," Schartman said. "The pool of students to draw from has been shrinking, but we still managed to pull more."

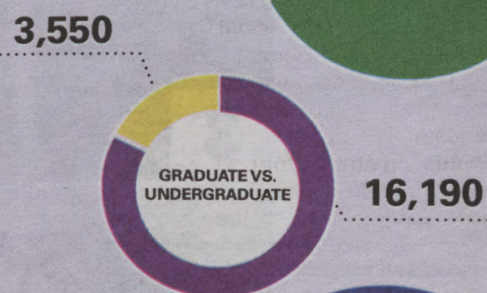
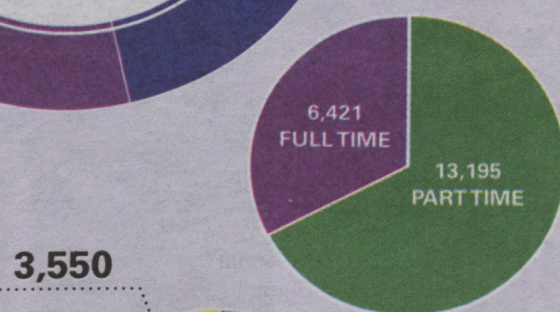
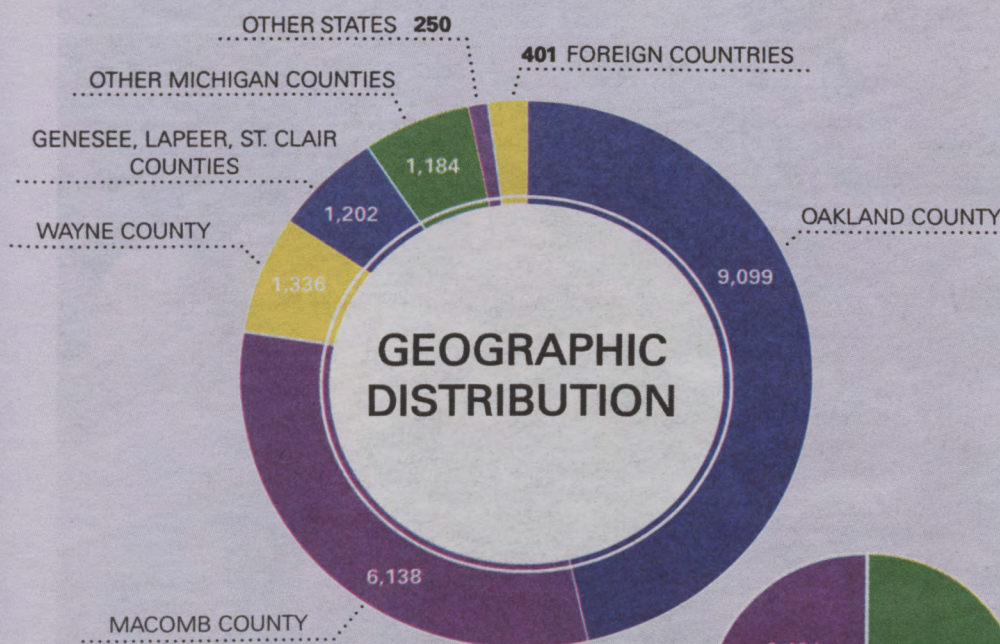
Mary Beth Snyder, the vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, is also optimistic about this year's statistics.

"We're watching our enrollment grow given the challenges to this area, and at the same time, the academic quality of the student is improving," Snyder said. "That's not always easy to do. We feel good about that and think that it will continue."

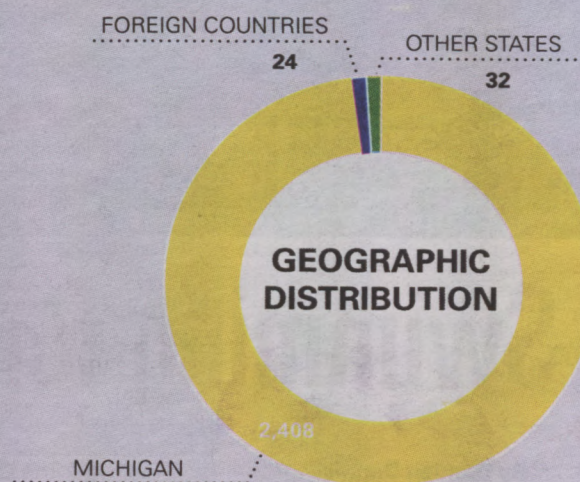
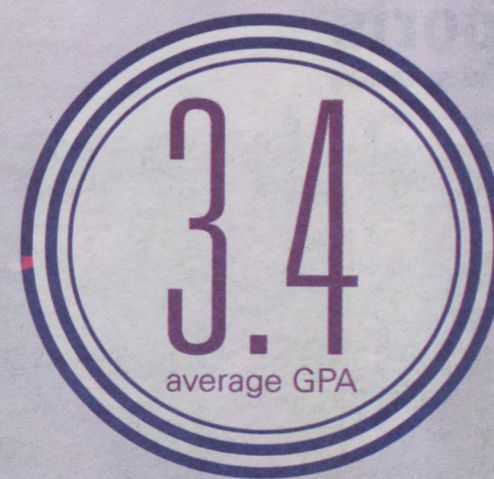


19,740 STUDENTS

Oakland University has seen its 14th consecutive year of enrollment growth for the 2012 fall semester. Here's how it's broken down.



THE FRESHMEN BREAKDOWN



BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT AGE

1.1

The percentage of students over the age of 55.

18

The number of students between the age of 15 and 16.

25

The average age of all Oakland University students.



SHANNON COUGHLIN/The Oakland Post

Swimming for the gold

By Damien Dennis
Sports Editor

The Oakland University Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams hosted their annual Black and Gold Swim and Alumni Meet Saturday.

Director of Athletics Tracy Huth and swim head coach Pete Hovland swam in a 400-yard race, in which Huth won by over half a minute.

The alumni raised over \$5,000 for the swimming program.

In the Black and Gold meet, Oakland swimmers were split into two teams. The Gold Team won over the Black Team with a final score of 201-188. Vanessa Balogh won the 500-free with a time of 5:11.98 and the 200-breaststroke at 2:29.12.

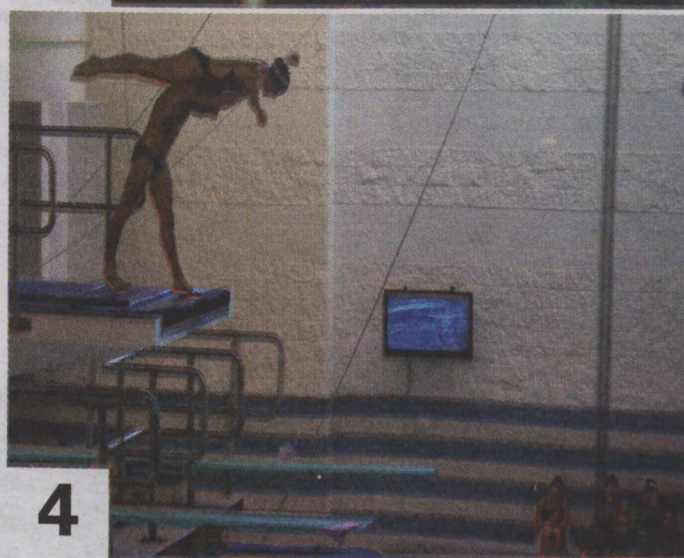
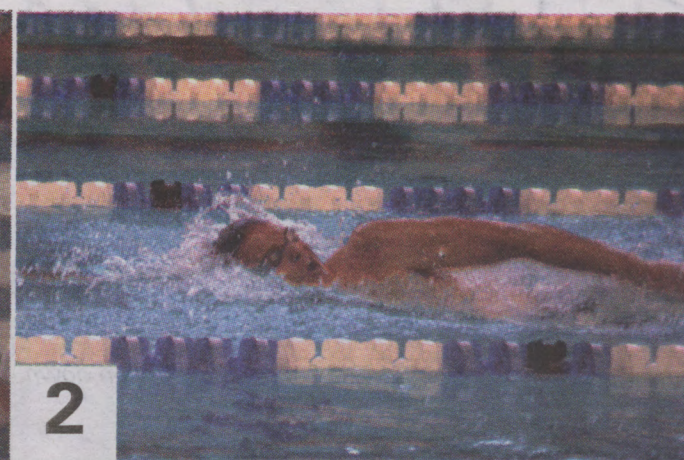
1. The Gold Team won over the Black Team Saturday, scoring a final tally of 201-188. Oakland swimmer Nikki Flynn won the 200-free at 1:57.25.

2. Director of Athletics, Tracy Huth, faced swim head coach Pete Hovland in a 400-yard race, in which he won by 33 seconds. Huth was a 13-time national champion as a swimmer at Oakland.

3. Men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe was among those in attendance to cheer on the swimmers. The alumni raised over \$5,000 for the swimming and diving program.

4. Divers showcased their skills Saturday, as alumni and student-athletes participated in events throughout the day.

— Compiled by Shannon Coughlin,
Multimedia Reporter



Men's soccer improves record, 6-3

Oakland remains atop conference after defeating WIU 5-1

By Allen Jordan
Staff Intern

The Oakland University Men's Soccer team put on a strong display to defeat the defending Summit League Champions Western Illinois University, 5-1.

Coming off an extra time win against Duquesne University in the previous match-up, the Golden Grizzlies got off to a slow start Saturday, not attempting a shot for the first 15 minutes before kicking things into gear against the Fighting Leathernecks.

"I thought we seemed a little out of sorts the first 15-20 minutes of the game. After that, we seemed to kick it into gear the last 25 minutes and get some scores that put us in control of the game," said Oakland Head Coach Eric Pogue.

The slow start proved to be frustrating at times with things getting testy during the 26th minute of the game, when the OU bench was issued a yellow card after some questionable plays took place on the field. The penalty may have been the spark the team needed when OU seemed to have kicked things up a notch.

"When coach starts yelling, it gets us going a little bit," said junior goalkeeper Scott Messer. "He was looking for a yellow card on Western Illinois and we didn't get it so it really fired us up to go after it."

Freshman forward Matt Dudley scored OU's first goal during the 30th minute on a combination header with the assist coming from senior Kyle Bethel who recorded his Summit League leading sixth assist of the year. The goal was Dudley's second of the year with the first coming in the previous game that proved to be the game winner in extra time.

"The first few games I wasn't able to score and I wasn't too happy about that, but once I got my first one it's starting to come easier and helps create a rhythm for me," Dudley said.

Ranked 15th in scoring offense in the NCAA, this game proved to be a coming out party for the Golden Grizzlies reserves, playing a huge role on offense led by sophomore forward



DAMIEN DENNIS/The Oakland Post

Forward Kyle Bethel recorded his sixth goal of the season Saturday night against Western Illinois in the OU. Bethel was physical on both sides of the ball.

Joey Tinnion and senior midfielder Jeff Cheslik, combining for three goals.

"It felt great, coach has been preaching productivity to me all season and he really challenged me to score and be productive and I came out and got a couple scores to help the team out," Tinnion said.

Tinnion scored his first goal of the year during the 43rd minute of play on a hard hit long range shot off an assist by midfielder Shawn Claud Lawson.

He then followed that up with finish on the edge during the 75th minute on an assist by Matt DeLang. Cheslik scored his second goal of the year on header off a cross from junior defend-

er Lucas Diener.

"We always look to come in and step up when our number is called," Cheslik said. "That's our thing to come in and be the next guy up to provide a spark to the team when needed so there is no drop."

Entering the match against Western Illinois, OU comes in ranked 14th in shutout percentage. Oakland locked down on defense the rest of the way after ending the first half with three goals within 15 minutes. Bethel led the way for OU, coming out early and often with a physical style of play on both sides of the ball.

"Kyle is such a great player, he's so

OAKLAND SOCCER SCHEDULE

OCT.
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3 p.m. Oakland at Detroit, Titan Field, Detroit, Mich.

OCT.
06

7 p.m. Oakland at IUPUI, Kuntz Soccer Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.

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09

7 p.m. Oakland at Michigan, U-M Soccer Stadium, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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13

7 p.m. Oakland vs Kansas City, OU Soccer Field, Rochester, Mich.

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17

7 p.m. Oakland vs Michigan State, OU Soccer Field, Rochester, Mich.

OCT.
20

8 p.m. Oakland at Fort Wayne, Hefner Soccer Complex, Fort Wayne, Ind.

strong he tends to get a lot of attention and he handles it well and helps our team defense in a big way," Pogue said.

With the victory, the Golden Grizzlies pushed their record to 6-3 and will play the University of Detroit Mercy Wednesday in Detroit at 3 p.m.

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

Women's tennis impresses at Wright State Invitational



Juliana Guevara, women's tennis

On Sunday, the Oakland women's tennis team travelled to Dayton, Ohio for the Wright State Invitational. Freshman Juliana Guevara won two matches, combining with fellow freshman Cam Sabourin to defeat Andrea Arango and Kate Bonderanko from Northern Ohio team 8-2 in doubles play and notching a singles flights win in straight sets over Jessika Bays of IUPUI.

Freshman Tamara Blum beat Shelby Hullett of IUPUI in straight sets, winning her singles flights match 6-3, 6-4.

"It was a good weekend for Oakland tennis," said Head Coach Heather Redshaw. "Winning the finals in two of the four singles flights is definitely a positive that this team can build on."

The event marked the end of the non-championship fall season. However, there is still the possibility of players earning individual invitations to the ITA Winter Invitational at a later date.

Two Oakland teams earn high academic honors

Two Oakland athletic teams earned the NCAA Public Recognition Award. Both the women's golf team and the basketball team received the honor which recognizes programs that have a multi-year NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate in the top 10 percent of teams nationwide.

The award reflected the 2010-11 seasons, highlighting the efforts of both squads in the classroom.

"Our mission statement says we produce graduates and champions," said Scott MacDonald, assistant athletic director for athletic communications. "Champions are born in the classroom, and then that success will carry on to the field or the arena."

This marked the third time the women's golf team garnered the award, and the first time for women's basketball. Oakland has received it five times in school history, with this year being the first that two teams received the honor in the same year.

Women's soccer kicks off conference season with win

The Oakland women's soccer team (4-3-3) started Summit League play with a 1-0 victory over Omaha (1-11-0) Sunday night.

The Golden Grizzlies outshot the conference newcomer 13-9 on the day. Redshirt senior goalie Shannon Coley saved five shots to notch her third shutout of the season. Coley is fourth place in career shutouts at OU and 12th in conference history.

Junior Abigail Haelewyn tallied the only goal of the game at the 16 minute mark. It was Haelewyn's first goal of the season.

"It's good to get a conference win, but we did not play well" said head coach Nick O'Shea. "We need to play harder if we expect to get results next weekend."

Despite being outshot by Oakland, the Mavericks held an advantage in shots on goal, 5-4.

Oakland will be busy this weekend, hosting North Dakota State on Friday at 7 p.m. and South Dakota State on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both matches will be held at the OU Soccer Field.



Shannon Coley, Goalie

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The 2012 American Sewing Expo took place in Novi, Mich. Winner of the quick stitch challenge, Nancy Estola (FAR RIGHT), shows off her purse to judges.

The American Sewing Expo takes over Novi's Suburban Showplace

By Constance Jabro
Staff Intern

Last weekend, the 19th annual American Sewing Expo took place at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. This event featured many activities including over 200 sewing classes/seminars, hands-on workshops, crafters, shopping and fashion shows.

Showing off the goods

One of the most frequently occupied workshops at the expo was the Sew Party Café. The event encouraged people in their mid-50's to sew potholders. It also taught girls as young as 8-years-old to sew their own flower hair pieces.

Peter Fedor was in charge of the Sew Party Café and explained how people can really get creative.

"The Sew Party Café is to foster basic sewing techniques," Fedor said. "Each project takes 30 minutes and for \$5 you can sew a potholder, denim clutch, pillowcase, frill flower, felt rose and you can even make your own belt. Kids are free."

The fashion show dominates

There were many different exhibitors demonstrating how fashion has evolved. The fashion show, however, drew the most viewers.

Although there were a few technical difficulties with the microphone and a minor fruit fly issue in the show area, everything else involving the show went as planned.

The competing fashion designers had a different agenda than shopping around and taking sewing classes. Twelve were selected from a broad range of other designers to compete against each other in the fashion show on Saturday. Competing contestants were from Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and North Carolina.

Becky Fulgoni, the mentor for the fashion designers competing in the Passion for Fashion Sewing competition, explained more about how the competition works.

"We have models for all the different shows," Fulgoni said. "There are different competitions that are done for different age groups. A few of the vendors will have their own fashion shows. Some are not organized by the ASE."

The means to compete

The fashion designers have a \$100 spending limit and can purchase any fabric from any vendor in the showroom. They then had to follow a "bug" theme to inspire their design. The designers also had to design a garment appropriate for cocktail attire.

The designers had a total of 18 hours from Friday to Saturday to buy the garments, choose a bug for inspiration, plan out their design and finally sew the creation, similar to Lifetimes' Project Runway.

Each model shows off the dress on a runway before the three judges cut five designers. The last seven got to show off their pieces once more and spoke about how the bug of their choice inspired their piece.

The judges then chose the top three winners who receive sewing machines as their prize. The first place winner received a Baby Lock Symphony sewing machine that sells as \$3,999 retail.

To launch a designer

According to the show's producer and manager Janet Pray, being a winner from The Passion for Fashion Sewing competition at the American Sewing Expo has tremendously helped past fashion designers in their career.

"One (line) launched, a pattern line, and tripled her (the designer's) business. Another became a spokesperson for a major sewing company," Pray said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Home invasion/ domestic assault in Royal Oak

On Sept. 29 at approximately 6 p.m., police were called for a home invasion complaint. They spoke with a woman who had said the father of her child, a 36-year-old Detroit man, kicked the door open, assaulted her, took their six-month-old child and left in a silver LeSabre. Royal Oak police notified Detroit police of the incident and provided them with the man's address. Detroit police located and detained the man at his home in Detroit. The child was returned to the mother and the man was taken into custody by Royal Oak police.

Patient flees from ambulance, assaults police officer

On Sept. 29 at approximately 10:30 p.m., EMS contacted police due to a patient who was being transported to Common Ground fleeing from the back of the ambulance. Police found the 33-year-old Royal Oak man and took him back to Common Ground where he became combative. Police used a Taser and he was secured in a patrol vehicle and taken to St. Joseph Hospital. Deputies were assisting St. Joseph's medical staff in placing the man on a gurney when he kicked an officer in the head, knocking him to the ground. The deputy's head hit the ground and he was knocked unconscious. The man had a court-ordered mental condition and is being held at the hospital pending a mental and psychiatric evaluation. The officer suffered a laceration to his head. He was admitted to the hospital.

— Compiled by
Lauren Kroetsch,
Staff Reporter

Brooksie Way returns to Rochester Hills

Annual charitable races return to campus, some compete for the opportunity to give winnings to their favorite organizations

By **Stephanie Sokol**
Multimedia Reporter

The fifth annual Brooksie Way Half Marathon and 5K Run took place last Sunday, drawing a crowd of over 4,500 people to run and walk, promoting wellness in the Oakland University community and beyond.

Origins of the race

The race and fitness expo were held in memory of L. Brooks Patterson's son, Brooks Stuart Patterson. Money raised from the races funds mini-grants to promote health and wellness in the community. L. Brooks couldn't attend because of his condition following a car accident Aug. 10, but the community still came to show support.

According to Laura Mutz, the director of communication development alumni and community engagement, nearly 600 race contestants were OU alum, students or employees. First place in the 5K race was Eli Nasr, freshman and biology major. Nasr has been running since eighth grade and has participated in many 5K races, but this is the first year he ran in Brooksie Way.

"It was exciting to run in Rochester Hills," Nasr said. "It felt nice to win in my hometown."

The university helps out

Other students participated, some experiencing their first 5K, including senior Ryan Borg and his friends, seniors Kyle Bell and Sean Alfano, all from Fenton. They decided to run for fun and trained for a month beforehand.

"The course was a little difficult with the hills, but the Meadow Brook area has such great scenery, so overall it was a good run," Borg said. "My first thought when I crossed the finish line: I need some water."

The university was also involved through their hospitality tent, where runners could pick up free hats and take a break with a healthy snack. The tent was made possible by University President Gary Russi, who also walked in the race, ac-

ording to Mutz.

Competition wasn't limited to the student body, however. Many residents from the Rochester area participated. Advocacy groups and local foundations participated as well, to raise awareness about their causes.

Running for your cause

Sarah Devitt of Saginaw and Kelly Woodford of Taylor were seen in McDonald's prior to the race, since it was "the only place open in the area." The two ran to get the word out about Project Awareness, an organization raising awareness for people with age-related STDs like Human Papillomavirus.

"We're running to raise awareness about Project Awareness," Devitt said. "The program's goal is to get rid of the stigma and teach people stats about these issues."

Jeff Schropp of Rochester ran his first 5K this year at Brooksie Way. His fiancé was running in the Half Marathon and the company he worked for, Meritor, was one of the corporate sponsors.

Barbara Barnes of The Upper Room in Rochester cheered for members of her youth group as they crossed the finish line.

"Our organization keeps kids off the streets," Barnes said. "We help them help the community. I'm excited to cheer them on today."

A successful endeavor

While there were many participants and volunteers, the 27 businesses sponsors, as well as many members of the community helped make the race possible.

"We're very proud of the race," Linda Davis of the Auburn Hills Community Committee said. "This was put together with the help of so much community support that made this possible."

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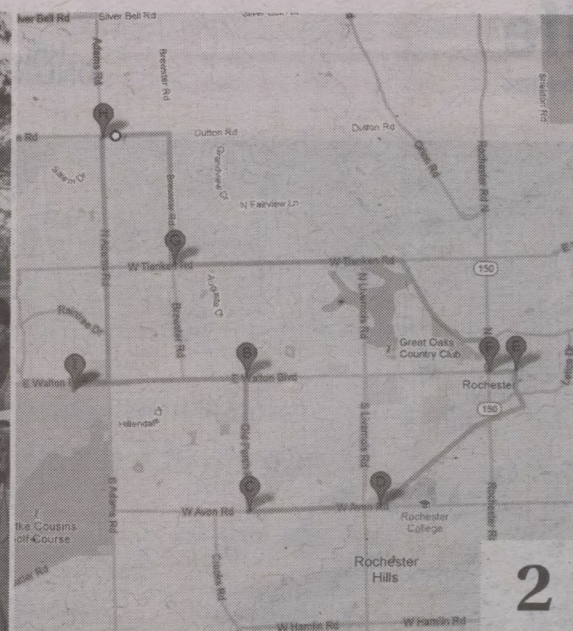
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1. At the sound of the bell, the half-marathon runners start their race.

2. The route of Brooksie Way takes its participants all across the area, starting and ending on the grounds of Meadowbrook near Adams and Walton.

3. After the conclusion of the race, the racers congregate together to collect participant medals, bottles of water and various snacks.

4. A father and his two daughters run hand-in-hand in the second wave of Brooksie Way — the half-mile run.

5. The half-mile run starts off with an all-out sprint and a wide variety of adults and children participate.

6. A young girl finishes the half-mile run ahead of her parents.



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Where does writing take you?

By Lillian Reid // Staff Intern

Oakland University's writing and rhetoric department hosted their fall writing marathon Sept. 27. Participants varied from students, faculty and staff. Writers were asked to search around campus and free-write where ever they found inspiration. All participants broke down into small groups and ventured out for their word-filled journey.

While exploring campus, many groups found different sources for inspiration. From Beer Lake to the Kresge fountain, the creativity started flowing. The stories were all different in topics and backgrounds.

Daniel Lewis, a freshman pre-physical therapy student, moved with his group to many spots all around campus.

"Writing is important because it gives me a chance to express myself and say what I'm feeling," Lewis said.

Lewis found numerous points of inspiration, but started his writing at Beer Lake. He wasn't alone there.

Writing and Rhetoric professor Pamela Todoroff also sought inspiration from the water. Being Todoroff's first semester at OU, she said she took a lot away from the event.



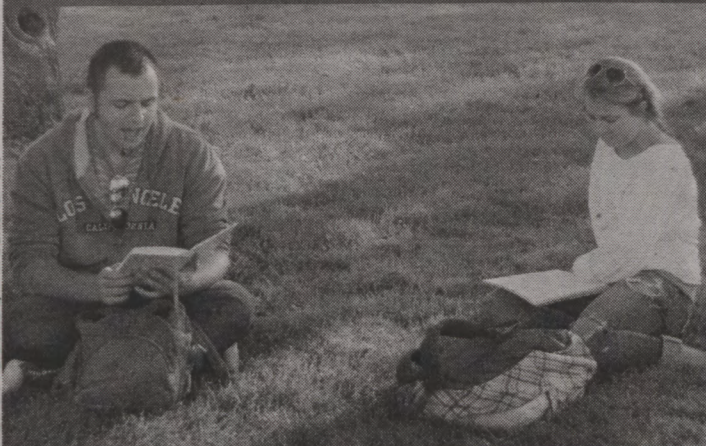
"Writers are strange people," Todoroff said. "We find free writing interesting. We are inspired by what is around us. Writers do their best work when we work collaboratively."

The groups met back at Fireside Lounge for refreshments and to share their work. While sharing, prizes were raffled off including Starbucks and Barnes & Noble giftcards, a McDonalds cash book and candy. This event was extra credit for the students who participated.

Professors said they enjoyed the experience just as much. Sheryl Ruskiewicz, a writing and rhetoric professor participated in the marathon for the first time.

"The best part was I had the chance to write with some of my students outside of the classroom," Ruskiewicz said.

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'Demetri Martin. Stand Up Comedian.'

By Dylan Dulberg
Photo Editor



Demetri Martin, Comedian

With his first big break in 2005 on "Premium Blend," Demetri Martin and his odd style of humor has been grabbing attention world-wide.

After multiple successful comedic endeavors of a "Comedy Central Presents..." special, a 1-hour special titled "Demetri Martin. Person," a book called "These are Words" and a TV show called "Important Things With Demetri Martin," there was much anticipation for his next performance.

So, when word broke of his next show, "Demetri Martin. Stand Up Comedian," a Q&A was arranged with numerous college newspapers. The following are excerpts.

The Oakland Post: For fans of your special, 'These are Jokes' and fans of your show, what can those fans expect out of your new special?

Demetri: My new special is really like most of the things I've put out. Based on jokes, a lot of one-liners, I tried to pan it down. So, in the other television specials I did, I had a bunch of friends come onstage, and they were wearing costumes, and things like that. And there was set decoration, you know, like a tree or something. But, this time I tried to really simplify it and just focus mostly on the jokes. So it's just like a black curtain on a black stage, and I'm up there telling jokes. There are some drawings, and I play guitar a little bit in the last part of the show, but mostly just a big bunch of jokes. Basically. So yeah, it will be what I usually do but I kinda panned it down, and simplified things a little bit.

LaSalle University: I want to know, what do you do to prepare before a show?

Demetri: You mean a show I'm doing on the road, that sort of thing? Well, I don't do much, but I always try out new material on any show I do, because my jokes are so short, I can just swap out and it works pretty great. When I go on the road, you know I can do the tree each day, or not try depending on time I get. So, there's a lot of wiggle room within that time to try out things. So what I usually do is go through my notebook and see what new bits I wanna try. And, usually they have a large pad for me backstage, 'cause I tell my writers, 'Hey, I need a large pad so I can do the drawings.' Because it's kind of cumbersome to travel with. So when I get to the venue, around soundcheck I'll go in the back and I'll view all the drawings that I'm going to show on the stage during the show and I usually eat something, lately it's been a caprese sandwich with mozzarella cheese. Tomato and basil. Then I, you know, I do the show. I don't have any rituals, other than caring for the stuff that I have to present, and eating. Oh and I kill — I kill a small animal if there's one nearby. I don't usually share that with people. You know, I kill it and I feel powerful.



Photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Barbee

Freshman and singer-songwriter Kaitlyn Barbee has songs available on iTunes and has won multiple local awards for her singing.

Barbee's ballad

Freshman and singer-songwriter Kaitlyn Barbee sings her heart out

By Katie Williams
Senior Reporter

Freshman Kaitlyn Barbee has a broad set of dreams — Broadway or broadcast, to be exact. The singer-songwriter has two songs available on iTunes and is recording her first album.

"I've been singing since I could talk. It's always just been comfortable for me," Barbee said.

She is pursuing a major in communication and a minor in vocal performance. Barbee, a Hartland native,

plans on auditioning to double-major in musical theatre performance in December.

Barbee wrote and recorded her first song "Lullaby" in 2011 and recently completed work on her second song, "Sweet Addiction." Both songs were recorded at Real II Reel Productions, Inc. in Fenton.

Jaunty Meek, vice president of Real II Reel, immediately related to Barbee's attitude and talent.

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Putting music in motion

Artists-in-residence win MTV Video Music Award for collaboration on Skrillex music video

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland University artists-in-residence Benoit and Julien Decaillon received a 2012 MTV Video Music Award for their visual work on the Skrillex video "First of the Year."

"We were very surprised when we found out we won," Julien Decaillon said. "We were surprised to be nominated and even more stunned to receive the award, since we were up against other videos with great special effects."

Production begins

The Decaillons began work on the video right before Skrillex reached fame. While they have worked on many music videos and films, like their horror flick "Sodium Babies," Skrillex was the first big artist they produced for.

Both of the brothers and Michael

Mannasseri, who works alongside them, were surprised, being that their video was up against many high profile artists.

Mannasseri, a filmmaker, is the founder of Made in Michigan Entertainment and an OU artist-in-residence. He works with the Cinema Studies Program to give students opportunities for film experience beyond Student Video Productions.

Working with students

The Decaillon brothers had been going back-and-forth between France and the United States working on projects. After uniting with Mannasseri, they began working for MIME.

Joining him last January in partnership with OU, they now live here permanently. Being here provides the opportunity to network with other filmmakers, as well as provide students with opportunities for "specialized internships and qualified paid 'on-set' positions" to build their resumes, according to the MIME website.

"It's been great to work with students and give them real-world experience," Mannasseri said. "Made in Michigan Entertainment's partnership with OU is a really great partner-

ship. It provides a real foundation for the program."

According to Andrea Eis, coordinator of film production, Mannasseri and the Decaillons' partnership has brought the film program to another level, offering something not many colleges have.

Eis said the work of MIME has given students more opportunities to do jobs that provide hands-on experience, rather than observing. It provides them with "a good picture of the real side of the film industry."

Eis felt them winning the award showed students the importance of hard work.

"(The Decaillons' VMA) was very exciting and interesting for students to see. It's proof that they are valued for their abilities in the film industry. Students in the program now have an extra connection to achievement. While it seems like a glamorous industry, it's a lot of intense work, so it was great that the brothers were honored."

The road ahead

While it is not always easy, Eis, Mannasseri and the Decaillon brothers think the film industry is worthwhile for students.

"The film market is a long road,"



Photo courtesy of Michael Mannasseri

Michael Mannasseri works alongside Benoit and Julien Decaillon.

Benoit Decaillon said. "It's important to be really perseverant and creative. There are a lot of different jobs in the film industry. It's important to look at things from many perspectives, with a creative mind. Don't give up, try new stuff and learn from mistakes."

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BARBEE

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"When I met Kaitlyn, I knew she was dead serious about her music. That's one thing I love about her — she's got a great passion for music," Meek said. "After I heard 'Sweet Addiction,' I knew it was going to be a hit. It's a great tune, to me it's a refreshing sound. She's a talented singer-songwriter and people can relate to her lyrics."

According to Meeks, Real II Reel is collaborating with producer Randy Lynch to help Barbee with her next song. Lynch has worked with artists including Eminem, Kanye West, Toni Braxton and Celine Dion.

"She's working with people that can really help her succeed and can give her guidance," Meek said. "She's special to us, and working with Randy is a great step in the right direction. Kaitlyn's open-minded when it comes to suggestions about making a song better. In music that's so important."

Barbee said the success of "Sweet Addiction" encouraged her to look into recording. After performing the song at her high school talent show

and winning first place in 2011, fans asked her to make it available on iTunes. Barbee also won First Place and People's Choice awards after performing the song in the Livingston Sensation singing competition in August.

Her talent show win also landed Barbee a performance at the Palace of Auburn Hills, where she sang the national anthem at the state wrestling finals.

"It was a powerful thing to win — especially because everybody voted for my song. That song got me into recording, and it will always be a big deal to me," Barbee said.

She has been writing music since she was 10-years-old, and cites that songwriting serves as an emotional outlet.

"There will be times when I finish a song in 15 minutes because I'm in the moment," Barbee said. "I can't always just go upstairs and say, 'Oh, I'm going to write a song,' you've got to be into it. You can't just write to write, there's got to be feeling behind it."

In addition to singing, Barbee also has acting aspirations. Most recently, she auditioned for "Legally Blonde" at

Meadow Brook Theatre and received a callback. She has also portrayed Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" and Eponine in "Les Miserables" in high school productions.

"Acting is always changing — it has a lot to do with the people you're working with. You have to adapt with the other actors," she said. "When I get off stage, I barely remember it because I was in character. It's weird, but you have to forget yourself."

Barbee hopes to one day perform in New York City and said her dream role would be Alphaba in "Wicked."

"Singing is a lot easier for me than acting," she said. "I love Broadway—it's my favorite stuff to sing. I love belting and I feel so accomplished when I hit those high notes."

Meek is certain that there will be more of those high notes in Barbee's career.

"We're really excited about what the future holds for Kaitlyn. There's a lot of positive things that are happening for her, and she's got a lot of support."

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Mouthing Off

SATIRE

I can't bear the wait any longer

By Brian Johnston
Copy Editor

I've never taken a ride on a Bear Bus. I've heard of the Bear Buses. I've seen them driving around campus. One fateful day in the fall semester of 2011, I chased one while flailing my arms and screaming. But I've never actually been on one.

And I'm not exactly sure who to blame for that, to tell the truth.

As mentioned in a previous "Mouthing Off" article, I enjoy parking further away and walking to class. It's easier to find open parking in the outskirts of campus. Plus, if you take one look at me, you can tell I could use the exercise.

But sometimes I don't feel like walking from the Upper Fields. And every time I consider taking a Bear Bus, it

taunts me. Some days I see it taking off from the parking lot just as I pull in.

Other times, the Bear Bus gets craftier. After waiting for a while, I decide it isn't worth my time to keep waiting. Just as I get to the building in which my class is held, the Bear Bus makes an appearance.

A quick look at the Bear Bus website shows the route schedule. It doesn't really list pickup or drop-off times, but it does list routes and operating times. This isn't helpful for figuring out if it's more time-efficient to wait for the bus or start hoofing it.

And now there's the Bear Shuttle service. NASA can't afford to send people into space, but Oakland University (who I'm sure has a much smaller operating budget) has bearstronauts? Something smells



LEX LEE/The Oakland Post

For Copy Editor Brian Johnston, the campus Bear Buses are almost as mythical as a unicorn. Here's a newborn in its natural habitat.

fishy, and not just the Grizz's lunch.

If I were the type to don a tinfoil hat, I'd swear the Bear Buses were mocking me.

On a shopping trip, I told my wife of this pet conspiracy theory. "It seems a bit too inconvenient," I told her. "Every time I need to get on the Bear Bus, I'm just a little too early or too late."

The views expressed in Mouthing Off do not necessarily represent those of The Oakland Post.

She gave me the "Brian, you're acting crazy again" look. It was the same look she gave me when I said Beer Lake had pirate treasure in it.

But just as we were loading our purchases into my minivan, the two Bear Shuttles showed up in the Target parking lot, six and a half miles away from Oakland University.

My wife still thinks I'm crazy, but I'll be the crazy one with a hoard of Beer Lake pirate treasure.

I decided that night to make amends with the Bear Buses. The next morning, I stood and waited at a stop, pondering my fate.

If I boarded the Bear Bus, would I wind up in Narnia? I've never read any of the books or seen any of the movies. I wouldn't know the first thing about getting along there.

After waiting a good five minutes, the bus came into view. I beamed with excitement. All I needed to do was show my SpiritCard and...

I could hear the fates laughing at me. I left my wallet at home.

"I'll take the next one," I said meekly.

WEEKLY PUZZLES



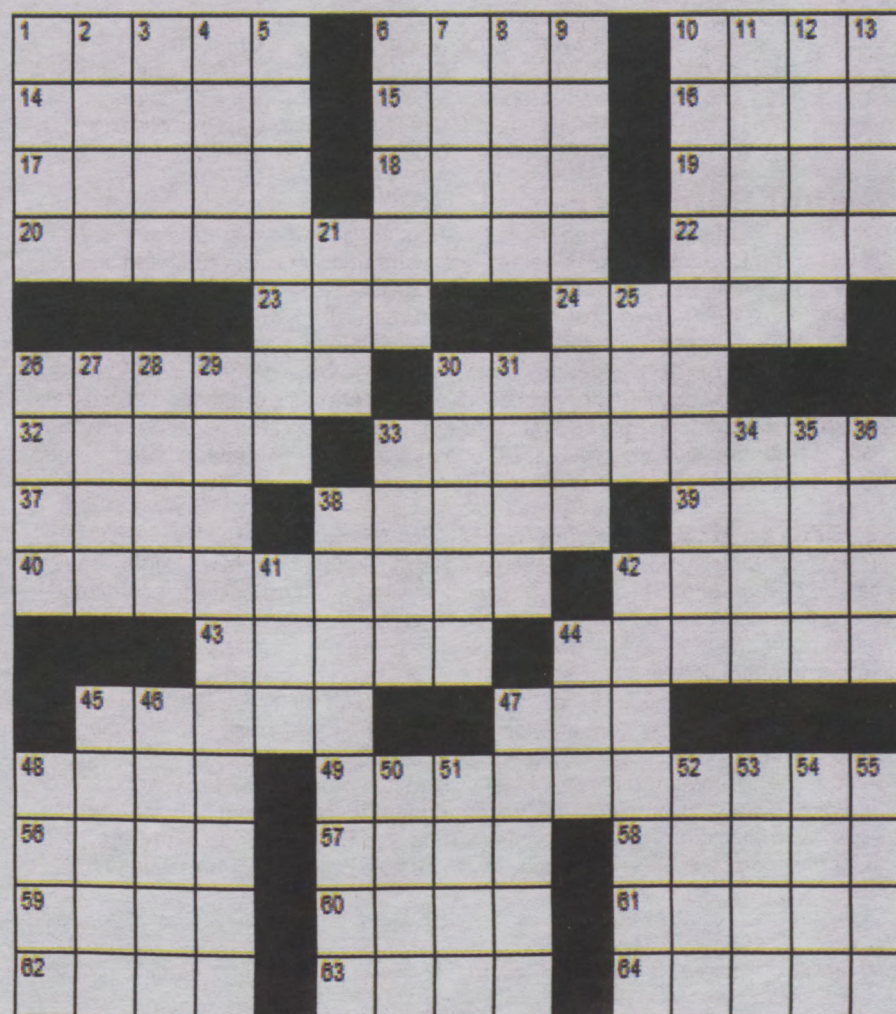
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6. Contributors
10. Jump up and down
14. Permit
15. Gait faster than a walk
16. Test
17. Cunning
18. Story
19. 10 cent coin
20. Unappeasable
22. Biblical garden
23. Black gunk
24. Thorny flowers
26. Attach
30. It pumps blood
32. Bring upon oneself
33. A variety of mandarin orange
37. Sun
38. Go by car
39. Chilled
40. Not permanent
42. New Zealand native
43. Foe
44. Unable to
45. Ebbs

Down

47. Vulpes velox
48. Sodium chloride
49. Likeness
56. 53 in Roman numerals
57. False god
58. A worker of stone
59. Baking appliance
60. Where a bird lives
61. Flip over
62. Heredity unit
63. Deep cut
64. Plateaux
12. Contests
13. Portent
21. Tin
25. Mineral rock
26. Clenched hand
27. Initial wager
28. Fraud
29. Paint thinner
30. Hirsute
31. Covetousness
33. Streetcar
34. Computer symbol
35. Roman emperor
36. Modify
38. Bandaging
41. Half of a pair
42. Not minimum
44. Mountain pass
45. Do without
46. Extraterrestrial
47. Grime
48. Plod along
50. Bright thought
51. Nonvascular plant
52. Adhesive strip
53. Applications
54. Spanish lady
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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 of 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") to prevent the unlawful use and abuse of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

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 at OU

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution, of illicit drugs and alcohol by students or employees 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 OU Ordinances governing the use of alcohol and drugs are available in the Student Code of Conduct and University Administrative Policies and Procedures, Section # 600, Health and Safety.

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 Academic Human Resources, and University Human Resources (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

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Alcoholics Anonymous
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