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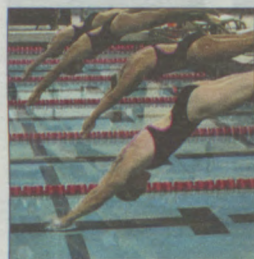
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Plan more, stress less

Full-year registration shouldn't be a source of frustration

Where are you going to be exactly six months from now? Students who took advantage of the new full-year registration policy know they'll be sitting in a classroom. In fact, they know the exact classroom and for what class, as well as who will be standing up front.

We have heard all of the complaints and gripes about the new process but ultimately think the new process is more sensible than the previous one.

"It makes no sense," some people argue. Many seemed to be confused by what this registration policy meant; it was even a topic of discussion brought before the Oakland University Student Congress at the end of last school year.

It does not mean an entire year's eBill must be paid in full by the time fall semester rolls around. So those unsure of their financial future can rest easy — a little, anyway. It also does not force students to necessarily register for two semesters' worth of classes.

"I have a job," others say.

In uncertain times, it's nice to have at

least one part of life mapped out for the year ahead. If students know their class schedule a year in advance, they will also know their work availability.

After working with employers in order to plan their work schedules for an entire year, the same idea can be applied to internships or other work experiences.

"How am I supposed to know what classes I want to take?"

The bottom line is: You should. Advisors are available in every department and school to help students with scheduling and planning needs.

They can help arrange a plan that fits each advisee's specific schedule and are there to help students graduate. It's just a matter of wanting to finish your degree.

"Things can always change."

Everyone will then have the issue of commitments changing and scheduling curveballs being thrown at them if this is true. The perpetual game of musical chairs played with regards to class enrollment will still be played.

That does not change much from the

way things were before full-year registration. What changes are the added benefits that come with scheduling out a year ahead of time.

Most complaints center around the fact that it forces students and faculty to think ahead. Students who have problems with full-year registration seemingly do not want to put in the effort to choose classes a few months earlier out of sheer laziness.

Is it that difficult to schedule an appointment with an adviser, complete a degree evaluation, print out a worksheet or look in a catalog that is readily available? It will truly benefit you to do so.

Who hasn't wanted to just be done with school? Full-year registration opens up the idea that 3-year graduation can be possible with some programs and alleviates the stress plaguing seniors as they sign up for their remaining required classes.

It's one less time each year you have to sit at the computer as midnight approaches, biting nails and nervously refreshing SAIL.

And we can all stand to wait a whole year before doing that again.

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\$100 or your life?

Wait to T-9 to avoid getting T-boned

Last year, I rear-ended a white SUV.

That might seem like an ordinary event, but it could have been avoided had I not been engaged in another ordinary event: texting. Sure, 21 Mile Road was unusually congested and it was raining, but I endangered my life and the lives of others over a matter of social networking that could have waited until I was at my destination. I felt incredibly stupid. Luckily for me, both cars emerged unscathed and the driver understood.

It is now illegal for drivers to text while driving in Michigan, thanks to a law passed on July 1. The law, although difficult to enforce and carries a \$100 fine, is a good thing. Texting while driving impairs your ability to operate a vehicle more than driving drunk and is the cause of 25 percent – 1.6 million – of crashes per year, according to a January study by the National Safety Council.

Oprah Winfrey has also spread awareness of the dangers of texting. In an episode aired in January, she showed viewers first-hand accounts



Sarah Wojcik
Staff Reporter

of traumatic accidents caused by using a phone and operating a vehicle. She also spearheads a "No Phone Zone" campaign in which individuals pledge to not use phones in the car to "help put an end to distracted driving."

The human brain has a finite amount of space dedicated to tasks requiring attention. For example, trying to talk to someone on the phone and browsing Facebook at the same time. We've all done it; we know how much it annoys the person on the other end of the line. Trying to accomplish two things at once results in both tasks being compromised.

This is a lesson many of us multitaskers need to learn.

Texting is the worst type of

distracted driving: It impairs your visual, manual, and cognitive abilities, leaving you to blindly operate a vehicle for seconds at a time. On a freeway, five seconds equals hundreds of yards. That is really scary.

A study by the Highway Loss Data Institute released last month found that the laws against texting while driving may result in a slightly higher accident rate. This could be due to drivers resorting to a more hazardous behavior of hiding their texts to make an effort to evade the \$100 fine.

Higher numbers of accidents stemming from drivers' attempts to conceal their texting is not grounds for lifting the ban. People need to be made aware of the dangers of texting while driving and follow the law for their own safety and the safety of others.

Despite being inconvenient to our increasingly technological, fast-paced, and multitasking generation, the Michigan ban on texting while driving is a necessary step toward saving lives. A return to the idea of driving as a pleasurable pastime might be just what we need.

ON SECOND THOUGHT...

Sexting: Not OK for some, OK for others — fun for all

Society is much different now than it was yesterday. It seems that every day a new gadget is developed to make our lives easier. And like primitive creatures, we use this technology to fulfill our carnal needs.



Daud Yar
Copy Editor

Before sexting, short for "sex texting," life was simple. Lonely men and women could call a professional for some old-fashioned "phone sex."

But those days are gone. Now, anyone can text his or her spouse, girlfriend or boyfriend, or friend with benefits their hot pictures,

captioned with some dirty wordage.

Not surprisingly, everyone is getting into it. Like a dog chasing a postal truck, people are suckers for new fads and have no regard for consequences.

Celebrities and public figures are no exception to this rule. Famous people like NFL quarterback Brett Favre, who allegedly sexted a New York Jets employee, are catching the media's eye for potential foul play.

Still others have been caught red-handed: Kwame Kilpatrick, Lily Allen, Senator John Ensign and Tiger Woods, to name a few.

This growing trend worries me. All sorts of people look up to celebrities, whether for their music, political action or star power. Their message is clear: Feel free to document intimately inappropriate thoughts — you won't get caught.

For people constantly under a watchful eye, this message is foolhardy. Someone sooner or later will catch on to their cyber-erotic behavior. I don't have to mention what happens then; just look at the fates of those mentioned above.

On second thought...

What about everyone else? Does the same rule apply? Is it wrong for normal folk to sext?

Absolutely not.

Sexting is pretty hot. It opens a new dimension to a relationship. Instead of only talking via phone or in person, words become a key to blissful arousal.

For unknown people, with our low-key presence and regular lives, we deserve to sext till we drop. Why? Because no one cares about the affairs of boring people.

So what is the future of sexting?

For better or worse, sexting is here to stay. Unfortunately, every month is sure to feature a witless star or a political juggernaut falling from grace with no understanding of ethical values.

The common man, meanwhile, can be comfortable typing away his next sext with no worries and sexy days ahead.

CORRECTIONS CORNER

- Due to a printing error, "Swapping books and getting votes" was missing some text. The complete version can be found under the Perspectives tab on www.oaklandlandpostonline.com

- In "Enrollment exceeds 19K," we incorrectly reported that Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said she thinks 25,000 students is "an attainable goal" and that "in time, Oakland will be that size." Due to a loss in Michigan residents and the cost of higher education, she actually only expects to see incremental growth in the next five years.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Do you think your ability to learn has ever been affected by the number of students in the class?

yes — 22 (58%)

no — 16 (42%)

CURRENT POLL // Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

Do you support the possibility that the Pistons could move from Auburn Hills to downtown Detroit?

yes

no



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Grizz MADNEZZ

at OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

**We weren't born to follow.
We were born to lead.**

Grizz Madnezz marks the official start of the college basketball season. The Golden Grizzlies men's and women's basketball teams will celebrate the occasion with a pep rally on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Coupons for the first 1,000 fans for FREE limited-edition giveaway. Coupons can only be redeemed at the end of the Grizz Madnezz event.

OU Volleyball vs. NDSU

6 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.)

OU's volleyball squad takes on North Dakota State University.

Pep Rally

8 p.m. (or immediately following volleyball)

Join us in the O'rena for a fun-filled, action-packed athletics showcase featuring OU athletes and coaches, OU dance and cheer performances and special appearances by OU administrators and student leaders.

Hundreds of fun fan giveaways are planned.

The Pep Rally also features the Grizz Gang and Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin' Challenge. Watch four Grizz Gang participants battle their way through the last round of the championship. The winner receives a \$100 gift card to Buffalo Wild Wings, and the runner-up receives a \$50 gift card. Grizz Gang participants must register from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, or Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Oakland Center food court. Elimination rounds take place Oct. 14 from noon-1 p.m. at the Guard the Sail event between North and South Foundation Halls.

Students: Win one of two tuition awards. Enter from 7-8 p.m. during the OU-NDSU volleyball game. Awards will be presented at the end of the Pep Rally. Must be present to win.

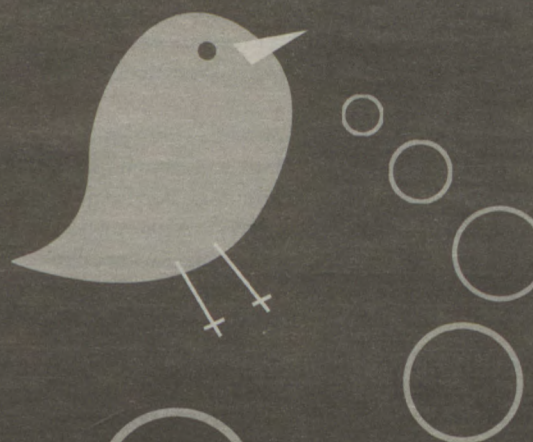
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Choosing classes now for later

Students and faculty share opinions about full-year online registration

By **ALI ARMSTRONG**

Staff Reporter

It was the event that had OU students talking and stressing.

After two years of planning, full-year registration, which allows students to register for more than one semester at a time, went into effect this past month.

Through the full-year registration process, students can register for summer, fall and winter semesters at the same time.

"I think overall, the initiative has been very successful...it really involved a number of offices, both administrative and academic, to make the initiative a success," said Steve Shablin of the Registrars office.

The proposal, which was approved by the president's cabinet in December 2009, was put together to help minimize the inability for students to register for classes as a result of issues on SAIL.

"I found the new process to be very convenient. In previous years, I always struggled

with making my schedule," said sophomore Jackie Marker. "I definitely think it allows us to be more flexible with our schedule and not have to worry."

But along with planning for a full year of classes comes a considerable amount of stress, some say.

"I find it inefficient," said English Department Chair and Professor Susan Hawkins. "Given the lead time, so many changes have to be made and the burden of getting that paperwork done falls on the department's administrative secretary. We are now scheduling 18 months in advance; a lot can happen in that time."

The new scheduling process has professors weighing the pros and cons as well.

"Any time you change a process, some of the negativity might be just because of change itself," Shablin said.

"We're sensitive to change and want to assure that we're communicating to students, faculty and staff about the change. In reality, many of these processes affect most

students and we want to ensure the success in that by a good communication."

While many students may juggle the simultaneous role of student and employee, the task of planning for an entire year of classes is a burden to some and a convenience for others.

"I've seen ambitious students graduate in three years because they knew exactly what they wanted to take when and where. This system helps them. Some students, of course, aren't sure yet about their major, or they change their minds, frequently," said Journalism Interim Director and Professor Garry Gilbert.

Planning around work schedules and degree requirements served to be a problem for some students, as they needed to be aware of the specific requirements for their degrees.

"The idea that a college student knows exactly what classes he or she wants for the next year only applies to a very small percentage of students," junior Andrew Hag-

gard said.

"I would warrant a lot of students can't even commit to finding jobs because they need to have possible flexibility in their school scheduling."

Senior Megan Rochon said registering for a full year of classes could be tricky.

"You never know what classes are going to fill up and if all your classes end up being full, that can send you into a panic," Rochon said. "I think most students are okay with it once it's over and done."

To help students with the transition to a full-year registration, advisors served on a full-year registration committee to help students resolve scheduling issues.

"We have provided a number of banner work flows," Shablin said, "we had advisers there to identify the importance of communication to students when certain processes change."

Before registration, students are encouraged to visit an academic advisor to ensure the class planning process is a smooth one.

Student government tackles transfer GPA dilemma

By **JAKE THIELEN**

Staff Reporter

OUSC discussed student concerns, campus events and added several new members to its committees during Monday's meeting.

At the Sept. 27 OUSC meeting, Student Body President Brandon Gustafson discussed an issue that an OU graduate was having while attempting to apply to a medical school.

"When your grade transfers from OU and you're trying to apply to grad schools, he was having an issue to where his GPA was being lowered," Gustafson said. "For students applying to grad schools, when Oakland sends their GPA to

the medical schools, their GPA is coming back to them as a different GPA than the one they graduated with."

Gustafson and Student Body Vice President Amy Ring met last week with Provost Virinder Moudgil to discuss the issue.

"We did find out that it was summer of 2009 that the organization that does the GPA conversion changed how they view Oakland University's GPA," Ring said. "We have the Academic Affairs doing research about why they changed Oakland University's conversion and if they changed other universities' conversions just to ensure that Oakland University students are not at any kind of loss

when they're applying to medical school."

Ring added that Academic Affairs is "on top of it, and they were really glad that we brought this issue to their attention because they hadn't even known about it."

Ring said that she would update OUSC when more information became available and that only one student has reported this issue to OUSC so far.

Student Services Director Brett McIsaac said Monday's charity golf outing on campus was a success.

"We were able to put together around \$1,600 to donate to the Center for Biomedical Research, which is about \$700 more than

we made last year at our charity event," McIsaac said. "It's going to support students in the summer who are doing research here."

In addition to the golf outing success, several members were appointed to new positions at Monday's meeting.

Justice John Ajlouny was approved as a new member of the Judiciary Committee. Ajlouny is a current OUSC legislator.

Antionette Henry, Maurisha Banks and Dominic Williams were approved as members of the Multicultural Affairs Committee.

"I would like to join the Multicultural Affairs Committee because I'd like to get involved on campus and just meet some

new people and make some new friends," Williams said.

Laura Collier and Phillip Lusk were approved as OUSC justices.

"Laura Collier is a very good pick (for justice)," Legislator Daud Yar said. "She's very involved, on and off campus, and she does a lot of community service."

Collier is a junior who is majoring in biology with a concentration in pre-medical studies. Lusk is a political science major who said he hoped to become more involved on campus by becoming a justice.

OUSC meets every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center and all students are welcome.

campus briefs

IAHE takes third in competition

OU's International Association for Hydrogen Energy chapter took third place in the first national IAHE design competition.

The team was required to design, build and test a portable fuel cell stack using numerical and CAD models.

The fuel cell costs approximately \$322 and can produce up to 12.5 watts of energy. The cell features an integrated cooling and air supply.

The Oakland chapter submitted their design via a YouTube.com presentation and formal report.

Princeton University was the overall winner, and Penn State University finished as runner-up.

MBH Mystery Dinner

Meadow Brook Hall will be hosting a Mystery Dinner on Friday, Oct. 15 from 7-10 p.m.

Participants will have a chance to solve the murder mystery.

The evening includes a cocktail reception and an elegant dinner.

Reservations are required to attend the event. Tickets are \$75 per person. To purchase tickets, call 248-364-6263.

OUPD offers self-defense program

Oakland's police department is offering a series of Rape Aggression Defense Basic Personal Defense System (RAD) classes every Tuesday and Thursday through Oct. 27.

The RAD classes provide self-defense options to participants of all levels of ability, age and experience.

The classes give insight into the attacker mindset and offer information on physical and non-physical options.

Classes will be offered again starting Jan. 17, 2011.

Students can register online at www.police.oakland.edu/rad/register

For more information about RAD, visit www.rad-systems.com

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Assistant Campus Editor

Guest speaker aims to engage

By KAITLYN CHORNOBY

Assistant Campus Editor

Justin Jones-Fosu, son of former OU economics professor Augustin Fosu, will be returning to a familiar campus on Wednesday, Oct. 13 to present a motivational speech as part of the Week of Champions at OU.

Jones-Fosu, who has five keynote programs for college students, will be presenting "Harnessing the Power of Healthy Relationships" from 7-8 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Jones-Fosu said this program touches on love and how to communicate with a significant other, as well as looking at both internal and external relationships. The program gives insight on how to identify relationships that are empowering as opposed to ones that bring a student down.

The program will explore what defines a healthy relationship and how to instill values that are important to the individual within the relationship.

Each individual campus that Jones-Fosu speaks at decides which program they would like to have presented based on the "needs of the campus," he said.

Jones-Fosu said his motto, "Not just a presentation, but an experience," speaks volumes about his presentations. Through music and calling out to the audience, he said he strives to make his presentations a fun and unique experience for those participating.

He said he finds many speakers who are eager and pumped to be speaking, but leave the students wondering whether they learned anything.

He said his presentations emphasize what the action of the students should be, rather than inspirational messages and big talk.

"I'm sick of people just talking, not acting," Jones-Fosu said. "I love the quote, 'Put your action where your mouth is.' That's what my presentations are about."

Jones-Fosu said his presentation differs from other speakers because he engages the audience and encourages them to leave with more than just information. In his keynote, "Be an ACTION Hero: The ACTIONS of Super Successful Student Leaders," participants walk away with an action plan to turn Jones-Fosu's words into reality.

"A lot of speakers say, 'Hope big! Dream big! Believe big,' but not many talk about how to act big," Jones-Fosu said. "One of the biggest parts of my presentation is asking yourself, 'What will I actually do with



Photo courtesy of Justin Jones-Fosu

Justin Jones-Fosu presents his keynotes to college students and admissions staff.

this?"

While primarily working with college students, Jones-Fosu has worked with admissions staff and college professionals. Jones-Fosu said he focuses on speaking with and inspiring the "next generation" of individuals.

Jones-Fosu said he likes to stick around after his shows to talk to students and answer any additional questions. He encourages students to stay in touch with him through e-mail or Facebook and loves to get feedback from students.

Although currently residing in Maryland, Jones-Fosu grew up in Michigan. He said he is excited to return to his home state and hopes to say "hello" to professional friends of his father's.

Jones-Fosu is the president and chief inspirational officer of Justin Inspires LLC, which he started in March 2007. He is also the author of "Inspiration for Life: Dream Bigger, Do More, Live Fuller," and hosts a weekly radio show. He said he was involved with several campus organizations while attending school and has been speaking publicly since high school.

"It's fun," Jones-Fosu said. "When you find what you love to do, pursue it. Ask, what would you do for free?"

Jones-Fosu presents his other keynotes to college-aged audiences.

"Become an ACTION Hero" focuses on creating plans to implement change in student organizations, the difference between normal and super leaders, and how to leave a legacy.

"ACT Responsibly: Diversity Edition" explores what diversity really means, how to embrace differing social styles and how to promote diversity in the community.

"The Freshman 15" is intended for freshmen students and teaches how to manage time for classes and friends and how to set oneself up for a transition after college life.

"Your Vision Unleashed and Uncensored" strives to relieve students of factors that keep them tied down to mediocrity and works to put dreams into action.

Jones-Fosu is represented by CAMPUSPEAK, a company that links speakers with college campuses.

For more information about Jones-Fosu's programs, visit www.justininspires.com

Gay awareness issues surface

By **ANDREW CRAIG**

Staff Intern

In the spirit of National Coming Out Week, Oakland University's Gender and Sexuality Center and Gay Student Alliance will each be host of several campus events.

National Coming Out Week began Friday, Oct. 8 and will end Thursday, Oct. 14.

With help from the Student Program Board, the student organizations hope to expand on the work of past years.

"National Coming Out Week promotes well-being," said freshman Zac Willockx. "It recognizes many different groups and provides an opportunity for a greater understanding and acceptance of them."

On campus, the Gender & Sexuality Center hopes to replicate that atmosphere.

Reflecting the focus of its national counterpart, campus events will concentrate on topics relevant to pressing issues within the community. One topic will be bullying.

"It's more in the light now," Willockx said. "There have been seven (suicides) this

month."

While bullying may be getting worse on the national scale, the attention it is receiving has also undoubtedly risen.

"It's different because anyone can take part. You don't have to be gay — you don't have to be anything."

— Zac Willockx, freshman

The first day of National Coming Out Week offered a seminar on safe sex and its third annual pillow fight.

Monday kicked off the RHA Hate-Free Campaign in Vandenberg Hall. The SPB event, "Coming Out with the Real World," was also featured Monday at Meadow Brook Theatre.

"Women's Wednesdays" events on Oct. 13 will attempt to dispel the myths of sexual minority groups with a presentation at the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

The week will culminate Thursday with the "Coming Out Monologues," presented

by GSA and the Film Maker's Guild, at 7 p.m. in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center.

Originally created at Texas A&M University in the mold of the "Vagina Monologues," the Coming Out Monologues are more open to the community. Anyone can participate.

"It's different because anyone can take part. You don't have to be gay — you don't have to be anything," said Willockx.

Allies and supporters are encouraged to get involved. All events throughout the week are free and open to OU students.

"Women's Wednesdays" will continue after Coming Out Week for the next two weeks. The topic scheduled for Oct. 20, "How to do a Self-Breast Exam: Early Detection Saves Lives," relates to Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"Where is Feminism?" is the topic for Oct. 27 and will include a discussion with Jo Reger, associate professor of Sociology and director of the Women and Gender Studies program.

police files

Larceny from vehicle

On Monday, Oct. 4, a student reported missing property from her vehicle, which was parked in P-32.

She discovered \$120 in cash and a pink iPod valued at \$50 missing from the console of the vehicle upon returning to her car around 3:30 p.m.

The vehicle showed no signs of forced entry. The student believes that she must have left the doors unlocked.

Marijuana possession

On Monday, Oct. 4, an officer was dispatched to Van Wagoner House to investigate an odor from a dorm room.

The officers could immediately smell marijuana on the first floor. After the door was opened, it was clear that the smell originated from the room.

One occupant tossed a glass smoking bowl from the room as the officers entered. The occupant told the officers it belonged to him and contained marijuana.

The officers found more marijuana in the room.

Stalking via telephone

On Sunday, Oct. 10, a student reported threatening and disturbing phone calls made to her Verizon cell phone.

The student stated the call was from a restricted number.

The student said that when she answers the phone, a male voice whispers sexual messages and has addressed the student by her first name.

The student stated that she receives the calls almost daily, often several times during a day.

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— Compiled by Kaitlyn Chornoby,
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Local ballots call for more student support

By DAUD YAR
Copy Editor

The election season is winding down with less than three weeks until residents cast their vote for candidates in many different races. Over the past week, multiple politically related events took place at Oakland University with the intention of promoting awareness among students living on and off campus.

Last Friday, the OU Office of Government Relations sponsored the event titled Issues, Campaigns and Election 2010 — an informational forum featuring topics on preparing to vote, the state budget crisis, higher education and the status of current campaigning.

Bill Ballenger, Inside Michigan Politics Editor, spoke at one of the forums in the Oakland Center.

"Everybody knows that, unfortunately, our young voter cohort is the weakest turnout segment of the electorate in every election," Ballenger said. "The young voters gave Obama a huge amount of support disproportionate to other groups. This year you're not going to have that...not only are all groups going to be down in voting participation, young groups are going to be down and they will be down in areas that will be the most helpful to the Democratic Party."

In 2008, around 24 million people ages 18-29 voted on Election Day, or 54 percent of the United States population with regard to demographics.

However, voter turnout was significantly higher in 2008, and local elections historically have not turned out the number of vot-

ers that a presidential election attracts.

Gina Winsky, a senior majoring in philosophy and psychology, said she has a duty to vote.

"Voting is an ethical responsibility we have," Winsky said. "Not voting is a way of choosing not to be involved...and it's just laziness."

Ken Rosen, a candidate for the state house representative District 26 seat, said it is essential that young people vote.

"We have an incredible opportunity to reshape our government," Rosen said. "I am committed to this country's democracy and committed to the value of voting. It is one of the most important rights that we have as country and we need to get more than 40 percent of the people out voting on a regular basis."



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The community supporting Gary Peters for Congress rallied Sunday.

John Paradowski, a sophomore majoring in history, said that younger voters have a say in the upcoming election.

"I don't understand why people don't vote," Paradowski said. "It

honestly does not make any sense to me."

Election Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Absentee ballots can be obtained from the city offices of any registered voter.

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Stem cell studies attract campus attention

By ANNIE STODOLA
Local Editor

The World Stem Cell Summit was held from Oct. 4-6 in Detroit. The summit, which was organized by the Genetic Institute in Florida, was partially sponsored by Oakland University. The summit was also sponsored by large universities with medical research centers, including Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

"We've done a great deal of stem cell research," Professor Rasul Chaudhry said. "The conference recognized Oakland among the other three universities. We displayed a very good presentation, both in terms of oral and poster presentation."

OU had 14 faculty and researchers at the summit, as well as 20 undergraduate and graduate students.

In addition to having students and faculty present at the summit, Chaudhry and Professor Sumit Dinda were on the planning committee for the summit. At the con-

ference, OU announced the creation of the OU William Beaumont Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine.

Chaudhry, who works in the biology department at OU, began working with stem cells long before the 2008 conference.

Much of his interest in stem cells, especially embryonic stem cell research, began in 2001 after President Bush approved the usage of stem cells for research purposes.

"My background is in microorganisms," Chaudhry said. "You can grow microorganisms forever in large numbers. Until 2001, no human cells could be grown forever. If you take a skin cell or a hair cell, they grow for a few generations and then they die. Embryonic cells, however, have the capacity to grow indefinitely and differentiate into many types of cells."

Chaudhry has been working on toxicology and pharmacology studies with stem cells.

"We're looking to see if we can use these stem cells for the study of chemical or drugs on human development," Chaudhry said.

"These can't be tested on humans. There are no volunteers for developmental defect studies. Using embryonic stem cells can tell us if these drugs have problems."

After he began studying these cells, he began to realize the multiple other benefits of stem cells.

"Once we started working with them, this whole array of avenues opened up," Chaudhry said. "We found they actually are able to differentiate to cells, for example, to bones or cartilage."

Chaudhry and his team have begun looking at how stem cells may be used to address issues with spinal disc degeneration.

Dinda, another biology professor and organizer of the stem cell summit, became involved with his stem cell research in 2008 when OU was hosting the First Midwestern Conference on Stem Cell Biology and Therapy. As his background is in steroid hormone action on breast cancer, his stem cell research focus was on how stem cells can be used in regards to female hormones as well.

"I work on hormonal treatment on stem

cell differentiation with female hormones, as in how stem cells become uterine or breast cells," Dinda said. "Something is saying to these cells to change that way. If we understand how breasts form, we can understand how cancer starts and also how to regenerate breast cells."

He said this research is particularly important because it is different from research done on heart diseases, spinal cord injuries and other degenerative afflictions.

Because embryonic stem cell research has frequently been a topic of political debate, researchers have also begun to look for alternatives. In 2007, Chaudhry and other researchers opened the first public Michigan cord blood bank to get new parents to donate their fetal stem cells from isolated cord blood.

Although he acknowledges the public attitude toward stem cell research is changing somewhat, especially after the approval of Proposal 2 regarding the research in Michigan in 2008, he does not think the debate will end anytime soon.

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For a school with an athletics program on the periphery of the national spotlight, Oakland University has developed a presence on a global scale.

The last decade has seen an increasing number of international athletes recruited to sport the Golden Grizzlies' Black and Gold. Currently, OU is represented by 29 foreign student-athletes from 12 different nations.

The willingness to spin the globe in search of talent has allowed Oakland to keep pace in the highly competitive recruiting landscape of the Midwest.

"This is Big Ten country and I find that to be very prevalent in a lot of our recruiting situations," OU swimming and diving coach Pete Hovland said. "In my 30-something years here at Oakland, I've found that there's a lot of allegiance with kids growing up to Michigan and Michigan State. I run into that a lot and it's kind of a hard nut to crack."

For athletes not bombarded with ESPN's College Gameday and SportsCenter fame, the mere opportunity to compete in Division I college athletics is enough to get their attention.

"The recruiting competition here for good players is so intense, but a lot of schools don't look at other countries," OU women's basketball coach Beckie Francis said. "Also, I think a lot of European players don't know the difference between Oakland (and bigger

schools). They just want an opportunity to play Division I and get a good education, and we're able to provide that."

A work in progress

For the Grizzlies, the ability to recruit effectively in other countries didn't develop overnight. OU has a track record of bringing in foreign athletes and sending them out with a positive college experience, degree in hand.

"I wouldn't necessarily call it a presence, but I would say we have a good reputation (internationally)," OU women's soccer coach Nick O'Shea said. "I think the players on both our men's and women's teams have come here have left with a good education and a good experience so they're very willing to recommend Oakland to other athletes they may know from (their home countries)."

Several coaches credited overseas contacts and word-of-mouth as key factors in their international recruiting success. Others have made multiple recruiting trips to Europe, the Caribbean and other parts of the world with hopes of finding an otherwise overlooked athlete. Or, as men's soccer coach Eric Pogue said, sometimes it comes down to simply "taking a gamble" on a player based on a highlight tape or recommendation.

Nevertheless, Oakland has a history of finding standout athletes beyond American

"You feel like a part of a little family. I still think (OU) is huge, but I think the tight knit atmosphere of it really helps."

— Johanna Gustafsson
Swimmer/Sweden

borders. A large portion of the credit for Oakland's Division I Summit League swimming and diving titles goes to a long list of European talent. Both soccer programs have benefited from a steady flow of international recruits. Francis credited former foreign players for much of the women's basketball program's success and said she continues to look overseas for talent.

OU has also taken advantage of its close proximity to Canada, which doesn't provide amateur athletes with many viable options to pursue sports and an education after high school.

"Canada works out pretty good for us from what we've found over the years for various reasons," O'Shea said. "First of all they don't

give athletic scholarships (in Canada), so that's a major reason a lot of its top athletes come to universities in the United States."

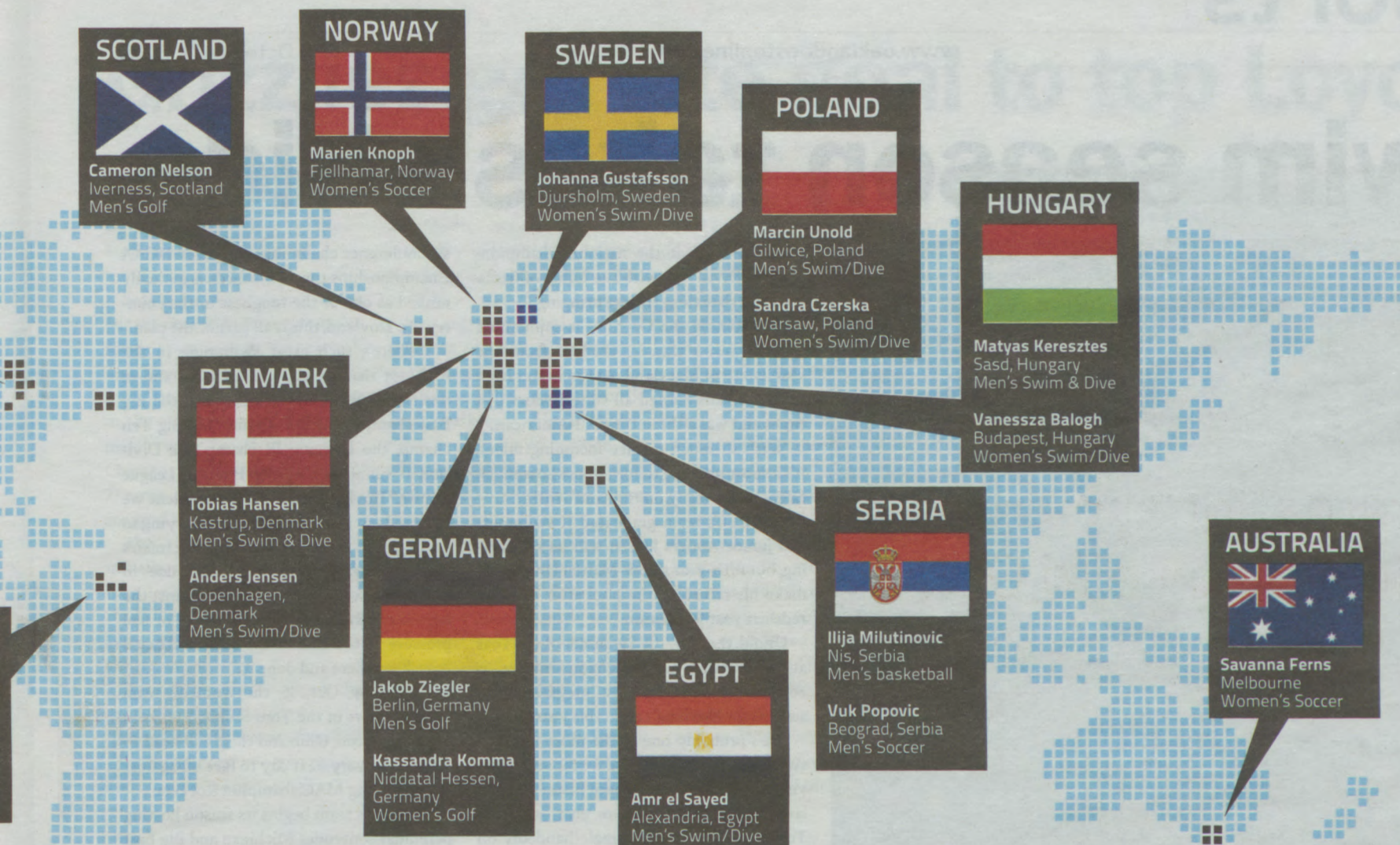
While the international flavor at Oakland is prevalent, Athletic Director Tracy Huth said the primary recruiting source for OU's athletic programs remains locally focused.

"In my opinion, although I think it's good for our school to be able to recruit internationally, our coaches don't go running to the foreign lands first," Huth said. "They go locally (first), then regionally, then maybe even nationally before looking internationally. I don't want to say it's last on our priorities because it's not, but it's certainly not first on where we look to recruit."

Yet, when compared to other prominent Michigan universities, Oakland has the second most international athletes for the 13 varsity sports it competes in. The Golden Grizzlies 29 foreign student-athletes are more than that of the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan, Western Michigan and Grand Valley State. Only Eastern Michigan has more, with 41 international student-athletes in the 13 varsity sports researched.

Player perspectives

In many European countries, sports are not typically affiliated with universities. The



opportunity to pursue academics and athletics together is part of the appeal of coming to the U.S., where the concept of a student-athlete is ubiquitous.

Jakob Ziegler, a German recruit on the men's golf team, is in his second season at Oakland. Unlike many of his European peers, it was Ziegler that initiated the conversation about coming to the United States as a student-athlete.

"One year short of graduation from high school, I sent out about 20 e-mails to U.S. schools. Most of them didn't respond," Ziegler said. "I got about five or six responses and OU was one of them, so I made an official visit and that's how it worked out."

Ziegler has quickly established himself as one of the best golfers the school has had in recent years, having finished first in a pair of tournaments the past two seasons.

Head golf coach Brian Costello said that while he hasn't made international recruiting one of his top priorities, there are certainly benefits to looking abroad to improve his squad.

"There are a few good recruiting services over in Europe that do a good job posting players that are interested in coming over to the States and we get into a bidding war with other schools," Costello said. "The international (athletes) that I've brought over will

come and look at our facilities and see this as a place for them to grow and become a better player."

Another aspect that works in Oakland's favor when recruiting out of the country is the positive influence of past international success stories.

"They're coming because our international alums are saying, 'Hey, Oakland is a wonderful place. I got a great education, the facilities are great,'" Hovland said.

Through his ventures into international recruiting, Hovland has had the opportunity to coach two of his own swimmers in the Olympic games — 1988 with the Netherlands-Antilles team and 2000 with Team Egypt.

"The recruiting competition here for good players is so intense, but a lot of schools don't look at other countries."

— Beckie Francis, women's basketball coach

"It's been a win-win situation and to be honest with you, I enjoy finding out a bit more about the rest of the world," Hovland said.

Current swimmer Johanna Gustafsson, of Sweden, came to Oakland after receiving positive feedback from her older sister, Sophia, who also swam for the Grizzlies.

"I had my older sister here, and she loved it, so I visited and met Pete a few times and it just happened. It was just a natural fit," Gustafsson said. "It's different here, but it's a fun kind of different. Yeah, you miss home, but this has become a home away from home for me. You feel like a part of a little family. I still think (OU) is huge, but I think the tight knit atmosphere of it really helps."

That family atmosphere has left lasting impressions on former student-athletes as well. Not many people know that the grizzly bear sculpture outside the Athletics Center was actually a gift donated by the parents of a former Hungarian swimmer as a thank you for taking care of their son in his time at Oakland.

Easier said than done

Recruiting outside American borders does have its challenges. The ever-growing NCAA rulebook has created many restrictions and special circumstances coaches need

to be aware of when recruiting international athletes.

"It is a lot of hard work and it can be a long process," Francis said. "There is a ton of red tape involved with the NCAA when recruiting international players and that can really drag out the process at times. The rules there are so different as far as having amateur status because a lot of European players play in some sort of professional league at really young ages, which then affects their eligibility status over here."

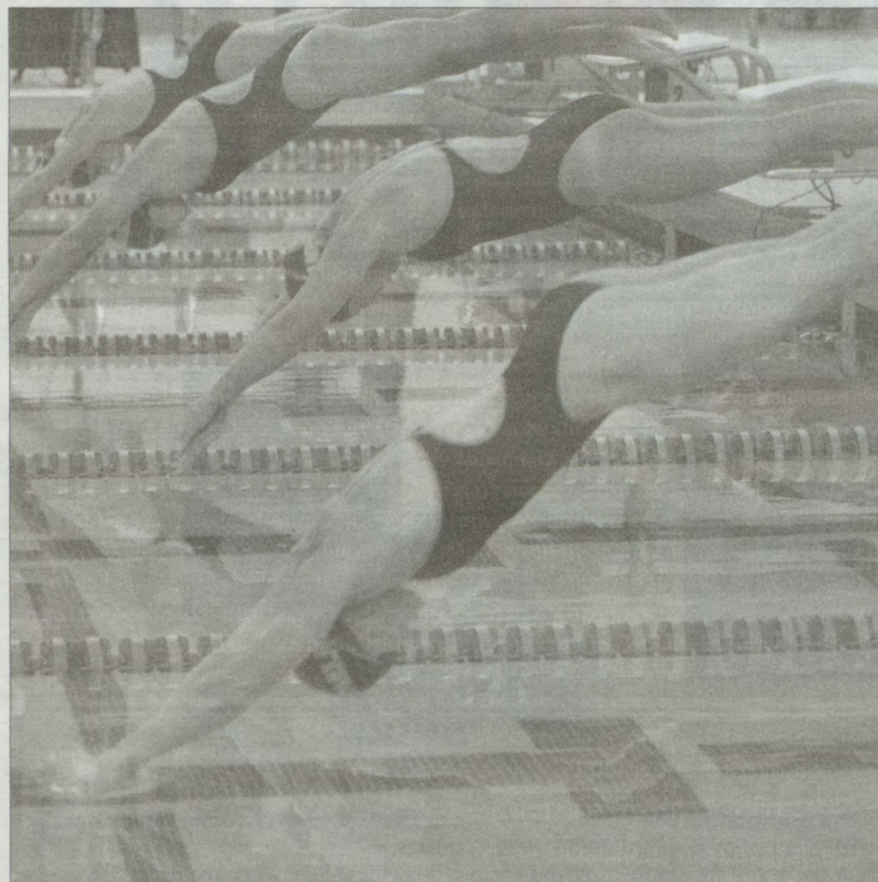
The rules have gotten so tight that a player can be ruled ineligible even if he or she never actually signs a professional contract.

"The amateurism is something you have to be careful of because even if they don't sign a professional contract, if they play with professional players they're considered to be professionals," O'Shea said. "It's much more difficult if you find a player late because there's so much that needs to be done in terms of visas and transcripts in such a period of time. A last-minute recruit from a foreign country usually is pretty hard to work out."

Francis said she once recruited a player for four years before getting her to officially join her team.

Despite the complicated process of bringing these athletes aboard, recruiting internationally has paid large dividends for the Grizzlies.

Swim season takes stride



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Oakland kicked off its 2010-11 swimming and diving season with the Black and Gold Intrasquad meet on Oct. 1.

By **RYAN HEGEDUS**
Senior Reporter

For 32 straight years, the Oakland University swimming and diving teams have dominated their competition. Whether competing in the GLIAC, Mid-Continent, or the Summit League, Oakland swimming and diving has been the standard of success. The Golden Grizzlies have won their conference championship for three decades running and head coach Pete Hovland doesn't plan on ending that streak this season.

"We want to keep the streaks going, for sure, and win our 12th Summit League championship," Hovland said. "That would keep the streak alive for the men's team and never losing a conference championship in school history. Doing that for both the men and women, that's our top priority."

Winning another conference championship is a goal the Grizzlies intend on reach-

ing, but the 31-year coach wants his program to elevate itself to even greater heights. He has his sights on qualifying individuals for the NCAA National Championships.

"Since we left Division II, the women's team had won five championships and the men had won the last four," Hovland said. "Competing at the national level is where we want to get this program and being in the Top 25 is where we want to be on a consistent basis."

The freshmen that Hovland and his assistant coaches recruited this season, including recruits from Hungary, Egypt, Canada, South Dakota and New Mexico, are just one of the keys to the success that the program hopes to achieve.

"This group we've brought in, maybe not in numbers but certainly on the talent side of things, they're going to rewrite a number of our record books," Hovland said. "They may even be the ones that really take us to

the next level at the national championships in Division I, with the influx of freshmen and the talent they're bringing."

Also joining the Grizzlies is sophomore Nick Evans, a transfer student from the University of Maryland. At Rochester High School, Evans earned all-state honors five times and was a three-time All-American.

With so much quality incoming talent, it's almost possible to forget just how much talent was already on Hovland's roster.

The men's team graduated 11 swimmers and junior Anders Jensen will be redshirting, but fifth-year senior Marcin Unold will make his return to the pool after his own redshirt year last season.

Unold, the 2007-08 Swimmer of the Year at the Summit League championships, is considered one of the most integral keys to success for Hovland's team this year.

"He's probably one of the more talented swimmers we've had since we moved to Division I, and really in school history," Hovland said. "His sophomore year, we were Top 30 in the country single-handedly on his performances. He's a real talent, and I think he's hungry and wants to do well."

The women's team lost four swimmers to graduation, but one of those graduates was Agnes Solan — arguably the best female swimmer to ever suit up for Oakland.

"We lost Agnes Solan, and she's going to be extremely difficult to replace, but saying that, Vanessa Balogh, a transfer student who trained with us last year but wasn't eligible, will probably rewrite the record books in the distance events for us," Hovland said.

Senior Chelsea Oates, Summit League Diver of the Year last season, is another member of the women's team that Hovland is expecting to do well and help move the team closer to competing on the national stage.

"Chelsea looks as good or better right now than she did at the end of last season, so hopefully she continues to perform well. I don't think she lost a single event last year to any team, and she carried it through to the conference championship and went on to the zones," Hovland said. "She didn't advance to the NAAs, but we're hoping in her senior year that she possibly will."

The Grizzlies schedule, which includes

six conference champions and seven NCAA Championships top 10 finishers, is annually ranked as one of the toughest in the country. To Hovland, this is all part of the plan.

"There's such great swimming in the Midwest that we can get on a bus and in less than four hours, swim against the Big East champ, the MAC champ, the Big Ten champ, the Division III champ, the Division II runner-up, or the Horizon League champ," Hovland said. "With the talent we have and our goals for where we're trying to go, I want to expose us to teams like (men's basketball head coach) Greg Kampe does in basketball ... We want to swim against the best so our kids aren't shell-shocked or feel pressure at the end of the season. They'll have been there and done it."

On Friday, Oct. 15, the women's team will take part in the Tom Stubbs Relays in Bowling Green, Ohio and then will head to Toledo the very next day to face off against the defending MAC champion Rockets.

The men's team begins its season hosting perennial contender Michigan and Big East runner-up, Notre Dame, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at the OU Aquatic Center.

Maynard suspended from basketball team

The Oakland University Athletic Department announced Tuesday that junior men's basketball player Drew Maynard has been suspended indefinitely.

Men's basketball coach Greg Kampe would not comment on the suspension in detail other than saying it was not related to legal or academic issues and that, "he's going to be suspended for a while."

Maynard started games periodically in both his freshman and sophomore seasons with the Golden Grizzlies. He has averaged 5.9 points and 2.7 rebounds per game in his career at OU.

He could not be reached for comment. Please visit our website, www.oaklandpostonline.com, for developing information on this story.

Grizzlies get late goal to top Loyola

GAME OF THE WEEK

By KYLE BAUER

Staff Intern

Senior forward Makesi Lewis put the Oakland University men's soccer team back in the win column when he connected on a pass from junior Winston Henderson in the 58th minute of Saturday's match with Loyola University-Chicago. The Golden Grizzlies (4-7) came away with a 1-0 win and snapped a two-game losing streak.

The game-winning score was initially set up by a pass from junior Josh Bennett, who crossed the ball to Henderson to make the assist. It was Lewis' second goal of the season.

"It's always good to score the game-winning goal," Lewis said. "It was good movement of the ball, good looks, good one-two passing and we took the opportunity."

Defense dominated along with strong goalkeeping throughout the tightly contested match. It was a play by an Oakland defender that helped preserve the win.

With a little under 13 minutes remaining, Loyola attacked off a throw-in and had an opportunity to tie the game.

The Ramblers struck with Oakland goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt caught out of position, but defender Vuk Popovic provided backup, making a stunning sliding stop.

"Playing on the backline, it is important to read the game, not just your man, and drop or step before the play," Popovic said. "It was a long throw-in, a Loyola man got open, tried to get a header in and I was at the right place at the right time."

Popovic was an All-Summit League second team defender in 2009, but had been playing as a

forward prior to the match. Oakland coach Eric Pogue made the decision to move him to back to defense in the second half.

"We needed him (Popovic) in the backline today and he stepped in and did a really nice job," Pogue said.

Pogue felt the need to make adjustments after Loyola controlled the offense in the first half, doubling Oakland's shot total, 10-5.

"We talked at halftime about being a lot more organized," Pogue said. "We inserted Vuk in the backline to solidify things. John Evans was also great on the backline. Andrew Derayeh did good stepping in as a holding midfielder and Loyola was a lot less dangerous in the second half."

Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt survived the first half Rambler's rush, making seven saves to notch his fourth shutout of the season. Hildebrandt had little time to set-



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Makesi Lewis scored his second goal of the year in the win Saturday.

tle in, however, as Loyola was on target with two strikes within the first five minutes of the match.

The Golden Grizzlies resume conference play Oct. 16 against UMKC at the OU Soccer Field. UMKC was ranked as preseason favorite to win the Summit

League, and with a win, Oakland can tie the Kangaroos for second place in the current standings.

"UMKC is always a tough game for us," Lewis said. "We celebrate our win, but we put this behind us and look forward to playing them."

Summit League officials considering expansion

By ROSS MAGHIELSE

Sports Editor

For the second time in as many years, The Summit League Conference is looking to expand. Last year, the University of South Dakota signed on and will begin league play in the fall of 2011. Now, the University of North Dakota is being considered as the next potential member.

A site team consisting of Summit League Commissioner Tom Douple and multiple league officials and university presidents, including Oakland University President Dr. Gary Russi, will visit the UND campus in Grand Forks, N.D. Nov. 1-2 to meet with university officials and gather information about UND and its athletic programs.

"We added South Dakota a year ago and believe they bring a very good overall athletic program to the league, we are currently reviewing if the University of North Dakota would do the same," Douple said. "The presidents will discuss the results of the site visit after (meeting with UND offi-

cials). If North Dakota is accepted, it could start league play in the fall of 2012 and be eligible for all league championships if that occurred."

For North Dakota, which moved to Division I in 2006, joining the Summit League is an opportunity to continue the development of its athletic programs.

"We are looking forward to the Summit League's visit to our campus as part of their membership evaluation process," North Dakota Director of Athletics Brian Faison said in a statement. "This is a great chance to showcase the great things that are happening at the University of North Dakota and in the community of Grand Forks."

Whether or not the addition of the Fighting Sioux would strengthen the Summit League is up for debate, and thus is being carefully reviewed.

Their addition would, however, create another instant regional rivalry with the other Dakota-based schools (South Dakota State, North Dakota State and South Dakota). It would also mean more trips to the

Great Plains region for Oakland.

"I think it can strengthen our league from the standpoint that, when you talk about the Dakota schools, those are the major state schools for those states," Oakland University Athletic Director Tracy Huth said. "The question in my mind right now is that if we expand and bring in North Dakota, we have an 11-team league. I'm not sure how we handle that within all the team sports particularly with all the traveling and having an uneven number of teams. I'll be curious to see if we try and continue to expand."

The Summit League has schools in eight states, going as far east as Oakland, as far south as Oral Roberts in Tulsa, Okla., and as far west as Southern Utah in Cedar City. Douple said the goal is to build expanded competition in the Midwest region, which he expects to strengthen rivalries and lessen the burden of expensive travel. Centenary College of Shreveport, La., is leaving the conference after this season.

"Having rivalries within always helps a conference," Douple said. "It attracts media

interest and fan interest. Expansion in the past five years has been within the Midwest region only and by design. That footprint benefits each school in terms of travel costs, rivalries and so on. We have taken a proactive approach to expansion in the past five years and will continue to explore the issue each year with Midwestern region institutions."

The Summit League is not the only conference looking to expand.

With rumors of 16-team mega conferences evolving in the coming years, conferences such as the Summit League may view expansion as necessary in order to avoid being left behind.

"A lot of how this works out will depend on what happens from there," Huth said. "I think we're kind of protecting the integrity of the league given what's going on with all the other conferences looking to expand, so from that aspect I think it's a good move."

Another school, Eastern Illinois University which currently competes in swimming and diving, will join in men's soccer in 2011.

Sunday liquor sales nixed for now

By DAUD YAR and AMY ECKARDT
Copy Editor and Staff Reporter

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently vetoed a new bill, passed by the legislature on Sept. 29, setting new statewide alcohol sale hours. The bill will go back to the state legislature for revisions.

The vetoed legislation would have allowed establishments with liquor licenses to sell alcohol starting at 7 a.m. on Sundays and extend hours of sale on Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve alcohol sale hours, previously banned after 9 p.m., would be extended until midnight. Christmas Day sales hours would resume at noon on Christmas Day.

For an annual fee of \$160, businesses would have gained these privileges but with the bill in limbo, business owners can only wait.

Granholm said she is not opposed to early Sunday sales and that her veto reflects objections to other changes the bill would have enacted according to media reports.



AMY ECKARDT/The Oakland Post

Liquor stores like Lucky's Market may benefit from new legislation to extend hours.

Melvin Gilroy, OUPD Lt., said, "The new law is primarily a move to generate new licensing fees, therefore, increased revenue for the State."

The current law is very old and deals

with the morality of the situation much more than public policy, Gilroy said.

The Michigan House of Representatives voted 73-30 to pass the bill. Some representatives who opposed the bill found it

unnecessary to change the current law saying sales on Sundays and Christmas are not favorable with the majority of Michiganders.

The proposed law would have a big impact on corporate entities as well as mom-and-pop liquor stores. However, some store owners were less than pleased with the legislation.

"They are trying to get money any way they can, no matter what," Michael Konja Jr., owner of Lucky's Market in Troy, said.

Konja, who has owned Lucky's for six years thinks the bill is a government ploy to make more money.

"I will not change my hours to accommodate the changing law," Konja said. "I think its total bullshit."

A regular liquor license in Michigan has an annual fee of \$500-50,000, depending on location.

Konja also disagrees with changing the law on Christmas Day. "It's ridiculous, we are supposed to be with our families on Christmas," Konja said.

Local briefs: Elections, outlet mall, coyotes

By DAUD YAR
Copy Editor

Mich. gubernatorial debate

Democrat Virg Bernero and Republican Rick Snyder clashed on taxes and tax incentives to attract new businesses and keep old ones in their first and only debate in their campaigns for governor.

Snyder, as he has throughout the campaign, scolded Bernero on Sunday for distorting his record as a businessman and board member of Gateway computer company and a San Jose, Calif.-based company called Discera.

Bernero said he'd eliminate the Michigan Business Tax surcharge and would not abandon targeted tax breaks.

Snyder said he would eliminate the MBT and replace it with a 6% flat corporate tax.

Bernero said he'd stand up for ordinary people and decried "Wall Street fat cats" who have sent U.S. jobs overseas and "destroyed Michigan."

Great Lakes Crossing

Bloomfield Hills-based Taubman Centers Inc. announced it is transitioning the Great Lakes Crossing shopping center in Auburn Hills to an outlet center.

In addition to changing the name to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, the company announced 10 new outlet tenants in the 1.4

million-square-foot mall.

Several new stores opened including Lord & Taylor Outlet, Hugo Boss Factory Store, Talbots Outlet, Movado Company Store, Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store and Wilsons Leather Outlet.

In the coming weeks, Lacoste Outlet, aerie outlet by American Eagle and Swim 'n Sport Outlet will open as well.

Also in the new tenant mix will be Warren-based Art Van Furniture, opening a 43,000-square-foot showroom next month.

Coyote attacks dog

Yesterday, a second dog in Troy was mauled in a coyote attack.

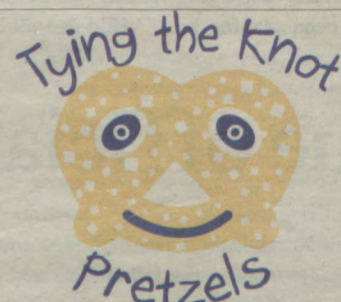
The attack happened about a half-mile from the spot where Troy resident Ray Blaszcak's eight-pound Maltese, Sunshine, was mauled by a coyote Oct. 3.

The owner let the 15-pound white rat terrier out the back door, and the dog returned bloodied from the mauling, Troy Police Lt. Robert Redmond said.

"Nothing else attacks a dog like that, basically," Redmond said the vet explained. "Dog-on-dog doesn't make these injuries."

Blaszcak's dog needed 11 stitches and pain medication after the attack near John R and north of Big Beaver.

He thinks the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment should step in.



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1995 — Walt Disney World Resort admitted its 500-millionth guest.

1 United States

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips issued a worldwide injunction on Tuesday, stopping enforcement of "don't ask, don't tell," a 17-year-old ban on openly gay troops. Phillips' landmark ruling was widely cheered by gay rights organizations that credited her with accomplishing what President Obama and Washington could not. U.S. Department of Justice attorneys have 60 days to appeal but are under no legal obligation to do so. The case was brought about by the pro-gay Log Cabin Republicans.

2 France

France's lower house of parliament passed an immigration bill on Tuesday that would strip naturalized citizens of their citizenship if convicted of murdering a police officer or other authorities. Critics say the play will make immigrants who obtain French nationality second class citizens. It applies to citizens that have been naturalized for less than a year. The bill passed its first hurdle with 294 votes for and 239 against, and it will now go before the Senate.

3 Iraq

Iraqi officials said that gunmen stormed a money exchange office in central Baghdad on Monday, killing five people in a robbery. Police say three bystanders were also wounded in the heist in the busy commercial area around Rashid Street. Those killed include the exchange office's owner, his business partner and three customers. It is not currently known how much cash the assailants took. This is just one incident of many robberies of banks and jewelers in Baghdad this year.

4 Chile

Chilean president Sebastian Pinera said that the rescue of miners trapped for more than two months is expected to begin Tuesday night. The 33 miners have been trapped a half-mile below the surface since Aug. 5. Pinera said "It has been a very long journey," but he was optimistic that everything would go smoothly and said his government "made a promise to never surrender." The miners will surface in a custom-made capsule in an operation designed to protect their health and safety.

— Compiled by Rhiannon Zielinski,
Senior Reporter from AP Reports

5 Somalia

Abi Said, a clan elder in a northeastern region of Somalia, said pirates have kidnapped a government minister who ventured into their territory on Monday. He said he expects Said Mohamed Rage, fisheries minister of the regional Puntland government, to be released soon. Puntland's deputy interior minister Ali Yusaf Hosh said that Rage is being held in a hotel in a coastal village and that during the ambush, a soldier guarding the minister was killed and a civilian wounded.

6 Thailand

Thailand's prime minister, Abhisit Vejjajiva, said that Myanmar has rejected any help to carry out its election. He said he offered Thailand's assistance Monday during an official visit to Myanmar and met his counterpart Prime Minister Thein Sein and junta chief Senior Gen. Than Shwe. Myanmar's election on Nov. 7 will be its first in 20 years after the junta refused to recognize the results of the 1990 vote. Myanmar's leaders said they were "aware of the concerns, but did not want any outside help."



WORLD IN NUMBERS

15

minutes that Chilean miners will spend in a steel capsule during their rescue.

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number of Chilean miners that were trapped in the collapsed mine.

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days that the Chilean miners have been trapped a half-mile below the ground.

Students re-experience the '90s

While the era was only 20 years ago, some people are already reminiscing

By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**
Features Editor

I love the '90s



Rugrats

Created in 1991, the show featured four babies — Tommy, Chuckie, Phil and Lil and their adventures.

Toy Story

Created in 1995, the movie starred Woody and Buzz Lightyear as toys that were on a mission.



Sir Mixalot

Baby Got Back — Sir Mix A Lot

Most popular in 1992, the song is still played at parties today.

LEONIE

Chumbawamba

Touring the US for the first time in 1993, their hit was "Tubthumping" also known as "I Get Knocked Down."



Don't Wake Daddy

Created in 1993, the board game required it's players to move pieces and hit the alarm.

Beanie Baby

First created in 1993, they became a huge hit and were treasured by some avid collectors.



Scrunchie

Patented in 1994, the hair tie was one of the staples of the decade, and came in various colors.



Famous '90s television shows like "Beavis and Butthead," "Daria," "The Simpsons" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" and drinks like Surge and fashion grunge plaid shirts and jean jackets still spark some nostalgia, even though the decade was 20 years ago.

Recognized for movies like "Clueless," "Pulp Fiction," "Dumb and Dumber," "The Lion King," "The Matrix" and "Zoolander," the '90s brought back lots of memories for some people.

"I loved watching "Space Jam" when I was little," said Megan VanSparrentak, a freshman with an undecided major. "I would watch it with my brother and sisters all the time. I loved the "Looney Toons," they were my favorite part. I loved the songs too."

Over the summer, the third and final installment of the "Toy Story" series was released by Pixar and Disney. The movie showed the life of a boy named Andy as he headed off to college, an event that seemed to match the lives of most of its audience.

"I could not wait for "Toy Story 3" to come out," VanSparrentak said. "I loved the first two when I was younger and the third made me think of those times. It was so much fun to see because for two hours of my busy life, I got to be a kid again."

The music industry is also getting involved in curing the adolescent homesickness. Starting in fall 2010 and currently ongoing, '90s heart-throbs The Backstreet Boys have reunited for a tour all across the country and scheduled a cruise for their fans to attend this December.

"I didn't have the chance to go to one of their concerts when I was younger, so this was the perfect opportunity," said Lisa Coppola, a sophomore majoring in mathematics. "The concert was a blast too, minus the tornado warnings and severe weather that interrupted it. I'm glad I got to go though, because it was something I thought I missed



Photo Illustration by BRETT SOCIA/The Oakland Post

Some popular fads of the '90s include Chumbawamba, Bop-It and "Doug."

out on forever."

Fashion trends also adjusted to the current social norm. Around campus, spotting someone with poufy hair and leggings is almost as common as breathing, said Coppola, who is also a fan of the stretchy leg wear.

"They're just so comfortable and easy to wear," Coppola said. "They go with anything too, which is why I favor them over everything else."

While the decade was twenty years ago, our development of technology is what is creating this longing, according to Mike Morris, a sophomore majoring in communications.

"Technology is developing quicker than people can figure out how to use it," Morris said. "It's giving a false sense of nostalgia for a time that was really only two decades ago."

Fans of the '90s were given a flashback when MTV released the series "I Love the '90s" back in 2004. The series highlighted the trends of the decade, devoting an entire hour-long episode to each year.

On Facebook, there are plenty of opportunities to reminisce. With over 8,000 groups online, there's a memory for almost everyone.

"There are so many things you can 'like' on Facebook," Coppola said. "It's almost ridiculous, really. I like it though because I can relate to some of the groups, and some of them

remind me of things I totally forgot about."

While some people miss the '90s for the things it offered, other people like sophomore Joellie Gutierrez miss the freedom it offered.

"I miss being that age," said Gutierrez. "Things were a lot easier, and I didn't have that many responsibilities."

In efforts to continue their love for the card game "Magic: The Gathering," a group of students plays the game every day in the basement of the Oakland Center.

"I didn't know anyone here, and then I found these people playing the game and we were friends," said Jason Poupard, a sophomore majoring in history. "It's a good way to make friends."

Nostalgic teens were able to reminisce over the summer at a party that was inspired by the era.

"We actually had a '90s nostalgia party over the summer," said Thomas Gentile, a senior majoring in biology. "We had Fruit Rollups, Dunkaroos, Handisnacks, Mighty Macks, "SWAT Cats," "Animaniacs," "Power Rangers" and old cartoons. It was a good time."

In attempts to revive the 90s, the popular toy Stretch Armstrong has recently been adapted into a full-length feature film scheduled to be released in 2012.

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professor profiles ✓

Weekly spotlight on OU professors

Patricia Wren Assistant Professor of Wellness

Professor Patricia Wren is an Oakland University professor who is concerned about everyone's health, including yours.

A suburban Chicago native, Wren came to Michigan with hopes of earning her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. After she received a phone call from a former classmate at DePaul University in Chicago, everything else fell into place.

"I think all people that go into health care have some sort of personal life experience," said Wren. "Their mom has breast cancer or a friend dies tragically in a car crash. For me, it was just a young man that got diagnosed with HIV in the late '80s, which was all too common."

Wren claims that she had a life changing moment. After hearing about her friend's tragic news, she begged faculty until she was hired in on an AIDS project. She then went on to earn her master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan.

Wren received her associate degree from Harper College in Illinois, her bachelor's and master's degree from DePaul University, her master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan.

As a health science professor, Wren is involved with a variety of health care research on and off campus.

"Right now, I am doing research on women with breast cancer and how to try to help them become better survivors... I'm a little bit of a mutt," Wren said. "If my colleagues have studies going on and they need



my help, then I try to help in any way that I can."

Wren says her approach to teaching is influenced by her health education background. She says that her master's degree in public health has influenced who she is and what she does.

"I think you kind of have to be a little creative in order to get people to change their health behaviors and I think my approach to teaching is clearly influenced by that," Wren said.

As far as bringing her work home with her, Wren's life is highly influenced by the concepts she teaches to her students. After years of teaching her students about people who do not have access to health care, Wren decided she needed to "walk the walk" in her own life. She sold her home in Ann Arbor and is currently working on a new home located in downtown Detroit.

This semester, Wren's courses include: HS201, personal health; HS302, community and public health; and Exercise Science 201, stress management.

—Ali Armstrong,
Staff Reporter

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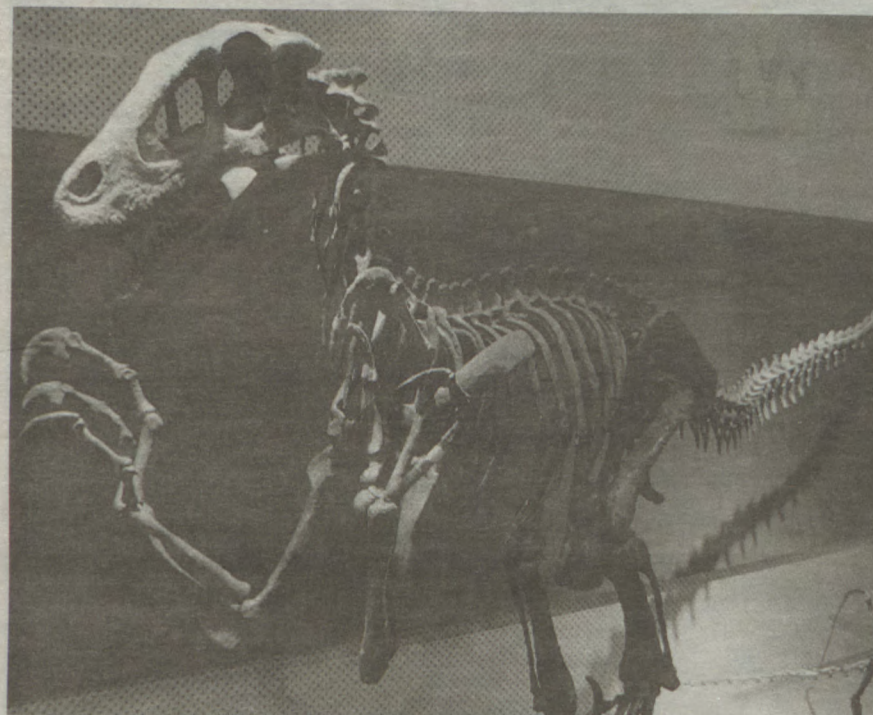
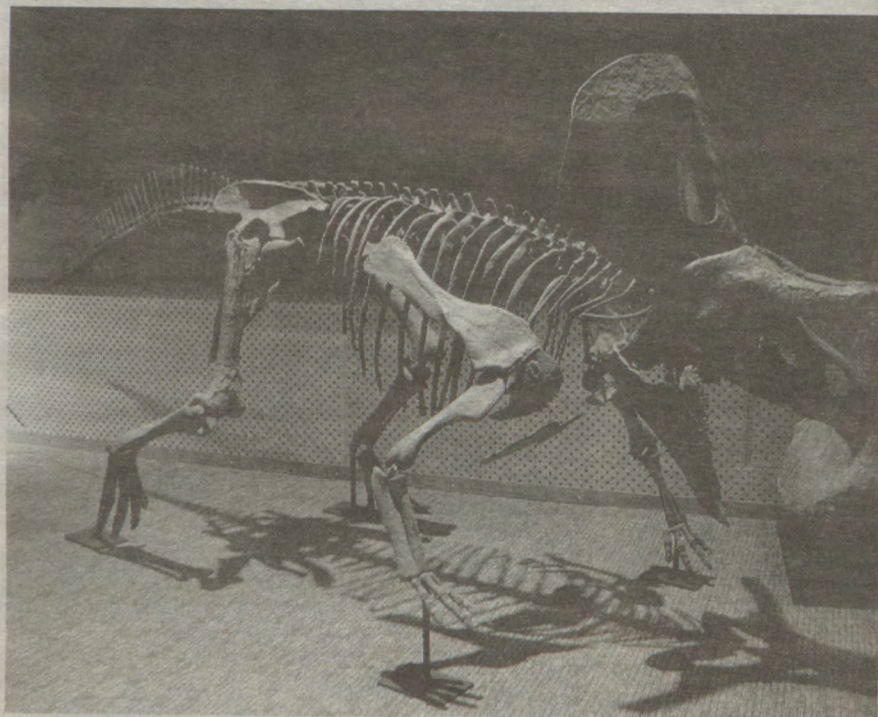
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Dinos on display at Cranbrook

'World of Dinosaurs' exhibit is thrilling thousands of visitors this year



Photos courtesy of the Cranbrook Institute of Science

Utahraptor and Zuniceratops are two of over 40 species on display through Jan. 2 at "World of Dinosaurs: Land, Sea & Air," an exhibit at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

By KAY NGUYEN
Editor-in-Chief

Dinosaurs now inhabit the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

There's no need to worry though, as most of them will be leaving Oakland County on Jan. 2.

"World of Dinosaurs: Land, Sea & Air" is Cranbrook's newest exhibit and displays more than 40 different species of extinct animals.

"It's probably the most comprehensive dinosaur exhibit to ever hit Southeast Michigan," said John Zawiskie, a geologist curator of the exhibit.

Visitors can walk among 60 skeletons mounted around the 6,000-square-foot space. There are some actual fossils, though most specimens were cast and restored from original archaeological finds to create replicas for display.

"It's a very interesting mix," Zawiskie said.

Though Cranbrook has a few fossil casts of its own, courtesy of donors Michael and Barbara Sincak, a bulk of the current exhibit came from a private collection.

Dr. John Hankla, a dentist from Danville,

Ky., and his son, Jack, a paleontologist, began amassing a large collection of fossils after a few finds at a dig site on a Wyoming ranch.

That, coupled with trading and acquiring specimens, helped them create their collection, which they lent to Cranbrook for the exhibit after Zawiskie contacted the Hanklas.

"They found that it was an interesting opportunity to display many of their finds on this scale," said Steve Pagnani, head of marketing for Cranbrook.

He said thousands of visitors have come in since the exhibit opened July 9.

"It's been a very popular exhibit and busy summer for us," Pagnani said. "People of every age visit because dinosaurs are popular with every age."

Pagnani said the interactivity of the exhibit gives visitors a lot of context. For instance, an elephant bird egg is placed next to dinosaur eggs to show that what were ostrich-sized creatures laid much larger eggs than even dinosaurs did.

Flying reptiles hang from the ceiling, and aquatic and land animals are also grouped together.

Because of this, those viewing the ex-

hibit can get a feeling for what it would've been like in real life, Pagnani said.

The exhibit's focus is on what is referred to as "The Golden Age" of dinosaurs.

Kids can get hands-on experiences in the children's area, where they can do dig box excavations of dinosaur specimens, touch real eggs and even sit on a real Apatosaurus bone.

People of all ages will be able to participate in "Dino Lab" from 1 to 4 p.m. the second Saturday of every month, October through December.

Visitors can help excavate dinosaur bones that are still in matrix — bones that have not been taken completely out of the dirt or rock they were found in — and help remove and conserve the specimens.

"Staff will be nearby with the necessary tools and people can partake in some of the actual prep work," Zawiskie said. "We are prepping very large bones of 30- to 40-foot-long dinos."

The experience is free with general admission.

Zawiskie, who is a faculty member at Wayne State University, is giving a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Friday about the role geologists lead in research. The cost is \$4 for

nonmembers.

Brent Breithaupt, a paleontologist for the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management, will talk to lecture attendees at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 about his experience on the excavation of Big Al, the most complete Allosaurus skeleton ever found.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. A cast replica of Big Al, Big Al 2, is part of World of Dinosaurs.

"It's a gateway to thinking about the natural world with a scientific background," Zawiskie said of the exhibit. "It's an important and very worthy subject. People will dig it."

The Cranbrook Institute of Science is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays. "World of Dinosaurs: Land, Sea & Air" is on display until Jan. 2. Daily admission for adults is \$9.50; children ages 2 to 12 and seniors are \$7.50. Friday evening admission 5-10 p.m. is \$5.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children and seniors. Members and children younger than 2 get in free.

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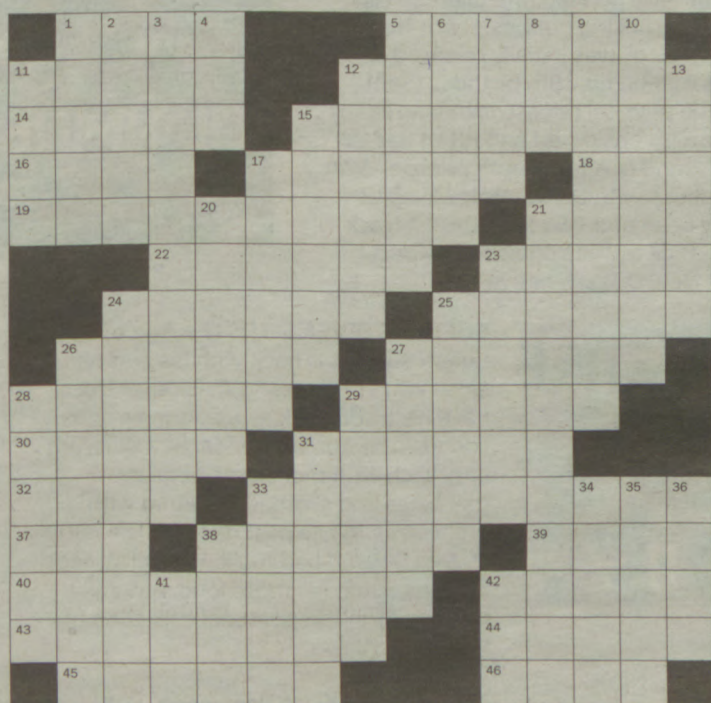
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19. Multiple states of being
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23. Weaned piglet
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25. (In the past) Roller ____
26. Micromanager's concern
27. Exhausted
28. Mum
29. Extends
30. Blatant
31. Dance
32. Bungle, with "up"
33. An apartment occupying two or more floors
37. "20/20" network
38. Temporary bed
39. Middle Eastern warp dress
40. Gaps in the system
42. Basket material
43. Less than perfect; describes vision and judgment
44. Pond buildup
45. Composer Irving or city in Germany
46. Basic unit of money in Myanmar

Down

1. Genus of flesh-eating snails e.g. Venus' comb
2. Certain Arab
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4. Old English before
5. Plants or eyes
6. Bath time attire
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8. Driver's lic. and others
9. Roundworms phylum
10. Pass by gradual degrees
11. Heavy reading
12. Pick-me-up
13. Sawed logs
15. Santa's sliver floss
17. "Get lost!" by Michel Jackson
20. Absentee
21. Without form
23. Motto
24. Hans Lippershey's 1608 later Galileo's 1611
25. Bit of wit
26. 2001 song by Red Tape
27. To describe a word by stating its part of speech
28. Djibouti language
29. Stirred up
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The Oakland Post had an opportunity this week to interview Yvette Nicole Brown, one of the stars of "Community," about her breakout role as the second season starts.

'Community' begins second season on air

By **RHIANNON ZIELINSKI**

Senior Reporter

NBC's "Community" is about a band of misfits attending Greendale Community College. Jeff Winger (Joel McHale), a lawyer whose degree was revoked, brings them all together to form a study group, where they learn more about themselves than their coursework.

Yvette Nicole Brown, who has worked on shows like "Drake & Josh" and "Rules of Engagement," has her first starring role as Shirley, a sassy middle-aged divorcee.

The Oakland Post: For our readers who haven't watched Community yet, could you describe your character?

Yvette Nicole Brown: Shirley is a single mom of two boys who is coming back to community college to rebuild her life after divorce. She's loving, but she always has a very short fuse so she can go from being completely sweet to being psychotic in a nanosecond, so you have to watch your back when you're with Shirley. She loves the Lord, and she loves telling people what to do, and that's either a good thing or a horrible thing, depending on the person she's saying it to. She's a cool character to play — that's Shirley in a nutshell.

OP: The second season of the show recently premiered; what should viewers

expect to see this season?

Brown: Expect to see more big spectacle-type shows, I mean that in a good way, throughout the episodes, instead of just one special episode at the end. We have a Halloween episode coming up with zombies, and that's going to be great. There's a couple of things to look forward to that make the show a little more exciting than maybe the first season.

OP: Where do you look for inspiration for your role as Shirley?

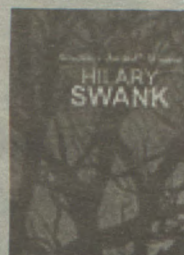
Brown: My mom is a single mom. She raised me and my brother on her own. She's a woman of faith and she's got a great heart. And my mom has two sides. She can shift from being really sweet to being really stubborn, like Shirley does. My mom is not as violent as Shirley appears to be, but she does have both of those sides, so I draw a lot from my mom when I'm playing Shirley.

OP: What do you think people like so much about the show?

Brown: I think that whoever you are, whether you're in college or if you've never gone to college, every character on this show is just like either you or somebody you know.

"Community" airs on Thursdays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

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CONVICTION // 107 mins // R

Conviction is a true story based on a Massachusetts housewife Betty Anne Waters (Hillary Swank) and her dedication to overturning the murder conviction of her brother Kenny (Sam Rockwell). By pushing herself through high school, college and law school, with the aid of friend Abra Rice (Minnie Driver), Betty retraces her brother steps and pours through the evidence in hope of changing Kenny's future.

JACKASS 3-D // 90 mins // R

Apparently age does not change stupidity. Johnny Knoxville, now 39 years old, and his gang of pranksters and stuntmen are back again pushing the limits of what is funny and gross in 3-D this time around. Like the first two "Jackass" movies, it features stunts and little substance.

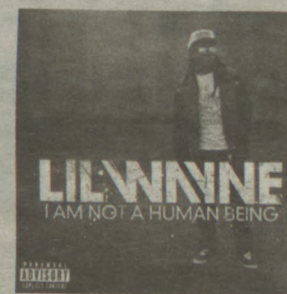


RED // 111 mins // PG-13

Based off of the hit graphic novel, Frank Moses, played by Bruce Willis and his aged team of agents (played by Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren) used to be at the top of the agency, but now they are the target. Now the gang must use their skills collectively to stay a step ahead of their allies, and break into the CIA to uncover the truth behind the conspiracies and cover-ups.

LIL WAYNE // "I Am Not A Human Being"

Even while incarcerated, the talented rap artist is still cranking out hits. "I Am Not A Human Being" was initially released in digital format on his 28th birthday (Sept. 27), but the physical release is this week. This album is considered an EP, but has the feel and sound of a full-length release. With collaborations with Drake, Nicki Minaj, Lil Twist, Jay Sean and T Streez, this 13-track release has all the hits one could expect from the New Orleans native.



SUFJAN STEVENS // "The Age of Adz"

Sufjan Stevens is back with his first release since 2005's "Illinois." While other tracks have his trademark acoustic, indie-folk sound, "The Age of Adz" takes a different approach with more uses of drum machines and synthesizer along with orchestras. While past releases like 2004's "Seven Swans" had mellow vocal stylings, Stevens opted for more loud, natural harmonies in this personal collection of songs.

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik, Staff Reporter

Media convergence: A love story

Can you believe it? A check up on the Mouthing Off couple one year later

By RORY MCCARTY

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Everyone's getting into the spirit of the season, as one of the most popular secular holidays of the year is nearly upon us. That's right, Sweetest Day is fast approaching, and what better to get into the romance than to psycho-analyze your relationship?

Approximately one year ago, former Mouthing Off Editor Dan Simons set up then Campus Editor Kay Nguyen on a date with WXOU's IT Director Steve Wiseman. His matchmaking then became the basis of a Mouthing Off article about the awkwardness of first dates.

After all this time, it's high time we celebrate Kay and Steve's anniversary by interviewing the couple "Newlywed Game" style.

To do so, I've scoured back-issues of "Seventeen" magazine for compatibility quizzes to use as reference. I also learned that Justin Bieber is left-handed and loves hockey.

We'll get a glimpse into the logical end of media integration and I'll do my best to embarrass them publicly.

How long exactly have you been together, then?

STEVE: Oct. 9 was our one year anniversary.

KAY: We've been together for 31 Mouthing Off Sections. What can I say? I work at the newspaper.

So, how does it feel to have the basis of your relationship literally be a joke?

KAY: It's really funny. We've even been recognized by readers in the hallway before. I know how Demi and Ashton must feel now. Ha.

STEVE: When you put it like that it sounds horrible, but it's kind of funny too.

What are your pet names for each other?

STEVE: I call her "Kay." Or

"babe." Sometimes "love," but only in tweets hoping she reads it with a British accent.

KAY: I call him "Pancake Butt" because there is one flat plane there.

What was your worst date? Keep in mind, you will be graded for accuracy.

KAY: Definitely our mortifying first date. You may have read about it.

STEVE: Her mom Facebook stalked me, saw I was older than her and called Kay home. Oh, and her ex was our server at the restaurant.

Do you still dress up for dates, or is it to the point where you just put on your barbecue stained T-shirt?

STEVE: Appearances are important, so I still try and keep it classy.

KAY: In a misguided attempt to dress up, I'll wear a T-shirt and jeans ... and heels.

So, when you finally met each other's parents, was it terrifying or merely super awkward?

KAY: It was terrifying for me with both sets of parents, but I can be pretty irrational.

STEVE: Terrifyingly awkward. It was only until recently that her mom thought I was a serial killer.

If someone came on to my significant other in a bar, or a Kohl's or something, I would...

STEVE: Not really the jealous type, but if they cross the line I will crack skulls.

KAY: Raise an eyebrow and see what happened. A discount at Kohl's could come out of it! I kid.

Do you celebrate mini-anniversaries, like your three month anniversary, or the anniversary of the first time you ate at an Arby's together?

KAY: Our relationship is a failure, since we have not eaten Arby's curly fries together yet. It's a complete sham, I tell you.



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

The Oakland Post's power couple, Steve Wiseman and Kay Nguyen.

STEVE: We just passed our first year, so I think we stop counting month to month.

Have you gone to a play or movie you didn't want to in order to appease your partner?

STEVE: I love all movies. Bad ones are good too.

KAY: Did you see "Cop Out?" I did make him sit through an Italian opera, though.

Did you guys carve a heart into an oak tree yet? It's not official until you do, you know.

STEVE: I was going to do it on campus but those trees disappeared from the roundabout.

KAY: Nah, we carved it on the Facebook wall, though.

Quickly, name the other one's favorite food, movie and season of "Battlestar Galactica."

STEVE: Crème Brûlée, "A Walk To Remember," and she only knows Battlestar because my dog is named Boomer.

KAY: We both like food too much to pick one, Star Wars, and don't know, but he did once want a "Battlestar Galactica" tattoo ...

When you read a "Choose Your Own Adventure" book, is it okay to hold your thumb on the last page you were on

in case a truck hits you in the story?

STEVE: Yes.

KAY: Chyeah.

Bad news, guys. You both think it's okay to cheat. Knowing that, do you trust your partner with your darkest secret? Also, what is your darkest secret?

STEVE: I trust her with my darkest secrets 100 percent. I watch chick flicks alone but don't cry.

KAY: Or course. I trust him to know that I snore.

What's the strangest place you've ever made whoopee?

STEVE: I plead the Fifth.

KAY: In the kitchen.

Can you tell me what "whoop-ee" is? Bob Eubanks gave me that line, and I was too embarrassed to ask.

STEVE: She is a host of that one show where all the women talk at the same time.

KAY: According to Wikipedia: "A whoopie pie (alternatively called a gob, black-and-white, bob, or "BFO" for Big Fat Oreo) is a baked good made of two round mound-shaped pieces of chocolate cake, sometimes pumpkin cake, with a sweet, creamy frosting sandwiched between them." Am I right?

Oh. That makes sense. What are you going to name your babies?

KAY: Scooter and Rex. They're working names.

STEVE: Or "The" because then it would be "The Wiseman."

Can you read each other's minds yet? Give it a try: What are they thinking right now?

KAY: "This is going to be a long day."

STEVE: "Why aren't the pages in?"

Do you floss?

KAY: Occasionally.

STEVE: Not as much as I should.

Gross, you guys. Does the age difference create problems when discussing the pop music of your childhood?

STEVE: I am a lover of all music except smooth Jazz. Kenny G scares me.

KAY: There's a lot of "I've haven't heard of them," but I try to get to know him better by listening to 104.3 WOMC, the oldies station. Did you know they consider '80s music oldies now? That means he's really "olddddd."

Let's say hypothetically, your significant other was trampled by a rhinoceros during a visit to the zoo. Give them a touching eulogy.

STEVE: Kay was a driven, beautiful, and loving woman. She made me want to be a better person in my career, life, and family. I love her and she will always be my soul mate.

KAY: So I actually did hear about this guy who was nearly eaten by a hippo once, but I digress. He was truly a great man who touched my life and many others' and will be sorely missed. We love you, Steve. Not much is changing, though, since you will still see the top of my head from way up above.

Aw. That makes water come out my eyes. Here's wishing you both the best.

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