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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Get some action

In this economy, wait, let's stop right there. That's one of those qualifying phrases that has unfortunately become a cliché that precedes just about every statement made. We all wish it didn't, but it doesn't look like that's going to change drastically before most of us graduate and enter into the work force looking for that first full-time job of our actual career with medical and dental benefits, and two weeks vacation.

That's why we must do whatever we can — like taking internships, volunteering and doing entry-level work to make ourselves more competitive with all the other qualified people out there. We know what you're thinking; it's easier said than done when you're barely making enough money to afford the fast food value menu. And students aren't exempt from feeling guilty about working for a pittance at a job they love over working at a droning job that pays the bills. Right now most of us are taking it one minimum payment at a time, but we really need to push ourselves to work toward our long-term goals, even if that might mean working for little to no monetary pay when you really can't afford to.

The reward of a satisfying career, assuming you can break into one, isn't the pay anyway. We would like to think that even high-priced lawyers and cut-throat stockbrokers went into their professions for some righteous reason like "to help people." But the majority of professions are usually a labor of love. It's easy to get stuck in a comfortable job, even one that you despise for holding you back, because it pays the bills. But those jobs that take up valuable time could be spent job shadowing somebody who does a job that you admire, networking with people in your desired field at social events, doing an extra internship or volunteering.

One of the advantages of going to a commuter school is that by the time most of us graduate, we have had the opportunity to try out the job market we

plan on entering. The problem is that many of us don't take advantage of those opportunities until senior year when we're frantically filling out applications or completing a required internship. (Warning, shameless self-promotion just ahead.) As a newspaper that is fairly accessible to students who are interested in journalism, advertising, marketing, web development and more, it's kind of shocking to see the low level of interest from journalism majors — especially considering it's one of the fastest growing majors not only at this school but across the nation. There are currently 230 students enrolled in Oakland University's journalism program, about 200 of which probably never set foot in our newsroom. It's part of the phenomenon of students just not taking advantage of opportunities and resources available to them.

Too many of our friends who went away to college are paying so much and partying so hard because they think their degree from a more prestigious school will land them the job of their dreams. Not that Oakland University is cheap (despite its marketing campaign that says otherwise), that we don't know how to party, or that our school doesn't command some respect in the local job market because of the grads we have representing us. But we should know better than our counterparts who went off to college, will graduate thinking they have the golden ticket, then end up living at home because they're too proud to take an entry-level job while working nights somewhere.

We should already have grasped the concept of knowing what it means to show some humility, so suck it up, work your ass off and show them what you've got. It might be hard, it might be tiresome, and you might not be able to afford the new iPhone, but you might be able to get your foot in the door before you graduate. You can rest when you die, or at least when the economy gets better.



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# Assistant professor thanks peers

**Tim Larrabee, Chair**  
**OU LGBTQA ERG**

This is an open thank you letter to the faculty, staff and administration of Oakland University.

The University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Ally Employee Resource Group (LGBTQA ERG) came into existence in the winter of 2004-2005 when the director of university diversity and Compliance, Joi Cunningham, initiated the creation of the ERG "to increase the level of awareness pertaining to diversity and inclusiveness in the exchange of distinct ideas and values that in turn creates enthusiasm across the university about diversity."

Members of the LGBTQA ERG were very grateful to Joi for taking the progressive steps to create the ERG. As a

result of its creation, much has been accomplished. Foremost, is the realization of broad support for the LGBTQ community on this campus, which is a haven from the decidedly hostile political environment across the state as evidenced by the passage of a constitutional amendment barring the state's recognition of same-sex partners for any purpose, the lack of protections for LGBTQ people from housing and job discrimination, the refusal of the state Senate to pass anti-bullying legislation that prohibits harassment of students based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, and the 133 percent increase in reported LGBT hate crimes in 2007, among other individual and state-sanctioned acts of homonegativity.

The ability of LGBTQ faculty and staff, and their allies, to identify and network through our university-sponsored ERG has led to some remarkable accomplishments. In the winter of 2006 we participated in the display of the Love Makes a Family Photo-Text Exhibit that traveled around the state. In fall of 2006, with the ardent support of our AAUP representatives, the university granted same-sex

partners tuition waivers as well as leave time for partners' illness or bereavement. In the winter 2007, the ERG hosted a community reception with other ERGs and LGBTQA organizations in the surrounding community. This past fall, the Gender and Sexuality Center hosted the first ever LGBTQA Welcome Reception. In fall 2009, we will start fundraising for the newly created LGBTQA Community Advocacy Scholarship for students.

Our efforts over the last two years have been focused on informing the university community about the consequences of the constitutional amendment barring state recognition of same-sex partnerships. As a result of our outreach, we have found amazing allies who are initiating their own conversations supporting the equal and equitable treatment of all university faculty and staff. Due to the efforts of our members and allies, more people across the university are aware of the social inequalities that exist, and they have expressed greater understanding and support for our efforts to eliminate them. Representatives from every bargaining unit on campus signed petitions urging the university to find ways to continue benefits for same-sex

partners. Faculty, deans and the provost have publicly expressed support for OU's LGBTQ faculty and staff because it is in the best interests of the university to attract and retain the best, brightest and most creative people they can find, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. In a recent AAUP survey, the majority of participating faculty indicated that the continuation of benefits was the top priority in upcoming contract negotiations. The AAUP leadership and bargaining team have been exceptionally hard at work finding ways to make this happen in an environment of ever-changing social policy and law.

All this is to say that we know in the context of our contentious political environment many of you have publicly and privately expressed support for the equal and equitable treatment of all members of the university's faculty, staff and administration. We want you to know that we do not take for granted, for even a moment, each and every one of our allies who are able to and opt to voice support for LGBTQ community on campus. For those acts of courage, we offer our sincerest gratitude. Thank you.

*Editor's note: See related story on page 7.*

## Act like an atheist, get the boot

**Katie Wolf**  
**Managing Editor**

When I saw Steve Harvey's new book "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man" on shelves I was interested. A male comedian, giving love advice for

women? This could be worth looking into. A few days later I started watching his interview with Joy Behar on CNN's Larry King Live. I was excited to learn what his book was about because, let's be honest, I'm a college student and I can't afford to waste my money on something I won't like. (Full disclosure: I only caught the second half of the interview.)

He had some funny things to say, like his policy on sleeping with a man: Wait 90 days. He took it from Ford Motor Company. A man needs a probationary period with his employer in order to be worthy of the benefit package, and "women have the greatest benefit package of them all — themselves."

Harvey had me hooked — until the end. When Behar touched on the part of the book that discusses the importance of God when searching for a man to date, she asked Harvey if women should date men who don't believe in God. Harvey's response was blunt and matter of fact: "No, why would you? ... If you don't believe in God, then where is your moral barometer?" He went on to say when a person tells him they're an atheist, he walks away because he doesn't know what to say to them.

Harvey's comments have sparked some controversy in the world of non-believers. As one YouTuber saucily commented: "Jesus wouldn't have walked away from an atheist."

Regardless of anyone's religious beliefs, Harvey's stance is close-minded. As Americans we value free speech, so we should support his right to say whatever he likes. But a blanket condemnation of a group of people based on one aspect of their characters seems rash and irresponsible.

It's moments like these that make me wonder what the cutoff would be for Harvey: would he argue that a firefighter who doesn't believe in God isn't worth his time? A doctor? Maybe so.

What if Harvey was the one in the burning building? In the operation room? Then are the firefighter or doctor saving his life worth talking to? The firefighter who is putting their own life on the line for a man who wouldn't give him the time of day otherwise? The doctor who took an oath to save lives no matter what? These are the questions I ask when someone says an atheist is an idiot (like Harvey did) and lacking a moral barometer.

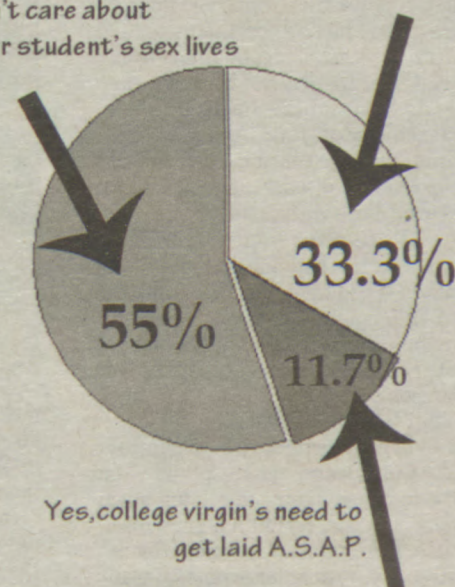
Morality is something argued frequently, and oftentimes people base their morals on their religion. The Ten Commandments serve as a useful template for morals, and as a society we've continued to build upon those basic tenets. But God is not the only source of morality. Do atheists need God to tell them not to murder, steal or cheat? Or do you think that as functioning, law-abiding members of society they could figure it out on their own?

Harvey might want to practice what his beliefs preach and "love thy neighbor" instead of leaving them out in the cold.

## DO YOU THINK BEING A VIRGIN IN COLLEGE IS TABOO?

No, I think being a virgin is something to be proud of.

I don't care about other student's sex lives



Yes, college virgin's need to get laid A.S.A.P.

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## Considering commencement changes

By MIKE SANDULA  
Staff Reporter

In an April interview with The Oakland Post, Oakland University President Gary Russi said OU will be changing its commencement ceremonies before the next graduates walk, but options were being considered.

"We're outgrowing our commencements," Russi said.

The university has yet to make official changes, but one proposal has been identified.

A recent e-mail sent by Stephanie Lee, OU's commencement coordinator, to upper leadership stated, "As previously approved by the deans, we will be conducting two commencement ceremonies for undergraduates in May 2010 and the Masters and Ph.D.'s ceremonies will become the responsibility of the [deans of each individual college]."

In the e-mail, Lee wrote that the deans could hold their own graduate ceremony or co-host with other colleges. The e-mail read that OU would assist in the planning of such ceremonies, provide

the venue — either the O'Rena or the Meadow Brook Festival Grounds — and commencement programs, but if the colleges do something else, they would "be responsible for the expenses."

The e-mail also read "these changes are necessary due to the growth of graduates" and would make the graduate ceremonies "very special for both student and their families."

However, Lee later said that the e-mail was only a proposal that had not been approved, and OU is still researching different commencement options.

She said she has limited the choices to two options: different ceremonies for graduates and undergraduates or different ceremonies for each school, the same options Russi discussed in April.

Lee also said that she has received an equal amount of positive and negative reactions for the proposal.

Dave Groves, assistant director of media relations at OU, wrote in an e-mail, "While administrators are considering this issue, there have been no changes made to policy or to commencement exercise practices."



HOLLY GILBERT/The Oakland Post

In May 2010, graduates may experience a different type of ceremony — either separate undergraduate and graduate ceremonies or separate ceremonies for each school.

## Eye institute hopes to expand research and building

By MASUDUR RAHMAN  
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's Eye Research Institute, on the fourth floor of Dodge Hall of Engineering, continues its research and plans expansion.

ERI has received steady funds from the National Institute of Health, especially its National Eye Institute, since it was founded in 1968. And now, the institute plans to continue its current research of eye diseases, and also expand and cover more of the roof.

The ERI Director, professor Frank Giblin, said the ERI submitted several grants to try to take its share from NIH's \$10.4 billion stimulus funds to expand the rooms, buy equipment, increase the number of faculty members and broaden ERI's scope.

Giblin said that ERI's six faculty members — in conjunction with 12 clinical faculty from Beaumont Hospitals — currently do research on age-related macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, macular hole, cataract, retinopathy of prematurity, retinal detachment, glaucoma and night blindness.

But he said he would like ERI to also



Photo courtesy of Shrvan Chintala/ Eye Research Institute  
Undergraduate student Tenira Townsend (right) works alongside ERI professor Frank Giblin (left) conducting research at the Eye Research Institute in Dodge Hall.

tackle diabetic retinopathy and corneal diseases.

"We like to have experts in all parts of the eye," he said.

He would also like to establish a retinal pediatric disorder laboratory with Beaumont, for which he has already received a \$500,000 funding commitment.

"It happens to babies of low birth weight," Giblin said. "Now they can keep [premature babies] alive, but they come up with diseases."

He said although some ERI faculty members, like Barry Winkler, teach classes, they are not required to. In return, they are obligated to raise half their salary from NIH grants.

"It's becoming tougher and more competitive," he said. "When you put in a NIH application, you have to be in the top 15 out of 100. There's more competition and less funds."

Professor Winkler and associate professor Shrvan Chintala each received about \$360,000 from NIH stimulus funds to support their research on macular degeneration and glaucoma, Giblin said.

Also, Giblin, associate professors Andy Goldberg and Kenneth Mitton each received \$15,000 to \$28,000 from NIH stimulus funds to pay salaries of OU undergraduates to conduct vision research in the ERI during the summer.

ERI has already hired seven student assistants, for the summer, who each receive \$3,000 scholarships and work with mentors for 12 weeks.

"After 12 weeks, some of them continue working," Giblin said, adding that they currently have a total of 35 student assistants.

ERI faculty do a variety of research. Mitton and Giblin said that although practical treatments and cures have been found in the type of research ERI does, ERI does not directly try to invent cures or treatments.



# Admin: faculty liaison not needed

By RORY MCCARTY  
Senior Reporter

The Oakland University chapter of the American Association of University Professors, which represents the full time faculty, has been pushing to create faculty liaisons to the board of trustees.

Currently, there is no way for the faculty to converse directly with the board of trustees. Similar faculty liaison groups exist at other universities, such as Michigan State University.

Response from professors on campus has been generally positive toward the idea of a faculty liaison.

David Garfinkle, professor of physics at OU, said that faculty liaisons are necessary to making the university run more smoothly.

"If there were a faculty liaison to the board, then we might at least have a chance to educate our board as to what OU is really like and what it would take to make it a better place," Garfinkle said.

According to Garfinkle, the board currently refuses to talk to faculty, and that by doing so, the board misses learning a lot about OU.

"We can't force them to talk to us, but their refusal to do so indicates that they don't know how to do their jobs and are unwilling to learn," he said.

Accounting Professor Joseph Callaghan is not as convinced that a liaison would benefit the university.

"It is hard to judge whether or not it would make a great difference," he said. "That would depend upon the willingness of the board to listen and the faculty members' ability to effectively communicate the faculty's reasonable concerns."

But Callaghan also said that he didn't think that a new communication channel would hurt.

Board Vice Chair Henry Baskin said he's not sure why a faculty liaison doesn't exist, but believes there are still channels for the faculty to voice their opinions.

"It's an open meeting; anyone can

come, so anyone can speak," Baskin said.

University Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery said that the possibility of having a faculty liaison has been considered a number of times in the past, and it isn't surprising that the possibility has been raised again as the faculty union begins contract negotiations.

"However, the board of trustees is very comfortable with the information it receives from the president, the provost and the deans about the university's academic mission," Montgomery said.

He added that the provost has done an excellent job of keeping the board informed on academic matters.

Joel Russel, president of the OU chapter of the AAUP, said that the faculty liaisons could provide a perspective that would differ from the administrative one.

"We would hope that there would be open communications between trustees and faculty liaisons, such as between trustees and student liaisons," he said.

Russel said he felt that when address-

ing the board during meetings, the communication is one-sided, and that the trustees were urged not to respond to any comments he made.

He added that he feels that faculty liaisons would give the board greater insight into the impact of their votes.

"Faculty, students and the university at large would be best served if the trustees are more aware of implications of their decisions on faculty and students than they get now."

OU President Gary Russi has said in previous interviews that the board of trustees currently does not wish to have faculty liaisons.

It was also suggested that it is difficult to have faculty liaisons in a situation where the teachers are unionized, but Russel said this shouldn't be an issue.

*Editors Note: What do you think about this issue? Write us at oakpostmanaging@gmail.com.*

## Gender and Sexuality Center loses coordinator

By SEAN GARNER  
Senior Reporter

Oakland University is currently searching for a new leader for its Gender and Sexuality Center. Joann Bautti-Roche served her final day as coordinator June 4 in order to take the position of assistant director of the Women's Center at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

According to Jean Ann Miller, the director of the Center for Student Activities, Bautti-Roche's decision did not come as a surprise.

"She had shared with me that she had been applying for several positions, including the one she ultimately got at Old Dominion, so this isn't unexpected," Miller said.

Chris Darin, president of the Gay/Straight Alliance, said Bautti-Roche committed more time and energy to her position than was originally intended. According to Darin, the GSC was originally created as a strictly student organization.

"What Joann really did for the GSC was expand it," Darin said. "As we originally intended to be a student group, Joann worked this job like it was a professional office on campus. She really brought professionalism to the atmosphere here, and I think that's what led to our expansion."

The coordinator of the GSC is officially a part-time position paying for 19 hours of work a week, but Bautti-Roche would often serve over 40 hours.

Glenn McIntosh, the dean of students, said that he believes the current compensation for the position is fair and can be expanded as the GSC grows.

"The Gender and Sexuality Center is a fairly new student support service within the university," McIntosh said. "Based on the established goals and objectives for the center, a part-time coordinator is sufficient. My hope is that as student use of the center's services increases, funding will be available to elevate the coordinator position hours."

Darin said that with the current levels of funding and compensation, it will be very difficult for the GSC, which he said is lagging behind similar programs at other universities across the state, to reach its ultimate goals.

"If this was just a gender center or just a sexuality center, that would be one thing, but we're trying to tackle a lot here," Darin said. "We are always trying to look to expand and catch up to these other universities. We really are behind other Michigan schools. I think that while Joann was moving the position ahead, the position wasn't following her in terms of professionalism."

Darin said he is concerned that the next coordinator of the GSC will not have the same motivation as Joann to exceed the demands of the job.

"It's a major fear, but we are doing our best to try and get people in this position that are really going to try and work with the administration to grow this service," Darin said.

Darin also said that it is important to

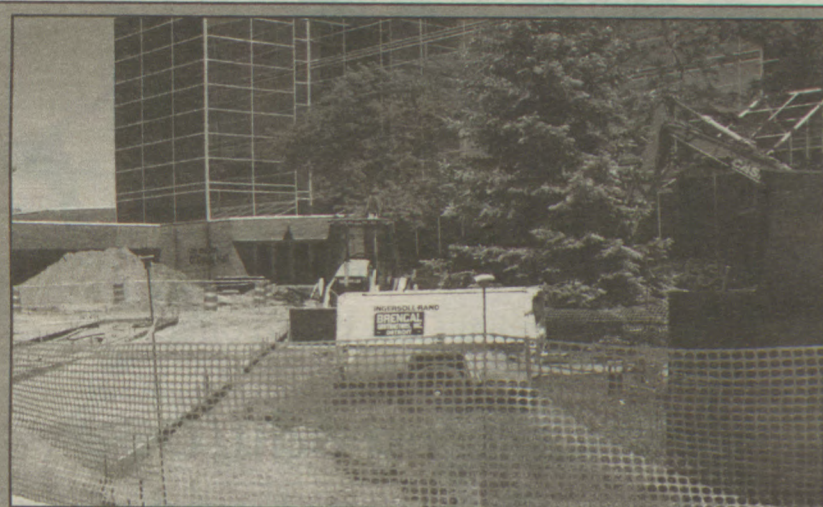
have students visit the GSC and sign in as visitors to demonstrate that they are reaching students.

The GSC coordinator is only a 10 month position, and Bautti-Roche was scheduled to have June and July off. The GSC will be run by student volunteers, such as Darin, over the next two months.

Miller said several people have indi-

cated interest in the position, and it will likely be filled by the time it was set to restart in August.

"The next coordinator will be very passionate and committed to both the focus of women's issues as well as LGBTQA issues and concerns. They will also have experience working with various student populations."



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## Med School Delayed

Dodge Hall is currently undergoing renovations that are scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Dodge Hall will be the facility for the first classes of the OU William Beaumont School of Medicine. The opening of the medical school has been delayed from its planned inception in the fall of 2010 to the fall of 2011. There will be 50 students in the inaugural class.



# Engineering group competes on campus

By RORY MCCARTY  
Senior Reporter

The Oakland Robotics Association concluded their run Monday in the Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition on campus that took place June 5-8.

Their vehicle, dubbed the "X-Man Moonwalker," has changed considerably, with a sleek black and silver case bearing the OU logo now covering the circuit boards.

Other vehicles at the competition ran the gamut of designs and materials. Vehicles resembling an ATV, a lunar rover, a snake head and a forklift were roaming the tent during preparations for qualification trials.

The team from Michigan Technological University that created a chrome-colored robot named "BAMF" stopped to admire the Moonwalker's design. One of the BAMF team members asked ORA where it had gotten omni-directional wheels.

On the day of the competition, ORA said that that Moonwalker did decent on one of its heats of the GPS course, hitting four of the nine GPS waypoints.

For the obstacle course, the vehicle didn't do as well. It was raining for part of the day of the competition, making the

grass slick and visibility poor.

According to group member Pavan Vempaty, the rain interfered with their camera's detection of the white lines that defined the course.

While preparing for the Moonwalker to run its last heat of the GPS course, ORA was surprised when the robot suddenly stopped moving.

Running on no sleep, ORA President Micho Radovnikovich worked desperately on the robot's touch screen to try and get it running again.

The Aerial Systems Club is in the final stages of testing and preparing for an upcoming competition where they managed to take third place and a prize of \$3,800 last year with their quadrotor.

This year, the members said they hope to outdo themselves with an improved quadrotor.

The competition requires that the vehicles navigate GPS waypoints without any human interaction.

The quadrotor, which looks like a pair of intersecting sticks with vertical propellers at each end, hovers from checkpoint to checkpoint.

According to the Hong Yang, who worked on maintaining the balance of the quadrotor, each propeller motor has

a different speed, which is controlled by the Proportional Integral Differential module, which rests in the center of the quadrotor.

Belal Sababah, who worked on the PID module of the quadrotor, explained why they decided to choose the unconventional model of the quadrotor while nearly all of the other teams in the competition used pre-fabricated model planes.

"First, it was out of research interest," Sababah said.

He said that they were more interested in learning how to make the quadrotor work from an engineering standpoint.

"Second, it's a good way to get more people involved," Sababah said.

It seems to have helped as well, since the club now has 12 members, compared to last year's ASC team of four people.

Yang said that the quadrotor greatly impressed the judges at last year's competition. "They practically begged us to come back," he said.

Yang said that the biggest differences between last years and this year's quadrotor are that now it's more modular, that is it's easier to repair if one part of it breaks. Also, this year the team has working GPS navigation.

Keith Jones, who worked on the robot's

navigation, said that they use a Google Earth image and compare it to a picture taken by the quadrotor's onboard camera takes to determine whether it's in the right place.

In addition to GPS, two cameras and a pressure sensor, the quadrotor has a sonar range finder to tell it when it is close to the ground so it can make smooth landings.

ASC estimated the total cost of this year's quadrotor to be around \$3,000.

Yang said that the first test flight went great, and they're optimistic going into the competition.

Another OU engineering group, Society of Automotive Engineers, concluded their competition earlier last month. They took 69th place out of a group of 123 entries.

SAE team member Kirk McGuire said that they're happy, but not satisfied.

He said that the SAE team is already up and running on next year's design.

"If they don't place in the top 20 next year, I will be shocked," McGuire said.



Visit [oaklandpostonline.com](http://oaklandpostonline.com) to view pictures of the quadrotor and OU robots in the competitions, and see previous coverage of "Student Engineering Wars," as well as web exclusives.

## Workshop to relieve stress

By DAUD YAR  
Contributing Reporter

"Introduction to Mindfulness," a workshop by Linda Bowers of Awakening Health LLC, will be offered at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 at the Recreation Center.

This Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction workshop aims to teach participants how to reduce their stress through various strategies, including guided meditation with formal and informal practices of mindfulness and MBSR.

"My goal is to let people know that they already have the tools they need to reduce their stress and to have them experience that during the workshop," Bowers said.

Awakening Health teaches individuals to access their innate capacities for healing, which often results in a decrease in their experience of stress in their everyday lives.

"Mindfulness is a mind-body discipline," Bowers said "We not only learn to pay attention to our thoughts and emotions but also to the wisdom of our bodies."


Bowers also teaches an eight-week curriculum in southeastern Michigan that is based on the Stress Reduction Program at the Center for Mindfulness, Healthcare and Society, founded by Jon Kabat-Zinn in 1979.

He is credited with bringing meditation into mainstream medicine by bringing mindfulness training to individuals, medical schools, sports teams, prisons, social programs and business professionals.


"We live in a society where people just take a pill when something is wrong with them or their lives. Mindfulness teaches us that we have a capacity to be present to and deal with our lives in a conscious way, to take responsibility for the choices we make or don't make and to consider all the options, one of which might be medication," Bowers said.

The workshop is open to anyone interested in increasing their level of awareness, relaxation and peace of mind, and decreasing their experience of stress and suffering in a natural, drug-free way.

For more information, visit [www.awakeninghealth.net](http://www.awakeninghealth.net) contact Bowers at (248) 930-0004.



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# Campus Corps helps students

By ANNIE STODOLA  
Staff Reporter

This summer, 61 Oakland University students will benefit from the Summer Student Campus Corps job program. As part of the "You Can Afford This" campaign, the university created the program, which offers paid positions for students during the summer semesters.

"The Summer Student Campus Corps was created as part of OU's commitment to assist students with the cost of their education during difficult economic times by providing students with an opportunity to work during the summer," said Cindy Hermesen, director of financial aid.

Hermesen also said she feels the program has been well-received by both students and campus employers.

Mike McLean, a senior from Sterling Heights, was hired through the Campus Corps as the web design/IT intern for OU-Macomb.

"It is an awesome program, and you can see that OU is really trying to help their students prepare for the real world after graduating," McLean said.

As part of his everyday responsibilities at the position, McLean updates website pages, fixes student databases, tracks new computers and installs new devices in the office.

"The job has been great," McLean said. "They've kept me really busy and have given me a lot of responsibility with my projects so you can't ask for much more than that in the first month."

Another student employed in a Campus Corps position is

Natalie Mischley, a senior human resource management major. Mischley is the Center for Integrated Business Research and Education intern for the development office in the School of Business Administration. She also works as a peer adviser for the School of Business Administration in the Center for Student Advising and Development.

Like McLean, Mischley said she has enjoyed the experience so far.

"I have gotten a lot of experience just in the first month of having this position," Mischley said. "I have done so much networking within the school and the outside professional world. I have also gotten a lot of experience that I can use when I go out to the 'real' world. It has been a very rewarding experience."

Mischley's supervisor, Robin Michel, the School of Business Administration development officer, expresses her support for the program, specifically within the SBA.

"As it ties to the University's 2020 vision, the business school wants three things for students: integrative thinking, experiential learning and international exposure," Michel said. "The internships are no different. It is a comprehensive approach to understanding the impact of one's work on a greater whole."

McLean, Mischley and Michel all agree that the Campus Corps program should continue.

With the economy how it is today, I think it is wonderful that the school can give money to employ our students for the summer," Mischley said. "It is a great experience for any student to work with the university because no matter the position they hold, they will gain valuable skills to help them progress into the world."



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Natalie Mischley got the position of CIBRE intern through the Campus Corps program.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Micah's case continues

Micah Fialka-Feldman's fight to live on campus will continue Tuesday, June 16 at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Federal Courthouse in Detroit, when he and his lawyer Chris Davis file a motion to include an amendment to their original complaint. Davis said OU did not add its "matriculated student" provision to the campus housing restrictions until March 2008, five months after OU revoked Fialka-Feldman's admission into campus housing.

-- Sean Garner, Senior Reporter

### Obituary: Danny Jordan

Oakland University jazz instructor Danny Jordan passed away on May 27 at age 64. He graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Music degree with highest distinction. He was responsible for creating the jazz program at OU, has spent part of his career traveling around Europe as a professional musician and worked in Detroit music clubs.

-- Brad Slazinski, Staff Reporter

### Free tuition discussion

Alma Wheeler Smith, representative and a democratic candidate for governor in Michigan, will be part of a round table discussion Monday, June 15 from 12-1 p.m. in the Lake Huron Room of the Oakland Center to discuss her proposal that state income taxes be increased by 1.15 percent to provide free college tuition for students that graduate from public high schools. To reserve one of the 25 spots available for this OUSC event, e-mail Amy Ring at arring@oakland.edu.

### HC director's farewell

The Honors College will host a farewell reception for director Jude Nixon Tuesday, June 30 from 4-6 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center as he leaves OU to take the position of dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Salem State College.

-- Amanda Benjamin, Campus Editor

# New cinema studies major approved

By MASUDUR RAHMAN  
Senior Reporter

At a time when automotive jobs are moving out of Michigan and film jobs are expected to be moving in, Oakland University has added a major in cinema studies and a minor in graphic design, which will start fall 2009.

A cinema studies major was approved by the board of trustees Wednesday, June 3, backed by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ron Sudol, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil.

Previously, students could only take a concentration in film aesthetics and history.

"The interest in film at OU has always been quite high, and has continued to grow, with almost 3,000 students enrolled in film courses from 2000-2008," said Kyle Edwards, an assistant professor who teaches film courses and co-authored the proposal. "The need for a cinema studies major became evident in 2007, after a questionnaire circulated in gen ed and upper-division film classes showed that about one quarter of those students surveyed would consider switching from their current major to cinema studies, and nearly half would consider adding cinema studies as a second major."

New courses were developed for the

major, and they are planning to hire two new faculty — one in the second year and another in the third.

"Cinema Studies courses instill the critical thinking, writing and communication skills that prepare students for a variety of positions within the film industry, as well as other professional occupations, including educator, public relations or advertising executive, print or web editor, museum curator or archivist," Edwards said. "In addition, cinema studies majors will be well-prepared to pursue graduate coursework in cinema studies and related disciplines."

Last year, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a film incentive program into law, which gives video production companies monetary compensation for filming in Michigan, intended to create revenue and jobs.

"It was a good time to get this moving," said Andrea Eis, an assistant professor of art history who also co-authored the proposal.

Edwards said they also plan to hold "film-related special events, including film series and lecture series featuring nationally renowned scholars and filmmakers — that will enrich the cultural and social atmosphere for students, faculty and staff, and the surrounding community."

Eis and Edwards said that OU is talking with production companies to discuss

student internships and joint educational partnerships, and they expect that it will create opportunities for students.

Companies can also help by providing space for classes. Eis said that she and others are trying to get a digital film production major approved, but this would require physical space, which is currently not available at OU.

This major would include cinematography, editing and sound production.

Eis and others are also trying to get a graphic design major approved by the art department by September, by the College of Arts and Sciences a couple months later and by the board of trustees, in order to have it started by fall 2010.

Before CAS approved a graphic design minor in the winter semester, students interested most likely had a studio art major, and there was one introductory graphic design course.

Eis said the minor will be more in-depth and make students more marketable, teaching topography, advanced graphic and web design.

"I know some students, studio art grads, who are sticking around for a bit longer after graduation to add on this minor," she said. "I know many would like to take the major but can't wait around that long."

Eis also said she is also trying to add concentrations in museum studies and art administration.



## POLICEFILES

On May 16, two OUPD officers were approached by a SMART bus driver as they were exiting Hannah Hall. The driver told the officers to be aware of a woman he had dropped off, who he feared had unaddressed mental health issues. The officers eventually made contact with the woman who claimed she could not pronounce her name. Upon investigation, OUPD discovered the woman was "legally incapacitated." OUPD contacted the Auburn Hills Fire Department who transported the woman to POH Medical Center for evaluation.

On May 16, OUPD found a vending machine in South Foundation Hall with its security glass broken. OUPD is holding wrappers found in the first and second floor garbage cans as evidence.

On May 30, OUPD responded to an anonymous call that five students were outside of the University Student Apartments tearing down a tree. When OUPD arrived, one tree was broken off at the trunk about three feet from the ground. When the officers walked around the first floor, they heard voices from only one apartment. There were six people inside, some who claimed they had been drinking, but said they knew nothing about the damaged tree. Three of the people were issued Minor in Possession citations, and one of them was transported to the OUPD station for marijuana possession. A witness later gave a more detailed description of the people seen damaging the tree. Five of the people inside the apartment matched the descriptions.



MIKE SANDULA/ The Oakland Post  
The eight new bike racks, like the one in front of Hamlin Hall, will be cemented into the ground. Students will be able to borrow the bikes for on-campus use.

## Students to share bikes

By MIKE SANDULA  
Staff Reporter

Starting this fall, students can avoid parking lots by cycling to classes across campus.

The OU Bike Share Program will be launching during Welcome Week in an effort to make Oakland University a more bike-friendly campus.

"I think it will expand the culture of recreation and fitness on campus," said Greg Jordan, director of OU's department of campus recreation.

Samir Hanna, who graduated in spring with degrees in English and political science, founded the program, which was approved by the administration in April. Hanna said the program will be good for the community and is a necessary part of a college campus.

"Grizz Bikes," as Hanna called them, will be housed at eight new permanent bicycle racks that are to be placed in front of major buildings throughout campus, such as Dodge and Elliot halls.

"Dozens of other schools have done this," Hanna said. "And it's worked out at other campuses."

Some schools, like Ohio University, require membership fees and sign-up sheets in order to rent bikes. The OU Bike Share Program will be free of charge and work on the honor system.

"If you need a bike, you go for it," Hanna said.

A bike task force will keep the honor system in check, monitoring the Grizz Bikes and checking them for needed repairs.

The task force consists of members from OUSC, the dean of students and the department of housing. Kristin

Dayag, student body president, said they're also looking for student volunteers to join.

OUSC is planning to have one or two "Bike Days" a year when bike shops will come in to repair and tune-up Grizz Bikes.

Dayag said OUSC is also looking to hear from students about what they would like to see happen with the program, and they can make suggestions until August.

The program will cost about \$15,000—with \$9,000 set aside for the purchase and installation of the new racks—to start and is university funded from various sources, according to Glenn McIntosh, dean of student life.

Initially, 20 bikes totaling about \$2,000 will be purchased from the Hub of Detroit, a non-profit bike retail shop whose proceeds go to its youth and adult education program, Back Alley Bikes.

"The more it's used, the more bikes they'll be adding on," Hanna said.

With plenty of campus paths already in existence, extra trails aren't currently necessary.

The program is expected to be ready by August, according to McIntosh. OUSC will be hosting a Bike Kickoff to launch the program on Sept. 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the Oakland Center between North and South Foundation halls.

"It's a good program," said Jordan. "It'll be interesting to see how people take advantage of it, and I hope they do."

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## Try it before you graduate:

*Students gain experience in their field through experience*



By ANNIE STODOLA  
Staff Reporter

*Editor's note: This article is part of a series that will look at the experiences gained by students as they fill their summers with internships to fulfill their degree requirements and make themselves more desirable to employers.*

Some students graduate and enter the workforce without ever having any experience within their field of study. Several departments at Oakland University are working to prevent that with curriculum-mandated internship programs.

One student who participated in such a program is Holly Thompson in the Occupational Safety and Health program. Thompson worked at Luminant Energy in Rockdale, Texas, about an hour's drive west of Austin. From January through April, Thompson shadowed a safety representative in the plant.

"I shadowed a safety rep for the first week," said Thompson. "But he was so swamped with his own work that I basically worked as a second safety rep. The whole experience was so hands-on."

During her time in Texas, Thompson assisted with air sampling, combustible dust sampling, developing emergency response plans, weekly safety audits and other industrial hygiene activities.

Luminant Energy chose Oakland University as one of only three universities in the country from which to hire interns, thanks to the reputation of OU's OSH program. Representatives came out to interview students, and Thompson said she mainly interviewed just for practice.

"I didn't really want the internship at first, but I interviewed and ended up getting it so I decided to do it," Thompson said. "My first two internship experiences were great but this one really persuaded me to go into occupational safety and health because it was so hands-on. I got to really act as a safety rep."

Charlie McGlothlin, the program director of Occupational Safety and Health, said he sees tremendous growth in students who complete the internships.

"I routinely see students come back with an increased awareness of how all



BROOKE HUG/The Oakland Post

Ashlee Kazirut gains valuable experience at her internship at The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm where she works on exhibits featuring old photographs from the museum's archives.

the pieces of our curriculum fit together," said McGlothlin. "[The internship] is a sort of transitional piece between classroom learning and the world of work. When they come back, I am confident that they are ready to enter the workplace."

Ashlee Kazirut, an art history major, is also completing an internship this summer. Kazirut is working at The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm this summer.

Kazirut found out about the museum during a volunteer fair at OU last September and did volunteer work there until the spring. She then asked to complete an internship there and the museum staff agreed.

During her internship, she is completing two projects. One involves putting together an exhibit of the pets that used to live on the farm and the other is the construction of a book to sell in the museum's souvenir shop. Some of the most interesting work she's done is designing her exhibit and taking photos for the book, which helped get her name listed in the book as a contributor.

"I've gotten to learn much more about what goes on in a museum and what kinds of things the staff has to do by

actually having to do it myself and I didn't get that experience by volunteer work alone," Kazirut said.

Andrea Eis, acting coordinator of the Art and Art History internship program this summer, said she has already seen tremendous growth in Kazirut.

"Although she is not finished with the internship yet, I can already tell that she

has learned a great deal, both about the museum field, and about the way that a professional environment works," Eis said. "She has developed an understanding of the complications and the opportunities of museum work, and has been reflecting on what she has learned about her own abilities, strengths and interests as a result."

Internship coordinators do not always visit the sites where their students work, but Eis said she is excited to visit the museum to see Kazirut's work.

"She has given me such vivid and interesting progress reports on her work that I want to see what she's accomplished," Eis said.

Although not all programs require internships, both students said they recommend an internship to other students. Kazirut, however, said she would suggest her type of internship only to people interested in museum work.

"For those who want to teach or work in library archives, they should gear their field experiences towards the careers that they eventually want to do."

Thompson said internships carry benefits beyond just helping to build your resume.

"If you're considering something like this, definitely do it," Thompson said. "Internships get your foot in the door at companies and open so many networking opportunities."

### Programs that require an internship:

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Engineering  
Art and Art History

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# The Scene

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## Summer sound waves

Five up-and-coming bands that belong in your summer mixtape

By ALEXIS CHINONIS-TOMRELL  
Scene/Mix Editor

COLUMN

### Black Milk:

Riding the high wave of his critically-acclaimed album "Tronic," Black Milk is the new audio force of Detroit. He cites his influences as everyone from Stereolab to A Tribe called Quest, extracting history to form new beginnings. Black Milk has proven, through his solo work and collaborations, that he is a leader in the beautiful future of hip-hop. Listen to "Losing Out (featuring Royce da 5'9)." [www.myspace.com/blackmk](http://www.myspace.com/blackmk)

### Grizzly Bear:

OK. So a lot of indie bands have animals in their names these days. And while many are lost in the indie abyss, Grizzly Bear has stuck around for round two. The Brooklyn band's second-released album "Veckatimest" is getting blogger applause everywhere for its more developed, distinct tone. For an audio description, think of them as the star-crossed child of Neil Young and Sigur Ros. All of its members work as one long instrumental echo, with singers Ed Droste and Daniel Rossen alternating on the mic. Listen to "Two weeks." [www.grizzly-bear.net/](http://www.grizzly-bear.net/)

### Busy P:

A big name at this year's Movement festival, this french Day-Glo playboy knows to how to make kids dance. Busy P specializes in making humorous beats with just the right amount of electro cheesiness. His shtick could be "Busy P and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" if the main character used a vocoder and danced like a robot. Listen to him while wearing glow-in-the-dark shades and neon spandex. That way, we can all learn "it's more fun to compute". Listen to "Colette c'est Chouette." [www.myspace.com/busyp](http://www.myspace.com/busyp)

### Grand Ole Party:

Recently opening for the Yeah Yeah Yeah's US tour, Grand Ole Party carries similiar three-piece looks, but does rock 'n' roll in their own wild San Diego way. A deep and powerful soul voice is trapped in singer and drummer Kristin Gundred's tiny frame. She churns out absurdly melodic garage-rock lines, while backed by guitar and bass. Listen to "Insane auf Deutsch" and "Look Out, Young Son." [www.myspace.com/grandoleparty](http://www.myspace.com/grandoleparty)



Photo courtesy of Frontier Ruckus

Frontier Ruckus is gaining national attention as Michigan's premier folk band.

### Frontier Ruckus (pictured above):

The five-piece band from Michigan is gaining attention for its hauntingly beautiful folk sound, complemented with their simple, down-home lyrics. Leadsinger and Rochester native, Matthew Milia, pervades the band's sound with familiarity and sorrow; like a lonely country road.

The band was recently signed to Ramseur Records out of North Carolina where they are expected to showcase six more songs related to their "Orion Songbook" album under the title "Way Upstate and the Crippled Summer pt. 1."

The music is recommended listening for Upper Peninsula road trips with friends, long hard winters and bonfire reunions. Listen to songs "Latter Days" and "Orion Town 2."

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## Isle goes hip-hop

BY ANNIE STODOLA  
Staff Reporter

The fifth annual Belle Isle Hip Hop Mile hits the island on Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m.

The idea for the Hip Hop Mile was developed in 2004, when John Greasy and his sister Karinda Washington attended a Stop the Violence rally in Detroit. The rally came amidst three months of record high murder rates in

the city.

"We wanted to develop a talent showcase dedicated to decreasing violence," said Washington, CEO of BOTS Entertainment.

In the past five years, the event has become more diverse, with artists coming from other states and Windsor.

"A lot of people mistakenly think hip hop is just one thing, but this is a way of bringing nationalities together," said Greasy, who serves as the talent coordinator for the event. "It's not just hip hop, we've got rap, singing, poetry, canvas artists, live graffiti artists. We bring all of that to the table plus a lot of community organizations."



Photo courtesy of Hip Hop Mile

Jigsaw, a hip hop artist who has performed at the event said the Hip Hop Mile is an important community event.

"It's a free family event that brings together all elements of music. The stop the violence message is really important. It has really touched the youth of the community."

Greasy said the event also seeks to represent things from an artist's perspective.

"As artists, we understand the artist perspective and want to give

back creative control to our performers," Greasy said. "It's a venue for all artists to get some love. We're open to all genres. We just want to make a difference."

In honor of the event's fifth year, the

theme for this year's event is the Best of the Best and will feature artists from all over the country who have supported the Hip Hop Mile from its start.

Additionally, the Detroit Entertainment Commission, which was recently approved by the Detroit City Council, will debut at the Hip Hop Mile.

"The Detroit Entertainment Commission will work to support events like ours, so we were involved in getting approved," said Washington. "The entire commission will be presented on stage during the event."

Washington says the event is a good opportunity for college students to get involved.

"There are a lot of networking opportunities and students who volunteer at the Hip Hop Mile," Washington said. "We want to give back to the community so we encourage students to do service learning."

For more info: [www.hiphopmile.com](http://www.hiphopmile.com)



# Recession rental 101

## "Army of Darkness"

By ANNIE STODOLA  
Staff Reporter

Movies entertain in a variety of settings, whether they are absorbing the viewer amongst an air-conditioned crowd of bright faces, in the outdoor air of a drive-in or in the comfortable proximity between your television and sofa.

This may very well be the year of the living room theatre, due to dwindling entertainment funds.

Luckily, video rental stores provide an interesting selection of forgotten treasures for your perusing pleasure.

Remembering our budgets and our inner film geeks, The Oakland Post's new review section "Recession rental" seeks to expose our favorite indie and cult flicks.

As the third film in the Evil Dead trilogy, "Army of Darkness" brings

campiness to a whole new level.

In the movie, Bruce Campbell (a Royal Oak native known for his role as Sam on TV's "Burn Notice") plays Ash, a housewares employee at the fictional S-Mart, who is transported in time to the Middle Ages.

While there, he is quickly put in charge, as he is obviously the only one in that era with a chainsaw and a gun, or as he explains it, his "boomstick."

Then he accidentally awakens an army of the dead. The movie only gets less and less realistic as it progresses.

Every aspect of the film is made without regard for the traditional or the tasteful, yet it manages to be absolutely enjoyable.

From the claymation "deadites" to the ridiculous contraptions Ash develops to fight them, the audience can't help but root for him to save the day

and get the girl, even if he uses more than a few cheesy one-liners along the way.

Although the film does take some excessively odd turns — see the bizarre mirror scene — overall it is the classic action/horror movie. Ash makes his journey from lowly store employee to medieval hero, and his journey, no matter how strange, is certainly worth watching.



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# What are you doing this summer to complement your major?



"I am talking to Congressmen, people involved in the political process and those who have finished the political science degree themselves, to gain more advice."

Nicole Roberts  
Senior, political science



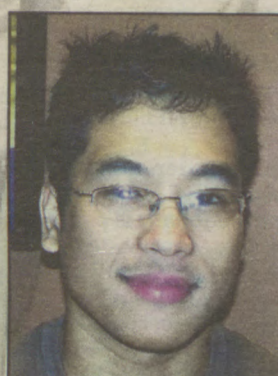
"I'm trying to take classes during the summer. And I'm trying to find career-related internships and jobs to get relevant experience."

Jamesa Rucker  
Sophomore, accounting



"The most important thing is to stay on top of classes and take them in their proper sequence. At my job in the Student Technology Center I try to find projects related to finance."

Brandon Henderson  
Senior, finance



"I am working two jobs. I have a concentration in television broadcasting, so I'm looking for a television station that offers internships."

Haest Bedayo  
2009 graduate, communication



"I'm applying for a job giving guitar lessons, working on a guitar trio with other members of the guitar ensemble, trying to record a couple of pieces and going to one of the many classical guitar festivals that are happening this summer."

Michael Latcha  
Freshman (5th year), music



## An offseason to prepare

*An interview with new men's soccer head coach Eric Pogue*

By MIKE SANDULA  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University men's soccer team won the Summit League regular season title last year, set a Division I record with 14 wins and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The team finished with a win, a loss and a tie in the spring season and kicks off the 2009-2010 season Aug. 19. The Oakland Post sat down with new head coach Eric Pogue to discuss his new role in the soccer program and the upcoming season.

**How did your years as an assistant coach at OU prepare you to take over the head-coaching job?**

It was a great learning experience working under [former head coach] Gary [Parsons] for eight years. He allowed me to take on quite a bit of responsibility and get involved in every aspect of running a Division I soccer program with the hope and expectation that I would take over for him eventually.

**How did the spring season go?**

We graduated out five seniors and the spring provided a lot of opportunities for our young players to show us what they have and step into some vital roles. It allowed us to see some new leaders on the team take shape.

**Have the team captains been determined?**

We've got four guys that are going to be seniors — Stew Givens, Sebastian Harris, Machel James and Stefan St. Louis — that have really stepped up and taken on additional responsibilities. They've been announced as captains for preseason. We'll make our final determination before our first game.

**What can you tell us about the incoming recruits? Do you expect major contributions from any of them this season?**

We've got 13 recruits coming in. We recruited some good, young players over the last four years with the expectation that they were going to step in and help fill in the voids of those [five seniors we lost to graduation].

I told [the recruits] we have a lot of holes to fill and they'll be given every opportunity just like those guys who have been working to earn a starting job. When [team practices begin], every position on the field is open to be won. It could mean starting off the bench or putting a year or two in developing their game so they can help us down the road.

**How will you replace the steady goalkeeping Steve Clark provided last season?**

Mitch Hildebrandt has been Steve's understudy for the last two years. He'll be a red-shirt sophomore next year. He was a Dream Team all-state first team goalkeeper out of Livonia Stevenson a couple years back.

He's a very high-level goalkeeper. He got a chance, unfortunately, when Steve was red-carded in the Summit League semifinal. Mitch stepped in right away and got the chance against Ohio State and did quite well.

He's playing this summer with the Kalamazoo Outrage in the Premier Development League. He got a starting job there. So we're confident he's going to be able to step in and fill Steve's shoes.

**Who are some underclassmen to watch this season?**

I think Tommy Catalano is poised in his sophomore year to really step in and become an extremely high-level player for us. You're going to see a little more out of Vuk Popovic, [a sophomore] from Serbia. This will be a good opportunity for Mitch Hildebrandt to take his next steps. After that, we're going to be looking at [junior] Makesi Lewis to contribute to our goal scoring.

Those will probably be some key guys to look for and then we've got an awful lot of young, unproven guys that are going to be battling.

**You won the Summit League last season. Do you expect to defend that title successfully this fall?**

That's always one of our goals. It's a real competitive schedule. Any team on any given day can beat anybody. I think a number of teams in the Summit League will be a difficult test for us.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post  
After two years of preparation since coming to Oakland, goaltender Mitch Hildebrandt will start in net for the Golden Grizzlies when the team opens the season in August.

**Oakland is playing host to the Summit League Tournament on campus this year. What do you think about potentially winning the tournament at home?**

I think it'd be extra significant for us to win the title on our home field, but there's a lot of work to be done and I think our main goal is to win the regular season title, which would put us in position to compete for the Summit League Tournament title.

**What is the team doing in the off-season to prepare for the fall?**

There are a lot of guys doing voluntary training with our strength and conditioning coach, Todd Wohlfeil. There are guys playing on summer league teams in the Premier Development League.

**And what have you been doing this offseason?**

I've been focusing on finalizing the 2009 recruiting, but also digging in and working hard on the 2010 recruiting class. Then I'm starting to lay some of the foundations on what we're going to be looking to do and accomplish as a soccer program leading into the fall.



# Campus golf course open to public

By KARRIE TRZCINKA  
Contributing Reporter

In the midst of summer vacation, Oakland University's two on-campus golf courses could be a fine solution to an afternoon with nothing to do.

The Katke-Cousins and R&S Sharf courses are located on the east side of campus near Meadowbrook Hall. Their picturesque settings are just one of the things that they have to offer.

Many students are not aware of the golf courses and the variety of events that take place there. They have special prices for full-time Oakland students.

According to OU's Golf and Learning Center, students can play nine holes for \$13, and 18 holes for \$14 on a weekday.

"Students get the best rate than anyone," said Perry Busse, PGA golf pro.

Busse also works at the Golf and Learning Center. He has been involved with the courses for four years and runs the courses, which have 36 holes and a driving range.

The course has 625 members with an average age of 50. Busse said that he would like that to change.

"I and other PGA members need to get younger people involved," he said.

Busse is hosting many events at the course this summer. One of the upcoming events he will be teaching is a two-hour golf clinic Saturday, June 20. Interested golfers will have the chance to

get lessons from six PGA golf pros.

Prices for this event are \$20 for alumni, \$25 for alumni guests, and \$20 for Oakland University students.

Professional golfer Bob Moss has been golfing at OU's golf course for 20 years. He likes many qualities of Katke-Cousins better than any other course in Michigan.

"I love the difficulty, beauty, and great staff," Moss said.

Oakland instructor Garry Gilbert said he's played golf on the Katke Cousins course over 100 times.

"The Katke Course is rated among the 20 most difficult in the state," Gilbert said. "[The course is] built on beautiful ground with natural elevation changes, mature trees and several creeks."

But the thing he said he likes most about playing on campus is the people that he meets on the links.

"Most have some affiliation or interest in OU. They are alums, donors, students or staff. I've met a few jerks on public and private golf courses, but never at OU," he said.

Golf Digest ranks the R&S course in the top 25 of over 800 throughout Michigan.

The reduced prices will allow beginners to golf at an award winning location without hurting their wallets.

For more information, visit [www.ougolf.com](http://www.ougolf.com) or call Busse at (248) 364-6300.



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The Katke-Cousins golf course hosted the the Summit League women's golf championship in April.

## THE SPORTING BLITZ

By DAN FENNER  
Sports Editor

### Growing attendance figures

Successful seasons must equate to more fans, since attendance figures for Oakland's men's basketball team nearly doubled from the previous year to the 2008-09 season. Attendance records released by the NCAA last month indicated that the average attendance at OU's 14 home games was 4,156, marking an increase of over 2,000 fans per game.

This increase in turnout was the second largest in the nation, behind only Texas Tech University.

As a whole, attendance was up significantly across the entire Summit Conference.

The Golden Grizzlies finished with a 23-13 overall record, but won 12 of 14 games at the O'Rena. The team

will be looking to extend their 11 game home winning streak when they begin their season in November.

### Baseball honors

At the conclusion of the 2009 baseball season last month, two Oakland players were given all-conference recognition for their outstanding play.

Senior outfielder Justin Wilson was named to the Summit League First Team for the second time in his career. On the season, Wilson batted .340 with 12 home runs and 43 RBI, also stealing 16 bases.

Also receiving recognition, sophomore second baseman Tommy Jablonski was a part of the all-conference Second Team. Jablonski hit .328 with a pair of home runs and 29 RBI.

### Commissioner's Cup

The 2008-09 Summit League athletic season came to a close recently, and culminated in the announcement of the Commissioner's Cup standings. This ranking represents a cumulative score for the performances of all men and women's teams' results for Summit conference athletics from the past year.

Oakland University ranked fourth highest of the 10 conference teams, finishing with a score of 93. Oral Roberts took first place for the fourth season in a row.

Additionally, Oakland finished in third place in both the men and women's standings.

Oakland's strong finish in the standings was helped largely by first place finishes for the men and women's soccer, swimming and diving teams.

## Disc golf course coming to campus

By BRAD SLAZINSKI  
Staff Reporter

For nearly a year, the Oakland University Student Congress has been working for over a year to secure construction of a disc golf course on the school's campus. Progress toward this goal has been made recently, with a target opening date of Sept. 10.

The popularity of this recreational sport may be at an all-time high.

The sport utilizes flying discs, where participants aim for basket-like targets on traditional golf-style fairways.

Student congress legislator Jarret Schlaff is among those trying to see the long-planned course through to completion.

"It's in the final stages," Schlaff said. "It's going to be an actual certified [Professional Disc Golf Association] course."

This certification would enable the university to host tournaments and fundraisers with the course.

The 18-hole course will be located near the upper athletics fields near the student apartments.

Upon completion, the course will be free of cost for students.



# Jury is still out on Tigers' season

By DAN FENNER  
Sports Editor

## COLUMN

With postseason hockey winding to a close, Michigan's sports fans turn their attention to the baseball diamond in hopes of a Tigers season with even half as much success as their beloved Red Wings.

Coming out of spring training in early April, most baseball prognosticators predicted the Tigers would finish below .500, citing their starting pitching as the biggest reason for concern. On paper, the Tigers didn't appear to be significantly improved from the team that finished last in the division a season ago.

But fortunately for the Tigers, standings are still determined by actually playing the games. The team has opened up a four game lead in the American League Central Division behind the strength of their pitching staff. Through two months of the season, the team has found a formula to win games despite an

offense that is underachieving badly.

The remedy to their offensive shortcomings begins with their top three starting pitchers. Justin Verlander, Edwin Jackson, and rookie Rick Porcello have anchored a rotation that not long ago was filled with inconsistency and doubt. Each of them has picked up six wins on the season and are largely responsible for the team's 3.98 ERA, second best in the American League.

Verlander, coming off the worst season of his career in 2008, shook off early season concerns and was named the American League Pitcher of the Month in May. It was a remarkable month for the Tigers' ace, as he regained his feel for pitching that had been absent for over a year. Every start of late seems to bring the promise of another no-hitter like he threw in 2007 against Milwaukee.

Jackson, who was acquired in an off-season trade with Tampa Bay that drew some criticism, has been a totally different pitcher under the tutelage of pitching coach Rick Knapp. His 2.16 ERA ranks third in the AL and he's been nothing

short of dominant his last few starts.

But perhaps the biggest reason for encouragement this season comes from the Tigers' youth. Porcello could easily be mistaken for a seasoned veteran at times despite being the youngest pitcher, 20, in all of baseball this season. Reliever Ryan Perry has given fans hope that he can be their closer for years to come by helping solidify a bullpen that was among the worst in baseball last season.

Fernando Rodney is a perfect 11 for 11 in save opportunities, but like his predecessor, Todd Jones, has been known to raise the collective blood pressure of Tigers fans with every appearance on the mound. In an ideal scenario, the team would be able to utilize him in a setup role, rather than as the ninth inning stopper. But for now, the team has bigger areas of concern.

In order to reach the postseason, the Tigers will need improved production from their middle of their lineup, as typically-reliable veterans Magglio Ordonez and Placido Polanco have really struggled to hit for any extended period.

Detroit has managed to push just enough runners across home plate to win on most nights, but won't be able to fend off their Central Division opponents for much longer without more timely hits from their offensive leaders.

Young outfielders Clete Thomas and Josh Anderson have provided some spark at times, but on a team with playoff aspirations, they would be best suited to remain role players with less pressure to lead offensively.

The Tigers likely won't have much opportunity to improve their team at the trade deadline this summer due to an already high payroll and a lack of expendable prospects in the minor leagues. This makes it even more imperative that the offense lives up to pre-season expectations and career averages.

Despite much-improved pitching, there is little room for error if the Tigers intend to return to the postseason for the first time since 2006. And with all that has transpired economically in the state of Michigan, a pennant chase deep into October would be a welcome distraction.

# Judge rules against preservation of old stadium

By BEN LEUBSDORF  
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Tiger Stadium's stay of execution turned out to be a brief one as a judge ruled Monday that demolition of the historic ballpark could begin again.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Prentis Edwards rejected a request by the Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy to issue a preliminary injunction preventing further demolition of the stadium. He also lifted a temporary restraining order issued Friday afternoon that halted work begun just hours earlier.

Edwards agreed with attorneys for the city that the nonprofit group likely can't raise the funds for a proposed \$33.4 million redevelopment project, noting there is little financing in hand after years of work.

"It appears here that the plaintiff has been given every opportunity to succeed with this project," Edwards said after about an hour of arguments, but the conservancy has "simply failed to come up with the requisite funding."

The prospects for success in the future, Edwards said, are "very, very dim."

Crews were expected to resume tearing down what remains of Tiger Stadium "immediately," Waymon Guillebeaux, executive vice president for project management and contract services at the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., said after the hearing.

Much of the ballpark, which opened in 1912 as Navin Field, was demolished last year after sitting vacant since the Detroit Tigers departed for Comerica Park in 1999. But a section extending from dugout to dugout was left standing while the conservancy sought to raise money to transform the stadium into a commercial



The remainder of Tiger Stadium will be demolished after the city of Detroit rejected a proposal by a nonprofit group to preserve and renovate the historic ballpark.

building with a working ballfield.

Michael Myckowiak, attorney for the conservancy, argued in court Monday that the city's Economic Development Corp. has acted in "bad faith" in its dealings with the conservancy. He blasted the vote last week by the EDC board to level the stadium, saying the conservancy wasn't told a decision was imminent.

"It's our belief that what went on ... was a sham," he said.

Myckowiak asked for more time to raise money, say-

ing the group has paid for security at the site through the end of June.

But Frederick Berg, attorney for the EDC, said the conservancy had been given plenty of time but simply didn't come up with the tax credits, loans and other financing necessary for the redevelopment project.

"They don't have them today, they won't have them tomorrow and it's not likely that they're going to have them any time soon," he said.

Stopping demolition now will cost the city \$150,000, in addition to the \$400,000 already being paid to the demolition contractor to carry out the work, Berg said.

"There are a multitude of economic reasons why the EDC believes the time has come and gone for the conservancy to make its case," he said.

That position was condemned by Gary Gillette, the conservancy's secretary.

"Every major development project in the city of Detroit is behind schedule or many have been canceled. ... I want to know why we're the ones singled out, that when we're behind schedule because of the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression, we have to be killed off with a bullet to the head in the middle of the night — or in the morning at the EDC meeting — while other people are continuing to work with the city," Gillette said outside the courtroom.

"This is unconscionable and unwarranted in the extreme," he added.

Conservancy leaders appealed to Mayor Dave Bing to intervene to save the ballpark. But Bing said in a statement that while he remained "sensitive to the concerns of those who wish to preserve Tiger Stadium," he would "honor" the judge's decision.

Conservancy president Thomas Linn said the group would not appeal Edwards' decision.



## Who said print news is dead?

*Publishing vets seek to start up another newspaper in Detroit*

By JEFF KAROUB  
AP Business Writer

SOUTHFIELD — Two veteran publishers announced plans Tuesday, June 9 to launch a newspaper to fill a void left when the city's two major dailies reduced home delivery earlier this year.

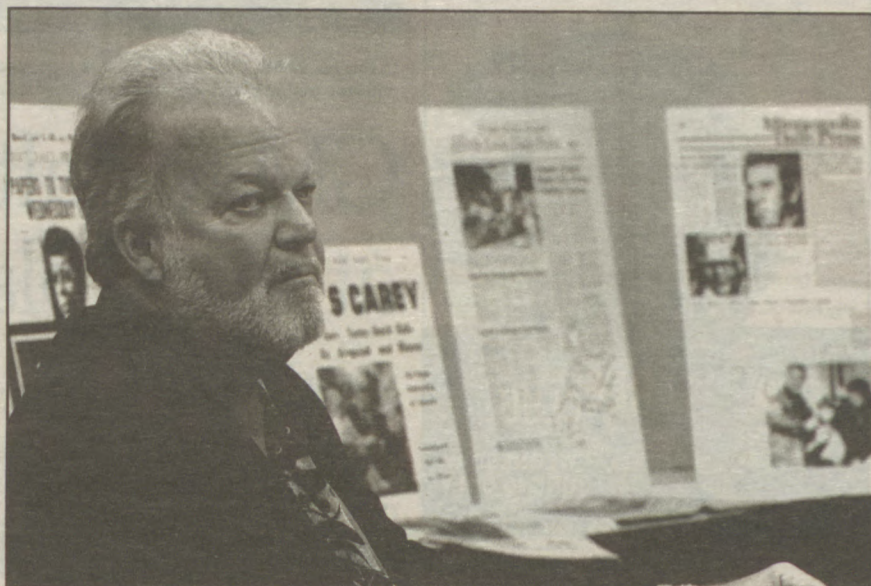
Mark Stern, 63, and brother Gary Stern, 67, said they hope to publish within 60 days the first issue of a newspaper serving the Detroit area. The Detroit Daily Press is expected to sell for 50 cents daily and \$1 on Sundays.

They said they were working to secure contracts with two printing plants and lease office space and were looking to hire department heads for the privately funded newspaper.

Mark Stern said the Detroit Daily Press should appeal to older readers who prefer a print copy of the paper, and its primary niche will be those who want their paper home-delivered. The newspaper also will have a website with a brief summary of the news for nonsubscribers.

"There is a definite need here," Mark Stern said at a news conference in the Detroit suburb of Southfield. "People are used to having a newspaper in their hand. ... That's what we're going to do — provide a newspaper."

To deal with declining circulation and advertising revenue as well as changing readership tastes, the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News launched a plan March 30 to reduce home delivery to Thursday, Friday and Sunday and began



PAUL SANCYA/The Associated Press

Mark Stern announces a plan to launch a newspaper in Detroit to fill a void left when the city's two major dailies reduced home delivery earlier this year during a news conference in Southfield Tuesday, June 9. Mark and his brother Gary, two veteran publishers say they hope to publish within 60 days the first issue of a newspaper serving the Detroit area. The Detroit Daily Press is expected to sell for 50 cents daily and \$1 on Sundays.

offering an electronic edition.

A message seeking comment was left by The Associated Press Tuesday morning with the Detroit Media Partnership, which oversees the business operations of the Free Press and the News.

The partnership announced last month that it was laying off about 10 percent of the Free Press' staff in response to a

continued economic downturn and steep decline in advertising revenue. About 5 percent of the News' staff and 7 percent of the partnership's staff also were laid off.

The Sterns said they can avoid the financial problems of the existing Detroit dailies because they won't have overhead costs such as delivery trucks,

pension funds or facilities. Advertising and editorial employees will work for the newspaper, but not distributors or press operators.

"We aren't going to get into a situation that will put us in the red," Mark Stern said.

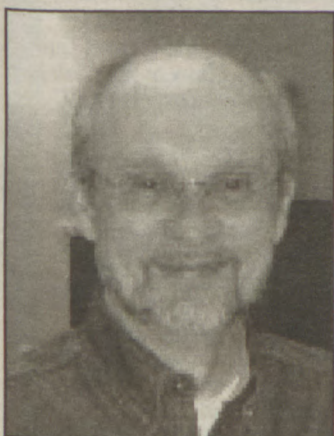
The brothers previously published daily newspapers in Detroit in 1964 and 1967; in New York in 1978; and in Minneapolis in 1980 when workers at those cities' major newspapers went on strike.

Afterward, Mark Stern said he published weekly entertainment publications in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for 22 years but was called out of retirement when he learned of the Detroit newspapers' plans to scale back home delivery.

The Sterns said they expect to start with a fairly small staff and paper, but each would grow as advertising revenue increases. Mark Stern said "several hundred people" would be needed to publish the paper but declined to discuss specific staffing levels.

Mark Stern said he expects to attract talented reporters and editors, including those who have been laid off from the Detroit dailies and many other newspapers that have cut back.

They did not release the size of their investment, but Gary Stern said they could subsidize the operation for one to two months. They said the break-even point would be a circulation of about 150,000 subscribers.



Garry Gilbert

## Oakland University angle: What this means for students

Garry Gilbert, former executive editor of The Oakland Press and current interim director of Oakland University's journalism department, said he wishes them well, but is skeptical of the market.

"I think that there is an audience for print newspapers ... However, all research, Pew, Poynter show increasingly the audience wants its news on demand ... I hope that this project succeeds but I gotta say that this is a difficult market ... difficult economic times to try to launch something like that."

The news comes as a ray of hope for the 230 current journalism students at Oakland University as well as professionals who have lost their jobs due to the recent media downsizing.

"Well, I would assume that a startup project like this would be looking for fresh, inexpensive talent and that could be current and recent grads from Oakland, Wayne, Michigan State," Gilbert said. "They're going to be looking for people with energy, people who are willing to embrace change, people with multimedia and that's our graduates."

Senior journalism major Monica Drake said that although the Internet is important for the news media to be focusing on, print media is still desired, even among young people.

"I like reading a regular newspaper because [reading online] gives me a headache sometimes. I think it's important to still have a newspaper because people can't focus online," Drake said.

She said that as an aspiring journalist, she would still prefer to work for a print publication. "You have the same deadline every day instead of updating the website every hour or so." She also said she likes the idea of seeing her byline and her work in print at the store.

But in a changing industry where advertisers want to reach an audience that for the most part likes to get their news online and instantaneously, a startup company that is hanging onto publication methods of the past is raising eyebrows.

"I applaud anybody who wants to try to start a newspaper, I applaud their motives, but I think they need to have their head examined," Gilbert said.

— Colleen J. Miller, Editor in Chief





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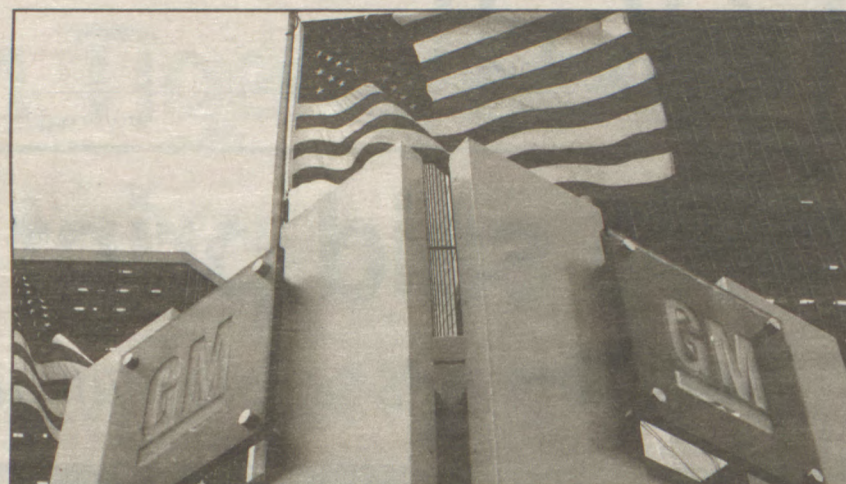
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In this file photo, the General Motors logo is seen outside the headquarters in Detroit. GM said it will stop making medium-duty trucks, including the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups.

# GM to halt production at truck plant in Flint

By TOM KRISHER  
AP Auto Writer

After unsuccessfully trying to find a buyer for four years, General Motors Corp. is giving up on its medium-duty truck business, saying that it will wind down manufacturing by July 31.

That means GM will stop making the GMC Topkick and Chevrolet Kodiak commercial trucks at its Flint Assembly Plant.

The plant employs 2,100 people but also makes Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups.

Company spokesman Jim Hopson said 398 people work on the medium-duty assembly line, and GM is working with the United Auto Workers union to determine what happens to them.

"We'll continue to try our best to keep the employment levels as high as possible," he said.

The factory last year made more than 22,000 medium-duty trucks for GM and Isuzu Motors Ltd., and almost 73,000 pickups.

Hopson said GM will work with dealers to sell down the remaining Kodiak and Topkick inventory over the next 18 months or so.

The DMAX factory in Moraine, Ohio — a joint venture between GM and Isuzu — also will be affected. The plant near Dayton makes engines for the Topkick and Kodiak, as well as for pickups and heavy-duty trucks. GM says the staffing of that plant, which employs 544, is under review.

Medium-duty trucks normally are built for commercial use such as dump trucks and tow trucks. GM's main U.S. competitors in the segment are Navistar International Corp., Isuzu,

Freightliner, Volvo Truck, Peterbilt, Kenworth and Mack.

Hopson said the market segment has been hit hard by the economic downturn. Sales dropped 30 to 40 percent from 2007 to 2008 and have dropped by a similar percentage so far this year.

"We definitely are being affected by the economic conditions just like everyone else," he said.

GM hasn't been competitive in the global medium-duty business, CEO Fritz Henderson said at an event to unveil a new battery lab at the automaker's Warren Technical Center.

"We're a one-truck company in a global truck world," he said. "We compete with companies that have a full portfolio of them on a global basis. In the end we just couldn't make it work."

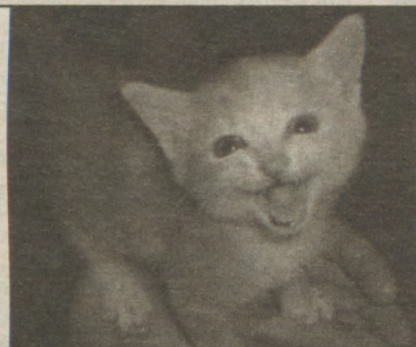
Dealers will be given up to 18 months to sell their remaining products, Hopson said.

GM has 470 dealers that sell medium-duty trucks, 129 of which sell them exclusively, spokeswoman Susan Garontakos said. All will get letters Monday notifying them of the decision, she said. Many of the dealers sell heavy-duty trucks or other GM vehicles, she said.

GM in December 2007 signed a tentative deal with truck and engine maker Navistar to sell the medium-duty business, but the deal fell through. The company also was in negotiations with Isuzu but couldn't reach a deal.

"We just never could get to a level of agreement that was mutually beneficial to both a buyer and General Motors," Hopson said.

—AP Auto Writer Kimberly S. Johnson in Warren contributed to this report.



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# Students plump up their portfolios

By MASUDUR RAHMAN  
Senior Reporter

It's an employer's market right now, but just because it's summer doesn't mean there's nothing college students can be doing to further their education or strengthen their resumes.

To do so, many students are taking summer classes, working at jobs or doing internships that relate to their career. Others are finding non-traditional ways to make themselves more appealing to employers.

## Politics

Micah Hood, a sophomore at Grand Valley State University, is an intern for the Gary Brown for Detroit City Council campaign.

"I've always wanted to make a positive difference in Detroit," said Hood, who lives in Detroit. She also said that as her major is public relations and advertising, this experience will help in her career. "I think it's a really good hands-on experience ... for anyone going into public relations."

She also said she believes this will help make her stand out more in future job-seeking endeavors.

"I think people volunteering in campaigns are usually older people," she said. "With me being so young ... only 19 years old and in college, it definitely gives me a different experience than other people my age."

Daniel Jackson from Country Day High School also volunteers with her.

Their boss Gary Brown said they're "extremely useful, especially with social media and their computer skills — they're very good at it."

"We try not to give them just busy work," he said. "We try to give them things that are meaningful to do."

"I take them everywhere I go — like they're shadowing me, and I'm meeting with politicians and [members of] society. They get to be in meetings like that," Brown said.

"They get an opportunity to see not only me as a political candidate, but the people that I interact with on a daily basis. They get to see what their jobs entail, and it's a good experience."

## Health care

On a stroll in Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland hospital in Pontiac, one can see a senior citizen pushing someone in a wheelchair, people old and young greeting visitors as they enter and teens pushing garbage cans or transporting items. They all have one thing in common — they are volunteers.

SJMO has hundreds of people of all ages volunteering there. Diane Burton, an assistant at SJMO's volunteer services office, said they are split into two groups: students 16-18 years old, and adults 18 and up.

"They work all throughout the hospital," she said. "There's barely any departments that won't take volunteers."

Volunteers can request in which department they want to work, and if they don't like it or want something different, they can work at a different one.

Burton said volunteers can do things like clean beds of outpatient surgery, stock supplies, greet people, transport people or supplies or do clerical things like filing. They just can't treat the patients directly.

"Many [volunteer] here because they want to give back to the community," Burton said. "When I started [volunteering] I wanted to earn the feathers in my wings for the day in the pearly gate of heaven."

She also said that volunteering at a hospital can not only help fulfill service requirements for high school graduations, but also their future careers.

"Most students here have health care as their [desired] professions," she said. "[Volunteering at a hospital] looks good on a resume."

"Students are usually here as a stepping stone," she said.

## Opportunities

There are many other volunteering opportunities available in Michigan and elsewhere that can help future job-seekers improve their chances. Websites like [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) and [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) list more opportunities like helping in youth assistance programs for sociology majors, an unpaid acting gig for theatre majors and unpaid web design jobs for computer majors.

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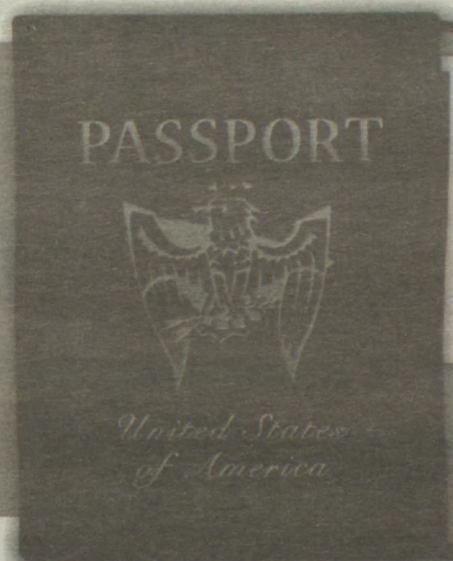
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By DAN SIMONS  
Guest Columnist

A university must convey to people that it is a place of higher learning, cultural diversity, athletic excellence and breakthrough innovations. To attract new students and professors, to make more money and to gain more respect, it must be known that a university is at the top of the charts.

Oakland University makes it known that we are on the value menu.

"You Can Afford This" is OU's new slogan, reminding everyone that the economy sucks, but it's still perfectly OK to drop several grand on an education.

Somewhere, somehow, there was someone in an advertising meeting who thought it was an excellent idea to skip over all the important academic qualities of Oakland University and tell people, despite rising tuition costs, that Oakland is the Walmart of Michigan universities. Always low prices, always Oakland.

What's worse is that someone at Oakland bought the idea, and it's now on the school's homepage.

### Pride like no other

"The slogan makes Oakland University look cheap, not affordable," said Rob Folkerts, a sophomore majoring in information technology. "It makes people who don't have any knowledge of the school to see it more as a glorified community college than a university."

Recently transferred from Baker College in Flint, Folkerts knows a thing or two about glorified community colleges.

Folkerts did what any other concerned college student would do. He made a Facebook group about it: "You Can Afford This" = WORST SLOGAN EVER

The group is over 50 students strong, because many

other students feel the same.

"Every time I bitch about tuition, the cost of books, financial aid, and student loans, my brother always responds with, 'But dude, you can afford this,'" said Curtiss Gulash, a senior majoring in communication.

"I think the worst part about 'You can afford this' is that nowhere on the billboard does it mention academics or the hundreds of degree programs that OU offers," Gulash added.

### The competition prevails

Compared to other school slogans in Michigan, OU is the only one that goes for the wallet instead of the brain. Others include "Aim Higher" from Wayne, Eastern's "Education First," "Grab The Reins" from Western and "Advancing Knowledge. Transforming Lives" from Michigan State.

For OU to follow suit, the slogan would have to be brief and communicate our strongest point.

"Not CMU," perhaps?

The slogan could be worse, however.

Nike's famous "Just Do It" is now just an odd hybrid of peer pressure and sexual innuendo.

And Budweiser's new slogan for Bud Light is "The Difference is Drinkability," which is a thinly

veiled marketing campaign to say "It lacks any flavor so it's easy to chug and get trashed on, bro."

Many billboards still feature the older slogan "See What The Excitement Is About," along with the top half of a grizzly bear face, who is either bloodthirsty and ready to lunge at you or is intently reading a book.

### Pining for the past

Another student, who works for the school and wishes to remain anonymous, said "I liked the

'Welcome to Grizzly country.' I thought that was a bad-ass slogan to see while driving on 75. Something that excites you when you see it."

The new slogan degrades the school. Do we really want websites, billboards, commercials and pamphlets to declare "Who cares about all that knowledge stuff, as long as it's cheap." Sure, we're no Harvard, but it doesn't mean we have to lower ourselves to the same recruiting tactics

of a community college. (No offense to our friends at Oakland Community College - Go Raiders!)

Can OU really afford "You can afford this?" No. Can we come up with a better slogan?

Yes, we can.

Oh hey, that last line is good, someone should use that.



### Here are a few alternative slogans for OU's communications and marketing "experts" to consider:

You can afford this a little less each year  
You can afford this, but I hope you like debt  
Oakland University: Who needs football? We have disc golf... eventually.  
Your parents can afford this, they're loaded  
Oakland University: We don't mind that we're your "safety school"  
Financial emergency? Suddenly you can afford this  
Oakland University: An Affordable Alternative to the Military  
OMG, M.D.'s @ OU. WTF?  
Enroll at Oakland. We totally almost made it into the NCAA tournament!

Oakland University: A pretty decent fall-back school since 1957.  
Oakland University. (Yes, we really are a university )  
Oakland University: The check cleared, you're here.  
OU. Check Online!  
Go to OU, because Macomb still doesn't have a 4-year university  
Wikipedia says David Hasselhoff went to OU. Need we say more?  
Oakland University: Come for the rare parking spots, stay for the construction.  
Oakland University... Stop laughing



# Littlest known secret: campus housing

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As I was reading this wonderful publication's online edition, I ran into an interesting blog called the Commuter Diaries. This is where one of the approximately 16,000 commuter students at Oakland University tell their stories of how they get to school and the cool things to do in their hometown. As I started to read a few of the diaries, I came up with this question: why are we so proud of the fact that we are a commuter school?

You see, I live on campus. Yes, I did say that. I am one of the few students at Oakland University who actually lives on campus. I asked myself that question because I'm not a fan of you commuters. To show why I dislike commuters I will give you my own "resident" diary.

I commute from ... The Student Apartments. Every morning I wake up in my beautiful four-bedroom apartment located on the campus of Oakland University. My commute to class is pretty simple. I pull out of the apartment parking lot and I'm already by Vandenberg. Although it takes me a total of one minute to get to Vandenberg, it takes another 10 minutes to park because I have to compete for a spot with 16,000 students who have to drive to school. You might ask why I drive? I have to drive because I have baseball practice at noon and would be late if I tried to walk the 20 minutes it takes to get there in usually sub freezing

weather.

If you want to go to somewhere fun to eat on campus you could try the Oakland Center. I wouldn't recommend it, however, because between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. it's mobbed by droves of commuters. Don't bother trying to go to Subway during lunch. The line is usually around the corner full of people trying to get a quick bite between their one class and leaving for home.

My suggestion would be the little known secret called the cafeteria (also known as the caf). If a commuter could tell me where the caf is I would give them a dollar (not really so don't ask). It's all you can eat with a wide variety of selections from pizza and hamburgers to turkey and vegetarian dishes. If you can find someone who lives on campus they will most likely say that they don't like the caf. There is no way of finding good food on the weekend. The OC is not an option except for Subway in the express window and the caf only has a brunch which is awful because probably only 100 kids go through there on Saturday or Sunday.

Fun things to do on campus? Since the majority of students are not on campus after 4 o'clock unless they have a night class, there isn't anything to do. You can go to basketball games, which I attend regularly. I even attend girl's games ... I know it's shocking! Once again, very few commuters show up for the games so it's always the same people in attendance. There are about 18,000 students at Oakland and the men's basketball team only averages about 4,000 people per game. That's pretty sad.

Don't even bother trying to find someone to date. Since no one is on campus at consistent times, it's impossible to see the same person every day. Everyone sits with friends in the OC so striking up any type of meaningful conversation would involve a minor miracle. If you want to find a date at Oakland with someone new, I would suggest stalking them because that will be the only way you're going to get information about them (not really though because that's illegal). Unless you meet someone in class, you are out of luck.

Do I dislike all commuters? No, I don't. Some of my best friends at Oakland are commuters so it's not like you're bad people. And I understand that living on campus is sometimes just out of the question financially for some people. My problem lies in the fact that there is no atmosphere at Oakland. With everyone leaving so early the culture at Oakland has come down to this — no parking, the OC is too busy during lunch and no one comes to activities if they are held at night. That is not the kind of school any of us want to be a part of.

All I'm saying is maybe don't go straight home after class, and eat dinner in the caf once a week. Attending a basketball game on a weekday would go a long way. Not only will you have a greater college experience by doing more activities and meeting new people, you will force the administration to look at expanding Oakland, adding more places to eat and places for activities like a bowling alley or anything else you can think of. All it takes is a little more time away from home or work and some more time at Oakland.



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## Police: 2 teens killed to escape NY

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LOCKPORT, N.Y. — Two teenage residents of a western New York group home threw a blanket over a supervisor, beat her to death and then fled in a stolen van after one of them fell under suspicion for stealing, police said Tuesday, June 9.

The teens blindsided 24-year-old Renee Greco on June 8 as she played cards with other residents of the state-licensed home, Lockport Detective Capt. Richard Podgers said. Greco was supervising five 17- and 18-year-old boys by herself when the two teens attacked her with objects taken from the home's basement, police said.

The pair, Anthony Allen and Robert Thousand, both of Rochester, were caught early Tuesday after buying bus tickets in Buffalo. They pleaded not

guilty at their arraignment Tuesday morning on murder, robbery and burglary charges.

"What's sad about this is the fact that you have a young girl who devoted her life to trying to make their lives better," Lockport Police Chief Lawrence Eggert said. "She's kind of considered their mother figure ... trying to give them a better life, and this is her reward."

Allen, 18, was just a week away from being released and was afraid he would be caught for stealing \$160 from the home's office over the weekend, Podgers said.

"He decided he was going to go AWOL. He had had enough," Podgers said. "I don't believe she saw it coming. They formulated a plan and carried it out."

After attacking Greco, the teens broke the door to an office, took money and the home's van and then drove to Buffalo,

about 30 miles away.

One of the other residents called 911, telling the dispatcher, "They hit the lady and took the van," police said.

The home, operated by the nonprofit New Directions Youth & Family Services Inc., is classified by the state as an "agency-operated boarding home" and is licensed to care for up to six children, said Ed Borges, spokesman for the Office of Children & Family Services.

Thousand will be represented by a public defender. Allen will be assigned a lawyer Wednesday.

Ed Collingwood said he knocked on the door a few weeks ago and asked the young woman supervising the boys — he did not believe it was Greco — to turn down the music.

"She's a small woman. She didn't stand a chance against teenage boys," Collingwood said.



MOHAMED SHEIKH NOR/Associated Press  
A Somali woman sits with a child at the entrance to their makeshift home in Mogadishu, Tuesday, June 9, after they fled fighting between Somali government forces and Islamist fighters.

### NIW BRIEFS

— The Army plans to reduce the size of some of its 36 wounded warrior units by the end of the month and close three by October after tightening standards to stem a flood of patients, a spokesman said Tuesday, June 9.

— Officials say three people are missing and 20 have been taken to hospitals after an explosion at a Slim Jim meat products plant in North Carolina. Garner Mayor Ronnie Williams says injuries ranged from burns to smoke inhalation on Tuesday, June 9.

— Gov. Bob Riley said Tuesday, June 9 that Alabama will take fewer out-of-state evacuees into shelters this year, so that shelter space will remain available for Alabama residents. He said the state will be especially cautious about filling shelters if there's a chance another hurricane could affect the Alabama coast.

## American journalists detained



AHN YOUNG-JOON/Associated Press  
A South Korean man watches a TV broadcasting news about two American journalists detained in North Korea at the Seoul Railway Station, in South Korea, Monday, June 8, 2009. North Korea's top court convicted the journalists and sentenced them to 12 years in a prison Monday, intensifying the reclusive nation's confrontation with the United States.

## UN: Atrocities in Somalia force 100,000 to flee

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MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somalis are experiencing near-daily atrocities, including rape, the shelling of civilian areas and fighting that has forced more than 100,000 to flee their homes since May, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday.

A surge of violence in Somalia since last month has killed about 200 people as Islamist insurgents battle the government and its allies. Insurgents are trying to topple the Western-backed government and install a strict Islamic state.

"It's a critical humanitarian situation, with regular atrocities being committed," UNHCR spokesman William Spindler told reporters in Geneva. "We are particularly concerned about how the fighting is affecting a population that has already endured several decades of war."

Fighting in Somalia has killed thousands of civilians and sent hundreds of thousands fleeing for their lives in recent years. Somalia has not had a functioning government since 1991, and the U.S. worries that Somalia could be a terrorist breeding ground.

Also Tuesday, 14 local journalists said they were suspending work because of security concerns.

Somalia is one of the most dangerous places for the media to work. The five reporters killed this year have either been targeted or caught in the crossfire of fighting between different groups.

## HIV rate among South African teens has dropped

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The number of new HIV infections among South African teens has dropped significantly, prompting hope that national efforts to tackle the epidemic have finally turned a corner after years of denial and delay.

A report by the Human Sciences Research Council released Tuesday said that although young people continue to have multiple sexual partners — which drives South Africa's epidemic — they are increasingly heeding advice to use a condom.

"There is clearly light at the end of the

tunnel," said Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi. "There is real light."

Motsoaledi, a respected medical doctor, became health minister last month. He must overcome the legacy of former President Thabo Mbeki, who denied the link between HIV and AIDS, and his health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, who mistrusted conventional anti-AIDS drugs and promoted beetroot and lemon.

The council's report estimated that around 5.2 million South Africans were living with HIV last year — the highest number of any country in the world.

Every year the government distributes many millions of condoms free of charge as part of its anti-AIDS campaign and

— to loud applause — health minister Motsoaledi indicated he would be willing to increase the condom budget further.

But on the downside, the survey showed that messages that young people should abstain, delay their first sexual encounter and have only one partner, were falling largely on deaf ears. This was the approach traditionally promoted by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, which is the biggest foreign donor of South Africa's anti-AIDS drive.

Motsoaledi said the government would try to strengthen its AIDS prevention campaigns — long weakened because of bureaucracy and mixed messages in the health department.