

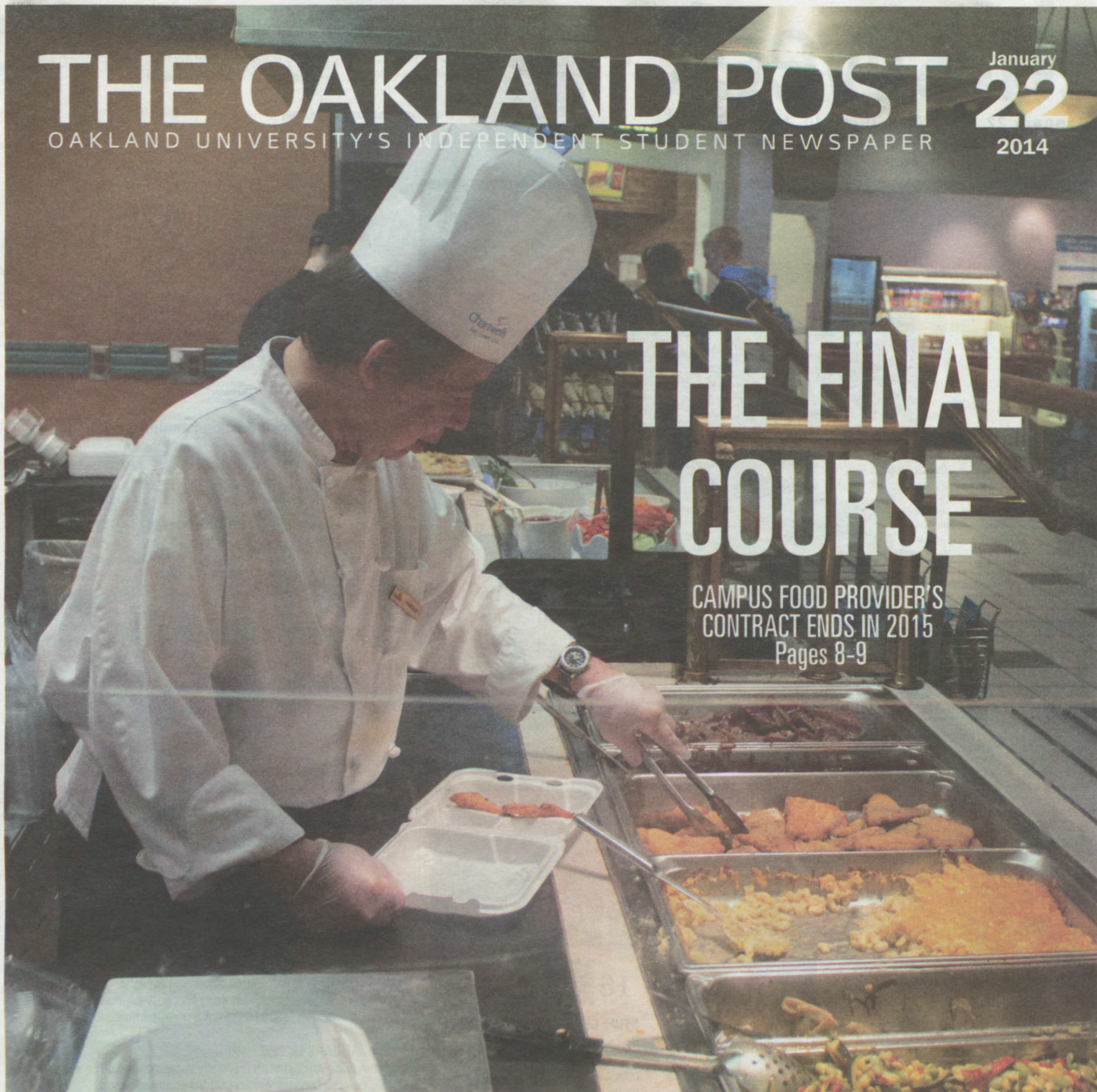
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What do you think of the campus food provider, Chartwells?

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- B** I hate the food and it's overpriced
- C** Food is good, price is not.
- D** I don't eat on campus

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What do you think of the rekindled rivalry with the Detroit Titans?

A) They're not worth our time

23.3%

B) I'm glad OU has a new rival

34.4%

C) Down with the Titans! I hate them!

27%

D) I don't follow sports.

17.3%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

JANUARY 21, 1966

The OU faculty senate rejected a proposal to have students observe their monthly meetings. In the past, the senate thought student presence would distract from debating at meetings.

JANUARY 23, 1978

Course level numbering was reevaluated after state funding distributed according to higher numbers. Associate Provost Keith Klechner estimated OU would gain \$200,000 from a restructuring.

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A price war between university bookstore and off-campus textbook outlets hurt OU profits by almost \$100,000.



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Hourly Chartwells associates

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Of which are OU students

\$1.3 million

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Six dead, 24 in the hospital — the need-to-know about the flu

As of Monday, Jan. 20th, six are dead while 24 are hospitalized and listed in critical condition. All were affected by the H1N1 strain of the influenza virus.

Of the six deaths, four were adults in their early 20's. All of the hospitalized are in their mid-to-late 20's.

Last winter, there was only 12 recorded fatal cases of H1N1. None resulted in death, and only three resulted in hospitalization.

This raises several pertinent questions, mainly on the nature of the virus and if it's developing into an even deadlier "super-bug."

According to an ongoing study at the University of Maryland, H1N1 can not combine with other strains of the virus, and therefore cannot develop into a super-bug.

However, H1N1 is out-competing them.

In a race through your immune system, H1N1 reproduces twice as fast as other strains, and remains in the body for longer.

Research speculates this may be why H1N1 is more deadly than other forms of the virus.

"THE H1N1 PANDEMIC VIRUS HAS A CLEAR BIOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER TWO SEASONAL FLU STRAINS."

Daniel Perez
University of Maryland's Director
of Influenza Research

Staying in your body longer means making you more prone to other illnesses, such as pneumonia.

Perhaps the most alarming fact is that, while it's not developing into a super-bug, the strain is inherently changing—evolving into a more effective, deadlier virus to both the respiratory and intestinal systems.

"The H1N1 pandemic virus has a clear biological advantage over the two main seasonal flu strains and all the makings of a virus fully adapted to humans," said virologist Daniel Perez, The University of Maryland's lead program director of influenza research.

"I'm not surprised to find that the pandemic virus is more infectious, simply because it's new, so hosts haven't had a chance to build immunity yet," Perez said.

With this strain of

disease on the rise, specifically in a college-age demographic, it's apparent to use every precaution available to the general public.

The Center for Disease Control recommends immediately receiving a vaccine, even this late into the season.

"While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine is designed to protect against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season," says the CDC website.

"Even if you were sick with one influenza virus, the seasonal flu vaccine protects against flu viruses that research suggests will be most common. This means the vaccine can offer protection against other influenza viruses you haven't been exposed to yet."

So get your flu shot today—they're available now at the Graham Health Center for only \$20.

But really, who can put a price on good health?

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EDITORIAL

My family will 'always be in my heart'

Student reflects upon her personal experiences with loss and struggles against cancer

I was only in sixth grade when the word cancer turned my world upside down.

My parents called my little brother and I into the living room — I had thought we were ordering pizza. But, after one look at their faces it was clear something was wrong. But I wasn't ready for what I heard next.

"Grandma has cancer," they explained. At the time, I had no idea what that meant or what to think. I just knew that sentence was ringing in and out of my ears.

She was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. Although I didn't know what it meant, I knew my life would be forever changed.

It was my family's first battle against the disease, and seeing my grandmother struggle got harder.

She was the type of person that could give you one hug and make you feel invincible. She got weaker and weaker. Eventually it became apparent my sweet, beautiful grandma was not getting better.

Early in the morning, six short months later, we lost her.

It was weird getting used to life without grandma, it was the first death I experienced. Holidays didn't

seem the same. Nothing really did. Especially grandpa.

He became extremely depressed. We all reached out to him, we were determined to stay a close family. It was hard to watch someone I loved so much struggling to carry on the way he was. After grandma passed, it was not rare to hear him wishing for his own time. Although it was hard, we moved forward as a family.

Freshmen year of high school, cancer re-entered my life.

This time it was my uncle. My uncle seemed like a celebrity when I grew up. He was nicknamed 'the governor,' because everywhere he went he knew someone. He was such a strong role model for both my brother and I.

He was initially diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and had been in the hospital. We had been told he was doing much better and could come home Feb. 23 — my mom's birthday.

As I was getting ready for school, the phone rang. It was the hospital encouraging the family to come right away. The cancer had spread to his leg, lungs and brain. However, being the protective man he

was, he kept his diagnosis to himself.

I can honestly say I didn't know what it meant to have the family called to the hospital, and once again felt totally unprepared for what came next. The room is still crystal clear to me.

We barely got through the door when my aunt walked up to me and my brother crying, saying "he loved you guys so much."

I then walked in to see my uncle, 'the governor,' laying helpless and unconscious. We sat for hours until finally he took his last gasping breath.

At the time, my cousin Katie was pregnant with what would have been his first grandchild. The light at the end of our tunnel. Since then, Katie has had two beautiful children that helped glue our family back together.

Cancer is a word that has changed so many lives. Although it was painful, I learned at a young age to appreciate my family and loved ones while you still can.

When I was 19, I got a tattoo on my ribs to symbolize the loved ones I will never forget. It is a Michael Jackson lyric that reads, "Though we're far apart, you're always in my heart,"

That saying will remain true forever.



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Award keeps MLK's hopes alive

The Keeper of the Dream scholarship given to five dedicated students

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

The 22nd annual Keeper of the Dream scholarship awards celebration featured keynote speaker Lee Daniels, Oscar-winning producer and director of "The Butler."

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI), oversees the Keeper of the Dream Ceremony, which recognizes students who practice diversity on our campus was held Jan. 20.

"It's an outstanding program that evolved over the years. The students, faculty and staff are all celebrating with us today to help remember Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams," Jean Ann Miller said.

"It says a lot to be honored by the university and to be recognized by the staff and students," Denise Jones, retention coordinator for CMI said. Jones won the scholarship in 2008.

"It's important to continue to push for equality and recognize these students for their work," Nicole Lucio, assistant director for CMI said.

The students recognized at the 2014 ceremony:

Raya Hollis

Hollis is a health sciences major and was sponsored by Beaumont Health System. She is involved with the Pre-Medical Society at Oakland, president and co-founder of the OU Minority Association of Pre-Med Students, served as an orientation group leader, peer mentor, success coach and nightwatch employee.

Paul Marvin

Marvin double majors in biological sciences and Spanish language and literature and was sponsored by Oakland University Alumni Association. He is vice president of OU's Global Public Health Brigades chapter, Spanish Club, the Pre-Medical Society, the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society. As a member of the Honor's College, he helped organize events for University's annual Hispanic Celebration Month.

Yen Tran

Tran is a biochemistry major at Oakland and was sponsored by Oakland University Credit Union. She is involved in OU's Asian American Association and president of the China Club. She also volunteers in the Emergency Care Center at

Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Daniel Lewis

Lewis is a health science major sponsored by Keeper of the Dream Foundation. Lewis is a peer mentor in the CMI and in the Department of Pre-College Programs, intramural basketball, the Circle of Brotherhood and God's Arsenal youth group.

La'Asia Johnson

Johnson, pre social work major, was sponsored by L&L McIntosh Scholarship. Johnson is involved in the CMI, the Department of Pre-college Programs, the Circle of Sisterhood, a success coach, and orientation group leader, a member of Mentors in Violence Prevention, OU Social Work Club, and Association of Black Students and Alternative Spring break program.

Overcoming stereotypes

After the students' received recognition, keynote speaker, Lee Daniels took the stage.

He shared with the Oakland community his journey. Although he has created several successful films, he shared the real struggles of rejections in the industry. He explained how hard it was for him to not get a stereotyped directing role. His determination lead him to success.

POLICE FILES

Pedestrians almost struck

OUPD officer observed two students back out of a crosswalk by Wilson Hall to avoid being hit by a black Lexus Jan. 14 at 6:18 p.m.

OU police pulled over the driver in P1. They checked her name in a database, which showed her license to be suspended. There was also a warrant out of Highland Park for driving with a suspended license.

The driver was issued a citation for failure to yield to pedestrians and was advised that OUPD would seek out a warrant.

Update: person of interest

The investigation concerning the man named in OUPD's fliers has taken a turn.

OU police have identified a new suspect. The new suspect was deemed the actual suspect in the assault Jan. 11, according to OUPD.

OU police banned this suspect from campus and is submitting a request for formal charges to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

Harrassment on Twitter

Oakland University police met with a student who was concerned he was being harrassed Jan. 15 at 2:28 p.m.

The student had an ongoing argument with another student in July 2013. The Auburn Hills Police Department became involved and the two students said they would not have any interaction.

The student said a tweet was made in reference to him and a person of interest at OU.

OUPD met with the student who made the tweet and told him to refrain from making comments like that again.

The investigation has been closed.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Chief Copy Editor

Grizzlies on the Prowl: "What's your biggest 'college kid prob'?"



Jaime King, business, freshman

"Cold showers (Hamlin Hall). It is cold and awful."

— Compiled by Kaylee Kean,
Staff Reporter



Chloe Hartzell, elementary education, sophomore

"So much reading..."



Itzel Narroquin, political science, sophomore

"Parking. Or getting to class on time."

Atheism gains traction

500 percent increase
on college campuses

Josh Soltman
Copy Editor

In recent years, the number of students who identify as atheist has grown, spurning a steady increase in the number of atheist groups on college campuses.

In 2007, there were 80 student groups affiliated with the Secular Student Alliance, a nonprofit organization formed in 2001 with the goal of providing high school and college students with the tools to explore the value of scientific reason, secularism and humanist ideals.

Today, there are 407 atheist groups associated with the SSA, according to the SSA official website; an increase of about 500 percent since 2007.

In "The God Delusion" by

evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, the author claims that family upbringing has been a major reason for atheists to stay quiet about their beliefs. He believes that children want to satisfy their parents and therefore adopt similar religious beliefs.

Mike Stiner, a recent Rochester College graduate in the field of Christian ministry, believes that family life has contributed to the increase in college-aged atheists, but for different reasons.

"I think it has to do more with the pain and hurt kids feel from the alienation they feel from having different beliefs than their parents," Stiner said.

Stiner has been involved with Elevation church for several years.

"Elevation is different than your normal church; we get a lot of different people, even atheists," Stiner said.

Stiner said he has seen young people come into the church who are pressured by their parents to adopt the same exact religious beliefs as them. Because of this, Stiner said, they feel the need to rebel and end up questioning their beliefs entirely.

"I am not surprised by the recent increase in young people who identify themselves as atheists when they have nowhere else to turn," Stiner said.

Oakland University hasn't been immune to the growth of secular groups. OU houses its very own student-run atheist group on campus.

The group, known as Atheists at OU, was formed in 2011 by Jamie Wall (a student at the time) and Todd Shackelford (the group's faculty adviser), according to an article from the OU news bureau.

Since its formation, the group



Photo illustration by Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

A New Testament Bible lays among pieces of trash in a garbage can.

has grown in numbers and reputation.

Shannon Wilson, the group's treasurer, believes that many people have inaccurate ideas about what atheist groups are all about.

Wilson believes that many people view the group as negative because of the lingering distrust.

Wilson attributes the growth of atheist groups to a generation

of young people who are not afraid to view the world with an open mind.

Many advocates are very optimistic and see growth for the cause.

"With more young adults becoming educated and surrounded with different theologies, not only is secularism on the rise but acceptance is as well. I think we can only go up from here," Wilson said.

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Tyler Auclair and Jake Gilbert took both peoples' choice and judges second place winners

OU students raise money for autism awareness group

By Kaylee Kean
Reporter

The Residence Hall Association held its third annual Grizzposé variety show Saturday night to help raise money for student autism awareness group OUCARES.

The show, held in the Banquet Rooms is the Oakland Center, had a Roaring 20's theme and was free to all. Doors opened at 6 p.m.

The event was hosted by a cappella group Kazual, who participated in the third season of America's Got Talent.

Kate Bergel, an e-board member of the RHA, was one of the event's key planners.

"Basically we have students perform this whole different variety of different talents," said Bergel. "Each act has a receptacle. People put money in there to vote for People's Choice award - that'll give money towards our charity."

A different charity is chosen by the e-board each year, according to Bergel.

"This year we wanted to bring it back close to home," said Bergel. "We found this on-campus organization that we thought was just absolutely amazing."

James Buzzo, also on the e-board, said the RHA began planning for the event since the ending of last year's Grizzposé.

"It makes me happy to see all our hard work culminate into this," said Buzzo. "All the long nights and hard work and sweat and stress - it's worth it right now."

Taylor Williams, executive secretary of the RHA e-board, was one of three judges

that would decide the winner of the Judges' Choice award.

"I love the music, I love the atmosphere, and I'm really happy," said Williams. "We like to showcase our talent."

Performers were judged based on their originality, entertainment value, audience appeal, skill level and aesthetic appeal, according to Williams.

Student talents included dancing, singing and comedy.

Olivia Miller won first place for Judges' Choice with a comedy monologue.

Musical act Molly Todd Acoustic won first place for People's Choice and second for Judges' Choice. Singer Natalee Baetens won second place for People's Choice.

Kathy Sweeney, director of OUCARES, got on stage before the show to thank the RHA and the audience.

All the money will be going towards scholarships for autistic children to use for summer camps and other programs, according to Sweeney.

"Our mission is to improve the quality of their life," said Sweeney.

Sweeney also encouraged students to volunteer for OUCARES.

"We're a resource for you too," said Sweeney. "You will all be in the employment lines one of these days. You will be working with somebody that has autism - learn about it, because you will be the one to change how you work with these individuals to make this successful."

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Pioneer Food Court is home to Chop'd & Wrap'd, Subway, Rotations, Outtakes, Coyote Jack's, and Papa John's.

Chartwells contract set for expiration in 2015

Story by Alison DeRees

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Oakland University's contract with food service provider Chartwells expires in 2015 and bidding for the service is expected to begin later this year. The company has served the campus for the past 12 years.

During that time, they've not only provided dining and catering options for the campus community, they've also made some capital investments in the university.

According to the current extension to the 2002 contract, Chartwells paid \$1.5 million in capital investments as well as a \$1.3 million for renovation of Vandenberg Dining Center that was completed in 2005.

"The majority of commissions were paid up front," said Richard Fekel, director of the Oakland Center.

Fekel said Chartwells contract expires June 30, 2015.

"Once the Chartwells contract expires, the university is required to go out to bid," Fekel said. "It's our intent to distribute a request for proposal to qualified companies interested in providing retail, residential, and catering services to the university."

Fekel said he anticipates proposal requests for bidding in September

2014.

"Today the big national key players in higher education food service include Chartwells, Aramark and Sodexo," Fekel said.

Aramark campus dining franchises include national brands such as Starbucks, Einstein Bros., Jamba Juice, Burger King, Chick-fil-A, and Subway. They also provide on-campus catering.

"We're at a point where we've outgrown our food court," Fekel said.

He said that with the new housing building coming to campus, enhancements and refinements will be made to the residential dining plan.

Chartwells Resident District Manager Gerald Gatto hopes to continue working with Fekel as the OU campus continues to grow.

"A FULL COFFEE SHOP AND A SIT DOWN RESTAURANT ARE SOME IDEAS GATTO WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED IF THE OC EXPANSION PROVIDES ENOUGH SPACE."

Sodexo provides services specific to universities in states such as Florida, Tennessee, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

The university's partnership with Chartwells has had its growing pains, many of which are due to Oakland's soaring enrollment rates.

One of the challenges has been the overcrowding at Pioneer Food Court.

Gatto would like to see a full coffee shop and a sit-down restaurant implemented if the OC expansion provides enough space.

He is eager to continue doing business with the university.

"It's more than that, it's a partnership," Gatto said.

Chartwells has 128 hourly associates, 40 of which are OU students. Two of the

company's salaried managers are OU grads, according to Gatto.

Gatto said he listens to all student suggestions and concerns and adjustments are made as necessary.

OU students have had a range of exposure to Chartwells, from working with their staff on catering functions for student organizations, to dining on their food.

Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) Chair Phillip Johnson has had concerns with Chartwells in the past.

Johnson said SAFB had meetings with the company in order to obtain lower prices for catering for student organizations. Prices were lowered in 2011, as reported in The Oakland Post. The decrease took effect after Chartwells and an SAFB-prompted student focus group collaborated on suggestions over a period of three years.

As the leader of SAFB, the board that represents the entire student body, Johnson is eager to see Chartwells work well with OU students.

Fekel, who has years of experience with food service providers, said that "with any food service company, there are going to be issues."

Brittany Hall, director of Student Program Board Annual Events, said she

has had nothing but good experience with Chartwells.

Being the events director, Hall plans events on a wide scale and needs a reliable food service company to provide excellent catering.

"Being that most of my events have been very large, I often work with high quantities of food and drink," Hall said. "Chartwells has always gotten my order right and is always willing to go the extra mile to make my event the best that it can be."

She has also been pleased with the service when it comes time to making decisions for large orders.

"Thus far, my experience with them has been pretty good," Hall said. "I am always greeted with a smile when I walk into the office, and the workers are always willing to help me with orders if I am unsure of quantity, pricing, etc."

Hall is aware that Chartwells contract will be ending soon and is fed up with all the rumors surrounding it.

"It irks me that there are so many rumors already going around," Hall said. "These rumors range from Chartwells being kicked out the minute their contract is over to them getting a two-year extension."

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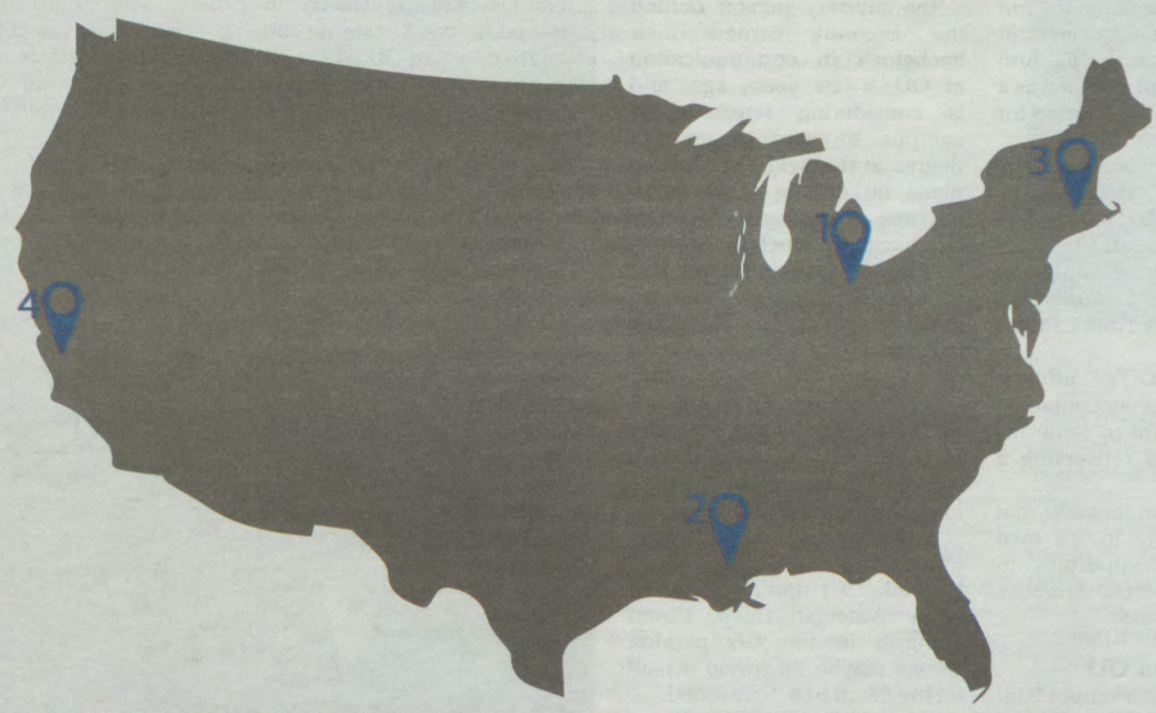
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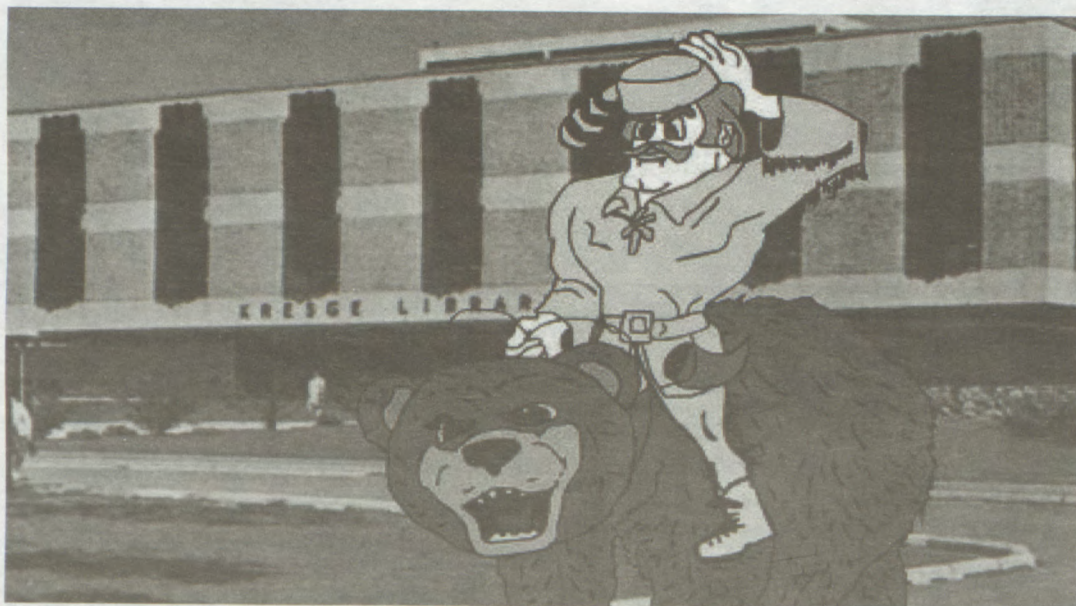


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"Taking things to this ridiculous extreme is starting to get people excited about being fans," Pioneer Pete said.

The man, the myth, the mascot

The story behind OU's 'Pioneer Pete'

Jake Alsko
Sports Editor

It's Saturday afternoon, Jan. 18. The Oakland University women's basketball team is trailing University of Illinois at Chicago late. We all have opinions on how to mount a comeback run, but some are funnier than others.

"Could really use that three game right about now. Maybe two. I don't know. I'm not a basketball player. I have a paper maché head."

That's @oupioneerpete. On Aug. 22 of last year, Oakland University welcomed this now-integral part of the athletic experience, the Twitter account of former OU mascot, Pioneer Pete. Pete tweets comically about Oakland Athletics on a daily basis.

In an email interview with The Post, Pete said he originally came up with the idea with other OU alumni as a joke response to the athletics department creating a Grizz Twitter account.

"We talk often about the official OU twitter accounts which, bless their hearts, are often a little one-dimensional and uber-serious marketing

machines," Pete said.

"This allows me to do things think the fan community was missing. Taking things to this ridiculous extreme is starting to get people excited about being fans, and that is what I want to do."

The antics

Pete admitted that poking fun at University of Detroit mascot Tommy the Titan helps him cope with being abandoned as a mascot by OU to make room for Grizz and Clawzz.

"A teddy bear comes along and steals your thunder," he said. "You get locked in a storage closet at the O'rena and Athletics throws away the key. Would you feel abandoned? I funnel my anger into Tommy Titan's stupid face so it's cool."

Pete said OU's athletic department has never contacted him in an attempt to tame his behavior, instead retweeting a lot of his posts.

"I think they understand that activity like mine in it's own strange way is important to the growth of the OU Athletics community," he said.

Pete evaluates OU

Pete sees OU as a school "still putting it's big-kid pants on." He would like to see more effort being put into filling the seats

of sporting events, but overall, though, Pete is pleased with the school's progress.

"As a whole I would say this university is accelerating in the right direction and it's a blast to be riding shotgun."

The mystery behind the mascot

The mystery person behind the account earned their bachelor's in communication at OU a few years ago, and is considering returning to campus to earn a master's degree in the field. Pete has no plans on ending the account anytime soon, frankly because he's having so much fun with it.

"My real job is kind of tedious/awful/creatively restricting, so Pete is a good outlet for letting my right-brain energy out," he said.

Pete concedes that the would-be fame can make it tempting to reveal himself, but he also knows the account would then lose some of its luster.

"I think there is a bit of magic to the mystery of Pioneer Pete," he said. "If I don't get busted in a Watergate/Deep Throat scenario in the OU parking garage maybe I'll reveal myself on my death bed. Stay tuned."

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Grizzly alumni receive golden honor

OU will induct new batch of former student-athletes into Hall of Honor

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

Oakland University is inducting five new members to their Hall of Honor during their homecoming weekend on Friday, Jan. 24.

OU recognizes student-athlete alums every year, with the class of 2014 including Jason Perry (men's soccer), Yoav Ritter (men's swimming), Danielle Ward Gray (women's swimming), Kristie Kieffer Slowke (women's cross country) and Raffi Karapetian (men's swimming and diving).

"This is an incredible honor. If you would have told me as an 18-year old entering OU that someday I would be recognized in this manner, I wouldn't have believed you," Perry said. "Being inducted into the Hall of Honor and to now be included with those names, it's a great feeling."

Perry was drafted by the MLS's Los Angeles Galaxy in 2004, later on becoming an assistant coach at OU where he won two Summit League titles. He is currently a member of Butler University's soccer staff.

One common theme beyond their successes on the playing field was the bonds created with teammates and coaching staffs.

"The one thing I like to look back on is the camaraderie we had," Ritter said. "We had a real

special connection."

To enjoy success as a team, coaches and players have to develop a mutual fight and passion for victory to reach their goals, these honorees helped their teams recognize what they were after. These athletes managed to leave impressions towards their programs just by never giving up on these passions.

"I hope my hard work ethic and dedication inspires other students to work towards their goals," Kieffer said.

Kieffer didn't begin her journey into cross-country until her senior year of high school.

"I owe a lot of my success to my coaches, teammates, and family," she said.

The recognition the athletes receive with this honor gives them the chance to reflect on their days here at OU as well.

"I feel the Oakland name has grown so much since my days there," Ward said. "The kids I coach today dream of swimming for a team like Oakland."

It's not just the swimming team Ward is talking about either.

"The basketball team has done a great job of getting us onto the Division I map. There is a lot pride behind Oakland athletics," she said. "Making the transition from Division II to Division I was a big step."

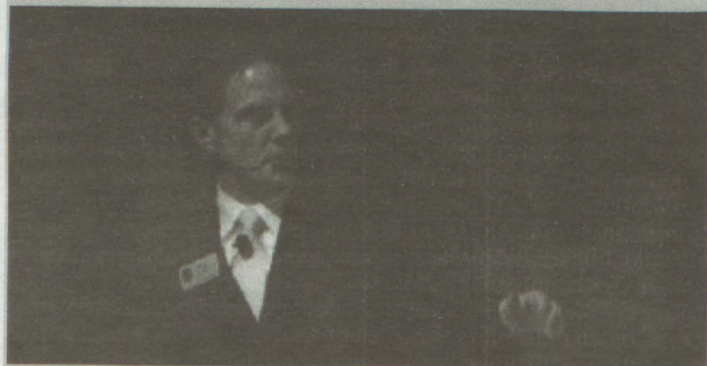


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Athletics Director Tracy Huth announces inductees into Hall of Honor.

New coach, new horizons

Women's basketball team has renewed intensity under Tungate leadership

Adam Kujawski
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University women's basketball team has an entirely different feel to it than in years past. They've graduated to a more competitive conference – the Horizon League – and hired a new head coach, Jeff Tungate, to see them through the progression.

Tungate spent his previous six seasons with the Golden Grizzlies as an associate head coach on Greg Kampe's men's basketball staff. He gives Kampe a large amount of credit in his transition to the women's head coaching position.

"Coach Kampe gave me a lot of responsibilities," Tungate

said. "He allowed me to do a lot of things that head coaches do."

Redshirt senior guard Victoria Lipscomb has started every game for the past two seasons for the Grizzlies, and says working with a new head coach wasn't difficult at all.

"Coach Tungate is an amazing coach," Lipscomb said. "He came in and told us exactly what he was looking for. The communication was good, which made the transition really easy."

In its first season as a member of the Horizon League, Oakland has started 2-2 in conference play. With every team but one having lost a home game against a Horizon League opponent, Tungate

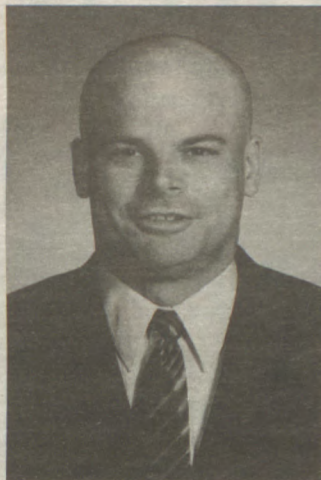


Photo courtesy of @CoachTungateOU
Women's head coach Jeff Tungate.

realizes the competition is fierce.

"The Horizon League is great top-to-bottom, but it's still basketball," he said. "Whether you're in the Summit League or the Horizon

League, you have to worry about what you do more so than your opponents."

Having been on the team for four seasons prior to changing leagues, Lipscomb is able to identify the elevated level of opposition.

"It's more intense because all the teams are a little closer," she said. "Instead of having one or two dominant teams, it can go either way on any given day."

With two convincing wins against tough opponents so far, sophomore guard Elena Popkey thinks OU belongs in the Horizon League.

"I think we've proven that," Popkey said. "Over the last couple games our offense and defense have fit in."

Tungate not only believes Oakland belongs in the Horizon League, he thinks his team has the potential to win a championship.

"I think we have what it takes if we can be more consistent," he said. "We've shown

we can play at a championship level in spurts, but whether or not we can compete for a championship is going to depend on how consistent we can become."

The general consensus in the locker room is that the Grizzlies employ a scrappy, tight-knit style of play.

"We're a blue-collar team," Tungate said. "We're not going to out-athlete anybody. We don't have a ton of depth, but we're a team that plays extremely hard."

Lipscomb and Popkey both agreed that teamwork is at the heart of the team's success.

"It's about family," Popkey said. "We do everything together. We win together, we lose together, we practice and play for each other."

Women's basketball currently sits at 7-10 (2-2 Horizon). Oakland goes on a two-game road trip versus Cleveland State and Youngstown State before returning home to face Green Bay.

Breaking away from the pack

Women's basketball star, Olivia Nash, is humble and hungry

Dave Cesefski
Staff Reporter

Approximately 400 miles from Oakland University, on the coast of Michigan's upper peninsula, with a population approaching 13,000, lies the city of Escanaba, the home of Golden Grizzly women's basketball star Olivia Nash.

In her second year with Oakland and first in the Horizon League, Nash is averaging 12.4 points per game, good for second on the team. She also leads the team with 7.8 rebounds per contest.

Growing up in Escanaba, Nash became the first women's high school player to ever score over 1,000 points in a career.

Basketball and family has always been the recipe for success on and off the court for the 6-foot-1 forward. Nash was named all-state in academics, basketball and track as a high jumper, winning the Upper Peninsula high jump finals

three years in a row.

"My dad started coaching my sister when I was in second grade, I was always there hanging around in the way, and I eventually picked up on it," she said.

The Passion

That passion has paid off, earning Nash an already decorated resume early in her Grizzly career.

Last year, Nash was named Summit League Freshman of the Year and all-league second team by CollegeSportsMadness.com.

Additionally, Nash was also named to the website's Madness 2013-2014 Horizon League Preseason All-Conference first team.

While normally sporting a laid-back personality, Nash says it all changes on the court as the aggression and competitiveness takes shape at tip-off. In the eyes of her teammates and coaches, Nash feels she's viewed as a hard worker who

brings positive energy.

"I try to stay positive all the time, bring my teammates up, make sure everyone's doing their roles and sticking together as a team," she said.

The Transition

Coming off of a tremendous high school career, Nash received many scholarship offers from numerous Division I basketball programs, including Central Michigan, Western Michigan and Kent State. In the end, Nash decided to take her talents to Rochester and become a Golden Grizzly, where she plans to take her game to new heights.

Nash was recruited by former OU coach Becky Francis, who was dismissed in June, something that Nash says has only brought the team closer.

"We've come together as a team even more, we're just moving forward," she said. "It was a smooth transition when Coach Tungate came in, it was like another part of the family."



Photo courtesy of OUGrizzlies.com

Olivia Nash drives for a layup in a recent game against Detroit Mercy.

I love playing for Coach Tungate, he brings out the best in us and our team chemistry is great."

This year marks the first season in the Horizon League for Oakland, so newfound team chemistry couldn't have come at a better time.

"We came in at the right time, anyone can win the league this year, it's a confidence booster to see where we're at," she said.

Already accomplished on and off the court, Olivia strives for even greater heights.

"Our goal is to win the Horizon League," Nash said. "It has been since day one. For me, personally, it's to continue to be a team player."

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Jazz violinist jams with OU

Alumna Regina Carter performs with music faculty

By Kaylee Kean
Staff Reporter

Jazz violinist and OU alumna Regina Carter returned to perform with OU's Faculty Jazz Quartet and Chamber Orchestra Jan. 18 at the Varner Recital Hall.

The Faculty Jazz Quartet is comprised of Miles Brown, Sean Dobbins, Scott Gwinnell and Mark Stone. The Chamber Orchestra is comprised of student performers and conducted by Alan MacNair.

Carter is an American jazz violinist that graduated from Oakland University in 1985 with a bachelor's in music, according to the school's website. She is now Oakland's artist-in-residence, which means she comes back to campus two times a year to teach and work

with the students and faculty.

Homecoming

When she first came back to Oakland to teach, Carter said she felt like she had never left.

"I thought, 'Did I really graduate?'" said Carter.

Carter said MacNair was actually her orchestra director in high school and that it feels like things have come "full circle."

"It's nice to come back here and to work with the students in the school and community," Carter said.

She focuses on jazz and improvisation, sharing her professional and personal experiences.

"There are so many different ways to learn... especially improvisation," said Carter.

Duet

Emily Hudock, a sophomore music major that performs in the Chamber Orchestra, said

Carter came into one of her music classes last year.

"We were doing improvisational things and she just came in for a short while to give us some ideas," said Hudock. "It was really cool."

Saturday was her first time actually performing with Carter, Hudock said, and it made her nervous but excited.

"I think it's fun that we're able to do something different than what we usually do," said Hudock. "It's an adventure to do different things and play with someone that knows about this, knows her stuff."

Hudock said she enjoyed playing with and learning from Carter because of her unique musical style.

"It's free, it's open and it's jazzy," said Hudock.

Her own style

Carter, who takes African folk tunes and puts her own "twist"



Courtesy of reginacarter.com

Regina Carter performed with Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel and Mary J. Blige.

on them, said one of the songs performed during the concert was a spiritual song called "I'm Going Home." The song will be featured in her upcoming album, *Southern Comfort*, to be released in March 2014.

Carter said she can't remember or imagine life without music.

"It's just something I've done since I was two - it's kind of like breathing," said Carter.

Over the years Carter has performed with artists such as Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel and Mary J. Blige, according to her website.


Carter said she loves travelling and finding new music and people around the world. She said she will never stop wanting to come home, however.


"I love Detroit," said Carter. "I love my city. I live in New York, but Detroit is my home."


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Life is hard on the road

Student's Ford Focus is a hotel room on wheels

By Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

Whether a commuter or not, at some point the majority of us live out of our cars during our college careers. Clothes and shoes strewn in the backseat or neatly folded in a duffle bag, a deodorant stick in the side arm compartment, and a dozen or so air-fresheners clipped to the visors.

Junior Secondary Education Major Math Junior Stephanie Shatzer can relate to this. The White Lake resident gave great detail while discussing what is inside her black 2001 Ford Focus.

"It's a hot mess is really what it is," Shatzer said.

A looking in view

Sitting on the floor behind the drivers seat is a gallon of frozen glue that Shatzer says has been there for two months.

Shatzer says the glue was for a project to make silly putty in one of her education classes.

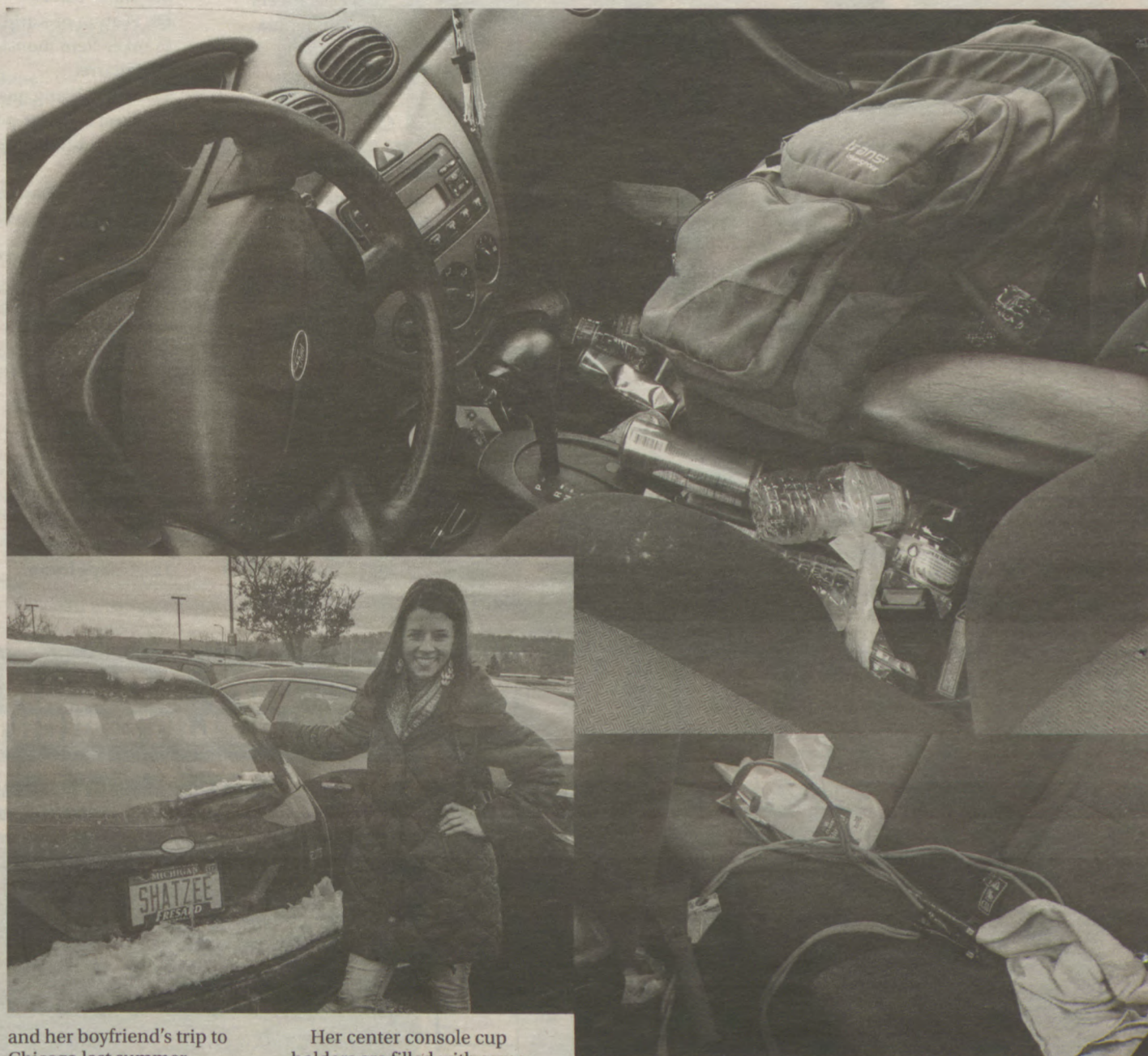
"We definitely didn't need a gallon," Shatzer said with a laugh.

One of the more standard items found in Shatzer's car is a set of jumper cables. They are her boyfriend Matthew Jerore's, the one who taught her how to use them. Shatzer says they definitely have come to good use.

"I had to jump it four times in one day, then I decided to get a new battery," Shatzer said.

Before she went to get the new battery she had to give the old battery one last jump with the help of her mom.

Beneath the passenger seat, there is a binder from Shatzer



and her boyfriend's trip to Chicago last summer.

The binder has nearly everything from the trip, including gas receipts and tickets from visiting the Willis Tower, according to Shatzer.

"I keep meaning to scrapbook it, but you know how that goes," Shatzer said with a chuckle.

Hanging from the rear view mirror is a cross, a bedazzled peace sign, and Shatzer's high school graduation tassel.

Her center console cup holders are filled with some of a girl's essentials, lipstick and earrings - lots of earrings, according to Shatzer.

"It's all of my morning things, or if I need a midday touch up," Shatzer said.

Coins are scattered on the floor near Shatzer's passenger seat.

Shatzer said one time she gave her boyfriend's brother Michael Jerore a ride and he was shocked at the sight of

the inside of her car. She said that he knows her to be a very organized person, so this was definitely out of the norm.

"His face was priceless," Shatzer said. "He started picking up change off the floor and didn't know where to put it."

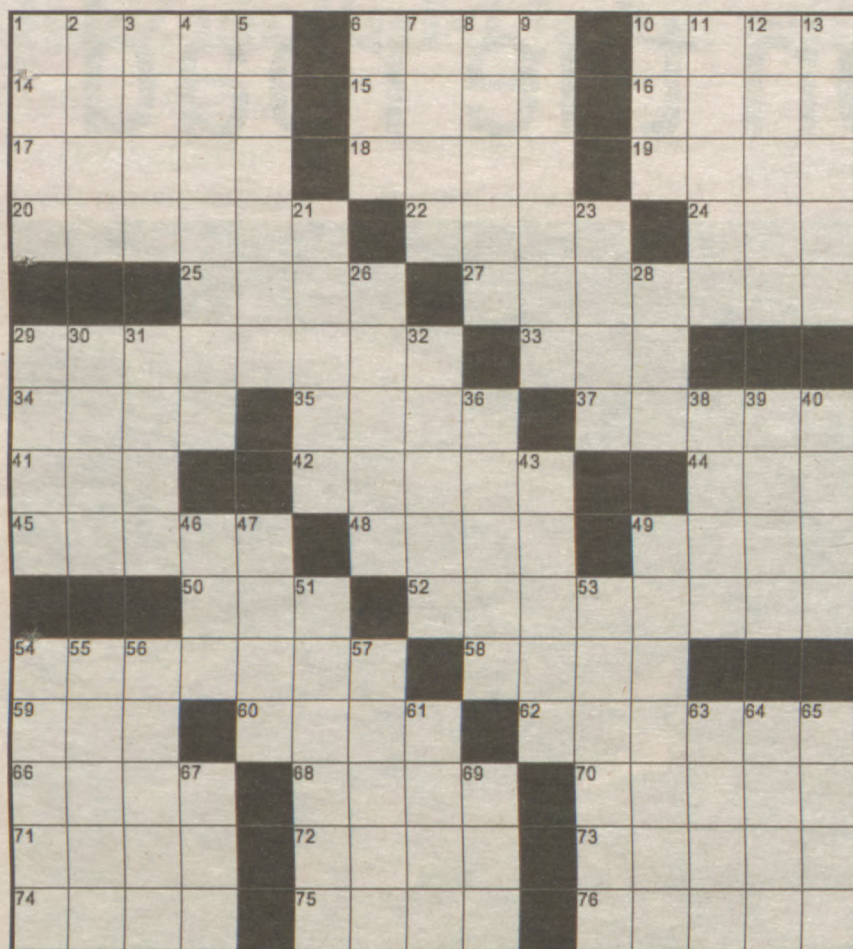
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TOP A view of Stephanie Shatzer's passenger seat, including her backpack and a graveyard of empty water bottles and Red Bull cans.

BOTTOM LEFT Shatzer with the playful personalized license plate on her 2001 Ford Focus.

BOTTOM RIGHT Shatzer's backseat, equipped with towels, jumper cables, a gallon bottle of glue and a window scraper, among other amenities.

Puzzles



Across

1. Trudge through melting snow
6. Way off
10. Resistance units
14. Thick-skinned mam-mal
15. Las Vegas rollers
16. Many millennia
17. Cast member
18. Mend socks
19. Casino card game
20. Cease's partner
22. Small birds
24. Smidge
25. Information from Deep Throat
27. Fingers and toes
29. Accentuates
33. Guiding principle
34. Thy, nowadays
35. Held on to
37. Haut ___ (high society)
41. Diddly-squat
42. Brakes
44. Ocean bird
45. They're on the staff
48. Revenue segment
49. Connors of 'Mannix'
50. Wrinky-faced canine
52. Like some porcelain

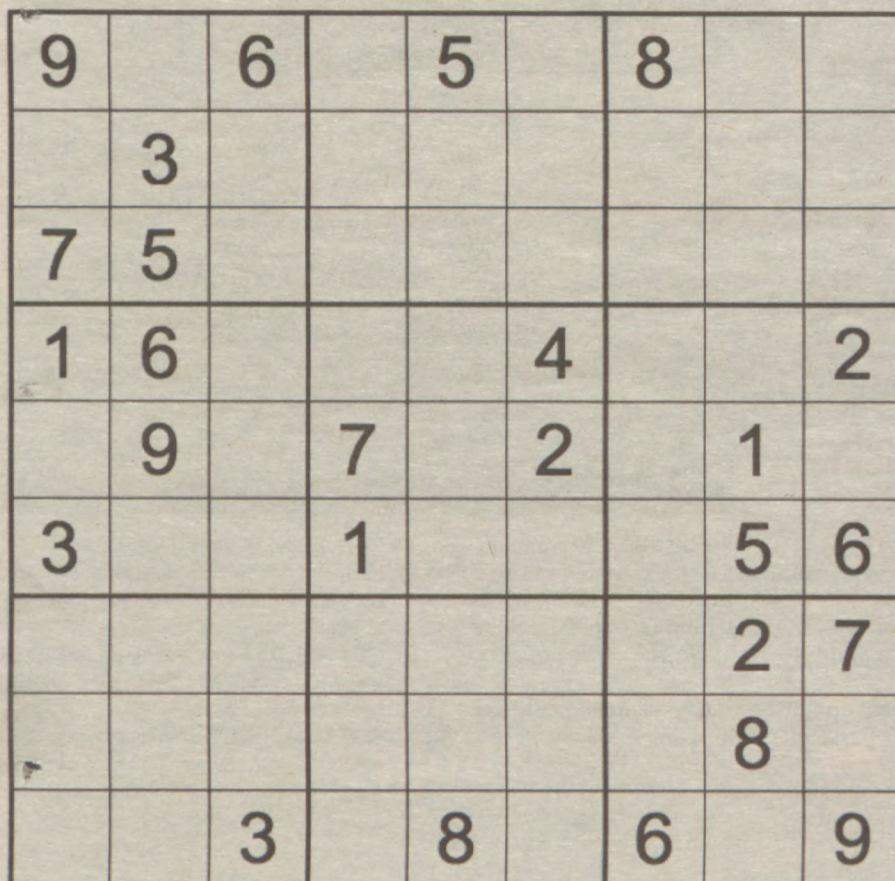
Down

54. Speak uncertainly
58. Blue funk
59. Ad ___ committee
60. Like the fabled piper
62. Breaks out in a cold sweat, maybe
66. Water color
68. Feature of Karloff's Frankenstein monster
70. Quarrel
71. Crude living quarters
72. Treat a pledge poorly
73. Crystal-lined rock
74. Run for
75. High point
76. Nosed (out)

Down

1. Roe source
2. Head hunters?
3. Goes for
4. Auto option
5. Mounts
6. Include
7. That's an order
8. Caustic
9. Lease
10. Loutish fellow
11. Intoxicating
12. Aesop's lesson

13. Priggish people
21. Busy work
23. Con job
26. Boat bottoms
28. Slam dunk point count
29. Lip-___
30. Slave away
31. Have the final say
32. Bicycle-wheel feature
36. Matched pair
38. Tooth's partner
39. Wellington's title
40. Scratched (out)
43. Easel, e.g.
46. 28,800 seconds before midnight
47. Drainage reservoir
49. Stamped by machine, as mail
51. Oriental entertainer
53. Desert illusion
54. Former Iranian rulers
55. Brimless hat
56. Intense
57. Summarize
61. Stupefy
63. Bug-eyed
64. Fellow, slangily
65. Watermelon beginning
67. 'Shoot'
69. Mardi Gras luminary



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OU's got style: I dream of beanies

Students stay warm and look trendy in winter weather

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

Grizzlies are staying warm this winter sporting one of the latest trends-beanies.

College Fashionista, Cosmopolitan and Examiner have all declared beanies a must have trend for the winter seasons.

"I have a lot of beanies at home," Ajahnay Taylor freshmen biology major said. "They're knit and I love the way they look, they're very comfortable and stylish. They can be worn with anything."

Beanies were seen in fashion shows such as Alice & Olivia, BCBG Max Azria and Donna Karan, according to Examiner's website.

The Look

There is no standard look for a beanie. They come in various textures, colors and styles. Examiner suggests several looks to pair with beanies to achieve a fashionable trendy look. The first idea suggested is pairing beanies with leather pants and a basic blazer.

Another style selected to be paired with the beanie is metallic. Grunge is not the only way to go when wearing beanies. Although, an appealing aspect to beanies is covering up a potential bad hair day.

"It doesn't matter what your hair looks like you can just wear it and out you go," Jibran Ahmed senior international relations major said.

Frumpy to Fabulous

Although beanies are now a top trend that is worn all year round, they weren't always popular.

Beanies originated in the 1900's. Beanie was developed from the word "bean," which is slang for head. Originally the beanie was associated with college students or blue-collar workers.

The college students in the 1950's wore the hat as a form of hazing.

Blue collar workers were attracted to the brimless hats because it kept their hair out of their way without the brim getting their way.

Then the 90's happened.

The look, which at this point, was mostly associated with boys was now being sported by girls. The beanie also began to gain a sense of style. Sports logos, school emblems, unique colors and styles started to develop. Beanies began to develop a new fame in the fashion world.

"I have a couple of beanies. They're great because they keep you warm while staying fashionable at the same time," Elodie Chidiac freshmen business finance major said.

The information on the history of beanies came from an article online written by Perry Mink, a business owner and writer.

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1. Elodie Chidiac freshman business finance major-"They're great because they keep you warm while staying fashionable at the same time."

2. Cherrell Carter sophomore physical therapy major-"I grabbed this one this morning but I don't own any personally."

3. Ajahnay Taylor freshman biology major-"I have a lot of beanies at home. They can be worn with anything."

4. Brenna Hogan, freshman health science major-"It's nice nononot having to do my hair."

Kailee Mathias / The Oakland Post

Mouthing Off

SATIRE

Something does not smell quite right

Brian Figurski

Copy Editor / Private Investigator

There is an eerie silence sifting around the Oakland campus. It's floating in our air and up our nostrils.

While the police investigate an assault on campus, there is another question lurking that no one seems to be addressing – why is there new carpet in the OC?

We here at The Post put on our sleuthing hats and set out to uncover the conspiracy.

Then last week, we received an anonymous tip about a campus monster that made a big stink in the past.

Back in the mid-70's, there was a rampaging fecal festerer. That's right, folks – The Oakland Poop Bandit is back.

This must be why the OC got a makeover – the elusive marksman planted a seed right in front of Fireside Lounge.

Some call the culprit the Mad Dropper. Others echo the name Diarrhea Demon.

"I call him a (expletive) lunatic," an anonymous student



named Jeff said. "Who squats down and lets rip in public? Grow up, you five-year-old."

OUPD has made a stink about getting involved, going on record as saying, "No comment."

Once this bandit caught wind of The Post stirring up the issue, we received a threatening letter, reading in cut-out magazine letters, "DROP THE INVESTIGATION OR EXPECT A BIG PRESENT."

The stupid idiot signed his name, Shane Anigans.

Quick research in the student database reveals there has never been a student enrolled under the name Shane Anigans. We were mere inches away. Inches.

While the student Code of Conduct does not directly reference any issues regarding defecation on public property, it does list "engaging in public stunts and buffoonery," as part of its anti-hazing agenda, and these fumes have definitely created some thick, disgusting hazes.

Despite the endangering effects, some students see this vigilant as a godsend.

"The old carpet was atrocious," said a student eating a peanut butter ham sandwich near Café O'Bears. "If I knew it only took some poop to make change around here, I would've pounded one out myself."

Vigilante or villain aside, some faculty members are only concerned for the safety of the



Jon Davis/The Oakland Post
Detective Brian Figurski investigates a trace specimen near Fireside Lounge.

students.

"This terrorist needs to stop," a professor said. "What happens when someone slips? Am I going to have to haul my Hazmat suit out of storage?"

Although it appears the Poop Bandit only strikes at night, some professors have started

running drills in case of attack.

"We stood on our desks in my geometry class," said Steve Kneeeve, ninth-year procrastination senior. "I'll just jump out the window. I just got these new K-Swiss kicks. All white, still crispy as hell."

The Post will continue looking into the whereabouts of the Poop Bandit and the modern popularity of K-Swiss. In the meantime, safety stations will be set up around campus distributing clothespins for unprepared noses. Anyone who comes in contact with a specimen is instructed to report to Graham Health Center to receive an immediate acid bath and have their clothes melted.

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