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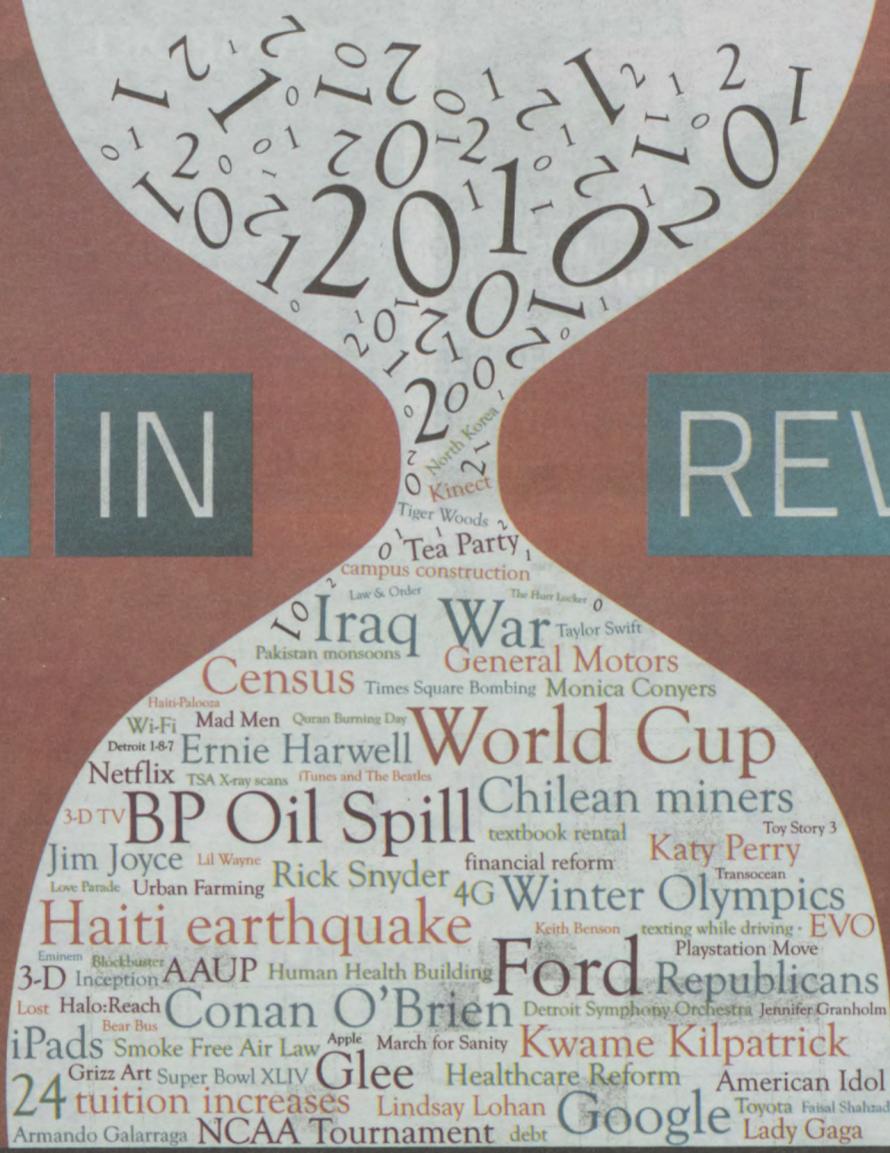
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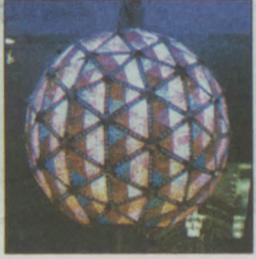
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Be more inclusive

A 2011 New Year's resolution for Oakland

The phrase "better late than never" springs to mind, but that would excuse the tardiness.

Oakland University added the phrases "gender identity" and "gender expression" to its equal opportunity policy, which guarantees equal benefits for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees.

"Inclusion of these terms further advances the university's commitment to diversity and inclusion and fosters a campus community where all are respected and valued," said Joi Cunningham, director of university diversity and compliance.

Tim Larrabee, the LGBTQA Employee Resource Group chair, said the policy provides recourse for employees in the event they feel discriminated against.

"People have protections that they didn't have before," Larrabee said.

Policy 712, "which defines the University's goals for diversity and inclusiveness and the roles and responsibilities of all faculty and staff in achieving those goals," was updated in October.

The insertion of those two phrases had

been cause for debate since at least during last year's faculty negotiations, when equality for the LGBTQ community became a sticking point.

Following a campaign that sent 800 postcards to OU President Gary Russi's office, the president said at a March 2 Board of Trustees meeting that he fully supported the policy change and Cunningham said she expected the policy to be changed by fall.

At a faculty forum held a week later, Russi instructed Cunningham to work with Larrabee to develop a policy that reflects university support for the LGBTQ community.

Larrabee said he's been working to get such a non-discrimination policy passed since he came to OU in 2004.

When the administrative change was finally made in October, however, it flew under the radar.

A Nov. 3 press release from OU simply listed policies that were either updated, new or deleted, without any additional details.

Plus, OU, which has been on top of social media as of late, never sent word out via Facebook or Twitter. An OU student wrote on Oakland University's Facebook page on Nov. 18 to announce it. OU commented back, linking to an article by Between The Lines, an LGBT publication.

Larrabee said the administrative policy doesn't have any legal binding, but the Board of Trustees, whose next formal session is Dec. 9, will be looking into an Equal Opportunity Policy soon.

The board passing a policy, Larrabee said, is "a more arduous task" as it would be legally binding and therefore entail bargaining contracts and negotiations.

Still, he said he doesn't expect push back from the board.

All the same, we hope the board is able to quickly pass a policy that is a long time coming.

While the rest of us promise ourselves to lose 10 pounds, quit smoking or study more in 2011, let's applaud OU for the steps they've taken so far and hope they resolve to finish the deal.

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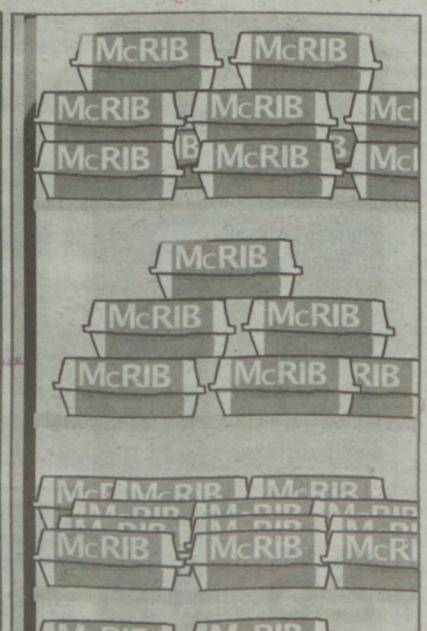
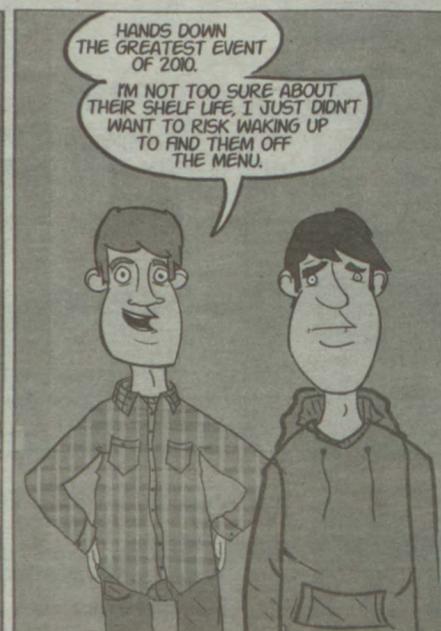
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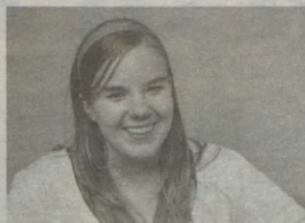
Education's gone awry

The American public education system has turned into a catastrophe.

The catastrophe is not that the system is failing as a whole. Some schools are flourishing and turning out bright students who are ready to become leaders in their communities and productive members of society. The real disaster, rather, is the vast difference of the quality of education in different school districts.

I grew up in a small suburb of Flint called Goodrich, which my parents specifically moved to for the strong school system. My teachers made sure my classmates and I learned the fundamentals at each grade level and took a personal interest in our lives.

The experience of suburban students is generally charmed. The disparity comes into play when their experience is compared with students in urban districts.



Annie Stodola
Staff Reporter

This is extremely evident when a school's "promoting power" is examined. The promoting power of a school is the percentage of students from the freshman class that graduate four years later. In 2008, Goodrich High School graduated 106 percent of the students that began as freshmen, meaning it actually gained students. By comparison, Cody High School in Detroit had a promoting power of only 20 percent.

The number at Cody High School is low, but not entirely unusual. In the metro Detroit

area, in both urban and suburban areas, there are 38 schools that researchers at Johns Hopkins University have deemed to be "drop-out factories," as they regularly graduate less than 60 percent of the students who enter as freshmen.

These numbers are unacceptable, alarming and somewhat terrifying. If these kids aren't finishing high school, what's in store for them?

Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and coreipient of the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize said: "Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family."

Students who aren't getting a quality high school education are at a serious disadvantage — even for minimum wage positions. This lack of education and qualifications for careers or even entry-level jobs perpetuates the cycle of

poverty. Many times these students come from impoverished homes, are unable to get a quality education because of where they live, are unable to get high-paying jobs and therefore end up staying in impoverished neighborhoods and starting the cycle over again.

Poverty is a big problem. Education is not the full solution, but it's certainly an important step. We need to put an emphasis on education not just in school districts that are already stable, but everywhere.

The crisis in our school systems is a problem for all of us and our collective future. It's something that we all need to act on if we want to see a solution.

Change won't come solely from people volunteering to tutor students or voting for candidates who place value on education, but it's a leap toward breaking the cycle.

A fashion tip for 2011: Leggings are not pants

The year 2010 saw a new trend rear its unflattering head.

The question of whether leggings are pants has never had to be asked before, but now, everywhere one goes, a pair seems to be following.

The unfinished look is, in a word, awkward.

If you look into the mirror and feel like something is missing, then you should probably slip on either a skirt or a dress.

Even wearing longer tops is acceptable. A tunic or longer shirt that sufficiently covers your assets will complete a cute outfit.

But wearing a short top and only leggings is a taboo that should be restricted to young children, who have diapers to



Sarah Wojcik
Senior Reporter

save their decency and who cannot make fashion decisions for themselves.

The issue of leggings as pants is comparable to wearing tights as pants.

As far as I've seen, the tights idea has not caught on — yet. We should all be thankful.

But there is a line, and donning a mere pair of leggings crosses it.

If you are unable to break away from the new trend, then there is another fashion alternative that adds some class to your outfit.

The redemption comes in the form of jeggings, which are relatively new — many still have no idea what the term means when it is referenced.

The word originates from an atrocious blending of the terms "jeans" and "leggings" and they are created from a material suggestive from the name that is half denim, half spandex.

But there are two types, and only the second is permissible.

The first type of joggings is like a pair of seam lined leggings only with a denim feel. They have an elastic waistband

and no pockets. These are still leggings and still a no-no.

The second type of joggings incorporates belt loops, pockets and a fly with real hemming, and approaches the situation with infinitely more tact, imitating the appearance of a pair of very skinny jeans.

With the year coming to a close, let's hope that the trend of leggings as pants follows suit and people come to realize that divulging their goods is often times more unattractive than not.

2011 will bring around new trends in fashion, but hopefully we will not regress to any more unnecessarily revealing clothing items and move forward toward a better tomorrow.

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Invites all staff and faculty dedicated to equity and equality for all members of the OU community (students, staff, faculty and administration) to join.

We meet monthly and have an active listserv.



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Kresge in search of dean

By **JAKE THIELEN**
Staff Reporter

Julie Voelck, dean of Kresge Library, announced last month that she will be resigning from her position and chose to step down for personal reasons.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, Voelck's colleagues at the library held a farewell reception in her honor. The reception took place from 2-4 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Fire-side Lounge.

Voelck has served as Kresge's dean since 2004 and was the associate dean, 2001-03.

"This is a semi-retirement for me," Voelck said. "I live in Ann Arbor and it's kind of a long commute every day, so I'm looking forward to not getting up quite so early for a while and staying close to home."

Voelck said the library has changed a lot since she took the position as dean in 2004. New additions that were implemented during her time as dean include the Writing Center, which opened in 2006, and the Kresge Café that opened earlier this fall.

"The librarians and the library staff have, I think, transformed the library from what it was back in 2000," Voelck said. "It is, first of all, a place where students want to come."

With the implementation of new information commons, "Students can use computers there, work in groups and practice presentations," she said.

Voelck said the library has also focused on making it easier for students to find and understand information.

"We have really focused in our library on information literacy, which is helping students understand how to use, access and evaluate information," Voelck said.

Voelck will be replaced on an interim basis by Frank Lepkowski, Kresge Library's associate dean.

Voelck said one of her responsibilities as the dean has been to promote the work of Lepkowski and the Kresge Library staff.

"My role as dean has been to serve as the mouthpiece for the all good work that people like Frank and everyone at the library are doing," Voelck said.

Lepkowski said part of his role as interim dean will be to support the library's interests during meetings with university officials.

"The dean provides leadership for the library and also sells the library outside the library, because we need people to understand our needs," he said.



JEN BUCCIARELLI/The Oakland Post

Kresge Library Dean Julie Voelck announced her resignation last month in the O.C.

Lepkowski said there will be a national search to find Voelck's permanent replacement. The university's provost, Virinder Moudgil, will name a campus-wide search committee that will identify candidates for

the job.

"They'll hopefully get a good pool of candidates and invite a few to campus for an interview," Lepkowski said.

A new dean could be in place next year.

Jackson fundraiser successful, breakfast with Santa

Fundraiser collects over \$2K

Oakland University recently hosted several fundraising events in memory of Corey Jackson. The activities resulted in a collection of \$2,052.59. A check was sent to the Harold W. Vick funeral home, which handled Jackson's burial arrangements and will benefit the family.

MBH hosts breakfast with Santa

Meadow Brook Hall will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants are advised to bring an appetite, a Christmas wish list and a holiday spirit.

Reservations are required; tickets are \$25 for children and \$30 for adults.

Tour tickets may be purchased at a discounted rate of \$12 per person.

Opera workshop open for students

The Opera Workshop will be presented in Varner Recital Hall on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 8-9 p.m. Voice students will be showcasing their annual workshop performance, featuring classical selections. Admission to the performance is free.

OUSC approves winter budget, Redbox plans fall

At OUSC's meeting on Monday, Nov. 29, the budget for the winter semester was approved.

Student activities funding board bylaws were updated regarding the date and time in which student organizations must turn in paperwork, and Student Body President Brandon Gustafson said discussions with Redbox about adding a movie rental program were not progressing and that he would begin looking at other possibilities.

Board of Trustees Student Liaisons Marta Bauer and Emily Tissot spoke with OUSC about expanding the partnership between the two groups and Ashley Marthen was named as Legislator of the Month for November. OUSC's next meeting will be at the start of next semester.

Party to encompass many cultures

The Multicultural Holiday party will be held on Friday, Dec. 3 from 4-7 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center. The all-campus gathering will feature holiday performances by OU students, traditional and international holiday food and desserts as well as crafts and games.

— Compiled by Kaitlyn Chornoby,
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Grad school applications on rise

By SARAH WOJCIK
Senior Reporter

In our troubled economy, the news that graduate school applications are predicted to surge may not come as a shock. The numbers are expected to rise nationwide and at Oakland University.

There were more than 675,000 people who took the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and graduate applicant volume was up 8.9 percent during 2008, according to Lee Weiss, director of graduate programs for Kaplan Test Prep and GRE instructor.

Kaplan Test Prep conducted a survey of graduate school admissions officers at 108 top programs across the nation. Seventy-eight percent predict an increase in the number of applicants for the current cycle.

"The past couple of years have been hard for college graduates trying to enter the workforce for the first time, as well as for working professionals looking to change careers or bounce back after layoffs," said Liza Weale, executive director of pre-business and pre-graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep, "which has made graduate school an appealing destination for both groups."

As a result of more grad school applicants, the entry competition has grown increasingly fierce, according to some.

During Winter 2011, the most popular programs at OU according to Doug Bourassa, director of graduate marketing and recruitment, included Accounting, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Special Education with Autistically Impaired Endorsement and Leadership.

Several new programs will be introduced at Oakland next year, including a master's program in communication.

"The M.A. was created because there has

been a growing interest in communication studies as a discipline on the part of OU students," said Rebekah Farrugia, assistant professor of media studies. "It is also the only M.A. in the state to offer a concentration area in Communication and Culture. The other two areas of focus offered are Interpersonal Communication and Media Studies."

More programs offered through OU can be found at the graduate admissions page on Oakland's website.

Amy Ring, vice president of OUSC and Spanish major, took her GRE Wednesday.

"It wasn't too bad," Ring said. "I bought a (Kaplan) GRE book and I pretty much went through it whenever I had an extra hour or two, but (my preparation) definitely was not super intense."

Ring earned the score she wanted for her program — higher education student affairs.

"It's to work on a college campus as a staff member," she said.

Ring is lucky to have taken the GRE when she did. On Aug. 1, 2011, a new GRE will be implemented in all graduate schools, according to Weiss.

"The new GRE will be dramatically different — there is a lot of uncertainty among both test takers and the graduate school community," Weale said. "While it's safe to say most graduate programs will develop a transitional policy over time, we advise students to take the GRE before it changes, since scores are good for five years, and avoid the mystery if they can."

The test is changing for three main reasons, the first of which is the question type.

"The new GRE has higher level reasoning questions that are a little more complex and are supposed to test more of what you are actually going to be studying in graduate school," Weiss said. "The current GRE has

question types like short verbal questions like analogy and antonyms, which are not all that predictive of how well someone is going to do in graduate school."

Business school accessibility is another reason for the alteration of the GRE.

"The company that makes the GRE wants to be able to use the test for business school. Over the last few years, more and more schools have been using the GRE instead of the GMAT as a way to get into business school," Weiss said. "So they're making the test more like the GMAT so that people can use it to get into business school."

Finally, the scoring scale of the test will change in 2011.

"Right now they use the 200 to 800 scoring scale on the verbal and math sections," Weiss said. "You can get a perfect 800 on the math side and you're only in the 94th percentile, but you can get a 730 on the verbal side and you're already in the 99th percentile."

The Kaplan survey found that 81 percent of graduate schools do not yet have a policy for transitioning current GRE scores to the new format.

The new test will also be approximately an hour longer and will include stricter limitations on the frequency of taking it.

Students interested in going to grad school should follow Kaplan's advice and take their GRE now as the scores are good for five years.

Kaplan found that of the admissions officers in their survey, an applicant's GRE score is the most important admissions factor, followed by undergraduate GPA then work experience.

Those interested in more information about the graduate level standardized testing should visit www.kaptest.com

New Rec classes, events next semester

The Rec center will continue to offer group exercise classes during finals week and into the holiday break. Classes are offered at special hours through Dec. 19. The full schedule is available online.

Classes are offered Monday, Dec. 13 from 8:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m. and include Cardio, Tai Chi, Cycling and Step Circuit. Dec. 14 classes run from 11:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m. and include Ab Lab, Yopalates and Zumba.

Wednesday classes are offered from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday's classes are from 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. and Friday's Balance and Strength class is offered from 9-10:15 a.m. Vinyasa and Yin Yoga are also available, but require a paid membership to the center.

Upcoming events

The center will host several events throughout the upcoming winter semester. New group exercise classes include training for the indoor triathlon, intramural sports and more.

Building Lean Athletic Strong Toned Bodies, or BLAST, classes

will begin winter semester. BLAST sessions include 45 minutes of intermediate to advanced body blast circuits and 15 minutes of stretching. Prizes are offered for those completing the program and for those who are most transformed. Details from the BLAST fall program are available online.

Special hours are available during the final week of classes and through break; regular hours will resume on Jan. 3.

Visit www.oakland.edu/campusrec for building hours.

Gift Certificates

Give a campus recreation gift certificate this holiday season. Gift certificates are available in any increment and can be used on any program or service available at the Rec center.

Check online for the full schedule and special hours over break.

— Compiled by Kaitlyn Chornoby,
Assistant Campus Editor

Police Files

Busted for marijuana use

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, a University Student Apartment resident and a friend each received a citation for the use of marijuana after a complaint was reported to the OUPD by a neighbor.

Upon arrival, officers confiscated two pipes and a bowl, used for smoking, from the apartment.

Dance Lounge larceny

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, three students experienced theft from their bags that were left in the Dance Lounge, or room 130 of Varner Hall. The students left their belongings in the room while heading to class.

The room was unattended and the door was not locked. Missing items include a red, Dell laptop and its charger, two wallets, a credit card and a debit card, among other things.

Hamlin Hall burglary

On Saturday, Nov. 20, a Hamlin Hall resident reported that her laptop had been stolen from her dorm room. When the student left for class, the inner door as well as the outer door to her suite was locked.

The student's roommate had left the day prior and no other students had access to the room. There were no signs of forced entry.

Assault after party

On Sunday, Nov. 21, it was reported that three University Student Apartment residents were involved in an assault. Upon returning from a birthday celebration, the residents were involved in what was reported as punching and kicking and more. None of the residents wished to receive medical attention.

One of the three residents involved is underage and was issued a Minor in Possession citation, because the students had been drinking.

— Compiled by Jen Bucciarelli,
Campus Editor

School of Medicine ready for fall semester

By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**

Features Editor

On Aug. 8, 2011, 50 students will walk through the doors of Oakland University's William Beaumont School of Medicine. Those 50 students will be the first class of a new privately funded medical program offered by the school.

"We are, for the first time in the history of American medical education, seeing a combination of a university and an integrated health care delivery system," said Robert Folberg, the founding dean of SOM and chief academic officer of Beaumont hospitals.

According to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, SOM is one of seven schools with LCME's "preliminary accreditation" status, which means the program may begin to recruit applicants and accept applications for enrollment.

"Our deadline for applications was on Nov. 15, and we obtained 3,237 applications through an organization called AMCAS (American Medical College Application

Service)," said Christina Grabowski, assistant dean for admissions.

Of those 3,237 applications, only 50 students will be accepted into the program.

"To eliminate down to the 50, we're doing a holistic review, which means we're reading the entire file and looking for attributes and experiences in addition to academic measurements," Grabowski said. "We're going to be looking at a student's involvement, their commitment to community service activities and other extracurricular activities, including team work."

The SOM was the first school beta site for a program instituted by the Association of American Medical Colleges to use holistic review for accepting applications.

"This is a lot more than just grades and an MCAT score," Folberg said. "It opens us up to recruit a student that we think, with our curriculum ... will be totally engaged, and that's just what Michigan needs."

Folberg also said that students who have a lower grade point average and MCAT score will not necessarily be declined from the school.

To apply to the school, students send their application electronically through the central AMCAS, submit three letters of recommendation and write a personal statement as part of AMCAS. Once the application is received at the school, they are invited to fill out a supplemental application that includes two additional essays.

"We read their applications and invite for an interview," Grabowski said. "We have 300 students coming in for an interview."

Different from many medical schools, the OUWB students will train within one system, Folberg said.

"We can ensure that the quality of their education is consistent wherever they are inside the system," Folberg said. "More importantly, American medical education now is in a very exciting medical place because health care is changing."

A study commissioned by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) called the "Michigan Health Care Workforce Study" said that right now, the state of Michigan is short every type of physician except for one - emergency medicine.

"What this school did very carefully is look back and look at the ecosystem in Michigan," Folberg said. "Our focus is really clear and is based on what the community needs. We did it this way because the community needs may change over time and the school will change with it."

According to Grabowski, OUWB has an integrated curriculum that many students are excited about.

Grabowski said a typical medical school has two years of sciences including basic science, classroom and lab work followed by two years of clinical rotations.

"We're bringing some clinical experiences into year one and year two, so students have exposure to first stimulations and then standardized patients and then later to real patients within their first two years, so they start to see how what they're learning in the basic sciences applies to the clinical environment. They will spend one day a week at Beaumont Hospital starting with day one, which is very nice."

For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/medicine

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Midseason evaluation

Golden Grizzlies working through early-season struggles

By **KYLE BAUER**
Staff Intern

Friday night at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester, the Oakland University Gold Grizzlies hockey club will host the Liberty University Flames in a two-game set, continuing a frustrating first half of their 2010-11 campaign.

Liberty presents a familiar story for the Grizzlies. In the club's second meeting, Oakland fell to the Flames 5-4 in a shootout defeat. That would be the first of four shootout losses Oakland has suffered this season, including a recent string of three in a row to Oklahoma and Adrian.

Close has been the case for the 14th ranked Grizzlies. Of their nine total losses, six have been by two goals or less. While it is a cause for dejection, Oakland refuses to let it be a reason for making excuses.

"The chances are there, we need to buckle down and take care of it in regulation," captain Colin Ronayne said of the shootout losses.

Assistant coach Gordie Schaeffler saw a more disturbing trend in the three shoot out losses.

"We were up going into the third period of every one of those games and we lost our composure and took some dumb penalties," Schaeffler said. "We need to play smarter with the lead and everything else will work itself out."

If you ask any player, they'll tell you that resiliency will have to be a theme for the Grizzlies to find consistent success in the second half of the season.

"We can't just sit here frustrated. This is tough but this is also good because we're fighting

hard," sophomore forward Alex Hoffman said. "We can't just get stuck on each loss. Hopefully we'll put together some wins and get some emotion going with the opponents we have coming up."

While beating Liberty is always a tough task for the Grizzlies, looming on their calendar, Dec. 10 and 11, is the rivalry against the Davenport University Panthers. It's a focus for Oakland every season, especially with the new formation of the Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League, Davenport is now in the same conference as Oakland, giving the games more weight than ever.

The Panthers come in with an imposing 19-2-2 record, with only one conference loss to Adrian on Nov. 4. Davenport has given OU trouble in the past, but the Grizzlies showed improvement last season, with a split in two games including a 3-0 shut out Feb. 4 in Rochester.

The deciding game was a 3-2 shootout victory for Davenport, giving them the season series win and the "Good Luck Duck" trophy, which is awarded annually to the winner of the season series between the two teams.

"We have to frustrate them to win," said first year assistant coach Nick Tomczyk. "They're very deep. If we play smart, we can develop a quick transition game to hang with them. Playing physical and quick will throw them off."

The Grizzlies have shown that they can play some of the best teams in the country tightly. Adrian and Oklahoma are top five programs and Oakland has also had to go on the road and play Ohio University, which was in the top five at the time.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

The Oakland University Division I club hockey team has compiled a 9-5-4 record through the first portion on its schedule. The team has a three-game homestand to start December.

These close games against top programs could allow some to make the argument that the Grizzlies should be ranked higher than their 14th position, a ranking which would leave them out of the ACHA National Tournament.

Despite being able to hang with some of the higher ranked opponents, Tomczyk said he thinks the Grizzlies' ranking is fair.

"All these close games and shoot out losses were games we should have won," Tomczyk said. "There were also a couple losses to teams we were supposed to beat. When

you lose games you're supposed to or should have won, you're going to be ranked around 14th."

Schaeffler, whose coaching mainly focuses on defense, preaches responsibility first.

"You have to be responsible in your own end. This is something we haven't done between penalties and turnovers," he said. "If we can correct that, a good defense starts a good offense and everything will click."

In its last two games, OU may have found a turning point. In the two game series against Adrian,

Oakland fell, losing a late lead and then were victim to another shoot out loss. The following day on the road against Adrian, they won convincingly, 4-1. Grizzlies general manager Will McMahon said he was pleased with the outcomes possible long-term ramifications.

"The win against Adrian, following a loss like that the night before, showed how much mental toughness this team has," McMahon said. "We came together early, had a bit of a slump, but I think this program is coming back into shape for the second half."

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The Sporting Blitz

By **TOM BARRY**
Staff Reporter

A review of Oakland University men's basketball action from last week.

Record-setting victory

Oakland had no trouble with Southern University, recording a 105-53 victory Nov. 26 in Hoffman Estates, Ill., the Golden Grizzlies' first win in the Chicago Invitational Challenge last week. The 52-point victory is the largest in Oakland's Division I history.

Every player who entered the game scored at least one point. Keith Benson led the way for Oakland, finishing with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Will Hudson notched his first career double-double with 19 points and a career-best 14 rebounds. Reggie Hamilton added 18 points and led the team with seven assists, while Travis Bader scored a career-high 17 points. Forward Drew Valentine reached double figures in points for the first time in his career with 11 to go with a career-high eight rebounds.

Grizzlies rally to win in OT

Benson put up another double-double, accounting for 22 points, 22 rebounds, seven assists, and six blocked shots as Oakland's second-half rally led to a 78-70 victory over Austin Peay in overtime Nov. 27 — the last game for OU in the Chicago Invitational Challenge.

Hudson put in 21 points, while Hamilton scored 20 for the Grizzlies (3-3), including a banked in 3-pointer with three seconds left to force the extra time and complete the comeback from an 11-point deficit.

The Grizzlies were up 72-70 with 2:08 remaining and kept the Governors (3-4) off the scoreboard the rest of the way. Oakland finished the game with a Hamilton field goal and four Benson free throws.

Upcoming schedule

Men's Basketball

- Dec. 2 vs. Southern Utah, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 4 vs. UMKC, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 11 vs. Michigan State, 12:30 p.m.
(at The Palace of Auburn Hills)
- Dec. 20 vs. Rochester College, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 21 Lou Henson Award Tournament
Championship Round, TBA

Women's Basketball

- Dec. 2 vs. Southern Utah 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4 vs. UMKC 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 vs. Illinois 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 vs. Dartmouth, 6:30 p.m.

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Watterworth leads Grizzlies past Cornell

GAME OF THE WEEK

By **JAKE THIELEN**
Staff Reporter

Sophomore forward Bethany Watterworth had 16 points and 10 rebounds, for her second straight double-double, as Oakland University defeated Cornell, 56-45, Sunday afternoon.

Watterworth had 22 points and 10 rebounds in Oakland's 86-40 win against Rochester College on Nov. 22.

Watterworth said the win was a result of a great effort by the whole team.

"We were very unselfish with the ball, and everyone was involved," Watterworth said. "A lot of people were scoring and everyone was really doing their part tonight."

Junior center Brittany Carnago had 10 points, five blocks and four rebounds for Oakland, while freshman guard Elizabeth Hamlet had seven points in her first career start.

Oakland coach Beckie Francis said Carnago's shot blocking early on was crucial.

"Blocking those five shots really set the tone for us defensively, to give us that nice comfortable lead in the first half, which we

needed in the second half," Francis said.

Oakland got off to a quick start, with an 11-0 run following Cornell's basket to open the game. The Golden Grizzlies led by as much as 17 in the first half, and entered half-time with a 31-17 advantage on the scoreboard.

Cornell rallied to begin the second half, cutting its deficit to just four points, but that was as close as the Big Red would come.

Hamlet's 3-pointer with 4:03 left in the game stretched the Grizzlies' lead back up to 13, and they held on for the win.

"What we like about Hamlet is she's really a smart player," Francis said. "She played with Bethany Watterworth and Brittany Carnago in AAU for years, and those three work well together."

Francis credited the team's discipline on defense as the reason why Oakland survived the Big Red's comeback bid.

"That's what I was really proud of, is that they played smart defense," Francis said. "We had that lead, and we wanted to keep that clock going. It's just discipline. It's just mental toughness that they showed."

Carnago said one of the team's goals on defense was to stay out of foul trouble and not go for too many steals to avoid reach-in calls.

Oakland shot 75 percent from the free throw line (15-20), while Cornell did not attempt a free throw in the entire game.

Watterworth said free throw shooting is one of the four key factors that the Grizzlies focus on for each game.

"We look at how many free throws they shoot and how many we make, and that's just awesome that they didn't even shoot a free throw and we got to the line (often)," Watterworth said.

Francis said the team will need to cut down on its turnovers if it hopes to continue its success. Oakland came into the game averaging 17 turnovers per game, and it had 23 against Cornell.

Oakland will begin Summit League play with its next game on Dec. 2, at home against Southern Utah.

The Grizzlies will follow up with two more home games against UMKC and Illinois.

Francis said the five-game homestand is an opportunity for the Grizzlies to build some momentum.

"We're really excited about the first conference game on Thursday, which is a doubleheader with the men," Francis said. "We're looking to take this confidence and roll it into the next game."



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Bethany Watterworth scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Sunday for OU.

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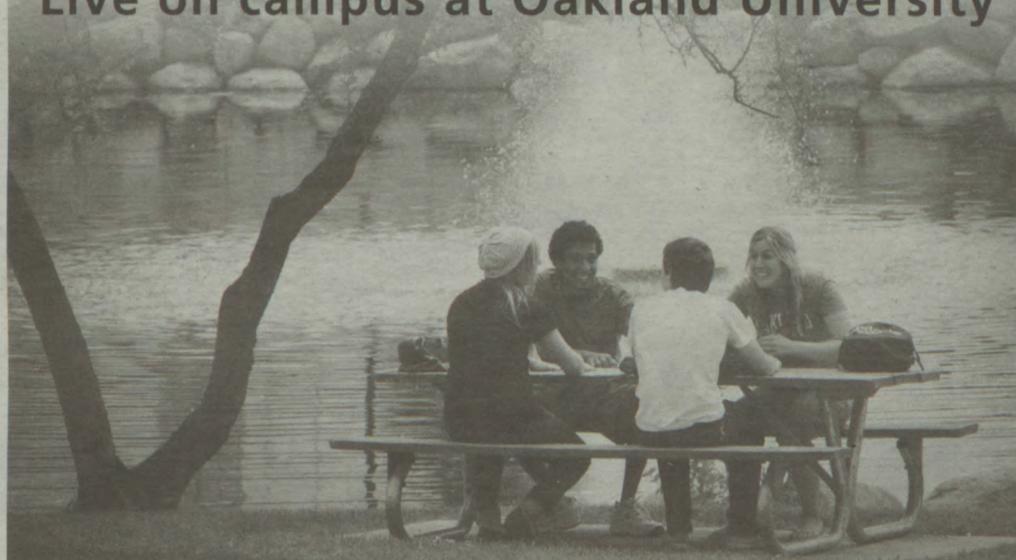


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Oakland University students came together to raise money for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti during an all-day concert and fundraising event called Haiti-Palooza. President Gary Russi matched all student donations that day and the campus community raised a total of \$6,900.



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Sophomore Corey Jackson committed suicide on campus, and the community came together for a candlelight vigil the following day. Fundraisers were quickly organized on behalf of Jackson's family.

JANUARY 4 — Micah Fialka-Feldman, a student with cognitive disabilities, moved into his East Vandenberg Hall dorm room after suing the administration over the right to live on campus.

JANUARY 15 — The Oakland University chapter of the American Association of University Professors fueled up for a vote of no confidence, which had been postponed in November, against President Gary Russi. It ultimately ended up being postponed again until further notice.

FEBRUARY 2 — The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, giving the go-ahead for the school.

FEBRUARY 4-7 — The second annual Homecoming celebration took place and was themed "Come Home to OU."

FEBRUARY 25 — OU launched a formal partnership with Oakland Community College, creating a dual-enrollment program dubbed O2O.

MARCH 23 — The AAUP postponed its vote of no confidence after a March 11 open forum held by President Gary Russi. The Oakland Post's feature "Russi Watch" ended.

MARCH 23 — The Oakland Center began featuring student art through "Grizz Art," a program conceived by former OUSC member Andrew Bashi.

MARCH 23 — Campus offices began the shuffle to more central locations: Student Services are now all in North Foundation Hall and O'Dowd Hall features administrative offices, primarily.

APRIL 2 — Brandon Gustafson and Amy Ring were named Oakland University Student Congress president and vice president, respectively, after a record number of students voted.

APRIL 26 — A third concurrent enrollment program, called SC2O, is launched with Saint Clair County Community College.

MAY 14 — OUPD Chief Samuel Lucido was named the 2010 Administrative Professional of the Year by the AP Assembly.

MAY 21 — OUPD surrounded the George T. Matthews apartments and arrested two OU students



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A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Human Health Building, which will house classes for the schools of health sciences and nursing, at the corner of Walton Blvd. and Squirrel Road.

for selling narcotics after viewing suspicious traffic around their campus apartment. They found 35.1 grams of marijuana.

JUNE — Major campus construction began with projects including Human Health Building, a new parking lot and the rejuvenation of high temperature hot water lines near Wilson Hall.

JUNE — Urban Farming at OU began growing food on campus for the first time. It became the first agricultural student organization.

JULY 20 — Undergraduate tuition rose 5.76 percent due to impending higher education cuts in the state budget.

JULY 25 — The Concours d'Elegance of America, an automotive exhibition, graced Meadow Brook Hall for the last time. After 32 years at the venue, the event moved out of Oakland County to Plymouth.

JULY 25 — A new School of Education and Human Services dean, Louis Bertrand Gallien, Jr., was named. Bernice Lopata became the assistant vice president and campaign director for university relations.

AUGUST — A new textbook rental program was implemented on campus.

SEPTEMBER — The Bear Bus shuttle program was expanded. In addition to serving as a shuttle around the surrounding communities on the

weekend, Bear Bus shuttles began acting as parking shuttles on campus.

SEPTEMBER 1-10 — "Welcome Week" featured a comedy show put on by Charlie Murphy, along with a myriad of campus events put on by a plethora of student organizations.

OCTOBER 3 — The Brooksie Way Half-Marathon drew over 5,000 people to witness the start of the race on campus.

OCTOBER 11-15 — Week of Champions at OU kicked off with a 127th birthday party for Matilda Wilson and featured Grizz Madness, a kickoff for the men's and women's basketball seasons.

OCTOBER — Enrollment hit a historic high, with 19,053 students total counted for the fall 2010 semester.

NOVEMBER 4 — Pulitzer-prize winning author Junot Diaz visited campus for a luncheon, Q&A session and a reading of his winning work "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao."

NOVEMBER 8 — Jim Schaefer, a Pulitzer-prize winning reporter, noted for his work uncovering the Kwame Kilpatrick text message scandal with partner M.L. Elrick, came to talk to students about his career.

NOVEMBER 10-12 — Students held the Grizzdance Film Festival, which featured student creations for the sixth time.

SPORTS

MARCH

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Photo courtesy of Dave Eggen/Inertia

Derick Nelson scored a career-high 36 points to lift the OU men's basketball team to a 76-64 win over IUPUI in the Summit League Tournament championship game. The win clinched Oakland's second-ever trip to the NCAA tournament.

JANUARY 7 — Alabama's Crimson Tide defeated the Texas Longhorns 37-21 in the 2010 BCS National Championship game. Led by former Michigan State coach Nick Saban and Heisman Trophy-winner Mark Ingram, the Tide finished the season 14-0.

FEBRUARY 7 — The New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV. Saints quarterback Drew Brees was named Super Bowl MVP.

FEBRUARY 27 — Grizzlies center Keith Benson scored a career-high 32 points and Oakland defeated IPFW 86-83 to finish 17-1 in conference play. The win gave OU a .944 winning percentage in league play, which broke the previous Summit League record.

FEBRUARY 12-28 — Vancouver, British Columbia hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics where the United States won 37 total medals, the most of any nation. The games were highlighted by

Team USA hockey's run to the Gold Medal contest where the Americans suffered an overtime defeat to the Canadians.

MARCH 6 — Western Illinois upset the No. 2 seeded OU women's basketball team 68-57 in the first round of the Summit League Tournament.

MARCH 19 — Oakland lost 89-66 to Pittsburgh in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. It was the final game for seniors Johnathon Jones and Derick Nelson.

APRIL 5 — The Duke Blue Devils defeated the Butler Bulldogs in the NCAA Men's Tournament national championship game 61-59. Michigan State's tournament run ended with a loss to Butler in the Final Four.

APRIL 11 — Despite Tiger Woods' return to the golf course, Phil Mickelson won his third Masters Tournament title over England's Lee Westwood. Mickelson finished 16-under par to Westwood's 13-under. Woods

finished in a tie for fourth with South Korea's K.J. Choi.

MAY 1 — After he initially declared for the NBA draft in April, Keith Benson withdrew his name and announced he would be returning to Oakland for his senior season. He was named Summit League Preseason Player of the Year in October.

MAY 4 — Legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell passed away after a battle with cancer. On May 10, tens of thousands of fans visited Comerica Park to pay their respects to the beloved Detroit sports icon. The franchise would lose another luminary Nov. 4 when former manager Sparky Anderson died. He is the last manager to lead the Tigers to a World Series title.

MAY 21 — OU's Aaron Wick threw the schools first no-hitter of the Division I era as the Golden Grizzlies defeated Southern Utah 4-0. Wick struck out five batters for his third win of the season.

NOVEMBER

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The Grizzlie men's soccer team defeated Oral Roberts 2-0 to win the Summit League Tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in four years.

JUNE 2 — One out away from throwing a perfect game, Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers was robbed of a perfect game by first base umpire Jim Joyce's incorrect call. This would have been the third perfect game of the season.

JUNE 9 — The Chicago Blackhawks defeated the Philadelphia Flyers in six games to win the Stanley Cup for the first time in 49 years. Captain Jonathan Toews won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

JUNE 17 — The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Boston Celtics 83-79 to win the NBA championship. The seven-game series ended with Los Angeles' 16th NBA title and second in three years, and head coach Phil Jackson's 11th ring.

JULY 11 — The U.S. made an improbable run to the Round of 16 at the World Cup in South Africa. A dramatic goal by Landon Donovan allowed the Americans to advance past Algeria to win its opening-round group for the first time since 1930.

SEPTEMBER 14 — Former USC running back Reggie Bush became the first Heisman winner to be stripped of the trophy after the school was found to have violated NCAA rules regarding improper gifts and benefits with student athletes.



Photo courtesy of OU Athletics

JUNE 2 Jason Bigelow became the first-ever male track and field athlete from Oakland University to earn a bid to the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

OCTOBER 6 — Philadelphia's Roy Halladay threw just the second no-hitter in postseason history in a 4-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds.

NOVEMBER 1 — The San Francisco Giants defeated the Texas Rangers 4-1 in the World Series, winning their first title since 1954. Edgar Renteria was named World Series MVP.

ENTERTAINMENT



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JANUARY 22

Conan O'Brien made his final appearance on "The Tonight Show" after NBC opted to revert back to Jay Leno as the show's host. O'Brien's new talk show, "Conan," debuted on TBS to much fanfare on Nov. 8, while Leno's ratings have plummeted during his second "Tonight Show" stint.



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JUNE 18

"Toy Story 3" opened in theaters and made over \$110 million in its first weekend. The film went on to become the highest grossing animated film of all time with a gross of over \$1 billion worldwide.

JANUARY 7 — Lady GaGa became the first artist in Billboard history to have her first five singles go directly to No. 1 on the Pop Singles chart with her song "Bad Romance."

JANUARY 31 — A 3-D tribute to Michael Jackson included performers from Celine Dion, Carrie Underwood and Usher at the Grammys. Home viewers could watch the rendition of Jackson's best-selling single "Earth Song" in 3-D with glasses available at Target.

FEBRUARY 7 — Super Bowl XLIV became the most-watched television show in history. The 106.5 million viewers surpassed the series-finale of "M*A*S*H," which had held the record since 1983.

MARCH 7 — "The Hurt Locker" won Best Picture at the 82nd Academy Awards and six awards overall. "The Hurt Locker's" director, Kathryn Bigelow, became the first woman to win an Academy Award for Best Director.

MARCH 15 — The Stooges, ABBA, and Genesis, among others, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

APRIL 22 — "Avatar" was released on DVD. It was the highest-grossing film of all time, and is currently the top-selling DVD of 2010.

MAY 7 — "Iron Man 2" opened in theaters. The film had the fifth-best opening weekend of all-time with ticket sales of over \$128 million.

MAY 16 — Rima Fakih of Dearborn, Michigan became the first Arab-American to be crowned Miss USA. Her victory was bruised by the release of raunchy photos of the pageant winner pole dancing.

MAY 23-24 — Three of television's most successful and popular programs of the new millennium — "Lost," "24," and "Law & Order" — aired their final episodes.

MAY 25 — "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest" is released



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ABC announced in preproduction that it would be changing "Detroit 1-8-7" from a mockumentary to crime drama-style show following the controversial death of a 7-year old girl during filming for an A&E documentary. The show debuted on Sept. 21 to meager reviews.

and is the third and final installment of the best-selling Millennium Trilogy by Swedish author Stieg Larsson.

MAY 29 — Dennis Hopper died at age 74 due to complications from prostate cancer. Hopper appeared in over 150 films including "Easy Rider," "Apocalypse Now" and "Cool Hand Luke."

JUNE 21 — Detroit rapper Eminem released his seventh album "Recovery," which spent seven weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard's Top 200 and also is currently the top selling album of 2010.

JULY 6 — Lindsay Lohan was sentenced to 90 days in jail for violating probation, but she only served 14. After being released, her life has been punctuated by stints in rehab.

JULY 9 — "Despicable Me" was released in theaters. The film joined "Toy Story 3," "Shrek Forever After" and "How to Train Your Dragon" in the top 10 for yearly gross, marking the first time ever that four animated titles appeared in the top 10.

JULY 14 — "Inception," from director Christopher Nolan was released. The movie made \$62 million in its opening weekend and it went on to become the third-highest grossing film of 2010 worldwide.



Photo courtesy of Amazon.com

After years of withholding their music from digital music providers, The Beatles finally gave Apple the rights to distribute their entire catalogue of songs on iTunes. After one day of sales, every Beatles album was in the top 100.

JULY 29 — Barack Obama made an appearance on "The View," marking the first time a current president has been a guest on a daytime talk show in history.

AUGUST 23 — Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren finalized their divorce after his car crash led to the discovery of over a dozen mistresses. Nordegren received \$100 million, according to TMZ.

AUGUST 29 — Primetime Emmy Awards are given to "Mad Men" and "Modern Family" for best Drama and Comedy series, respectively. Bryan Cranston received the Best Actor in a Drama series distinction for a third-consecutive year for his role in "Breaking Bad."

SEPTEMBER 22 — "American Idol" confirmed the addition of musicians Steven Tyler and Jennifer Lopez to the judges panel for Season 10, which debuts in early 2011.

SEPTEMBER 23 — The producers of "Sesame Street" decided to nix Katy Perry's version of "Hot N Cold" with Elmo after an outcry from parents due to her revealing wardrobe choice.

SEPTEMBER 23 — Blockbuster filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The company has struggled to keep up with other DVD rental services such as Netflix.

OCTOBER 9 — Former Detroit Lions President Matt Millen served as the color commentator for ESPN's coverage of the Michigan-Michigan State football game, prompting state-wide outrage and criticism of the network.

OCTOBER 20 — "Glee Gone Wild" photo shoot for GQ magazine created a stir among parents. It featured Lea Michele and Dianna Agron, both 24, in skimpy clothing.

OCTOBER 25 — Country music superstar Taylor Swift released her third studio album, "Speak Now," the follow-up to "Fearless," the bestselling country album in digital history.

NOVEMBER — Rapper Lil Wayne was released from Rikers Island after serving eight months of a one-year jail sentence for a 2007 gun conviction, which resulted in a felony.

NOVEMBER 22 — Rapper Kanye West released his fifth studio album, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy." Given rave reviews by various sources, West supported the release by creating a 35-minute film called "Runaway."

NOVEMBER 28 — Famous comedic actor, Leslie Nielsen, best known for his role in "Airplane," died.

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Nearly a year and a half after declaring bankruptcy, General Motors returned to the NYSE and sold its stock for \$33 per share. The U.S. Treasury received \$11.7 billion from the sale.

JANUARY 6 — Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was indicted on six charges after his attempt to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear during a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit on Dec. 25, 2009.

JANUARY 11 — The 2010 North American International Auto Show opened. Ford swept the awards at the show, including both Car of the Year and Truck of the Year. The company reported its first full-year profit since 2005.

MARCH 5 — Michigan was denied federal education funding through the Race to the Top program. The program was strongly supported by Granholm but received minimal support from schools.

APRIL 2 — Eight members of Hutaree, a Christian militia that was operating in Lenawee County, were sent to jail pending trial on charges that they conspired to overthrow the U.S. government.

APRIL 30 — Michigan finished in the top five states in terms of United States Census return rates. Prior to door-to-door census taking, 77 percent of Michigan residents had returned Census data.

MAY 1 — Michigan enacted the "Dr. Ron Davis Smoke Free Air Law," making it the 38th state to implement a public smoking

ban. The gaming floors of the three Detroit casinos and Native American casinos are notable exemptions to the ban.

MAY 26 — The Michigan House of Representatives approved a bill that would allow public-private partnerships for the construction of transportation projects, including the proposed Detroit River International Crossing bridge from Detroit to Windsor.

JUNE 23 — A federal grand jury convicted ex-mayor of Detroit Kwame Kilpatrick with 19 counts of fraud and tax evasion. Prosecutors said Kilpatrick failed to report more than \$640,000 worth of perks that included cars, cash, trips and more.

JULY 1 — Texting while driving became illegal in Michigan. The civil infraction carries a first-time \$100 fine and \$200 in fines for subsequent violations.



JANUARY 22

Republican Rick Snyder became Michigan's 48th governor, beating Democrat Virg Bernero 58-40 percent in the popular vote. Republicans swept all statewide offices.

JULY 26 — An oil pipeline belonging to a company in the town of Marshall burst, sending hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River. The spread of the oil was stopped July 29, however clean-up efforts took months.

AUGUST 11 — Elias Abuelazam was arrested as the suspected Flint serial stabber. During the month of July, Abuelazam allegedly committed 18 stabbings and five killings.

SEPTEMBER 3 — Arts, Beats & Eats was held in Royal Oak; it had been held in Pontiac the previous 12 years. Despite predictions that Royal Oak would lose money by hosting the event, the city made a net gain of over \$50,000.

SEPTEMBER 10 — Detroit City Councilwoman Monica Conyers — wife to U.S. Rep. John Conyers — was sentenced to three years in prison for accepting bribes in exchange for her vote on a \$1.2 billion sludge deal.

OCTOBER 4 — A labor dispute caused Detroit Symphony Orchestra to go on strike and picket outside the Max M. Fisher Music Center. It was the first strike at the orchestra since 1987.

OCTOBER 6 — Detroit political consultant Sam Riddle was sentenced to 37 months in prison for his role in a public corruption scandal.

NOVEMBER 11 — After one full year, Time Magazine's "Assignment Detroit" ended. The project included three covers, 200 online stories and 750 blog postings about the city.

SCIENCE & TECH

JANUARY 12 — Google announced the company would stop censoring Chinese search results after an attack in mid-December originating from China. The information was previously censored to comply with Chinese government regulations.

JANUARY 15 — McDonald's became one of the largest Wi-Fi providers in the United States after announcing free in-restaurant service. Starbucks followed suit on July 1.

JANUARY 25 — A device noted as the first-wave use of artificial muscle in any biological system allowed cadavers, and eventually, paralyzed people, to blink. The technology is expected to be available for patients within five years.

FEBRUARY 28 — The results of the first proton-to-proton collision at energies higher than the previous record were published. The Large Hadron Collider recreated the conditions of the Big Bang.

FEBRUARY 25 — Samsung's first full high definition, 3-D television was available in the U.S. for \$3,999. The 2010 FIFA World Cup coverage was the first live broadcast shot in 3-D.

APRIL 3 — Apple released the iPad, the first widely adopted tablet computer. Apple sold 3 million devices in 80 days. 7.5 million have been sold since Sept. 30.

MAY 20 — The researchers at the J. Craig Venter Institute published results from the first successful self-replicating synthetic cell. The cell is proof that genomes can be computer designed and chemically made to be transplanted into a recipient cell.

JUNE 4 — The HTC EVO 4G was released in Sprint stores nationwide for \$199 with a two-year plan. The EVO is the first 4G phone available in the U.S.

JULY 30 — Google began powering its data centers with wind energy. Google signed a 114 megawatt, 20-year contract with Next Era Energy Resources to power the centers.

AUGUST 26 — Netflix announced its partnership with Apple, releasing an app in the iTunes store to watch downloaded content on the iPhone or iPod Touch. A membership account is needed to use Netflix.

SEPTEMBER 14 — "Halo: Reach" was released for the Xbox 360. The game grossed \$200 million on its launch date alone, which set a record in the Halo franchise.

SEPTEMBER 17 — The Playstation Move, a handheld motion controller to accompany a camera device, the Playstation Eye, was released in the United States.

SEPTEMBER 27 — RIM unveils the BlackBerry PlayBook, a competitor to the iPad. The PlayBook features video conferencing and is one of the first tablets to include a dual-core processor.

OCTOBER 10 — General Motors allowed several journalists an opportunity to test-drive the Chevy Volt. The Volt is the first all-electric plug-in hybrid.

OCTOBER 14 — Scientists at the UN declared Rinderpest, a disease causing fatalities among animals, eradicated. It was the second infectious disease to be eradicated, preceded by smallpox.

NATION/WORLD

JANUARY 28 — Toyota announced the recall of approximately 7.5 million vehicles due to problems with the accelerator pedals in many of its models.

MARCH 15 — Census forms were mailed out. This census was drastically different from past censuses since everyone only received 10 questions to answer.

MARCH 30 — President Obama signed legislation to reform healthcare. There is now a mandate requiring all citizens to have it.

MAY 3 — Faisal Shahzad was arrested approximately two days after his attempted Times Square bombing. Shahzad planted a bomb in an abandoned car and he almost escaped the country via airplane.

MAY 14 — Space shuttle Atlantis lifted off for its final flight after a quarter century of service.

JULY 21 — The United States passed the Financial Reform bill in response to the economic crisis. The reforms mainly address consumer protections.

AUGUST 1 — The United States pledges \$10 million in foreign aid to Pakistan to help the nation respond a flood that left many without homes or food.

AUGUST 9 — Former U.S. Senator Ted Stevens died in a plane crash. He was the longest-serving Republican senator in history.

AUGUST 22 — United States authorities gave the green light to human trials of an Ebola treatment drug said to have worked during tests on monkeys.

AUGUST 28 — Conservative media personality Glenn Beck hosted his Restoring Honor rally at the Lincoln Memorial on the 47th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

SEPTEMBER 11 — The Rev. Terry Jones called off his

congregation's "Quran Burning Day" on the 9th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy after massive public outrage across the country.

OCTOBER 12 — A federal judge issued a worldwide injunction immediately stopping enforcement of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

OCTOBER 30 — The March and/or Rally for Sanity took place at the Washington Mall. Hundreds of thousands of people attended the event as Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert hosted with funny antics and musical guests.

NOVEMBER 2 — Republicans become the majority party in the U.S. House of Representatives and narrowed the gap in the Senate after mid-term elections.

NOVEMBER — The TSA implemented new security measures at airport checkpoints. X-ray scans and enhanced pat-downs became the standard for travelers.



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APRIL 20

The Transocean oil rig, Deepwater Horizon, exploded, killing 11 workers and began to spill oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Thousands of barrels of oil flooded into the gulf each day until the spill was stopped on Sept. 19.

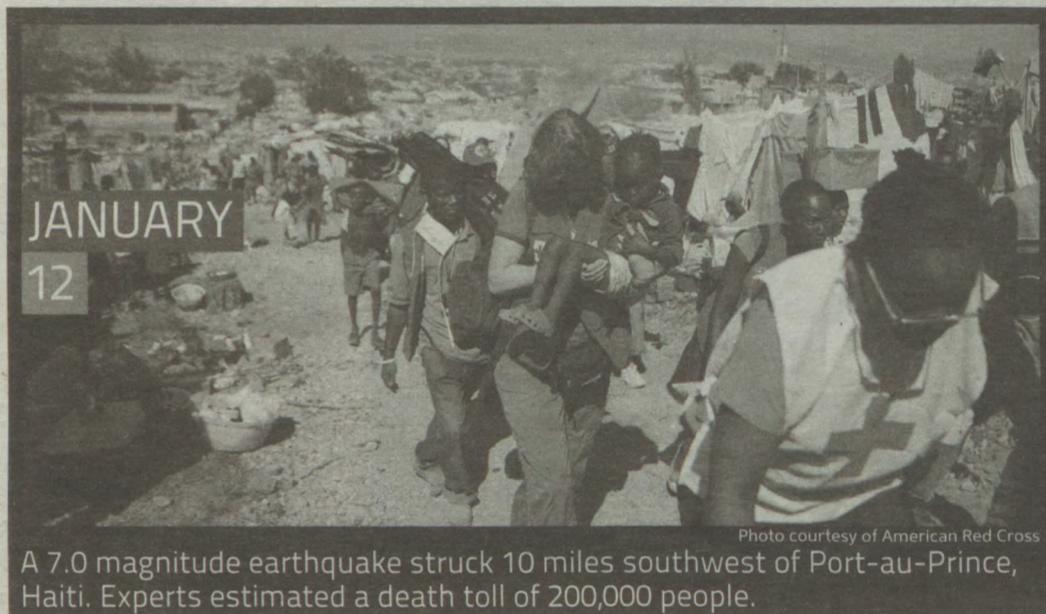


Photo courtesy of American Red Cross

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Experts estimated a death toll of 200,000 people.

JANUARY 25 — Ali Hassan al-Majid, former aid to Saddam Hussein, was executed in Iraq for his role in the poison-gas attack of the village of Halbja. Al-Majid was part of a group responsible for the deaths of approximately 180,000 Kurds in the Iraq-Iran War.

MARCH 29 — Two female suicide bombers detonated bombs in two Moscow subway stations, killing at least 39 people. This was the first terrorist attack in the capital city since 2004.

APRIL 8 — U.S. President Obama and Russian President Medvedev signed an arms reduction treaty and agreed to act in a united fashion against the threat of Iran's nuclear program. The pact, called the New Start, had each country promise to scale back their nuclear arsenals.

APRIL 14 — An eruption of the Icelandic Eyjafjallajökull Volcano disrupted air traffic through Northern and Western Europe for almost one week.

APRIL 27 — Greek debt ratings reached "junk" status, according to Standard and Poor's Index. Euro currency and stock markets worldwide declined because of the announcement.

MAY 5 — A Picasso painting sold for a record-breaking

\$106.5 million at auction. The painting, "Nude, Green Leaves and Bust," depicts Picasso's mistress and was painted in just one day in 1932.

MAY 31 — Nine people died after an Israeli navy commando attacked a flotilla of cargo ships and passenger boats on their way to Gaza to provide aid and supplies for the area. Israel claimed the passengers, who were pro-Palestinian and mostly Turks, were clearly hostile.

JULY — A heavy monsoon flooded one-fifth of Pakistan's landmass. The floods affected nearly 20 million people and the death toll reached nearly 2,000.

JULY 11 — The Shebab, an Islamic insurgent group from Somalia, claimed responsibility for coordinated bombings that killed at least 70 people in a crowd of soccer fans in Uganda.

JULY 24 — Twenty-one people were killed and 500 wounded during a stampede at a German music festival called the Love Parade. While attempting to enter the festival, the large crowd crushed into an underpass, suffocating and trampling victims.

AUGUST 19 — The last of U.S. combat forces departed from Iraq. The soldiers remaining are for training purposes only and are only to use weapons for

self-defense or at the request of the Iraqi government.

SEPTEMBER 28 — The state media in the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea announced that the son of Kim Jong-Il, Kim Jong-un, had been named vice chairman of the Central Military Commission of the ruling Worker's Party.

OCTOBER 12 — The rescue of the 33 trapped Chilean miners began at the San José mine near Copiapó, Chile. The miners were trapped underground for 69 days.

OCTOBER 19 — A one-day strike over the French government's pension reform plan turned into widespread protests, leading to blockaded roads, closed schools and violence. The government had proposed raising the legal minimum retirement age from 60 to 62.

NOVEMBER 13 — Myanmar democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi was freed after spending 15 of the past 21 years under house arrest. Police withdrew from their posts outside her home and removed barricades of cement and razor wire.

NOVEMBER 23 — The South Korean island of Yeonpyeong was shelled by North Korean artillery. Officials evacuated the island and ordered residents into bomb shelters.

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Officers make do amid cuts

By ANNIE STODOLA
Staff Reporter

Police departments in the state of Michigan are looking for ways to continue their quality of service even as they face budget cuts and decreased tax revenues.

In September, the village of Clarkston decided to disband their police department and instead contracted with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for police coverage.

Although no other towns have officially contracted the department for coverage, others — including the city of Pontiac — have entered into talks with the department about potentially contracting them in the future.

"Different communities are looking at us because they're seeing shrinking property values," Captain Mike Johnson, commander of the Rochester Hills substation, said. "When you see your property value fall five, 10, even 11 percent, that's that much less tax money you have to fund services. You have to find the nonessentials to cut."

Currently, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department has 12 substations located throughout the county.

According to Johnson, they currently serve about 25 percent of the county, or about 275,000 people.

"What makes contracting with us somewhat attractive is we have 12 different police departments, but only one range, one training facility, one human resources department," Johnson said. "It's so much more

cost effective."

Johnson cited that while his Rochester Hills substation has 60 police employees, he has only two civilian employees.

"Some stations have half the amount of guys I have, so maybe just 30 deputies, but they have five or 10 civilian employees," he said. "I'm able to do it with just two though, because of the support system we have through the department."

Although many of the towns have not decided to contract with the Sheriff's Department for police coverage as of now, Johnson said they have seen a rise in towns looking to contract with the department for dispatch services.

The Rochester Hills Fire Department, for

"We have a job to do. We're going to continue providing the services the public expects, even with less financial resources."

— Captain Tony Wickersham

example, recently contracted fire dispatch services with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Johnson said that this contract could save the city between \$700,000 and \$800,000 a year.

The department is contracted for fire dispatch services for 10 stations, and for police dispatch for five or six stations, according to

Johnson.

In addition to seeing financial trouble within the local police departments, Johnson said the sheriff's department has been hit hard with budget cuts for the past few years as well.

He said that they have lost 137 deputy positions in the past few years, and that many of their support services including marine, aviation and crime lab units have experienced significant cuts.

The situation is similar in Macomb County. Captain Tony Wickersham, chief of staff for the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, said that their department has been experiencing budget cuts for the past four years and have been told the cuts may last a few more years.

"The government runs on tax revenue and when property taxes drop, the amount of revenue being taken in is less and we're forced to make adjustments," Wickersham said.

Wickersham said the department has been analyzing many cost-saving measures, including examining overtime figures on a daily basis.

The Macomb County Sheriff's Department has provided police coverage to townships without police departments for a number of years, primarily to Macomb Township, the Township of Lenox, Washington Township and Harrison Township.

In 2005, it also was contracted for police coverage of Mount Clemens after the city disbanded their police department due to financial difficulties.

According to Wickersham, no other town police departments have indicated plans to contract the sheriff's department yet, however, consolidation has been a popular means of saving money in the area as well.

"Most cities that have their own police department want local control and officers who are living in their community who can respond to the community's needs," Wickersham said. "One of our big things, though, is consolidating services, especially dispatch service. Instead of each station having its own dispatch station, they pool their resources and it saves the taxpayers money."

Currently, the Macomb County Sheriff's Department is contracted for dispatch services for Eastpointe, the City of Roseville and Saint Clair Shores.

Johnson is optimistic about the future of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in spite of impending budget cuts.

"We're going to do the best we can," Johnson said. "I think we're in a pretty good position compared to other departments where they're losing 50 percent of their department. It's a whole different kettle of fish in places like that."

Wickersham also said the Macomb County Sheriff's Department is working to minimize the effects of budget cuts on its services.

"We're just looking at where we have to go from here," Wickersham said. "We have a job to do. We're going to continue providing the services that the public expects, even with less financial resources."

Verizon to build 4G networks across state, nation

By KAITLYN CHORNOBY
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The Internet: once a commodity, but rapidly turning into a necessity. What started as a boring way to send mail to acquaintances has turned into the prime marketplace for merchandise and ideas.

And companies are now making our networks faster and in the palm of our hands.

Verizon Wireless announced plans to build a 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) network before 2011 at a Nov. 3 event at the MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit.

The company said Oakland and Macomb counties will be targeted

in the initial launch including the areas of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Rochester Hills, Troy, Waterford Township, Shelby Township and Sterling Heights.

The launch will also include more than 60 commercial airports nationwide, including those in the initial areas and other key cities. Verizon hopes to cover the rest of Michigan by 2013.

The 4G LTE program will allow for faster wireless data and a quicker response time than the current 3G network.

4G connections can download a 75-megabyte file in 16 seconds; a device running on a 3G network will take six to eight times longer.

The 4G speeds are expected to grow to 1,000 megabits per second by 2014, and John Granby, president of the Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky region for Verizon, said the speeds are not the only benefit to the new LTE network.

"Initially this advanced technology will offer faster speeds when web browsing and uploading or downloading files and less lag time when streaming videos or video conferencing," Granby said.

"Our 4G network, however, promises much more with the ability to marry machines or devices to each other through technological intelligence to benefit businesses and consumers alike."

Demonstrations at the MotorCity Casino event showcased applications that can be used to help companies with efficiency and help police, firefighters and paramedics relay information quicker.

"The possibilities that 4G will offer businesses and consumers are limitless," Granby said.

These applications can be used for remote medical diagnostics and for responders to send high-definition video of injuries to emergency room doctors for treatment recommendation.

The company said they plan to continue supporting the current 3G network for at least the next decade, but has noted the 3G net-

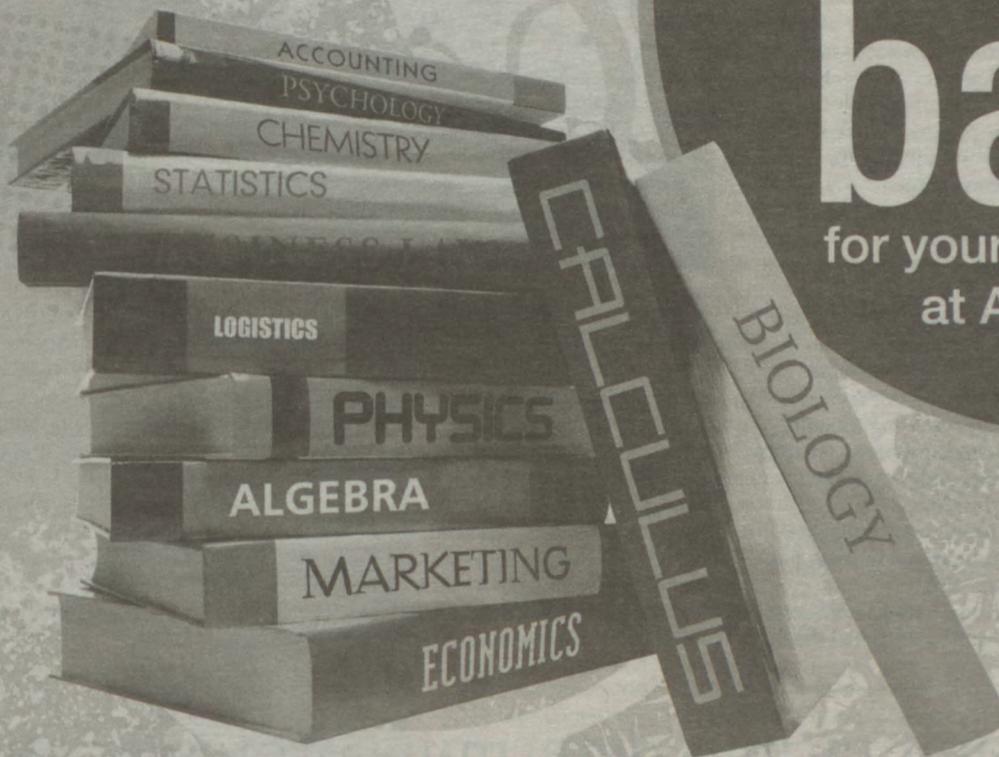
work will soon filter out, similar to the 2G network once 3G was launched.

Verizon spokespersons have suggested unlimited data plans for smartphones will not be available when the 4G network activates.

Verizon's chief financial officer John Killian told Business Week that the company will need to redesign pricing plans and will likely not offer a totally unlimited flat rate.

Verizon plans to hold a press conference today, Dec. 1 to finalize the plan and discuss more details of the program.

For more information on the LTE launch, visit news.vzw.com



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The pros and cons of using Moodle

By SARAH WOJCIK
Senior Reporter

Few know Moodle's full name: Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment.

Oakland University's course management system is a source of both convenience and chagrin to students and professors alike.

Some love Moodle.

Shaun Moore, manager of support services at e-Learning and Instructional Support (e-LIS), is passionate about Moodle. His expressive blue eyes light up and his gestures become wide and sweeping when he talks about the system.

When questioned about what he loved most about Moodle, he paused for several moments.

"I love Moodle's flexibility and the power and creativity it gives to users," he finally said.

Cornelia Pokrzywa, a special lecturer for the department of writing and rhetoric, relies largely on Moodle for her classes.

"My classes every week have activities on Moodle — online chats, discussion forums, posting resources and links, interactive quizzes, surveys, Wikis. There are a lot of resources you can use on there," she said.

The discussion forums arguably facilitate everyone having a chance to speak, particularly students who are less vocal in person.

However, other students have different

experiences.

Eugene Shin, a communications major, for instance, finds the discussion forums frustrating.

"If you didn't type fast enough, you would not be able to get your thought across, and if your grade depended on forum participation and the 'conversation' is flowing, you will miss out because of the rate of movement from topic to topic," Shin said.

From initially viewing Moodle as just another attempt to create a social network for students, Shin's sentiment has changed, however.

"As the semester progressed, I found Moodle to be rather useful because everything you need for assignments, grades and fellow classmates are all conveniently there on Moodle," he said.

Moodle's major downfall seems to be human error.

Professors who do not use Moodle can cause annoyance for students who do not want to deal with old fashioned paper syllabi. Poor updating of grades is also misleading. Students not using Moodle can encounter academic problems when it comes to their classes and coursework.

"Things can get lost in the cracks if you're not on top of it. It really requires a different kind of commitment from the students," Pokrzywa said.

Marissa Mercadante, a transfer student from OU to CMU and recreational therapy



SARAH WOJCIK/The Oakland Post

Additional help with Moodle and other web resources is offered at the e-Learning and Educational Support room, which is located in Kresge Library.

major, prefers CMU's course management system.

"(Blackboard) is a lot easier to use than Moodle and more reliable. I thought Moodle was really hard to use. I got confused a lot and didn't like it," she said.

"For presentation content (Moodle) is kind of boring," said Garry Gilbert, interim director of the journalism department.

Gilbert is looking into newer "splashier"

technology. All professors agree that Moodle is better than Oakland's old course management system, WebCT, however.

Moore referred to WebCT as a "nightmare to work with compared to Moodle."

Students and faculty interested in training and workshops with OU web resources, should check out e-Learning and Educational Support, located on the 4th floor of Kresge Library.

Chili peppers and 5-point ratings determine professor choices

By RACHEL RITZENTHALER
Contributing Reporter

When comes to deciding which professors to take each semester, students have the luxury of going online for advice.

It was recently discovered that nine out of 10 OU students polled reference the website www.rate-myprofessors.com pre-semester, for every professor and for every class.

"Rate My Professors" is a website that allows both students and professors to read and post student reviews on professors.

Some OU students and professors utilize the site more than others and a very small number of

people do not use the site at all.

According to the site, which has more than 11 million student ratings on over a million collegiate professors, they have the largest listing of professor reviews on the Internet.

Though some students do not reference the website, others completely rely on it.

Once on the site, students can leave comments and rate their professors in regards to easiness, helpfulness and clarity. There is also a rating for hotness, as denoted by a chili pepper.

"I think it's funny," said Brian Hlavaty, a visiting journalism professor. "I know professors do look at the site and the hotness

factor always gets laughs."

The site has been online since 1999 and is available for students to rate professors from over 6,000 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Wales.

According to the site, thousands of ratings are added every day.

A majority of OU students rely on the site when it comes to semester planning.

Some students said they did not always take the comments seriously, and others said they would not take a professor if they had bad reviews online.

"I always check, every single professor, but I don't always take

the comments seriously," Julie Thomas, a senior elementary education major, said.

Some students use the site more than others and have said they used it every semester, every time, though others said they only utilized it only once in awhile.

"I live by Rate My Professors," Bethany Greenhow, a senior communications major, said. "I plan my classes around it."

Only one student polled had never once used the site.

Professors can also utilize the website in order to see what students have to say about them.

Ruth Seymour, a journalism professor at OU, has been known

to pull her profile up in class.

"Yes, I check on myself," Seymour said. "People either love you or hate you."

Seymour also said that when she and her colleagues are interviewing job candidates, they check the candidates' reviews on the site and it is a great resource for students.

"I wish more students would use it," she said.

Though the comments are posted for everyone to see, the website allows professors to "rebuttal" their comments, leaving their own responses for thought.

Some professors have more reviews than others, but the site is still expanding.

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Weekly spotlight on OU professors

Glen Armstrong Special lecturer, writing and rhetoric

To keep up with this teacher, students need to know their pop culture facts.

Rhetoric Special Lecturer Glen Armstrong's curriculum circles around fan culture, music and comics.

"When I started teaching the McCloud comic, I was a little afraid that I would have fan boys in the back talking about whether or not Superman could beat up Hulk, but that's never happened," Armstrong said. "You've already played Pokémon and in my class, you can write a sophisticated paper about Pokémon, if you choose."



Armstrong studied English at Wayne State University and shortly after moved to Massachusetts where he went to graduate school at the University of Massachusetts. While there, Armstrong had the opportunity to study poetry with Pulitzer Prize winner James Tate.

Outside of class, Armstrong is constantly thinking about interesting material he can incorporate into his classroom discussions.

"I'm constantly thinking about interesting things that I can bring to class ... I teach on a pop culture theme with my class," Armstrong said. "I'm always involved with listening and playing music, graphic novels and my artist friends."

Assignments in Armstrong's class are largely focused on pop culture, and have included a written defense over a CD of the student's choice and a deeper look into fan culture anthropology, while the text is from an author who is an American cartoonist and theorist on comics.

"I do think the pop culture thing works pretty good in terms of student interest and getting people to think critically ... the whole idea of taking on comics, movies or popular music, undergraduates tend to have some innate understanding or experience with it," Armstrong said.

Armstrong says that he likes teaching on a pop culture basis because it gives his students an opportunity to talk.

Outside of the classroom, Armstrong hosts an open mic night every Saturday at the L.A. Café in Waterford.

Armstrong's courses this semester include WRT 150 and 160, which consist of both levels of composition classes.

— Ali Armstrong, Staff Writer

Alumna helps save lives

By SHAWN MINNIX
Copy Editor

The pressure was rising, and with no insurance or support, options were quickly running out for Sandy, who was contemplating suicide. Lucky for her, Oakland University alumna Lori Valuet was there to help.

Sandy is one of the many people in the area who found help from the Macomb County Mental Health Department at a difficult time in her life.

"I was severely depressed, close to a nervous breakdown," Sandy said. "I had been in an abusive relationship and I needed therapy."

With poverty and depression running rampant in society today, people seeking mental health assistance is dramatically rising. Valuet is trying to help these people at the Macomb County Mental Health Center and give back to the population.

"I'm one of those people who believe that serving the community is a thing of value," Valuet said.

Valuet graduated from OU in 1987, getting her bachelor's degree in human resource development. She continued her education and would later receive her master's in public administration in 1994, again from OU.

Immediately after graduation, she went to work at the mental health center and has been there ever since. In her current role of community relations assistant, Valuet has plenty of duties that include making sure the public knows what programs are available and how to use them.

"The work that I do is within the administration office, so it is for the broad benefit of our entire system," Valuet said. "For example, the written materials, the consumer guidebooks that describes all of our services and how to get them. That's what I produce."

However, Valuet does not just use guidebooks or pamphlets. She is currently working with website technicians to change the website to make it more user-friendly.

Even though she is not a clinician and does not provide medical services, Valuet is an important part of the staff, as she serves as a liaison between the program and the public.

"My function is really to help with the interaction between the community and the organization," Valuet said.

There has been a noticeable upward trend in the past few years in all aspects of mental health services, even with children. For people like Sandy, these workers helped to save not just her sanity, but also her life.

"I thought about hurting myself so I voluntarily committed myself to the psych ward at South Macomb Hospital through the department," she said. "I got the help that I needed and the workers were great. They were fun and

there was always things organized."

The 2009 Macomb County Annual Mental Health Report showed that 7,280 adults with mental illness came to get help for their problems as well as almost 1,700 children with some kind of serious emotional disturbance. An estimated 18,000 people in Macomb County were also involved in some kind of prevention services, ranging from substance abuse to clinical treatments for such things as depression and bipolar disorder.

Without this assistance, people like Sandy would be unable to fix their problems.

"If I wouldn't have that therapy, I don't know what would have happened," Sandy said. "The Macomb County Mental Health Department really helped me."

As Michigan has lost among the most jobs in the nation the past 10 years, the trend for public assistance should continue, as more people lose their insurance benefits.

"First of all, as the economy worsens, more people are eligible for Medicaid," Valuet said. "As more people are eligible for Medicaid, they're going to be coming to us for their mental health services."

Valuet does not believe this trend will stop soon either. Even in these drastic times, she takes great pride in helping the community find the resources and services they need to maintain their overall health and better their lives.

"I believe anyone who uses these services has a right to all of the information they need to use our services effectively," Valuet said. "They have the right to know all of the things we have to offer. Ultimately, the goal is for them to participate in their own recovery, and that's what really this is all about."

Valuet said she has no regrets with the career path she chose, but disapproves of those who harbor negative attitudes toward civic workers.

"The vast majority of us who work for the community are neighbors and friends, we have kids that we are trying to send to college too," Valuet said. "I really feel that public servants have been vilified."

Valuet believes cutting governmental spending on these mental health programs would have other negative effects.

"It's very easy to say we need to slash-and-burn our government, but that's us and ultimately, that's also you," Valuet said. "It has a direct effect on what kinds of services are available, whether there are community health services available. These things happen because of all of us who have made the choice to serve our communities, rather than go out and take these jobs that make big money."

Editor's note: Sandy's name was changed to protect the confidentiality of the client, per mental health regulations.

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Dance program delivers

Student dancers perform at Varner Recital Hall for annual concert

By RHIANNON ZIELINSKI
Scene Editor

The Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company are joining together this week for their first performance of the 2010-11 season.

"It showcases what we've been working on all semester and it's something different from what you usually see," senior dance major Meghan Sullivan said.

The performances, on Dec. 2 and 3, feature ten pieces from the two dance companies. Guest choreographers have been working with the dancers over the past semester to prepare for the annual concert.

"We have guest artists that come in for both groups," assistant dance professor Alison Woerner said. "Daniel Gwertzman from New York City came in for a week and worked with the six girls in Rep Company and set a piece with them."

Dance professor Laurie Eisenhower's dance company, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, is currently in residency at OU and also provided choreography for the show.

"We contact them about a year ahead of time and see if they're free and if they're willing to come in, not just to set work but to teach classes to the students in all different levels and capacities," Woerner said, about choosing choreographers for the performance. "It's not just technique, but also improvisation or dance history, so that they're really getting a well-rounded experience with that guest artist."

To prepare for the performance, the dancers worked extra hours with the guest artists.

"It was really intense for us. We had three- or four-hour rehearsals every day. It's a little bit more extensive than we usually have," junior dance major Lindsay Chirio said.

To keep up with their school work, the dancers work on their homework together, since many are in the same classes.

"You have to use your breaks well," junior dance major Justine Gagne said. "We all do our kinesiology homework together."

The concert will feature many things new to the dance program, like a tap number and a dance that includes vocals from the dancers.

"I've never been a part of a piece that has



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

Members of the Oakland Dance Theatre perform one of the pieces for the upcoming annual dance concert at Varner Recital Hall. The OU Repertory Dance Company will also be performing at the concert, which takes place Dec. 2 and 3.

text in it — we're actually speaking on the stage," junior dance major Jasmine Paige-Cox said.

Even the music this year will be different from performances in the past.

"We've got a big variety," Woerner said. "The tap dance has no music, because they make their own, but with all the other ones, there's French and we've got some real eclectic music, too."

In addition to the evening performances, the dance program's Choreography II class will be featuring Arts at Noon, a free event for everyone in the community. The show provides a chance for students in the class to showcase their own choreography.

"It's basically all the students that are learning different ways to come up with movement and to create our own pieces. It's our first piece of choreography," Chirio said.

The event is at noon on the days of the concert performances.

"They're pretty pumped up that they get to see their work and get to be behind the

scenes and wear the choreographing hat instead of being the dancer all the time," Woerner said.

For the dancers, the annual concert is a chance for them to do what they love for an audience.

"It isn't just a hobby for all of us," Gagne said. "This is what I train to do for my job and that's really, really exciting."

Paige-Cox hopes that the concert will show a different view of the dance community.

"I always think a live performance from a college company or even a professional company is something that you should try to go see because it's completely different from what you see on 'So You Think You Can Dance,'" she said. "It's on a whole other level."

The performances will be on Thursday, Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Tickets are \$13 for general admission and \$7 for students and can be purchased online at www.oakland.edu/mtd or at the Varner Box Office.



records & reels



THE WARRIOR'S WAY // 100 min. // R

In his directorial debut, Sngmoo Lee presents the story of a warrior assassin who is forced to hide in a small desert town of America after refusing a mission back home. As time goes on, he struggles to find peace, contentment and love in his new home.

BLACK SWAN // 103 min. // R

Darren Aronofsky, director of "Requiem for a Dream," is back with another thriller based around Nina (Natalie Portman), a talented dancer for the New York City Ballet. When she was promised the part of the of the White/Black swan in Swan Lake, things take a dangerous turn when talented young dancer Lily (Mila Kunis) takes the competition to a new level.

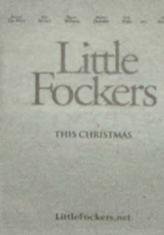


THE FIGHTER // 114 min. // R

Based on the life story of boxer "Irish" Mickey Ward (Mark Wahlberg) and his trainer brother Dick Eklund (Christian Bale). The Fighter chronicles Ward's eventual rise to fame in the world championship in London and Eklund's struggle with drugs.

LITTLE FOCKERS // PG-13

In the third installment of the Meet the Parents series, it has taken ten years for Greg (Ben Stiller) to gain the trust of his father-in-law Jack (Robert De Niro). After Greg takes a job moonlighting for a drug company, Jack starts to become suspicious of the male nurse. When Greg and Pam's entire family comes in town for their twin's birthday, Greg must prove he is ready to be the man of the house.



TRON: LEGACY // 114 min. // PG

Sam Flynn, son of the Kevin Flynn, once known as the world's leading video game developer who mysteriously disappeared 20 years ago, receives a strange signal that could only have come from his father. After being pulled into the same virtual world his father has been captive in, the family embarks on a dangerous journey to escape a universe created by Kevin himself.

THE NEXT THREE DAYS // 122 min. // PG-13

John Brennan (Russell Crowe) led a seemingly perfect life until his wife, Lara, is arrested for a murder that she says she didn't commit. John is forced to raise their son alone, teaching at a college while spending every available moment trying to prove Lara's innocence. When Lara becomes suicidal, John becomes determined to break his wife out of prison and save the woman he loves.



— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik, Staff Reporter

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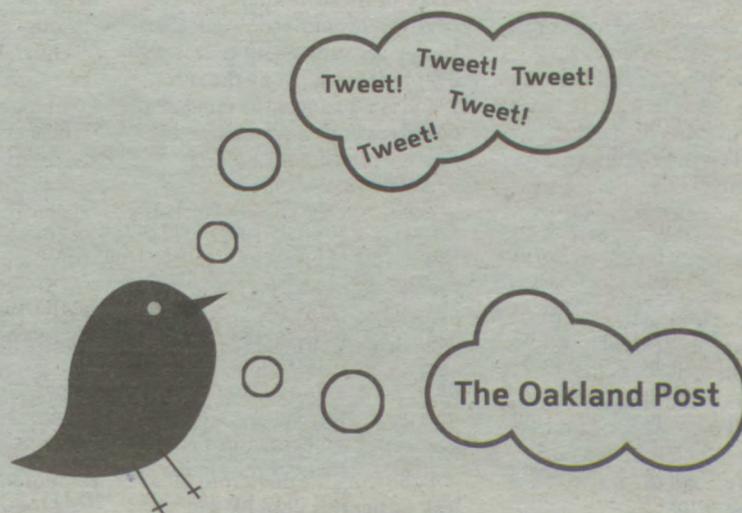
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Remembering December 2010

2010

A look into the past of our future

BONUS: A sneak peek at celebrity New Year Resolutions

By **RORY McCARTY**

Mouthing Off Editor/
prognosticator

I've heard the complaints. Every time we do a "Year in Review" issue, people ask, "Why is the Oakland Post recapping the top news stories from the past year? Isn't this a newspaper? That's hardly new. Are you becoming an oldspaper?"

Well, yes, we did consider becoming an oldspaper for a while, but we decided against it. I'm digressing here.

My greatest concern when we do a year in review is that December gets left out. How can we recap the year without having lived through its final days?

Well, I've got you covered on both fronts. I intend to report news so new that it has yet to happen, and at the same time put the finishing touch on our remembrance of 2010.

For your information and entertainment, I risked causing irreparable damage to the time-space continuum and fired up the Oakland Post time machine one last time to boldly travel into the future ... all the way to New Years Eve 2010!

Brave New World

Toyota will have more trouble with recalls when the latest line of Priuses (Prii?) are found to have faulty seats that accidentally and suddenly recline. Customers have begun a class action suit against Toyota for injuries caused by to

"spontaneous relaxation."

The inspiring story of the Chilean miners who survived for 69 days trapped underground will be overshadowed when 12 Christmas shoppers are trapped in an elevator with Kanye West, Paris Hilton and Glenn Beck. Though they are only trapped for six hours, most of the shoppers end up beating each other to death as a form of mercy killing.

The makers of "LOST," desperate to make people forget the show's awful conclusion, will make an alternate ending. In the new conclusion, it turns out that Hurley is an angel sent to watch over humanity ... and the entire island is a dream in the mind of a comatose boy ... who is himself a figurine in a tiny snowglobe.

Arizona's new immigration law will become so popular that other border states will adopt it. Michigan State Police will become one of the first to begin demanding immigration papers from drivers, although many citizens will be falsely deported because the trooper claimed, "He looked Canadian to me. Those Francophonics bastards..."

Following the disastrous oil leak earlier this year, BP will make sure it's more prepared for the next environmental disaster. Taking a page from Monsanto's book, BP will begin genetically engineering aquatic wildlife that is impervious to crude oil and oil dispersant chemicals. New Orleans will embrace the change and adopt an oil spill-based economy.

Full body scanners will become somehow even more invasive when TSA agents strap on lead vests and start looking inside airline patrons for plastic explosives hidden in their lower intestines. Those who opt out will get a free colonoscopy.

Jack White will start his fifth band side project, a Vuvuzela quartet called Toot Sweet. Their self-titled debut album will be optioned by the military to be used in combat situations after their live show puts an entire audience in the hospital with brain hemorrhaging.

The U.S. government will declare war on Wikileaks. Carpet bombing to the website will cause significant collateral damage to the Internet. Several Lolcats will be killed in the firestorm. As a reparation, the government will give free cheezburgerz to their survivors.

Resolution Revolution

After doing all the necessary research I decided to pop over to Times Square for the annual dropping of the ball. I figured, as long I'm here, I may as well make my resolutions.

So I resolved to stop making jokes about "Jersey Shore," a show about a group of obnoxious people who live in Miami, only one of whom is from New Jersey. Okay, that was my last one, I swear.

Then I decided to check in with some celebrities and find out what the rich and famous are

planning for 2011.

Lindsay Lohan will resolve to open a series of personally-branded rehab centers for washed-up child actors. They will institute a punch card system for faithful customers. Four visits and the fifth is free!

Justin Bieber, upset about not getting the Zhu Zhu Pet he wanted for Christmas, will resolve to stop talking to his parents. And he'll resolve to stop taking out the garbage because it's unfair they make him do stuff. And he'll run away from home to live with his aunt who loves him more.

Justin Bieber is a baby, is what I'm saying.

Levi Johnston will resolve to distance himself from the Palin family. His first step in a new lease on life: to change his name to Apple Bottom Johnston.

Back at OU, President Gary Russi will resolve to one day wear shorts to the office.

Based on the popularity of OUSC's hammock initiative, President Brandon Gustafson will resolve to run for re-election on a hammock oriented platform. Hammocks will replace regular seating in most classrooms.

And Snooki, who was arrested earlier this year for being criminally annoying, will resolve to lobby the criminal justice system to set standards for what levels of annoying constitute a crime. For future reference.

Crap. That was what, twenty seconds? Well, I'm getting better, at least. Anyway, Happy 2011!



Things you shouldn't have said to your professors

By **RACHEL HYDE**
Contributing Columnist

10. "Isn't the administration pissing you off again? I could really use another week of vacation."
9. "My doctor recommends listening to sounds to lull me to sleep. May I record your lecture?"
8. "Sorry I'm so late. I didn't miss anything important though, right?"
7. "I was thinking about taking a different class, but your hot pepper rating on Rate My Professors swayed me."
6. "I don't know why my Spanish isn't improving. Dora says I'm doing great!"
5. "If I ditch after the break, will I be marked absent?"
4. "I don't know about the book, but the movie adaptation was awesome."
3. "What's this 'Moodle' you speak of?"
2. "I only got a B- on my paper? But I paid \$19.95 for it!"
1. "The bookstore doesn't believe me that I haven't used my textbook all semester. Will you vouch for me?"

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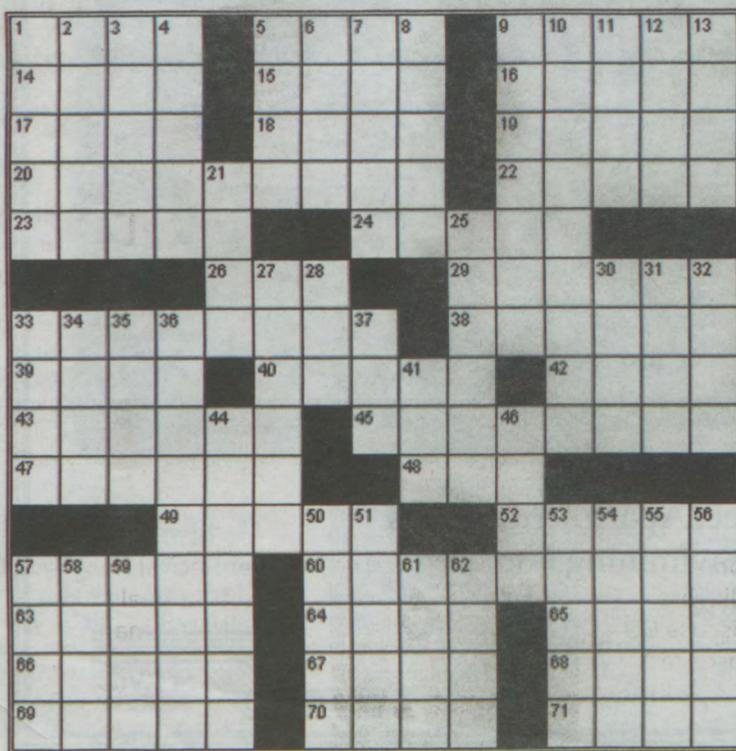
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- 14. Bring
- 15. District
- 16. Not married
- 17. October birthstone
- 18. Pass the tongue over
- 19. Not sit
- 20. Chew
- 22. Minor
- 23. Implore
- 24. German iris
- 26. Poetic time of day
- 29. A musical interval of 8 tones
- 33. Long strip of cloth or paper
- 38. Charred
- 39. Ache
- 40. East African oryx
- 42. Bell sound
- 43. William Tell was one
- 45. Sink in
- 47. Unbending
- 48. Sailor's affirmative
- 49. Long periods of geologic time
- 52. SSSS

DOWN

- 57. Horde
- 60. Restive
- 63. Fritter away
- 64. Cog
- 65. Pro or con
- 66. Unearthly
- 67. Stetsons and derbies
- 68. Dwarf buffalo
- 69. Flora
- 70. Tall woody plant
- 71. Driven by lust

- 21. Bright thought
- 25. Prayer beads
- 27. Fetus
- 28. Born
- 30. Operatic solo
- 31. A hole for the escape of air
- 32. Border
- 33. Resorts
- 34. Fruity pastry
- 35. Grows in paddies
- 36. Embolden
- 37. Tear
- 41. Ocean
- 44. Chemical
- 46. Encounter
- 50. Not day
- 51. Besmirch
- 53. Rope fiber
- 54. Parisian river
- 55. Fund
- 56. Place
- 57. Exchange
- 58. Palisade
- 59. Largest continent
- 61. Head
- 62. Backside