

A 'home away from home' for international students

By SARAH WOJCIK
Features Editor

The number of international students is growing at Oakland University, which is already home to more than 20,000 students.

"We have over 400 students from about 62 countries, based on last year," Petra Knoche, the assistant director of the International Students and Scholars Office, said. "We're redoing the statistics by the end of this month because we just got about 80 new students."

Compared to larger-scale universities that have populations of international students in the thousands, Knoche said that the ISSO is proud to offer specialized one-on-one services to students, including immigration counseling and a multitude of programs. On the door hangs a sign saying, "A home away from home."

International students have the option of coming as

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From England to Oakland

By ANDREW CRAIG,
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This fall, renowned humanist, atheist and author Richard Dawkins will arrive on campus.

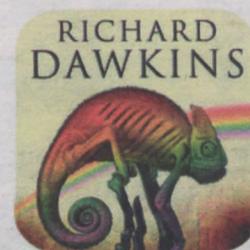
On Oct. 13, Dawkins will begin his visit with a question and answer session exclusively for Oakland University students from 10-12 p.m., hosted by the new student organization Atheists at OU.

According to Todd Shackelford, psychology department chair and Atheists at OU faculty advisor, the significance of the event cannot be understated.

"It's huge, absolutely huge," Shackelford said. "So far, 26 academic units at Oakland have come forward to support the event. People should understand how rare it is that this many departments are behind it. It's really quite astounding, the onslaught of support.

I couldn't be more pleased with the outpouring of support we've seen to have Dawkins here."

Dawkins comes to OU in part to promote his new book, "The Magic of Reality: How We Know What's Really True." A lecture from 1-2:30 pm in the OC banquet rooms, formally hosted by the department of psychology, will feature his recent work. Afterward, students and visitors can attend a book signing.



Courtesy of Richard Dawkins Foundation
OU is one of six stops on Dawkin's book tour.

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Oakland partners with AAUW

By SARAH HUNTON
Staff Reporter

The Rochester branch of the American Associate of University Women (AAUW) and Oakland University have created a new partnership that will benefit students at OU.

With the partnership, Oakland is now one of over 500 AAUW college and university partners.

The AAUW works to advance women of all ages by abolishing any barriers between them and education.

"We think this is a great opportunity for students of Oakland University to take advantage of some of the opportunities that the AAUW offers," Ruth Johnson, the College/University Liaison of the Rochester branch, said.

Because of this new partnership, OU undergrad students may become student affiliates of the AAUW for free.

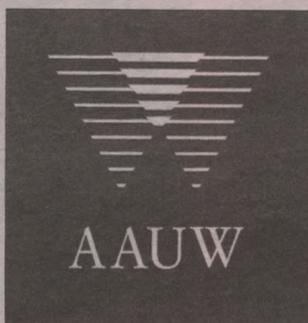
For up to two years following

their graduation, former college students are eligible for a free membership through the "Give-A-Grad-Gift" program.

Those involved with the organization have access to programs that help advance women in education. The Rochester branch of the AAUW offers fellowships and grants to grad students, leadership, and political training programs for women.

The organization also offers grants for campus action projects. This monetary support is provided to organizations on college campuses that design and implement programs that take activist action.

"Students can also become members of the National Student Advisory Council," Johnson said of the ways for individuals to get involved. "They can advise the AAUW on what student needs on campus are and help fight gender discrimination in higher education and the work place. Those students also get to attend the National



Conference of College Women Student Leaders for free."

In addition to these educational and networking gains, members of the AAUW can also receive discounts on Princeton Review classes, travel, insurance and books.

Jennifer Gole, Women and Gender Studies undergrad and president of Students Advocating for Gender Awareness believes that this partnership provides opportunity for all genders.

"I think that all genders benefit from this," Gole said. "While I am not aware of the particulars regarding the AAUW's scholar-

ship opportunities etc., feminist ethics do benefit all genders."

Grace Wojcik, the director of the Gender and Sexuality Center at OU, has had much involvement with the creation this partnership and also sees benefits to the alliance.

"I think (this partnership) is important because this is the perfect tool for women to get involved with other women, or men who are passionate about gender equality to get involved," Wojcik said. "(The AAUW) does a lot of volunteer and community service in the community of Rochester and they are just a really passionate group of women who are trying to better things for the next generation."

Wojcik is also interested in bringing the AAUW's "Smart Start" program to OU. Through the program, workshops teach useful job skills.

To become an undergraduate student affiliate, visit AAUW.org

campus briefs

Job fair for English majors

On Sept. 29 in the Oakland Center, students can further develop job opportunities from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in rooms 128-130. This will be an opportunity to network with English alum.

Student to professional conference

From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Oct. 1, students can learn skills in the OC gold rooms to help in landing a job. This event will focus on building skills such as networking, branding yourself and negotiating salaries.

Study abroad fair

Students interested in studying overseas should stop by the Fireside Lounge on Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to learn of available programs. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Lit to Film: 'The Time Traveler's Wife'

The OU Alumni Association, along with the library are pairing up to bring a unique book club experience. On Oct. 4 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., the group will first watch the film "The Time Traveler's Wife" and then explore the transition from book to film.

The club is open to everyone, and attendees get to keep the book. The book club meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Kresge Library, room 225B.

2011 Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading

Robert VanderMolen, an accomplished poet, will be the guest for the Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading. The reading is a tribute to Professor Maurice F. Brown, who taught at OU from 1961 until his death in 1985. This event is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

— Compiled by, Megan Semeraz,
Assistant Campus Editor

Rochester writers conference sparks creativity, passion

By KEVIN GRAHAM
Staff Reporter

Oakland University will be the site of the fourth annual Rochester Writers Conference, taking place Saturday, Oct. 8 in the Oakland Center.

This year's theme is "Get Published." The conference includes a variety of freelance, fiction and nonfiction writing workshops and business concepts for those looking for a breakthrough with publishers. It also gives local writers a chance to network with their peers.

"The conference is really for any level of writer," said Michael Dwyer, conference organizer. "New and unpublished writers will gain valuable information to get published sooner, to get paid better, and to promote themselves. Established writers can attend

and learn more about a genre of writing they've never done."

Among the variety of topics discussed will be self-publishing; something panelist Cindy La Ferle knows can sound deceptively simple.

"Self-publishing isn't always 'easy,'" La Ferle said. "You have to do all of your own marketing without the help or the budget of a traditional publisher."

Lisa Howard is hosting a session on food and writing.

"We'll look at different sub-fields within culinary writing," said Howard, who plans to cover everything from food essays to nutrition pieces. "I hope that addressing lots of different angles of the business will give participants a peek into new writing venues and also realize how vast this field is."

One of the most important things La Fer-

le and Howard said they took away from the conference was the connection afforded by getting so many authors together in one place.

"The biggest draw of the conference is networking with other writers and to see how they handle the ins and outs of being a solo freelancer," Howard said. "Working for yourself is worlds apart from working for a company."

La Ferle, who says writing can sometimes be a lonely pursuit, finds the experience invigorating. "I've always found the (conference) to be energizing," she said. "Just being around that creative energy gets me enthused about my own work, even though I've been writing professionally for nearly 30 years."

Interested attendees can register early for \$99. Registration after Oct. 1 is \$125.

Career Cycle helps students focus

By **MEGAN SEMERAZ**
Assistant Campus Editor

Planning for the future can be a difficult task when trying to balance college life. The Oakland University advising resource center and career services have teamed up to provide students with an interactive career cycle to help them "focus on the finish line."

According to Sara Webb, assistant director of orientation and new student programs, the actual career cycle was developed two years ago. The steps within the cycle have not changed since then, but the new theme was added to ensure students are meeting their own personal goals.

"Focus on the finish line" is an initiative that a group of university administrators had come up with as a way to provide students expectations, or tips ... about what they should be doing here at Oakland to prepare for the finish line," Webb said.

The career cycle is divided into four

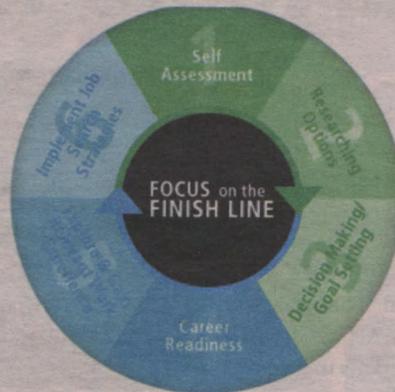
years. The first two years focus on self-assessment and career decision making, while the later years focus more on career preparation.

According to Darren Duff, student programs intern for career services, the career cycle is broken up into sections for the sake of concision. It also shows where they stand toward completing their overall goal, whether that be graduation, or finding a career after graduation.

"It's not so much thrown out at one time, it's more blocked out in sections for planning reasons ... it's broken up into steps that aren't necessarily on your class level, but where you are as far as understanding what you want to do, what major is linked to what career," Duff said.

The map can be seen online in an interactive flash diagram. Each section of the cycle has links, worksheets, videos and audio clips that keep students interested and involved in their career planning.

"The OU career cycle always had some



interaction, they have their voice over clips and a lot of links so people can navigate on their own," Webb said.

According to Webb, the career cycle provides an overview and continuity to services provided around campus.

"Often times, there are a lot of things that happen on campus that are resources for students," Webb said. "They are all over the place and (students) don't exactly know where to find them ... this is meant to pro-

vide some continuity to that information."

The new vision provides students with the resources they need to plan ahead and have fun while doing it, Webb said.

"Focus on the finish line, we wanted folks to go there and not just read words, but have tools," Webb said. "So, whether that you watch a little video ... and get some good information, or you click on a worksheet and print and use it to track grades ... you (could) read the list and say 'oh my gosh, I didn't realize I need to see my advisor.'"

Although Webb said it may not be realistic for a student to follow the career cycle step by step, students are able to get bits and pieces of information at times that are convenient for them.

According to Webb, if a student can only follow one step in the cycle, it should be to schedule an appointment with their academic advisor at least once a year.

To learn more about the OU career cycle, visit oakland.edu/finishline or oakland.edu/careercycle

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In the evening, university faculty and administrators will hold a dinner in Dawkins' honor at Meadow Brook Hall, a gesture of thanks for making Oakland one of only six stops on his U.S. book tour.

Perhaps even more remarkable than his stop at OU, however, is that Dawkins agreed to drop in on his own dime. Additionally, all proceeds from the book signing will be donated to the university.

"He (Dawkins) offered to pay for his own airfare and accommodations," Shackelford said. "Plus, he's big on student groups, so he has waived his speaking fee too, which is normally about \$25,000."

Senior and psychology major Kimberly Danner, vice president of Atheists at OU, said Dawkins' willingness to come to OU demonstrated his greater concern for students than for financial details.

"It's kind of remarkable," Danner said. "He's only stopping at six places, and one of them is here. I thought it was a little far-fetched at first, to actually bring Dawkins here as a speaker, but here we are today."

A controversial legacy

Junior James Kleiner, psychology and philosophy double-major, added that although Dawkins' is followed across the world, it also comes with controversy.

"It's definitely a big deal to have him here, but there's also a lot of controversy that seems to follow him," he said. "I hope the day runs smoothly, but it seems that many of the places he goes have protests of some sort."

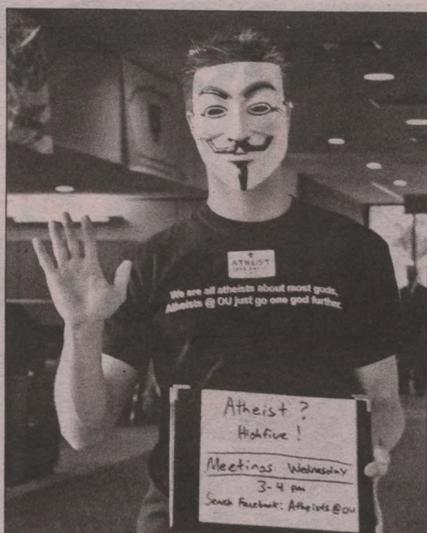
An outspoken atheist, Dawkins has been criticized by many Christian groups in the U.S. and other countries. His most famous book, "The God Delusion," has attracted much religious debate. Millions of copies have been sold worldwide.

Agape, one of several Christian student organizations at OU, is one such group that takes exception to Dawkins' philosophy.

"The way we have seen (Dawkins) speak in the past, it's offensive and very strong," Agape president Emma Goodman said. "It hurts when my faith is attacked."

However, Agape is open to the thoughts of others, according to Goodman. A dissenting opinion, she said, is not necessarily negative in its entirety.

"Because Agape is open, we like to hear differing views," Goodman said. "How can we expect people to believe something if they haven't heard the opposite view?"



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Atheists at OU member James Kleiner promotes club awareness in the Oakland Center.

Rebecca Capen, administrative assistant for Christian group Intervarsity, saw some benefit to experiencing Dawkins in person.

"Everyone has a right to express their opinions," she said. "It is good because it raises questions. It may cause people to explore further."

However, Capen suggests that Dawkins' opinions may have negative consequences.

"I warn him (Dawkins), because he is treading on dangerous ground," she said. "If God does exist, then he (Dawkins) has a big problem on his hands."

Since the Atheists at OU was founded in January, an opposition of thought has been very evident, Kleiner said.

On campus, flyers promoting Dawkins have been defaced or torn down. According to campus police reports, the new group has also had conflicts with other students.

"People can be dismissive—very quick to shun new ideas that they don't want to hear," Kleiner said. "A lot of people can't conceive that we don't have a belief in God, so they find it threatening, I suppose."

CRU, a Bible study group at OU, released the following statement on Dawkins.

"We feel indifferent to Mr. Dawkins speaking at Oakland University, and we also believe that God loves Mr. Dawkins just as he loves us all," CRU said. "Jesus Christ died for all of our sins including Mr. Dawkins' sin, and that, even through an event such as this, the glory and immeasurable love of God our Father will be shown."

Regardless of the controversy that surrounds a lifetime of work, Dawkins' brief stay at OU will be both memorable and impactful, although likely for different reasons. For information, visit oakland.edu/psychology

DAWKINS AT A GLANCE

— Born in Nairobi, Kenya

— He received his B.A. in biology from Balliol College, Oxford in 1962, followed by an M.A. and Ph. D. in Philosophy

— He was the University of Oxford's professor of Public Understanding of Science from 1995-2008.

— He is the vice president of the British Humanist Association.

— In 2001, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

— In his book "The Selfish Gene", Dawkins popularized the "selfish gene" theory, which states genes are the principal unit of selection in evolution.

This gene point of view also provides a basis for understanding kin selection.



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— Works include "The Extended Phenotype", "The Blind Watchmaker", "Unweaving the Rainbow", "The God Delusion" and "A Devil's Champlain"

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police files

Sexual assault in student apt.

On Sept. 5, 2011, officers responded to a complaint of a roommate dispute. The police report stated that on the evening of Sept. 2, 2011 the two female students were drinking and invited a male student over. Later, the female student went to the male student's apartment. The female student reported that she laid across his bed and was sexually assaulted soon after. The female victim was taken to a nearby hospital following the report.

Student is harassed via Skype

On Sept. 14, 2011, a female student reported threatening comments from a male student via Skype. She said the male student showed her a gun. Upon search of the male's room, no firearms were found. The male was instructed to end contact with the student.

Drunk student on soccer fields

On Sept. 23, 2011, officers reported to a call about a disorderly person in the student apartments. The male student, who made the call, stated the person in question had left. A trail of smeared and droplets of blood led outside where a witness said a male was stumbling across the soccer fields. Officers found the subject, who had a BAC level of .325. The subject said he had intentionally broken a beer bottle over his head and punched several walls. The subject was taken to Crittenton hospital.

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik, Scene Editor

Dorm larcenies on the rise

By **MADELINE LOSHAW**
Staff Intern

Laptops, money and other valuables were reported stolen from two dorm rooms in Vandenberg Hall the morning of Sept. 15.

Both rooms were left unlocked, confirmed Lt. Mel Gilroy of the Oakland University Police Department.

Brittany LaRocque, an actuarial sciences major and freshman, is one of the victims of the string of larcenies.

LaRocque's roommate left early for class the morning of Sept. 15, leaving the door unlocked while LaRocque continued to sleep.

Soon after waking up, LaRocque realized that something was wrong.

"I saw that my purse was over by the closet and it was open. I wouldn't have put it there," she said.

LaRocque looked in her purse



ANDREW CRAIG/The Oakland Post

Students in Vandenberg Hall have identified theft as more prevalent now than in recent years.

and found that \$4 had been taken. She then went on to check the rest of her room for missing items. The thief, or thieves, had taken her laptop and iPod as well.

Junior Kevin O'Bryan, a philosophy major, was also a victim of theft the morning of Sept. 15. He suspects that his suitemates'

door was left unlocked, and that the thief entered his room through his suite's adjoining bathroom. His laptop and a jar filled with approximately \$40 in change were stolen.

"I loved that jar," O'Bryan said, "who steals a jar of change?"

O'Bryan said that his roommate's PlayStation 3 was taken

as well. The thief was sloppy, however, overlooking other valuables left out in the open.

According to O'Bryan, this is the first time in over three years of living on campus that he feels unsafe about his possessions.

LaRocque didn't realize how many people knew about the recent thefts until a classmate asked her if she had heard about the recent trend of thefts.

"Yeah," she said, "cause that was me."

Although LaRocque recognizes the danger of someone entering her room while she slept, she is more upset that her possessions are missing.

"I can't imagine not feeling safe in my room. I'm still here," she said, "But my laptop and my iPod, they aren't."

Both O'Bryan and LaRocque filed reports with OUPD following the larcenies.

"They (OUPD) know it was a string of thefts," O'Bryan said, "I leave it up to them."

Important facts to remember about OUPD:

If you lost something, call OUPD's non-emergency number at **248.370.3331**

Students can contact the campus police department to report lost/stolen items.

Items reported lost with OUPD can be found at police.oakland.edu/property

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New hires at OU

[Anthony Guest]

Assistant Professor, Theatre

Personal:

"I was an actor first, then I started directing and then I started teaching. I've been attempting to find a place closer to home...this position opened up and here I am." I'm also a native Michigander, so for me, this is coming home.

Courses this year:

Musical Theatre Workshop
Company Class
Director of Grey Gardens (winter)

Work:

"I love to balance the discipline of our form with just plain playing. You can't really find true character unless you know how to play...I like to play a lot in class, but I also expect a lot in return."

About Professor Guest:

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GOP DEBATE AT OAKLAND

National political event offers opportunity for campus

By KAY T. NGUYEN, Editor in Chief Designed by KAITLYN CHORNOBY, Managing Visual Editor

Oakland University is playing the role of gracious host as the Michigan Republican Party and the CNBC news channel put on a Republican presidential debate on campus.

Although many of the details, including the identity of the moderator and the specific participants, have not been finalized, members of the planning committee have confirmed that the event will take place in the OU O'rena on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

According to Karen Kukuk, executive assistant to the president of the school, the opportunity came about when Robert Schostak, chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, suggested OU's campus as a venue to CNBC. Schostak is a long-time donor and 1978 alum of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Talks began in the spring and the development was officially announced to the campus community through an email blast sent by OU President Gary Russi Aug. 1.

Logistical elements are still being finalized by members of a planning committee led by Michelle Piskulich, associate provost and associate professor of political science. It's unclear how many students will actually get to watch the debate in the O'rena.

Although there is seating planned for about 1,400 people in the O'rena, only a small block of tickets will be given to Oakland.

"Students have to remember that we're just the host and venue," said David Dulio, a member of the planning committee and political science department chair. "It's the Michigan GOP and, to some extent, CNBC, running the show."

Piskulich said a limited amount of tickets would be available to students, who will be chosen through a lottery.

Students who aren't able to get coveted tickets will still be able to get in on the action. Educational programming is being planned leading up to and following the debate; including a watch party that will be held in the banquet rooms of the Oakland Center.

Details on further programming will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Volunteer opportunities are available to students who will be able to help in a plethora of ways ranging from assisting CNBC crews and other media outlets, to directing traffic for the event.

"We'll be looking to get a good cross-section of students who can represent the university," Piskulich said.

In addition to the 200-plus media outlets expected to turn out for the debate, "The Today Show" might also be broadcasting from campus the following morning, according to Piskulich and other members of the planning committee.



"Oakland University will serve as a great place for Republicans to debate a new way forward for our economy and highlight how President Obama has failed to lead. Michigan is undoubtedly a battleground state and Republicans are here to win and make Barack Obama a one-term president."

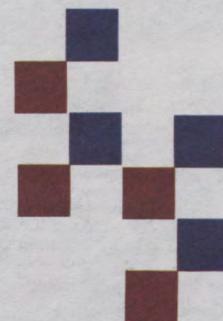
-RNC Chairman Reince Priebus

"As an institution of higher learning, Oakland University supports activities that allow American citizens to make educated decisions about the political candidates vying to represent them. We're pleased to host a Republican national debate as a critical part of the broader democratic process that will determine who will be elected president in the 2012 election."

-Gary Russi, Oakland University president

Volunteer

Student volunteers are needed to perform a variety of tasks for CNBC, the Michigan Republican Party and Oakland University, among many other organizations, in the week leading up to the debate. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, but don't expect a reply back right away. Final decisions and assignments will be made a few weeks after the deadline. Students can register to get involved at www.grizzlink.oualumni.com/debatevolunteer



Ticketing Information

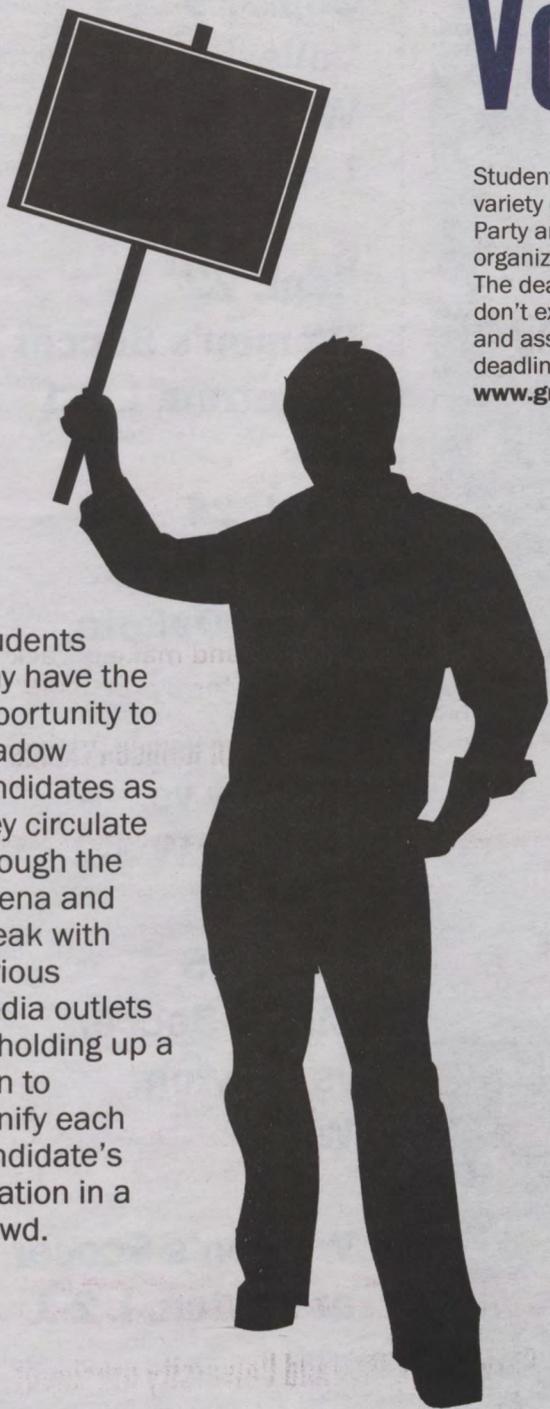
About 200 tickets will be made available to Oakland University by the Michigan Republican Party, though not all will be set aside for students. Students will be able to enter a lottery for tickets to the live event in the coming weeks.



Look-alikes sought

Do you look like a Republican presidential hopeful? As the date approaches and the list of debate participants is finalized, CNBC will need campus community members to work as stand-ins. Those who are around the same size and coloring of candidates will help CNBC with their dress rehearsal and help make sure everything runs smoothly once the candidates arrive for the debate. Applicants must also have communication skills for this paid position. Students can list their interest in this position in the general volunteer application.

Students may have the opportunity to shadow candidates as they circulate through the O'rena and speak with various media outlets by holding up a sign to signify each candidate's location in a crowd.



Suh hosts celebrity wheelchair game



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post

Members of the Detroit Jam try to defend a player on the Motor City Rollers. The Motor City Rollers defeated the Detroit Jam, 36-34, in the tenth annual celebrity wheelchair basketball game.

By MIKE HORAN
Sports Editor

On Sept. 22, Detroit Lions Ndamukong Suh hosted DMC Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan's Celebrity Wheelchair basketball game

At about 7 p.m., the crowd of about 1,500 settled in to the O'Rena for the announcements of each team, the Motor City Rollers, coached by former Detroit Piston John Long, and Suh's team, the Detroit Jam.

Radio personalities, news anchors and athletes, including 97.1 The Ticket's Terry Foster, WXYZ's Erin Nicole and Michigan's 'Fab Five' member Jimmy King, intermixed with wheelchair basketball players, formed the two teams.

The Motor City Rollers won the game 36-34 defeating Suh's Detroit Jam.

Through concessions, 50-50 raffles and tickets, Dr. Bill Restum, President of the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan estimates the wheelchair game, on a good night, could bring in \$30,000 to \$40,000 and is the pri-

mary fundraiser for Sports Ability, a group for disabled people to partake in sports.

View the full story online at oaklandpostonline.com

Celebrity Line-Up

Koffey Brown (WGPR)
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Rod Meloni (WDIV)
Fantasee Blu (WDMK 105.9 Kiss-FM)
Paigion (Hot 102.7)
Angelo Henderson (WCHB AM 1200 News Talk)
Ken Rogulski (WJR)

Deena Centofanti (FOX 2)
Cornelius Bundrage (IBF World Junior Middleweight Champion)
Sharina Jones (Miss Wheelchair Michigan)
Dr. Darrius (WJLB)
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Western Illinois,
L 3-1

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@ Detroit, L 3-1

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Liberty, W 3-2

Sept. 25
Men's Soccer
vs. Dayton,
W 2-0

Women's Soccer
at Dayton, L 2-1

OU gets rings, loses Summit opener

By **FAIZ GHAZI**
Staff Intern

What started out as a ceremonious day for the Golden Grizzlies where they received their 2010 Summit League championship rings, the men's soccer team did not start the 2011 Summit League season as they had planned, coming up short against Oral Roberts 2-1 on Sept. 23.

Forward Aaron Birk put the Golden Eagles of Oral Roberts on the board with a through ball from senior forward Jarrett Hamilton at the 33 minute mark in the first half.

Oral Roberts took the lead 1-0 going into the half.

The Golden Eagles defense allowed Oakland to get only one shot on goal through the first 45 minutes of play, but the Golden Grizzlies looked hungry starting the second half.

Oakland controlled the tempo early in the second half and had countless opportunities, yet Oral Roberts struck gold again, from the boot of their freshman forward Tom Adams.

Adams had a breakaway goal in the 88 minute, giving Oral Roberts a 2-0 cushion with just two minutes remaining in the game.

"It's not a good feeling starting off with a loss, you only have six Summit League games, you can't afford to give too many games away, and especially can't afford to give too many games away at home," head coach Eric Pogue said. "I thought we were good enough to win today, I can't even count how many chances we had, and at the end of the day we didn't finish our chances. I thought they had two good chances on goal and they scored both of them."

Oakland, however, kept their fighting spirit alive and set up a goal in the 89 minute for junior midfielder Johnny Dreshaj. It was his first goal of the season.

"Finishing, in practice we do a lot of finishing and goal scoring, and in this game we had opportunities, but we didn't finish, a lot of it had to do with confidence," Dreshaj said. "We would have liked to start the conference season off with a win and it is frustrating, but we will build off this and hope to get a win next time around."

After a missed shot by the Grizzlies with ten seconds left, Oral Roberts freshman goal keeper, Nick Petolick, cleared the ball to safety where Oral Roberts dribbled away the last few seconds, reaching a final verdict of 2-1.

"It's a bad thing that we lost, but it's good too, so that we know how it feels to lose in



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post
Members from last year's men's soccer team received their Summit League Championship rings at a game on Sept. 23. The team lost that day's game 2-1.

conference play," Michele Lipari, sophomore midfielder, said. "Now we don't want that feeling ever again, so from here on out I feel we are going to win every game, and work that much harder to make sure we believe in each other to make that happen."

Oakland, dominated Oral Roberts (2-4)

out shooting the Golden Eagles 17-6, but wasn't able to find the back of the net.

Oakland defeated Dayton on Sept. 25, 2-0, improving their record to 2-6-2.

The Grizzlies will now travel to Kansas City to take on the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Oct. 1 at 8 p.m.

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The mayors of Rochester and Rochester Hills helped kick off Oktoberfest celebrations on Thursday. The mayors tapped the official Oktoberfest lager inside the Rochester Mills Beer Company.

Stopped program monitors teens

By **HALEY JONNA**
Staff Reporter

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association has introduced a new program called the Stopped Program, which allows parents to keep track of their children's driving for free.

The program informs parents when their children have been pulled over by law enforcement whether the driver receives a ticket or not.

The goal of the program is to reduce the number of young drivers who are killed in car crashes each year.

People who register in the program are given a sticker to place in the car's windshield. When pulled over, drivers under the age of 21 enrolled in the program will have a letter sent to the parents detailing the reasons for the stop.

According to the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, "This allows parents to enforce their 'rules of the road,' which are often much tougher than those imposed by Michigan's motor vehicle code." ♦♦♦

Terrence Jungel, the executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Asso-

ciation, brought the program to Michigan and pushed for each county to adopt it. Jungel is confident that this program will save lives.

"The program has nothing to do with not trusting the child," Jungel said. "Parents trust the child with a car. It's about verifying that trust and that can be done with the program."

Jungel continues to explain that a mix of typical adolescent risk-taking behavior paired with inexperience can be a dangerous combination.

"With people between the ages of 16 and 20 accounting for only 10 percent of drivers, they are involved in 25 percent of all accidents," Jungel said.

The program was recently implemented in Oakland County. Many other police agencies participate in the program.

Ashley Stopes, student at Oakland University, says she does not believe that the program will have any affect at all recognizing that being stopped in the first place poses higher consequences.

"You've been stopped, and if you're ticketed, you're paying for that," she

said. "Nothing else is necessary."

Professor Frances Kranz, special lecturer of writing and rhetoric, sees the program as a service.

"If I were younger, I would definitely see it as an invasion," said Kranz. "As a parent, thank you, state of Michigan; I appreciate the heads up."

Other students agree that parents are obliged to such information if they are paying for the car, the insurance, or driving expenses.

With generous funding from American Automotive Association Michigan, the program continues to grow.

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association is appealing to school boards to make the program mandatory for students who drive to school. Hartland and Pickney high schools in Livingston require students who drive to school to have their vehicles registered in the program.

The Secretary of State has begun to hand out fliers discussing the program to all parents of new drivers.

For more information about the Stopped Program visit www.michigansheriff.com/stopped

'Stopped' Facts

Secretary of State plans to extend the program to jetskis, RVs and boats.

People between the ages of 16 and 20 are not subject to the program if they have their own car. The program extends to family vehicles only.

Courts may require the program to young drivers who have been ticketed. The program is free of charge to parents.

Brooksie Way comes to campus

By **BRIAN FIGURSKI**
Staff Reporter

In 2007, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson wanted to create a "quality of life" event to promote health and wellness in Oakland County.

Thanks to his vision, The Brooksie Way half marathon is coming to Oakland University for its fourth year on Sunday, bigger and better than before.

The Brooksie Way, a phrase from the eulogy of Patterson's son who was killed in a tragic snowmobile accident in '07, has been increasing in popularity by more than 500 racers a year, so far on track to surpass the goal.

"This year, we're ahead of last year by about 700," Patterson said. "As people do the race and enjoy it they tell their friends and the racing community is pretty tight."

The half marathon itself will challenge runners with the hills of the area, and delight the senses as racers move onto both the Paint Creek and Clinton River Trail.

The single change to the course relates directly to OU, moving the start and finish line deeper onto school grounds near Meadow Brook Hall.

There will be post-race activities on campus, food and entertainment. Along with the Meadow Brook activities, the OU Rec Center will transform into the site for the Fitness Expo that annually comes with The Brooksie Way, with the Rec Center providing a bigger stage for more vendors.

An increase in sponsors also means an increase in profit, which funneled into Patterson assembling the Brooksie Way mini-grant, which applies to organizations in Oakland County with a goal of improving health, giving them an opportunity for extra funding in their noble cause.

"We support health programs in the local communities all across the county, [such as] a dance class for seniors or a swim class for challenged kids," Patterson said. "When word got out what we do with the money, the mini-grant became very competitive and sought-after."

Another new implement to the race is an electronic messaging service, that "when you cross the finish line, a message is generated and sent out by e-mail, text, Twitter," that publishes your final race time, Huber said.

The Brooksie Way is quickly becoming a serious stage for runners across the state looking for a run with a view, and promotes a great message of maintaining a good level of physical fitness.

"Over the next 15 years if we keep this up, you'll see an elevation in the health and well-being of the citizens and that's the long range goal," Patterson said. "It's got a positive impact and is an excellent way to keep my sons name alive."

Online registration for the Brooksie Way will close at midnight, Thursday Sept. 29. The marathon will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at 8 a.m.

Walk for a good cause

By **STEPHANIE PREWEDA**
Staff Intern

Oakland University's student organization, Students Making A Difference In Society, and Oakland Community College's Student Mentor Program collaborated this summer to organize the first annual Oakland-to-Oakland Health Walk/Run, which will take place on Oct. 15.

Registration is now open for everyone and last-minute registration will be held on Oct. 15 from 7-9 a.m.

The 10K run starts at 9 a.m. and will loop around OU and Meadow Brook Theatre, then continue to OCC and return back to OU. The 5K walk starts at 9:30 a.m. and will go around Pioneer Drive to Meadow Brook Theatre, then to Squirrel Road and back.

Each year, organizers plan to alternate the starting point between OU and OCC, which will give both schools exposure to the event and encourage them both to participate.

"It's purely student-run," Cody Kearse, a member of the Oakland-



Photo courtesy of Cody Kearse

The Oakland-to-Oakland Health Walk/Run planning committee met on May 20 to discuss the upcoming charity event. The event will be held on Oct. 15 and kick off at Oakland University.

to-Oakland planning committee and counseling graduate student at OU, said. "The administration from both sides has been really helpful. So far, we have gotten a really good response from both schools. The OCC and OU student involvement is pretty even."

Oakland-to-Oakland was founded by Vishnu Ramsamy, a graduate student studying counseling at OU. He was able to create an event bonding the two

schools together because of the strong ties he has with OCC.

Not only will the event strengthen the Oakland community by bringing together two schools, funds will go directly toward the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, a strictly volunteer clinic for those without insurance.

In 2003, Ramsamy suffered from a viral infection after gallbladder surgery, which caused

all of his organs to start shutting down.

For the past few years, the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic helped him obtain his medication.

After undergoing two strokes, plastic surgery, physical therapy and learning to walk again, Ramsamy is aiming to give back and bring together the community through the Oakland-to-Oakland event.

"I wanted to pick a cause that meant something," Ramsamy said. "I decided to create a walk that will involve students from both schools to do something that is meaningful and rewarding."

Oakland-to-Oakland offers a support system to those in need of medical assistance. It is a way to promote health, wellness and charity and build strong relationships within the community.

Ramsamy is truly thankful for the clinic's help and can't wait to do the same for others.

"It doesn't take much," he said. "It just means us coming together and wanting to make a difference."

KEY INFO

The first annual Oakland-to-Oakland Health Walk/Run will take place on Oct. 15.

The walk is 5K while the run is 10K. Both will convene at OU — the walk will depart at 9:30 a.m. and the run at 9 a.m.

To register for the event and for more information, visit the official website at www.oaklandhealthwalkrun.org

Part of a student org? Want to get involved in community service?

Vishnu Ramsamy, the founder of the walk, is also planning another charity event in Nov. titled Giving for the Living. Around Thanksgiving, he plans to get student orgs to collect food and clothes for shelters and soup kitchens.

Contact Ramsamy at vvramsam@oakland.edu.

Art education instructor honored with award

By **KEVIN GRAHAM**
Staff Reporter

On the fourth floor of Pawley Hall, you'll find the office of special instructor and Coordinator of Art Education Linda Tyson, who will be presented with the Michigan Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award by the Michigan Art Educators Association on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Tyson, who has spent the last ten years working at OU, earned her degree as an educational specialist from the university in 2006.

Prior to her time at OU, she spent 27 years working as an art instructor at all levels of the public school system.

Tyson stressed the impact that art has on society: "I'll ask (my students) 'How is your life affected today by someone who had a major or a career in the arts?' and it takes them a while. Then they start thinking, 'I drove here — my car was styled by a designer. I'm in a building — that building

required an architect.'"

Tyson iterated the importance of art education considering the recent state of the economy.

"I think what makes her good at her job is how engaging and energetic she is."

— Natalia Balsco,
Research Assistant

"The state of Michigan says that they want a creative and innovative workforce," she said. "What better place to allow students to be creative and innovative (than) by giving them opportunities in the arts."

Those around her see Tyson's passion and advocacy reflected in her work.

"Her enthusiasm is contagious," said Natalia Balsco, a research assistant in the Teacher Development and Educational Studies department. "I think what makes

her good at her job is how engaging and energetic she is. She truly believes that learning should be fun."

Tyson says anyone can express themselves through art.

"Not all of art is drawing," she said. "There are a lot of other art forms and ways to be creative that do not require you to draw. If you're still learning the basics of good design and learning about color, (with) some of those structures of design and art, you can be successful."

Tyson also views art as being basic to the human experience.

"You, as an individual, you've taken your ideas and you've created something tangible," she said. "Something is there that you own — it's yours."

Tyson said students should take advantage of the arts-rich Detroit area: "Automotive design started here, a lot of glassblowing goes on in this area (and Detroit is home to) all sorts of wonderful architectural tradition."



JESSICA CARMICHAEL/The Oakland Post
Linda Tyson will receive the Michigan Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award on Saturday, Nov. 12.

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exchange students, generally staying for a semester or two, or degree-seeking students. It is required, however, that all international students be full-time students at OU and pass an English proficiency test.

Physical therapy, nursing, business and engineering are the most popular majors, according to Knoche.

"They are usually very committed to their studies," Knoche said. "(Often) not just mom and dad, but the extended family pool money so one child can go to American college. (They) face shame and embarrassment if they mess up."

Many international students, because they have to pay out-of-state tuition, opt to live in nearby apartments, such as Beacon Hill, according to Knoche. Some students also live on campus in apartment building 4000, which is known as the International Village.

The International Village, now in its third year of operation, houses 38 students, both domestic and international. Although the cost of living there is greater, the opportunity to learn about cultural differences is everywhere.

A popular event in the International Village is international food night, where each ethnic group receives a stipend from the ISSO and prepares a meal from their home country.

International students come to OU through a myriad of ways.

Some international schools have partnerships with OU. Other international students come because they have family living near the university. Many students discover OU through word of mouth.



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Students gathered in Rooms 128-130 in the OC for the first International Allies event of the semester. Students present represented countries from all over the world, including China, India, Libya, France, Columbia and Japan.

Knoche said the ISSO only actively recruits in Canada as of now, but she would love to see efforts expand to more countries. She said the office also conducts visits to the embassy in Washington D.C about once a year.

Maki Nakayama, an exchange student from Japan, came to OU through a partnership with Nanzan University in Nagoya and will stay two semesters. She lives in the International Village and she looks forward to international food nights. She has met new friends

"(In Japan), my major is English. Here I study linguistics," Nakayama said. "When I came here, I thought everything is big, like house, cars, food, everything. (OU) is also bigger. My university is so small."

A large student organization on campus, known as International Allies, operates to

bring students from different backgrounds together with domestic students to learn about American life.

Cong Wu, or Andy, as he prefers, is a graduate student at OU from China. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Beijing University, he came to Michigan to live with his mother and enrolled in OU's MBA program. He is a member of International Allies.

"People are friendly here," Wu said. "I made friends and everything here is fantastic. Actually, I hung out with my friend and we even go hunting. (It was) pretty awesome."

Wu said that, compared to the crowded atmosphere he was acclimated to in Beijing, Rochester is much more laid back. He was also surprised to spot the deer roaming through the campus.

After completing their studies at OU, students are allowed to stay and get optional practical training for one year and work within their fields. Knoche estimated that 70 percent of students want to stay.

Priyanka Sevak, a sophomore studying accounting, heard about OU through her cousin, who studied mechanical engineering at the university. After graduating from high school in India, she and her sister moved into an apartment near OU.

"I would love to stay here, so (I want to find a) job in accounting field, so I can be here," Sevak said. "I enjoy the community here. The professors understand you, they give the time, like the office hours."

Gustavo Pessutti, a Brazilian exchange student studying journalism at the University of Sao Paulo, is living with his cousin in Washington Township and is only here for the fall semester.

"That's the point of coming here — learning English and getting used to making English a natural thing," Pessutti said. "English is really important because if someone doesn't know English, how will he know what is happened all over the world?"

International student demographics

India: 143

China: 57

Canada: 26

Saudi Arabia: 16

South Korea, Taiwan: 14

Albania, Germany, Libya,
Poland: 9

Jordan: 7

Nepal: 6

Brazil, Serbia: 5

France, Japan, Turkey: 4

Egypt, Ghana, Malta, Norway,
Pakistan, South Africa, Sweden, Trinidad and
Tobago: 3

Botsawana, Colombia, Hungary,
Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait,
Malaysia, Romania, Russia
Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda,
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Students received refreshments and took part in a "human bingo" icebreaker. Any students who were not paired with an ally wrote down their email to get matched with an international student if they were domestic or vice versa.

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Students at first were nervous, but it did not take long for them to open up.

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Pessutti noticed stark contrasts between the University of Sao Paulo and OU.

In Sao Paulo, he said, the professors focus more on academia than practical experience and are often late to class, the school has older equipment and less of it and is

more dangerous. This year, a student was shot and died and he also said that there are some kidnappings, including one of his friends.

Other programs the ISSO offers include its host family program, Learn About Me program and Coffee Hours.

The host family program, started about

two years ago, is a non-living and non-financial agreement. Students are paired based on gender and similar interests and receive ideas from the ISSO of events to do. At least 30 students are interested in being matched this fall for the host family program, according to Knoche.

The Learn About Me program brings international students into local classrooms in the Rochester area to give presentations about their home countries, replete with clothes, toys, pictures and food.

Coffee hours, held five times a year, serve as a social for international students to integrate with domestic students.

"What (international students) bring to the campus is just a different way of thinking and doing," Knoche said. "It's just so amazing because I learn something new every week because you meet people from all over the world, their beliefs, their body language. It's unique to hear somebody else's opinion who was brought up somewhere else."

Knoche urges all students, faculty and staff to get involved with an international student, even if it is just for an hour a week or two hours a month.

"I think all it takes is one good friend," she said. "A lot of international people are very loyal, so they don't care about knowing 20 people. They really want one good friend so they can trust and open up to somebody."

As an international student from Prague who initially came to OU through a basketball scholarship, Knoche knows first-hand the value of a friendly face.

All ISSO programs and events are open to all OU students.

For more information about any programs or events, visit their office at 157 North Foundation Hall, visit their website at www.oakland.edu/isso, call (248) 370-3358 or email isso@oakland.edu.

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Halloween Fun
Night, 4-6 p.m. in
the Banquet Rooms,
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Friday, Nov. 11 —
Second Interna-
tional Food Night,
5-6:30 p.m. in the
International Vil-
lage (student apart-
ments 4000)

Friday Nov. 18 —
Thanksgiving Party,
5-6:30 p.m. in the
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The Detroit Design Festival, sponsored by Quicken Loans, Vitamin Water and many others, features 85 various exhibits in multiple venues, all around the city of Detroit.

Detroit's talent gets 'creative'

By ISABELLA SHAYA
Staff Intern

The talent of Detroit's youthful creative community sometimes goes unnoticed, so the goal of the annual Detroit Design Festival (DDF) is to showcase the many forms of art and artists within the greater Detroit area.

Various venues and public spaces across the city of Detroit held events between Sept. 21-28.

"The festival showcases graphic designers, illustrators, product designers, and interior designers," Melinda Anderson, festival director, said. "So there are all types of design professionals that are putting their skills on display."

The Detroit Creative Corridor Center (DC3), an organization located on the campus of the College for Creative Studies, created the event.

"After reviewing other festivals around the world like the London Design Festival and Design Philadelphia, the question become obvious, 'Why does Detroit not have a design festival?'" Jakki Kirouac, program coordinator and Oakland University alumni, said. "With the parameters set, Melinda and I began crowd-sourcing the community to find out what Detroit design practitioners wanted to see happen at our inaugural festival."

According to Kirouac, the Detroit Design

Festival started off as a collection of 15 to 20 events, but after word started to spread, quickly turned into 85 design exhibitions and events around the city.

This year's DDF included everything from live performances and screenings to fashion shows and eloquent dinners.

"We have so much talent (in Detroit); there is literally a burst of creativity in the city right now at all levels of creative fuse," Simone Desousa, Re-View gallery owner, said.

The Nick Speed Orchestra, a musical exhibition featuring a fusion of hip-hop, techno, and Motown, showed off their talents through live art.

"There was a person painting a portrait in the back, a live DJ, and ballet dancers in the front," Nick Speed of Nick Speed Orchestra said. "I just wanted to bring all different types of talented people into the spotlight."

Artists like Speed are given an opportunity to gain popularity and fans through their connection to the DDF.

"At the end of my performance, all the fans kept screaming 'encore!' It was a magical moment," he said. "So many people came up to me after to tell me what a great show it was and how they had an incredible time. That was the theme of the show—to give fans a great show and a great party while blending all these perspectives together."

Not only does DDF allow the artists to get recognition for their work, but they may also get future job opportunities.

"I hope that people go away from an event and say, number one, 'Wow, I didn't know that there was so much talent here (in Detroit),' and number two, 'I'm going to want to work with that person in the future,'" Anderson said.

In Speed's case, this recognition happened right away.

"I really gained a good relationship with my sponsor, Live Nation," he said. "It was really cool to see my sponsor out in the crowd loving and show just as much as the fans. I got a call the next day from the people who organize Funk Night, which is a party for young people the last Friday of every month."

But, the main goal of the DDF is to celebrate the arts of Detroit.

"The (DDF) is really a celebration of everything that is going on in the city, which is so much that even people who live in the city are not even exposed to everything because there is so much to see. So the festival allows people to get a sampler of all the different types of design," Desousa said.

The DDF crams all the talent, art, and creativity within the city of Detroit into a week-long festival, but in hopes that viewers will take a part of what they see with them as inspiration or as an incentive to pursue becoming an artist in the future.



Photo courtesy of Thomas Richardson
The opening event to the DDF included a fashion show, music and design projects in the New Center Park in Detroit.

MTD students perform first production of the year

By **STEPHANIE PREWEDA**
Staff Intern

The Oakland University Theatre department will be performing the musical *Little Mary Sunshine* as their first main stage production of the year.

Tickets are on sale now at the Varner box office and the performance will run nine times from Oct. 6 through 16. All performances will be at Varner Studio Theatre.

This Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Student Showcase, characters the Forest Rangers and Madame Ernestine von Liebedich will be performing two musical numbers as a teaser for opening night.

The production will be the first theatre production for Thursday-Arts-After-Work on Oct. 13 at 6:00 p.m. and has a "pay what you wish fee."

"It's always a little nerve-racking for the first performance of the year," Kaitlyn Hahn, a junior majoring in musical theatre, said.

"I'm very excited for this production."

Filled with slapstick humor, the production is set at the turn of the twentieth century in which *Mary Sunshine*, being performed by Hahn, is being threatened of foreclosure on her Colorado Inn in the high Rocky Mountains. While Captain "Big Jim" Warington and the Forest Rangers are dealing with the disruptive, villainous American Indian Yellow Feather.

Professor Thomas Suda, director of *Little Miss Mary Sunshine*, has been teaching at OU for 20 years and has been directing for 15 years.

"Thirty-seven years ago I was in the show as an undergraduate," Suda said. "I'm very familiar with the play."

Suda wanted to try to keep it as true to the original production as possible.

Instead of having an orchestra to accompany the singers, two twin pianos will be played, as it



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Little Miss Mary Sunshine is being performed at the Varner Studio Theatre nine times in the month of October.

was originally written.

"I wanted to keep it as real as I could and went back to the original play, Suda said.

In the original script, written by Rick Besoyen in 1959, the language of the American Indians was fictitious and received many

complaints about the political correctness of it. They re-did the American Indian vernacular to be actual American Indian language based on the legitimate language of the Lakota tribe.

Actors portraying an American Indian had to learn how to speak

the Lakota language and how to sound authentic doing so.

"It is a little difficult to learn," Evan Heuker, a junior majoring in musical theatre, said. "We went through the sound-it-out process, but when it's worked out with the cast, it's understood what is being said."

This musical production is a spoof of old-fashioned operettas and musicals, mainly from the early 1900s.

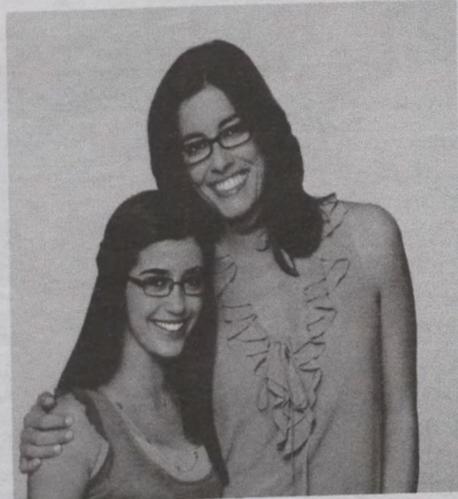
It combines the classical qualities of an opera with traditions of new musical theatre.

"I've been in a few musicals that are pretty serious," Jake Wood, also a junior majoring in musical theatre, said. "This is only the second one I've been in that's really fun and light. I think people will really like it."

With a wide range of characters and many important details on stage and off, the theatre department is anxious to bring the humorous and lighthearted musical to the audience.

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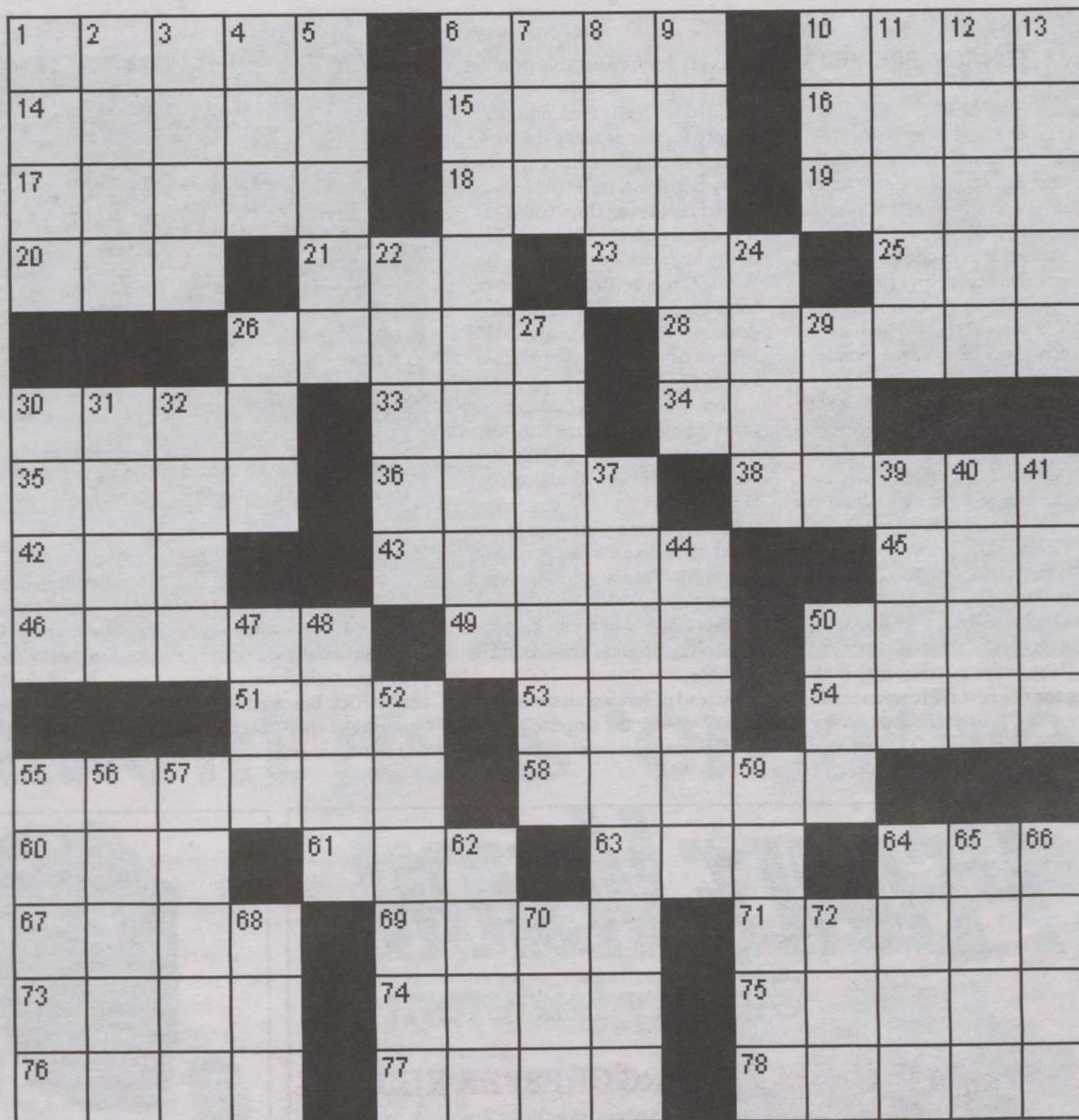
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Across

1. Keyboard instrument
6. Military bugle call
10. Large musical instrument
14. Improvise
15. Redact
16. Jug
17. Incline
18. Musical symbol
19. Rant
20. Observe
21. Was seated
23. Possessed
25. Regret
26. Marinated meat on a skewer
28. Muffle
30. Rim
33. Consumed
34. Swerve
35. Soreness
36. Prong
38. High-pitched musical instrument
42. Unwell
43. Occurrence
45. Seed case
46. Stringed instrument
49. Apiece
50. Exchanged goods for money
51. Appropriate
53. Digit
54. Merely
55. Backchat
58. Hasten
60. Historic period
61. Part of the neck of a guitar
63. Indicating maiden name
64. Separates musical notes on a stave
67. Kind of star
69. Sodium chloride
71. Freight
73. Fresh
74. Genealogical diagram
75. Headdress
76. Musical instrument of Ancient Greece
77. Belonging to you
78. Church instrument

Down

1. Route between mountains
2. Not in active use
3. Succulent plant
4. Pinch
5. Corpulent



6. Provisional
7. Fuss
8. Spongy tissue in plants
9. Firm
10. Possessive pronoun
11. Prize
12. Variety show
13. Clean with the bill
22. Let up
24. Lacking hearing
26. Knowledge and understanding
27. Below
29. Hole punching tool
30. Long narrative poem
31. Open river valley in the hills
32. Part of a fish
37. Meet

39. Once ___ a time
40. Peel
41. Miniature whirlpool
44. In that place
47. Back muscle
48. Sports tournament
50. A source of oil
52. Faithful
55. Hackneyed
56. Acute pain
57. Not at all
59. Right-hand page
62. Edible root
64. Boast
65. City, site of the Taj Mahal
66. Horse's coat color
68. Wonderment
70. Romanian currency
72. Melody