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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! // WXOU news director Ashley Allison speaks during a mock radio news show for a new Oakland University commercial. The commercial is part of a recent Oakland-driven advertising campaign, featuring the student organizations and other extracurricular activities.

DYLAN DULBERG// *The Oakland Post*



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POLL OF THE WEEK

What is your position on the potential Oakland University smoking ban?

- A** I think they should ban it.
- B** I don't think they should ban it.
- C** I don't smoke. It doesn't matter.
- D** I think people will still smoke.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What was the most important part of the ballot for you?

A) Presidential race

38 votes | 76%

B) The six Michigan proposals

10 votes | 20%

C) Michigan Congressional races

0 votes | 0%

D) Local ballot issues

2 votes | 4%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 12, 1964

Plans were made to install the campus' first radio studio. The studio was intended to broadcast the Meadow Brook Festival and other events on campus.

NOVEMBER 17, 1967

An Oakland University student was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for swearing in the presence of a female employee; he was charged with disorderly conduct.

NOVEMBER 18, 1977

Anthropologist Margaret Mead spoke at OU about America's food choices. Her lecture drew over 2,000 people—the largest crowd the OC had ever seen.



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6 // SMOKE-FILLED CONTROVERSY

A committee has been discussing a potential smoking ban at Oakland University. If passed, the ban would prohibit tobacco use anywhere on campus.



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20 // A HAIRY SITUATION

Copy Editor Brian Figurski details his quest to achieve bearded greatness, and gives warnings for those who wish to follow his great bushy path.

13 // LAST-SECOND VICTORY

Oakland University women's soccer defeated fourth-seeded Ohio State Buckeyes in a shoot out 3-1. This was Oakland's first ever NCAA tournament win.

17 // OU'S OWN MASTER CHEF

Chartwells Executive Chef John Miller brought home one gold medal at the 23rd IKA International Culinary Olympics in Messe Erfurt, Germany.

BY THE NUMBERS

SMOKING

443,000

deaths a year from tobacco usage in the U.S.

70

cancer-causing chemicals in second-hand smoke

15

million cigarettes sold daily worldwide

\$114

annual cost of smoking one cigarette every day in Michigan

5

average number of minutes a cigarette can be smoked for

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Crying wolf: OUPD's alert system erroneously reports 'shots fired'

The Oakland University Police Department has received reports of shots fired on campus. The suspect is currently at large and the campus is on lockdown.

If you received that voice-mail message — as almost the entire Oakland community had — how did you respond?

If you're like us, you panicked.

A glitch in the OUPD message alert system mistakenly sent out an erroneous pre-recorded message during a routine test at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Well, OUPD, it worked. You have our attention.

While we understand mistakes — we make them too — one of this magnitude should not have happened.

Somewhere, someone screwed up.

OUPD claims the error was made when the pre-recorded voicemail was automatically attached to a text message sent by an outsourced company.

That just doesn't add up.

The false alarm created sheer panic.

We heard reports of classes going on lockdown and saw students' reactions on social media websites. We called our parents to inform them we were still alive.

The error has been broadcast on many local and

national news outlets. It's not exactly a favorable headline for OU.

Instead of "university officials," a named spokesperson for OU should say "we're sorry and we regret alarming parents, students, faculty and staff." And they should be held responsible.

We've been told steps have been taken to make sure the mistake is not repeated, but that statement seems lacking, frankly. Don't try to cover it up. Be transparent.

Not everyone was notified of the mistake, either. Sure, some people received correction messages, and Oakland did post explanations on Facebook and Twitter, but that's not enough.

The Oakland Post finds it appalling that it took "university officials" 24 minutes to release a corrected message to campus phones. So much can happen in that brief span of time. Had the original message been true, 24 minutes could have created unprecedented chaos campus-wide.

And nowhere on the Oakland home page does it acknowledge a shooting. There's just a two-paragraph explanation that the mistake will not happen again.

Instead of "university officials," a named spokesperson for OU should say "we're sorry and we regret alarming parents, students, faculty and staff." And they should be held responsible.

We also question how students will react when there's a real threat on campus. It's like the story of the boy who cried wolf — will we really take the next OUPD alert seriously?

Campus shootings are horrific, life-altering events and they need to be treated as such.

Consider Virginia Tech. Consider the University of Texas. Imagine the terror that went through every parent's mind when the Columbine shooting became national news.

As students, we're taught to be mindful. We need to double — sometimes triple — check our statements. But also, we have the flexibility to make mistakes. We're still learning.

And as students, we're also taught to take tests seriously.

The only real lesson this test has taught us? Exercise caution and take responsibility.

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- The photo for the two women in last week's center spread were switched.

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COLUMN

OUSC extends open invitation

There has been quite a bit happening on campus as of late, and I'm wondering if I am the only one who noticed.

As the student body vice president, I've been working toward an open invitation at any time to any student who wants to sit down and meet with me about anything that they choose to meet with me about. Any topic. Anything.

I think it's a great way to put the opportunity out there for people to interact and connect with their student leaders. Whenever I'm in the office, my door is open, along with my mind, so I can be as inviting as possible for anyone who wants to seize that opportunity.

In a literal sense, I know that there are approximately 20,000 of you who could read this column and potentially want to meet with me, plus the hundreds of faculty members or departmental personnel who could as well.

I would do everything that I could to meet with each and every one of you because it's important for the student administration in place currently and I to fully encompass the student voice; to make sure that it's



ROBBIE WILLIFORD
columnist

heard every time, not just a few times.

Everyone has a different view on a variety of subjects, including parking, a campus-wide smoking ban, Chick-fil-A, Chartwells and so on. I think it's important

to hear what the students have to say because, let's face it — this university is one that wants to fit the needs of the students, whether you really believe so or not.

But without student voices on campus, how can we try to understand the problems or needs of the general body?

I can answer that question.

Let me remind you all, there are 23 legislators who represent your voice, as well as the Residence Halls Association, who listens to the voice of the people who live on campus.

These are your resources. These are the people that you need to go to when you have a problem, even if it's small. These resources are here to represent your concerns and do their best to address them.

Having been a part of the RHA and having sat on the legislature last year, I know how much of an influence that these individuals have on creating a better experi-

ence for you all on campus.

We have Greek individuals, Housing people, athletes and commuters. They're all bright people who come from all different places and are involved in a ton of different organizations that want your voice to be heard.

So I challenge you. Come to our general body meetings, which are every Monday at 4 pm in the Oakland Room of the OC. Stop by our office in the basement of the OC. Visit our website (www.oakland.edu/ousc) to find our contact information to email or call us.

I challenge you to find a way to come and tell us your thoughts and ideas on Oakland University.

I challenge you to challenge us as your representation to ensure that your voice is heard every single time.

Lastly, I challenge you to meet with me. Call me. Email me. Have a discussion with me. Come and learn more about OUSC in the process. Learn about the organization that represents you. Learn how you can make a difference.

What do you say?

Robbie Williford is the Oakland University Student Body Vice President. Email him at rjwillif@oakland.edu

EDITORIAL

Start taking action on student debt

We find ourselves at a crossroads of the realities of costlier higher education and the students who desire to participate.

The federal government saw the need to financially assist the auto industry because thousands of jobs were involved. The government was forced to "bail out" the rapacious money managers who created huge profits for themselves and placed the entire country, and the world, at risk of financial disaster, but they were "too big to fail."

Ignored, now, are the thousands of university students who are in debt, unable to obtain credit and have difficulty finding employment. The number of these students, and education itself, are similarly "too big to fail." Trillions of dollars are owed in student debt. Making matters more challenging, tuition increases have become the "new normal."

While not everyone belongs in higher education, it is time to take action and use the report of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education Labor and Pensions, which showed that American taxpayers are essentially supporting students of "for-profit colleges" whose loans exceed a default rate exponentially greater than the default rate for state university students.

This is an emergency. Our higher education system has gone from being the best in the world to 12th. Education is one of the cornerstones of democracy, and it cannot be allowed to fail.

Solutions include curriculum changes to allow students to graduate faster and learn what they need, sharing of programs among state universities and the restoration of the right to subject a student loan to the usual rules of bankruptcy. All serve to prevent disenfranchisement and disinterest by students in higher education.

Credit cards and other debts are dischargeable; so, too, should be student loans (except perhaps loans for students at "for-profit" universities). It should be accomplished by a regulation that allows a student loan from a state-supported university to be discharged in bankruptcy without negatively affecting the student's credit score, if students would otherwise qualify.

It has become virtually impossible for many students to repay education loans and continue to pay their daily minimal living expenses and search for a job compatible with their degrees or experience. At times, the debt becomes so overwhelming that students are forced to drop out.

If we do not devise a new policy to assist the next generations, we will lose our educated population and continue to drop down the hierarchy of educated countries. We must encourage our graduates to complete their education and assist them in finding employment. The government can further assist by offering credits against debt, or in some fashion give credit to employers to incentivize hiring state-supported university graduates, and allow bankruptcy of student debt.

It is time to finally resolve the conundrum of enrolling students who do not graduate or producing graduates who may not find employment and are unable to repay or eliminate their student debt.

Henry Baskin is former chairman of the Oakland University Board of Trustees and principal of the Baskin Law Firm.



HENRY BASKIN
guest columnist

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EDITORIAL

Your voice needed for large-scale university proposals, initiatives

Oakland University has grown at an extraordinary rate in recent years. To better serve the expanded student body, Oakland University is considering a number of proposals that would directly affect students. OU Student Congress and the student liaisons to the Board of Trustees are looking for student opinions and views on some of these crucial campus development proposals.

These proposals include a variety of campus and student life improvements such as Upper Fields enhancements, an Honors College renovation, new student housing and improving tailgating events. Your input on these proposals will help guide the Oakland administration and Board of Trustees on these very important decisions.

Please take the time to read over the following proposals and stop by the OU Student Congress office on the lower level of the Oakland Center to take a 5-10 minute survey about your opinion on these proposals. You can also scan the QR code (above) with your smartphone to take the survey online. Students who participate in the survey will be entered to win a reserved convenient parking spot on campus.

New on-campus housing

To meet the increasing demand for on-campus housing, there is a proposal to construct a new residence hall located across from Hamlin Hall. The new building will include lounge areas, study spaces, and other amenities as well as rooms for 450-600 students.

Upper field improvements

The Upper Fields are located across from the on-campus apartments. The proposed improvements include construction of a competitive/recreational track, eight tennis courts and two turf fields. All spaces will have lighting. The complex will be available to the entire OU community, intercollegiate track teams and intramural and club sports.



JESSICA DROGOWSKI and BEN EVESLAGE
guest columnists



Follow the QR code to the survey

Honors college facility improvements

OU's Honors College is located in Vandenberg Hall and serves to inspire high academic achievement, support research and encourage campus, community and international involvement.

The purpose of improving Honors College facilities would be to allow for expanded operations, increased visibility and higher engagement with the university as a whole.

Student life and events improvement

The Madnezz is an annual event hosted at Oakland University to celebrate "Midnight Madness" as the ceremonial start of the basketball season. This year's Madnezz included an alcohol-sanctioned tailgate, free food, an introduction to the basketball teams and a series of performances/activities in the O'rena. There are currently efforts to improve these campus-wide social events and attract a higher student attendance.

Your opinion as an Oakland University student is influential and will help shape a cohesive presentation for the next Board of Trustees meeting where some of these proposals will be discussed. Please take a few moments and fill out the survey at the OU Student Congress office, share your thoughts with us and be a force for change.

Also, mark your calendar for Monday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. for the next OU Board of Trustees meeting that will be held in the Elliot Hall Auditorium when these campus improvements will be discussed. Student attendance at these meetings is highly encouraged.

Thank you for your time, if you filled out the survey. If not, go do it. And please feel free to contact either of us with any further questions or other matters of concern.

Jessica Drogowski and Ben Eveslage are student liaisons for the Board of Trustees.

WHAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

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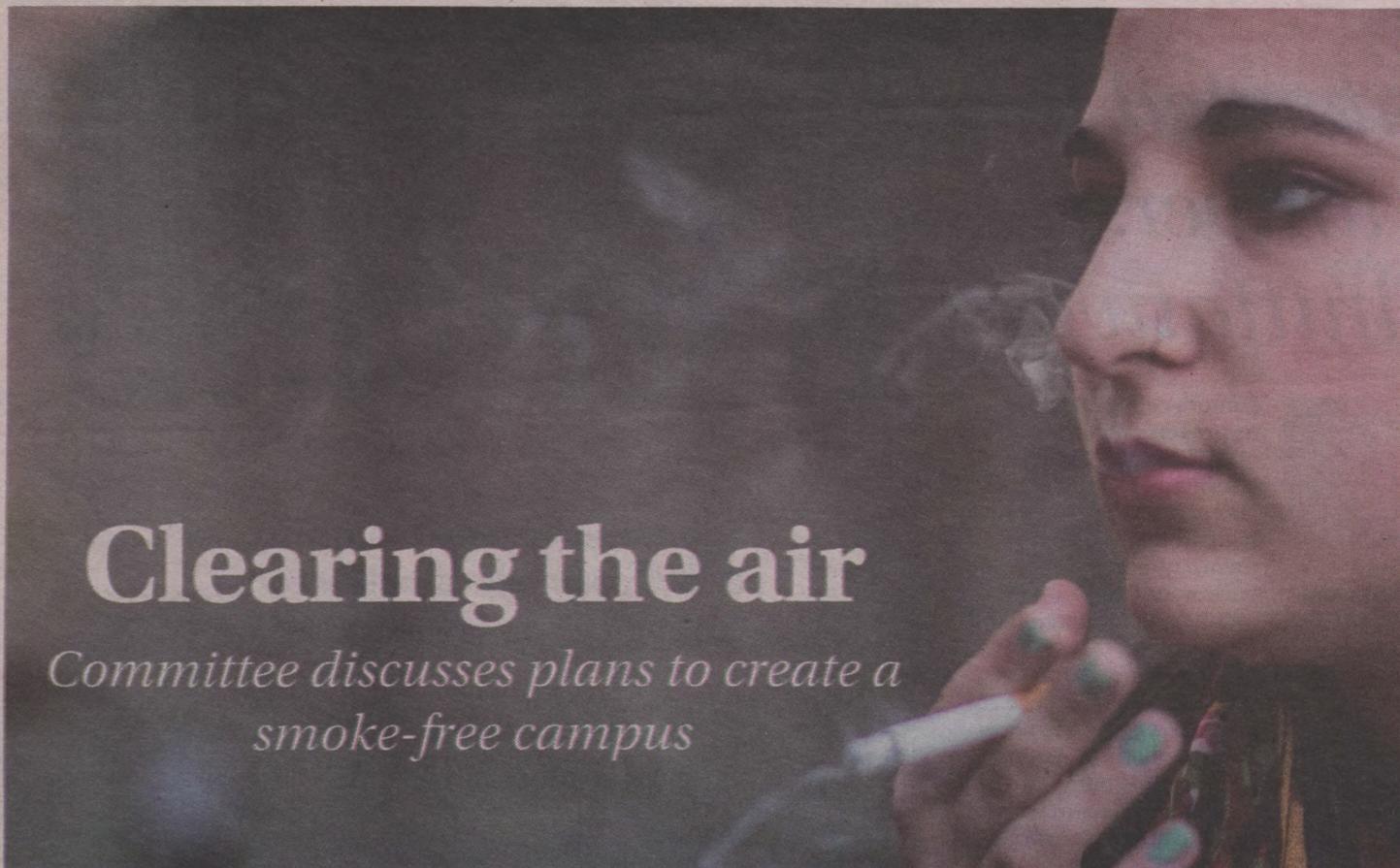
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Clearing the air

Committee discusses plans to create a smoke-free campus

By Misha Mayhand
Senior Reporter

The Committee for a Smoke-Free Campus recently met with Oakland University Student Congress to discuss putting an end to smoking on campus during the course of the next year.

"We've been meeting for several years about this decision, looking at other university policies and we hope to follow suit," said Cora Hanson, environmental health and life safety manager at OU.

Hanson said she hopes OU will follow the Michigan Smoke Free Air Law, which prohibits smoking in restaurants, bars and businesses, requiring employers to provide a smoke-free work environment.

"OU is trying to promote a healthy work and learning environment and the recent completion of the Human Health Building shows that," Hanson said. "Secondhand smoke doesn't support our goal of health and wellness and allowing smoking on campus is a contradiction to what OU is trying to promote."

The committee recommended the university amend OU Administrative Policy 475, which prohibits smoking in all university buildings and within 50-feet of those buildings.

The smoke-free policy is going through its standard revision process and the approval process varies, according to Hanson.

"It could get approved rapidly or it could take some time," she said.

Hanson met with OUSC President Samantha Wolf and OUSC Vice President Robbie Williford to discuss the new policy and to get student feedback.

"We (OUSC) can't really take a stance on the issue ourselves, but we are here as a communication tool between the students and the university," Williford said.

Hanson said she believes using OUSC to communicate the opinions of students is an excellent way to get feedback.

"We did the same when passing the 50-foot policy," Hanson said.

"IF EVERYONE ABIDES BY THE 50-FOOT RULE, IT SHOULDN'T AFFECT ANYONE."

Payton Zielinski,
Sophomore, Biology Major

Student perspectives

Jamie Glylgross, a freshman studying creative writing, said she hopes the new policy is approved.

"I'm allergic to smoke. It makes my throat seize up," Glylgross said.

She said she hates walking past the brick awning outside of Hamlin Hall where a lot of smokers hang out.

Christina Certain, a sophomore studying Spanish, said she thinks creating a smoking ban is not a good idea.

"We're already outside and there is already a 50 feet from the building rule,"

Certain said. "It's outside and it's not really affecting anybody. It hasn't been a problem thus far. Why change it?"

Payton Zielinski, a sophomore studying biology, said she doesn't think a smoke-free campus is fair for people who just want to enjoy a cigarette afterward.

"If everyone abides by the 50 foot rule, it shouldn't affect anyone," Zielinski said.

James Hosner, a junior biology major, said students do not follow the 50-foot rule.

"We can't really enforce the 50-foot rule because it isn't a law, it's just a university rule," Sam Lucido, chief of OUPD said.

Getting help

Hanson said the university is focused on creating resources to help people get rid of smoking habits.

"We have activities planned to coincide with the 'Great American Smokeout' Nov. 15 in the Oakland Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.," Hanson said.

According to The American Cancer Society's website, the 37th annual "Great American Smokeout" encourages smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit or to quit smoking that day.

For on-campus resources, current smoking policies and "Freedom From Smoking" group classes, visit www.oakland.edu/smokefreeyou

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Technical glitch causes incorrect OUPD alert

By Natalie Popovski
and **Nichole Seguin**
Campus Editor and Editor-in-Chief

A technical glitch in the Oakland University Police Department's text alert system created panic as students were told there was a shooting on campus and the suspect was at large.

The voicemail attached itself to the text message alert, according to OUPD Chief Samuel Lucido.

He also said the mistake was not the result of human error.

The message, which was scheduled to be sent out at 1 p.m., was intended to be a scheduled testing of OUPD's text message alert system.

The system was created to notify students in the event of an emergency on campus.

OUPD Captain Mark Gordon said the department has three pre-recorded messages set up for emergency communication.

"Sending out a pre-recorded call stating the campus is under lockdown and shots have been fired on campus is a great way to inspire terror for no reason whatsoever," Justin Tonarelli said on The Oakland Post's Facebook page. "(I) freaked out for like five minutes, calling people I know to make sure they're all right. This is an oversight."

Ted Montgomery, director of media relations at OU, said they are working on preventing something like this from happening again.

"During a regularly scheduled test of our emergency communications procedures today, a message announcing a test of the emergency text system was sent to registered users by text," he said. "Unfortunately, an incorrect message was sent to cell phones of campus community members after the correct message was sent via text. Within minutes of learning about this error, we acted to correct the voicemail message by sending a corrected text, a campus-wide email, reissuing a voicemail message, posting a story to the university website, and correcting the message through our social media networks. We regret the error and any confusion and inconvenience it may have caused, and we are working to ensure this mistake does not happen again."

Overbooked First Year Advising Center rumors are untrue

Individual advising sessions still offered

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

A recent rumor surfaced on campus stating that the First Year Advising Center is overbooked and that students are being forced to attend group-advising sessions.

Sara Webb, director of the First Year Advising Center said the Center is actually not overbooked.

"The First Year Advising Center is not at all overbooked," Webb said.

The First Year Advising Center is still seeing students and expects first-year students to make their advising appointments once a semester.

Webb said the center has a commitment to meet with students individually and most of the advisers are accessible within a week or less.

Making some changes

There has been a slight change-up as far as walk-in advising goes.

"Last week, we changed how we schedule blocks of time for advisers," Webb said. "Up until Nov. 1, our advisers had a two-hour walk-in window once a week, where students could walk in and see them."

"STUDENTS ARE NOT FORCED TO DO GROUP APPOINTMENTS, WE JUST OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY."

Sara Webb,
Director of the First Year
Advising Center

The average number of students advisers have seen in the two-hour walk-in time block is eight, according to Webb.

"It was not a good use of our time and what it was doing was making it an extra day longer to actually get an appointment," Webb said.

Walk-in advising has been changed to group advising time, for students who may want to meet in a group to satisfy the requirements of their advising appointment.

"Students are not forced to do group appointments, we just offer the opportunity," she said.

Testing success

The First Year Advising Center began testing this system Nov. 1 and will monitor until Dec. 4 to determine whether it is more successful than walk-in advising.

The decision was made because students were not utilizing walk-in advising and advisers were just sitting there

waiting, according to Webb.

"We decided to utilize time in more of a group advising model offering that as an option to see what students are comfortable with," Webb said.

Student response

Katy Hayward, a freshman studying biology, attended her first year advising appointment last week and said group advising was offered.

"They (the First Year Advising Center) did offer me the option of group advising, but I turned it down due to scheduling conflicts," Hayward said.

Webb said group advising is a month-long experiment and by no means indicates that the First Year Advising Center is overbooked or can only take students in groups.

Kristin Carney, a freshman nursing major, said she went to the First Year Advising Center three weeks ago and took part in an individual meeting.

"They did not offer me the option to attend a group meeting, because I set up my appointment before group meetings were an option," Carney said. "I heard about the advising center allegedly being 'overbooked.' I have no idea why people thought that."

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New media minor to be offered in 2013 fall semester

By Victoria Crow
Contributing Reporter

Oakland University will offer a new Media Production minor in the 2013-2014 academic year to prepare students for careers in the radio, television and digital production industries.

The College of Arts and Sciences approved the minor in April. Students can choose to specialize in one of two tracks, either broadcasting or multimedia. Both require a minimum of 24 credits.

Students will be exposed to different

media of production like Youtube, mobile phones and iPads, which allow people to create video in the palm of their hand.

"The way the world communicates is so much different now," said Bob Parent, a special lecturer in the communication department. "The tools that we teach here ... are about learning how to function under pressure, it's learning how to visualize and tell a story, but tell a story in a different way."

Within the broadcasting track, students can focus on either television or radio. They must complete two required courses,

Newswriting and Radio-Television News, in addition to 16 elective credits within the communication and journalism programs.

The multimedia track requires students to take Newswriting, Digital Photojournalism and Convergence Journalism in addition to 12 elective credits. Students can expect to learn about the "various mobile media forms of communication," said Adina Schneeweis, an assistant journalism professor, served as the curriculum committee chair during the drafting and passing of the minor.

Schneeweis said she has had professionals speak in her class "about just how important it is now for students to know a little bit of everything, and ideally a lot of everything."

"We're excited about the opportunities to help those students who have a great interest in the field," Parent said.

POLICE FILES

Faculty member receives harassing phone calls

Police were dispatched to O'Dowd Hall when a female faculty member made a report about harassing phone calls.

The faculty member had been receiving calls from a male claiming to work at a collections agency since Nov. 5.

After asking what the debt was related to, the caller yelled obscenities at her.

The male has tried to contact the faculty member at work approximately eight times between Nov. 5-6.

After searching the phone numbers online, the faculty member found the numbers to be related to fake overseas payday loan collection scams.

The faculty member has reported the numbers to the Federal Trade Commission.

She is also making a police report to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

OUPD assisted her in having the phone numbers blocked by university telephone services.

Vehicle vandalized in P5

A student reported that since contacting OUPD earlier this month, her suitemate and her suitemate's boyfriend have been intimidating her and her roommate.

When the student went to her vehicle in P5 Nov. 6 at 1 p.m., she found chew pouches and juice on her driver side door handle, windshield and hood.

After an incident on Nov. 4, she had a confrontation with her suitemate's boyfriend after OUPD and the housing staff left her room, and the student said she was aware that he chews tobacco.

Since the incident, the student said her suitemate has been slamming doors, sending rude text messages and has made their living situation hostile.

Police obtained statements from those involved and also observed the vandalized vehicle.

The student was advised to speak with housing and the case has been turned over for investigation.

—Compiled by Katie Williams
Senior Reporter

In-state tuition granted to veterans, Ohio residents

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Tuition policies were tweaked in October by the Board of Trustees to allow all student veterans to pay in-state rates.

A separate award is also allowing Ohio residents to take classes at OU for the same price as Michigan residents.

Serving the students

At its Oct. 4 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a new policy granting in-state tuition to all student veterans regardless of residency status.

Registrar Steve Shablin said the proposal has been in the works since last summer.

"We thought given that we're a military-friendly school and that we wholeheartedly support our military veterans, that this was a good strategic initiative for the university," he said.

With OU being such a mil-

itary-friendly school, Shablin said offering the break on tuition was a no-brainer.

Shablin said this also brings OU in line with some other universities across the state that offer the policy.

He said this is an addition to other veterans benefits offered at OU including early registration and red, white and blue honor cords bestowed at graduation.

Shablin said he feels having veterans at the university gives the students around them a great benefit.

"Our veterans do provide a wealth of experience and wisdom from which (their) fellow students in class can benefit. I think it really builds a sense of community with our external constituencies," he said. "The students really bring a variety and a diversity to all the other students in the class."

Veterans interested in applying for this benefit should reg-

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Registrar

ister with the Veterans Certification Office in 101A O'Dowd Hall.

Ohioans occupy Oakland

Oakland also has a program to provide in-state tuition to residents in the neighboring state of Ohio.

Ted Montgomery, director of media relations said this is part of an ongoing strategy on the part of the university.

"Given our location in southeast Michigan, Oakland has always recruited students from

northern Ohio," Montgomery said. "Our current strategy includes offering Ohio residents an award that covers the cost of the tuition difference for an in-state versus an out-of-state student. The Tuition Differential Award is part of our larger recruitment strategy to bring greater diversity to Oakland's student body."

In effect, an Ohio resident is charged the same as a Michigan resident is when this award is applied to their bill.

This achieves the same result as agreements of reciprocity such as one that allows residents of Monroe County, Mich. to attend the University of Toledo while Ohio residents can attend Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich. at in-state rates.

The Tuition Differential Award is granted by the admissions office.

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According to the Oakland University Police Department, illegal parking is an issue at OU. They also said this activity puts students, pedestrians and a lot at risk.

Paying full ticket price

Understanding on-campus parking violations, repercussions

By **Stephanie Sokol**
Multimedia Reporter

Illegal parking is an issue at Oakland University, according to Oakland University Police Department Captain Mark Gordon.

This activity endangers students and pedestrians and puts a lot at risk, which is why OUPD recommends students look a little harder for a spot.

Increased amount of tickets

The first month of each semester results in more tickets as students are getting used to the lots, before many drop classes and the population levels out, according to Gordon.

Statistically, however, there have been more tickets given this year in correlation to the increase of students.

From the beginning of September to the end of October 2011, there were a total of 902 tickets issued, resulting in fines of \$18,730. In 2012, 1,317 tickets were issued those

months, with fines totaling \$28,830, according to the OUPD Citation Violations Summary.

The money collected from tickets is split into three groups.

Thirty percent of collected funds pay the parking bureau manager, and a portion of the funds partially funds a police officer position.

Both of these jobs make it possible for OUPD to be in charge of traffic violations rather a privatized company, according to Gordon.

The remainder of money collected from tickets goes back to the OU Parking Bureau.

Paying the price

Ticket costs are broken down into illegally parking in a handicap space, which results in a fee of \$50 and all other violations leading to a ticket of \$20.

Other common violations include, time-restricted areas, expired meters, fire lane, non-designated areas, permit-only, prohibited or time limit parking.

According to Gordon, the most common parking problem is students parking at the ends of rows on bracketed spots. Gordon said doing this blocks other drivers' views and creates problems in the case of an emergency.

Taking care of a ticket

When issued a ticket, a student must pay or appeal it within 10 days. The appeal takes two to three weeks to result in a denial of appeal or dismissal of ticket, according to Gordon. If they do not respond to a ticket, they will receive a reminder.

If 30 days pass without action, the ticket will incur an additional \$10 late fee. For every additional 30 days, up to a total of 90 days, an additional \$10 will be added. After that, the ticket goes to a collection agency and on the offender's credit report with the agency collecting fees owed.

Gordon said six or more tickets can be tracked with the Scofflaw List and OUPD can impound a student's car at any time.

The real parking problem

The problem is not a lack of parking, according to Gordon and Greg Kampe, the men's basketball coach and head of the OU parking committee.

A plan is in place if the campus becomes overpopulated to add structures, which are costly, according to Kampe.

The real issue is that students rely on convenience and close spots when there are other spots that are all only a 15-minute walk to any building on campus, according to Gordon.

"Lack of parking is not yet an issue," Kampe said. "We're close to saturation, but when we built the parking garage a few years ago, that made a difference."

Kampe said students can find spots if they change habits, allowing themselves more time and looking at other options.

"If you'd be willing to walk a little and allow a few extra minutes, you'll save stress, time and the chance of earning tickets," Gordon said.

Photo illustration by Dylan Dulberg



KNOWING THEIR LIMITS

Oakland keeps MIP arrests below the norm

By Jennifer Holychuk
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's student population has been steadily increasing over the past few years, but the number of underage drinking arrests has not followed suit.

So far this year, the OU Police Department has reported nine alcohol-related arrests on campus — a relatively low number considering fall's unprecedented enrollment.

Considering the recent population growth and campus updates, some students are not as familiar with Oakland's policy on underage drinking as may be necessary.

UNIVERSITY POLICY

Despite what some students believe, Oakland is not a "dry" campus, said

OUPD Captain Mark Gordon.

"Oakland University has a policy that you can drink in your room, with the door closed, if you are over the age of 21 and are not in the company of anyone under 21," he said.

The university also has a "zero tolerance policy" for drinking under the age of 21, according to Gordon. This policy includes educating students on the dangers of underage drinking as well as taking a proactive approach to any illegal use of alcohol on campus.

Students found to be in violation of the law are not given a warning. Instead, they receive a Minor in Possession violation.

A Minor in Possession of alcohol, or MIP, is defined by Michigan state law as anyone under the age of 21 who attempts to purchase, consume or possess alcoholic liquor except where excused by law. The Michigan MIP law was amended

in 2004 to include any blood alcohol content as possession of alcohol.

KEEPING IT CONTAINED

Based on Oakland's yearly Safety and Security Report, OU has significantly less alcohol-related arrests per 10,000 students than some other major state universities.

Last year, there were 22 arrests on campus. If the University of Michigan had the same amount of students, it would have had roughly six times as many arrests as OU last year — Michigan State University would have had 18 times as many.

"We really, really push alcohol education and alcohol awareness ... I think it goes a long way in reducing the number of MIPs that we see on campus," Gordon said.

Another factor contributing to OU's low number of yearly alcohol arrests compared to some other state universities is the number of students living in OU campus

housing, according to Gordon.

"Most MIP enforcement actions take place on evenings or weekends when class is not in session," he said. "With less students on campus, you're statistically Oakland going to get a lower number of infractions."

CAUGHT ON CAMPUS

Despite low numbers, underage drinking arrests happen on campus every semester.

A 20-year-old junior and marketing major who wished to remain anonymous said she received an MIP violation in 2010 when she was caught drinking alcohol in Hill House with friends.

"The RA asked for our student IDs and called OUPD," she said. "I was breathalyzed and blew a 0.08."

She was required to complete 12 months of probation, alcohol awareness training in Hamlin Hall and 20 hours of community service to keep the violation from appearing on her permanent record, she said.

The student said although some students under 21 do drink on campus, she does not believe underage drinking is a concern for OU.

"It's a bigger problem at other campuses for sure," she said. "University Housing takes it seriously here."

ELIMINATING OFFENSES

Gordon said keeping underage drinking under control on campus is about student safety, which is why Oakland abides by Michigan's medical amnesty law.

This law, which became effective last June, states that minors under the age of 21 who are under the influence of alcohol will not receive an MIP violation if they voluntarily seek medical assistance for a legitimate health concern.

OUPD hopes to educate students to avoid underage drinking entirely, Gordon said, because of both the health risks and legal repercussions.

According to Gordon, MIP violations should be taken seriously. The penalty for underage drinking can be as serious as a criminal record that is not only visible to schools and universities, but to future employers as well.

"We really hit the problems of underage drinking, the penalties and how it can mess up your life for a while," he said.

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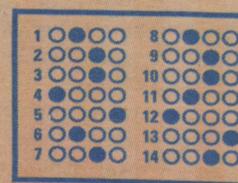
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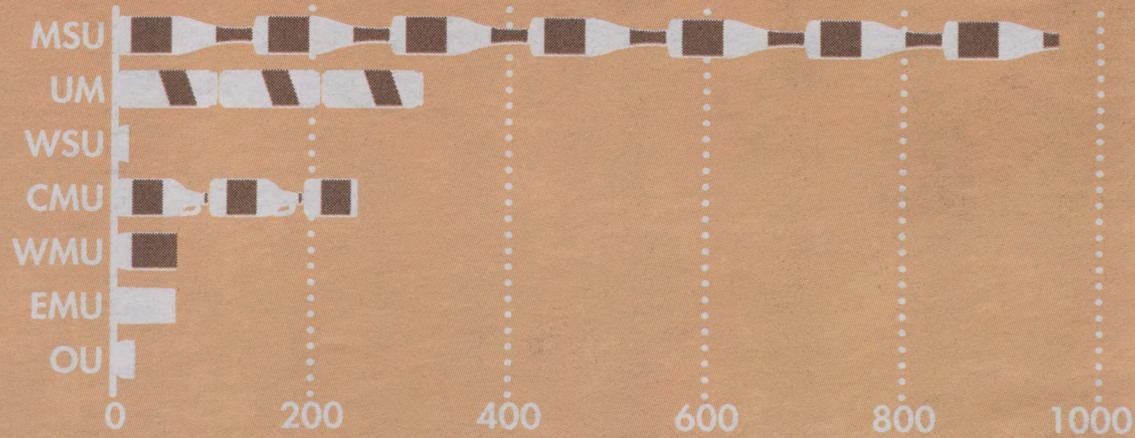


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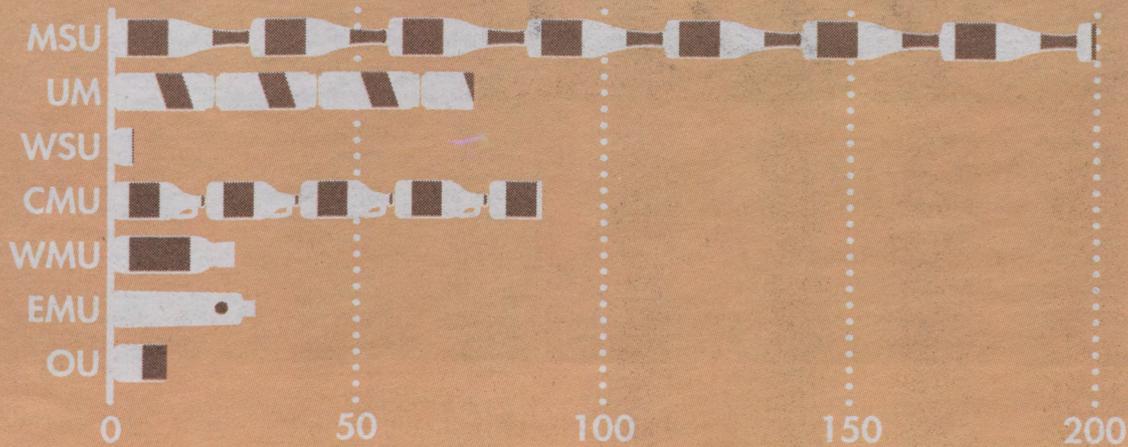
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UNIVERSITY STUDENT POPULATIONS





Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Oakland women's soccer earned their first NCAA tournament victory over No. 4 Ohio State Saturday, defeating the Buckeyes 3-1 in a shootout. They play Texas A&M Friday in Florida.

Grizzlies topple No. 4 Buckeyes in tourney

Oakland earns its first NCAA tournament victory over Ohio State in 3-1 shootout Saturday

By Damien Dennis
Sports Editor

For the first time in the program's history, Oakland University's women's soccer team advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament after defeating No. 4 Ohio State in a shootout.

The Golden Grizzlies (11-5-4) defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes (16-4-2) 3-1 in a shootout Saturday, Nov. 11. The win marks the first tournament win in the program's history, as well as the second for any Summit League team.

"This is something that we've been working toward for a long time," midfielder Nicole DeLuca said. "We have gotten closer and closer each year."

Oakland first struck late during the 40th minute when midfielder Julianne Boyle took the assist from freshman forward Joan Sieja six yards off.

A loose ball in the box during the 60th minute allowed Ohio State forward Tiffany Cameron to tie things up.

"We shut down Cameron, which was big because she was their lead scorer," goalkeeper Shannon Coley said. "That's who they went to the most."

Oakland and Ohio State ended regulation play tied at 1-1. After two subsequent scoreless periods, the game advanced to a shootout. The shootout marked Coley's first in her soccer career.

Three of five Oakland players made their shots, including DeLuca, whose goal as the last shooter helped elevate Oakland over the Buckeyes. Meghan Reynolds and Whitney Sarkis also made their shots for Oakland.

"Nobody really knows who we are. They are always asking if we're from Oakland, California," Coley said. "So now that we won a game in the tournament, maybe now they'll think of Rochester."

Ohio State outshot Oakland throughout the night 28-5, but was held to a 7-3 advantage for shots on goal.

"Nobody really knows who we are. They are always asking if we're from Oakland, California ... maybe now they'll think of Rochester."

Shannon Coley,
Goalkeeper

The Buckeyes had nine fouls to the Grizzlies six, with Kristen Niederhaus receiving a yellow card in the 97th minute.

"We're actually two for two against Ohio State, who last time we played we beat 4-1," Head Coach Nick O'Shea said. "They have more recruiting power, bigger budgets and a lot more at their disposal. I find it to always be good to go in as underdogs."

O'Shea credited the win to the unity of the team and performance of everyone as a whole. The coach also added that very few teams from the Summit League have ever been able to win

both the regular season and tournament championships.

"We've made a push, a conscious decision and a conscious change in some things in the standpoint of the culture within the team," O'Shea said. "I think we're moving in a more positive direction."

With the shootout victory, Oakland advances to the second round in the NCAA tournament, facing Texas A&M Friday in Tallahassee, Fla.

"Texas A&M is a different opponent than Ohio State," O'Shea said. "We haven't played an SEC team, so it's more of getting into the unknown and definitely dealing with set plays. (Texas) is hard to stop on set plays."

Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m. at the Semiole Soccer Complex.

"We've got these next two days to get more information about (Texas A&M)," DeLuca said. "We're just going to continue doing what we've been doing, playing our style, creating new scoring opportunities and keeping the ball out of (our) net."

Despite injury, Watterworth leads

Women's basketball star misses start to the 2012-13 season, but looks to make impact on return

By Allen Jordan
Staff Intern

Family, friends, leadership and competition—these are the things Oakland University women's basketball forward Bethany Watterworth believes these are her keys to success on and off the court.

These elements will also be keys to the success for the Golden Grizzlies' 2012-13 season as they look to bounce back in what is considered a down year for the program.

"I think there's going to be a lot of opportunity for improvement with a good chance to win the Summit League with the team we have," Watterworth said.

A family affair

Watterworth said the team is closer than ever this year, with a strong family vibe amongst a team of friends.

"Recently we did some pumpkin carving at a teammate's house and had our own pumpkins to take home," Watterworth said. "Things like this go into us staying close as a team and help with chemistry."

Watterworth takes that family vibe and injects it into the campus of Oakland. She serves as President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an opportunity passed along to her by women's basketball head coach, Beckie Francis, who started the group five years ago.

"It gives us a chance to get to know other athletes outside of our own," Watterworth said. "We also get into Bible study, which really helps because I'm big on religion."

Family is what brought Watterworth to Oakland. Being the fifth of seven children, she said she needed her family to make the transition from high school to college.

"I really enjoyed the family vibe here with Coach Francis, making it real easy for me to stay close to home," Watterworth said. "With my family and fans being able to always come see me play all the time, the decision was really easy to come to OU."

Life is a competition

As a pre-physical therapy major, academics plays a key role in Watterworth's focus, thinking of school as a competition with other students.

"Academics are a huge deal to me, because I feel like you have to push yourself and compete in everything you do, including school," Watterworth said. "With the team GPA requirement being a 3.4, it keeps me going to strive to exceed expectations with me having a 3.7."

Bethany's father Brad played football at Georgia Tech and participated in the famed 1975 Georgia Tech-Notre Dame football game immortalized in the movie "Rudy." Her father is the driving force behind



Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Senior forward Bethany Watterworth suffered an injury before the start of the 2012-13 season, keeping her out for the foreseeable future. Despite the injury, Watterworth is confident in her team and her ability upon her return to the court.

Watterworth's exceeding expectations in the classroom and on the court.

"He is definitely my biggest fan, always being there to support me and to push me to maximize my potential with his love for sports," Watterworth said.

Watterworth's challenges ahead

With her loss at start the season for an unspecified amount of time, the team will be faced with challenges. The focus will fall on her fellow teammates on a new team that includes four incoming freshmen.

"It will definitely be different because Bethany can carry a team," Francis said. "We will continue to focus on offense and defense as everyone has the chance to step up with our veterans who so far are looking tough along with the talent we have in our freshmen."

Francis' confidence in Watterworth is proof that the

senior's leadership has become valuable to the Golden Grizzlies squad. Even with the injury, Watterworth is leading the team.

"In her time here, she has developed into more of a vocal leader as well as an academic role model for her teammates and her hard work in the classroom as well as with the FCA display that," Francis said.

Among their challenges will be a tough non-conference schedule that features Michigan State and Purdue visiting the O'rena in December along with a trip to perennial championship contender Connecticut.

"I get up for games like this, just with the level of competition being so different we learn so much as a team," Watterworth said. "If we can just compete against teams like that and produce good results, then it gives us a sense of confidence against the competition in the Summit League."



DAMIEN DENNIS/The Oakland Post

Despite much student interest, Oakland has never fielded a football team.

Grizzlies on the gridiron

Potential club football team coming to Oakland

By Timothy Pontzer
Senior Reporter

When the calendar flips to autumn, Oakland University sports many trademarks of the harvest season. Around campus, leaves change color, a chill is in the air and students bundle up to trek from class to class. Yet, one fall staple is missing and freshman David Brosky is on a mission to change that.

Brosky wants to bring football to Oakland. Many articles, conversations and debates have come about over the years on whether the Golden Grizzlies should be allowed on the gridiron. Despite the great interest of many students, the only football seen on campus has been the intramural flag leagues.

"I truly believe there is a hunger for football here," said Nic Bongers, official adviser to the team. "Lots of faculty, staff and students that I've personally talked to said something is missing from our campus culture and that is football."

Brosky, an education major, and Bongers, instructional graphic designer in the e-Learning and Instructional Support department, are working together to create a club football team. Being designated as a 'club' means Brosky and his potential teammates will still be allowed to compete under the Oakland banner, but will not be an official team sponsored by the school.

"Official" teams such as the basketball, baseball, softball and swimming teams compete under NCAA jurisdiction and receive financial support from Oakland. Meanwhile, club teams such as the hockey teams and lacrosse program are successful in independent leagues, but they

must rely mostly on their own funding.

"Oakland would help pay for field rentals and referee fees, but we would have to pay for all our own equipment," Brosky said. "A ballpark figure we came up with is \$500-700 per person."

On Monday night, Brosky presented his idea before the Club Advisory Council, made up of eight leaders of other clubs on campus. All eight unanimously gave the football club the green light to proceed toward actually competing.

The council is put in place in order to make sure a club will actually draw student's participation and not simply be a "one-and-done" team. Some clubs in the past have initially drawn interest but dissolved after one season or after the leader graduates or leaves Oakland.

Dan Bettmann, coordinator of Intramural and Club Sports at OU, explained while everything is starting to fall in place, there are still a lot of challenges ahead for the team, especially the startup cost. He said that the football club has passed through all of the necessary startup procedures but now will go through the winter semester as an introductory period.

"Lesser people would have turned away, but David (Brosky) has shown a true passion for this," Bettmann said. "Whether or not a club succeeds or fails depends on the students."

Currently, 35 students have signed up for the team, but Brosky thinks an ideal number would be at least 50 players. Interested students must take at least six credits in the fall. In addition to players, the team is looking for students to fill roles such as coaches, photographers, trainers, play-by-play personnel and marketing majors to pursue sponsorships.

Brosky can be contacted at dgbrosky@oakland.edu and Bongers can be reached at bongers@oakland.edu and 248-370-3154.

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Go Radio consists of (from left to right) Matt Poulos, Jason Lancaster, Alex Reed, and Steven Kopacz.

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Closing the distance to Detroit

Go Radio tours on Billboard chart-topping new album

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

With two EPs, two studio albums, two singles, three demos and two appearances on the Fearless Records compilation albums, all in the course of four years, Go Radio is off to a quick start.

Started by Jason Lancaster upon his departure from Mayday Parade in 2007, Go Radio has been recording and releasing songs consistently, reaching audiences with intricate lyrics and innovative composition.

The band and the sound

This four-piece band from Tallahassee, Fla. consists of guitarist, lead vocalist and pianist Jason Lancaster; guitarist and vocalist Alex Reed; bassist and vocalist Matt Poulos, and drummer Steven Kopacz.

Go Radio is commonly recognized

for their signature vocal sound. Jason Lancaster's Tallahassee twang rings clear and strong alongside the intricately composed guitar/piano duets accompanied by a wide variety of different methods of percussion.

With varied styles in their music, ranging from soft, acoustic odes like "Goodnight Moon" to strong rock ballads like "Singing With The King," Go Radio provides a wide array of variety which translates into a much greater chance to hook the listener in to see what else they have in store.

The road to stardom

Since their conception, they have toured with many big bands including The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, A Day to Remember, Secondhand Serenade, Yellowcard and A Rocket To the Moon. They also toured on the Warped Tour and headlined their first tour in 2011. In 2012, they toured, released their lat-

est album and are now touring again on their recently released album.

'Close the Distance'

Their second studio album as a part of Fearless Records, "Close the Distance," released Sept. 18, receiving immediate recognition on various Billboard charts. "Close the Distance" was briefly ranked No. 22 on the US Billboard rock album chart. Prior to the album's release, the band promoted it by offering a contest where they would release a song once their number of views, shares, and newsletter subscriptions reached 20,000. This took only two days, and, on July 16, the band responded by releasing the third track on the album, "Collide."

Going out on tour

As the hype grew between the release of "Collide" and the release of the album, the band released the

fourth track on the album, "Go to Hell" through iTunes on Aug. 6.

After the release of their album, they went back on tour, the #GoToHell Tour, along with bands Paradise Fears and Stages and Stereos.

The #GoToHell Tour comes to Detroit on Nov. 25 at The Shelter. The Shelter is located on 431 E Congress St. in Detroit, and doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door or on ticketmaster.com for \$16. Go Radio also has a second tour stop in Michigan, which is Nov. 27 at The Intersection in Grand Rapids. Both shows are open to all ages.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Dog stabbing in Pontiac

Police were called to 53 Adelaide for an unknown trouble Nov. 10 at 12:30 a.m. Upon arrival, they discovered that a pit bull had escaped from a yard and attacked the neighbor's dog. The owner of the attacked dog stabbed the pit bull. When police tried to calm the situation down, the pit bull owner was confrontational and was taken into custody after refusing to comply with officers' demands. He complained of having trouble breathing and was transported to the hospital. He was issued citations for resisting and obstructing and Dog at Large and released at the hospital.

Customer trouble at Wal-Mart

On Nov. 10 at 3 p.m., Rochester Hills police responded to Wal-Mart on Adams Road and M-59 for a customer trouble complaint. It was reported that two males jumped from a van and were about to assault one of the complainants when a friend pepper sprayed one of the men from the van. The suspect got back into the van and drove away. Police located the vehicle and attempted to stop it but the van sped into Pontiac where police lost sight of it. The van was found parked and unoccupied on Anderson. The subjects were observed running away from the van. A K-9 deputy began a track but lost the scent in the 200 block of Anderson, and several bottles of alcohol with security devices still attached were found in the van and backyard of a home. Police found an open window in the home and made contact with one of the residents. Police got permission to search the residence and located several subjects inside, one of which was a suspect from the van. The van is believed to have been stolen from Waterford. Identification was obtained from the subjects in the home and the investigation continues.

Armed robbery in Pontiac

On Nov. 7, at 9:30 a.m., police were called to Radio Shack on the 70 block of Telegraph for an armed robbery. The suspect had entered the store asking about a cable for his phone. When the employee began walking to the back of the store, the suspect produced a

semi-automatic pistol and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied and was then ordered to the back of the store where the smart phones were stored. Approximately 20-25 phones were stolen and the employee was then told to enter the bathroom while the suspect left through the back door. K-9 conducted a track that led across Telegraph Road westbound, where it ended near Summit Mall. The suspect is still at large. He is described as a black male, approximately 20-25 years old, 5'4" to 5'6" with a full beard, diamond tattoo by his left eye and carrying a child's cartoon character backpack.

Shooting at Police Station

On Nov. 7 at 3:15 pm, the City of Southfield Police requested assistance from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit and Forensic Lab in the investigation and processing of a shooting that occurred in the lobby of their station. A 64-year-old male entered the lobby of the Southfield Police Station and began shooting. Southfield officers shot the man. One officer was wounded and transported to the hospital where he is in stable condition. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

Driving under the influence

On Nov. 8 around 10 p.m., police received a call from a citizen who reported a suspected drunk driver. When the vehicle was stopped police noticed the driver, a 17-year-old Troy resident, had slurred speech and a blank gaze. She said she was looking for a place to turn around, then said she had been looking for a gas station. She had already passed two gas stations. She then said she was looking for a fast food place but didn't have enough time. She failed sobriety tests and narcotic paraphernalia associated with marijuana was found in the vehicle. She was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs and Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia.

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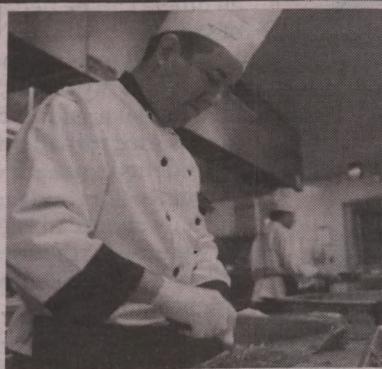
Searing the competition

Chartwells chef wins gold medal at Culinary Olympics

By Natalie Popvoski
Campus Editor



Chartwells Executive Chef John Miller won a gold medal at this year's Culinary Olympics in Germany. The achievement has helped Chartwells build their credibility.



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Chartwells Executive Chef John Miller brought home a gold medal from the 23rd International Culinary Art Exhibition, commonly known as the World Culinary Olympics, this October in Messe Erfurt, Germany.

"(I'm) extremely happy (to have won). It's been a long time in the making," Miller said. "It's been exhausting, but a lot of fun ultimately."

Miller won gold for his cold food platter and six appetizers. The 2012 Michigan Culinary Olympic Team, which Miller was a member of, brought home a total of seven medals — three gold, one silver and three bronze.

In 2000, Miller competed in the Culinary Olympics as a member of a student team from Macomb Community College and won a silver medal.

What the competition dishes out

For Miller, the most challenging aspect of this year's competition was sharing a kitchen with another team.

"(We were) bumping elbows all day and night long," he said.

Meeting people from different countries and having food as the force bringing

them together was Miller's favorite aspect of this year's competition.

Building credibility

Gerald Gatto, resident district manager of Chartwells, said accomplishments such as Miller's are a rare thing.

"There are not that many chefs that can capture this stature," Gatto said.

Gatto said Miller winning the award has helped give credibility to Chartwells' culinary food program.

"It's kind of a feather in our cap," Gatto said. "It's a benefit for everything, we're very fortunate."

Miller said his ultimate goal is to become a culinary arts professor and that winning this award is one more helpful step in that direction. He said the experience of winning the award will allow him to give students a firsthand guide to culinary competition.

Second helpings

Miller is unsure if he will participate in the next Culinary Olympics.

"(I will) see if I'll do it again in 2016," he said. "It's up in the air right now."



Wraps Under

By Stephanie Sokol and Lilly Reid
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Scarves in season

With winter quickly approaching, scarves are making their way back into popularity. In a variety of materials and styles, this classic staple is an easy way to update any look.

Scarves are worn in many ways. Infinity round scarves are simply wrapped around the neck twice, all others can be tied in a variety of styles.

"Scarves are great because they match (all) my outfits," junior Senala Bajouka said. "I can always accessorize with them."

Students express themselves through colors and patterns.

Many choose to keep it classic by wearing earth tones or neutral colors — others choose vibrant, bright colors.

Patterns are also a hot trend in the world of scarves — paisley, plaid, stripes and even floral prints are common.

Light-knit scarves are popular from the end of the summer into the fall, while cable knits and other heavy materials make their resurgence as the temperatures drop. For functionality, wool and knit scarves add insulation and protect against weather and wind.

"I love wearing scarves because they keep me warm," senior Huma Riaz said.

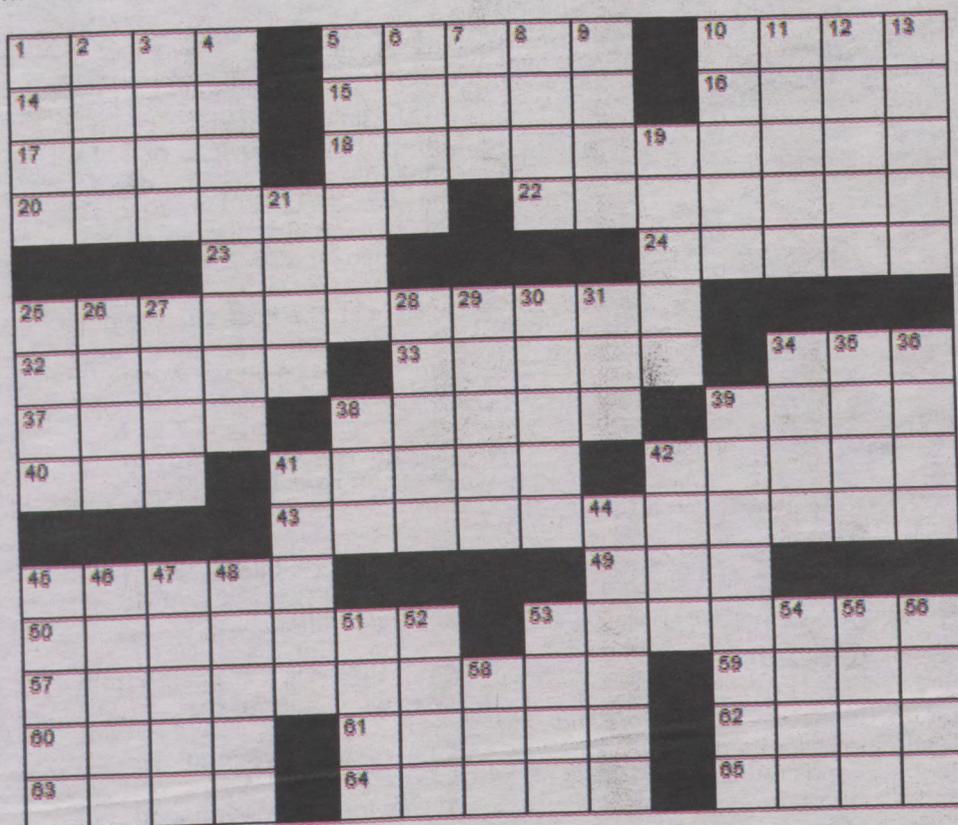
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ACROSS

1. Wings
5. Fragrant oil
10. Leave in a hurry
14. 53 in Roman numerals
15. Stage
16. Backside
17. Small slender gull
18. Preserve
20. Amazing adventure
22. Become looser
23. Buff
24. Clairvoyants
25. Relationships with pals
32. Fanatical
33. Embankment
34. Enemy
37. Analogous
38. Craze
39. Mildew
40. Aye
41. Polka or samba
42. French school
43. Testimony
45. Nautical for stop
49. Residue from a fire
50. Not analog

DOWN

1. Countertenor
2. Misdemeanor
3. Breezy
4. Famous genius
5. Add on
6. Not we
7. Black gunk
8. Vipers
9. Bobbin
10. Condiment
11. Old World rails
12. Daisylike bloom
13. Adolescents
19. Thigh armor
21. Found on most beaches

25. Wear away by rubbing
26. Garden tool
27. Nile bird
28. Tilt
29. Therefore
30. Wall climbers
31. A leguminous plant
34. Central points
35. Margarine
36. Biblical garden
38. A thick flat pad
39. Based on traditional stories
41. Philippine tribal chief
42. Not first
44. Seamster
45. Highly skilled
46. Parish priest
47. Ancient Greek marketplace
48. Satiny
51. How old we are
52. Former Italian currency
53. Head
54. Portuguese folksong
55. Annul
56. In order to prevent
58. Taxi

Know someone newsworthy?

If you know someone who would make an excellent student or faculty profile, email life@oaklandpostonline.com with your ideas.



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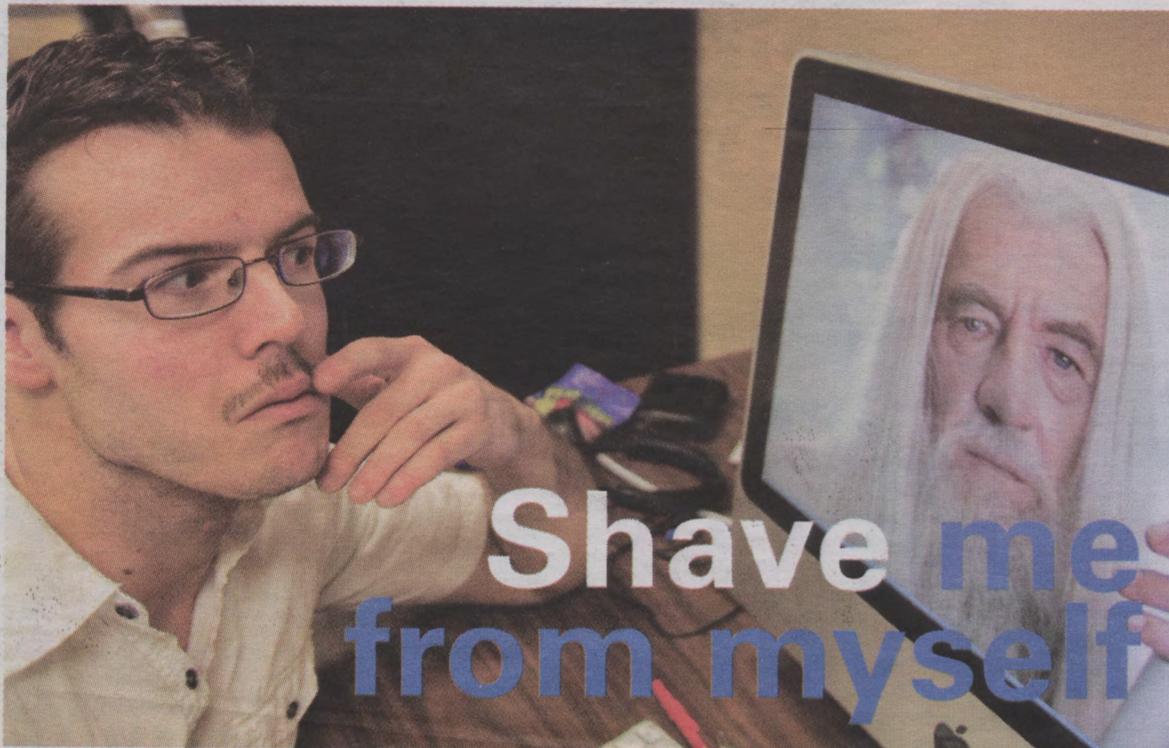


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November's
annual battle
of the beards
begins again this
year with a furry
vengeance. Do
you have what it
takes?

By Brian Figurski
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Calling all creeps – the time of year is upon us again. The time we separate from our families and friends in utter disgust.

No, not these political debates. I'm talking about No-Shave November.

In the past, I have never been interested in participating in this barbaric ritual. First, I was what some classify as a "late bloomer," which prevented me from having the ability to grow fur on my face and other places. It also prevented me from having girlfriends that didn't laugh at my, shortcomings.

Secondly, when I finally did hit the big time, the beast exploded and my body became a tangled net of hair. I felt the need to industrialize and cut down the rainforest on a regular

"THIS MONTH'S DEDICATION TO FACIAL FOLLICLES IS OPEN TO THE ENTIRE GAMUT — AS IS THE OFFICE POOL FOR BEST IN SHOW DEC. 1 — EVERY CONTENDER IS WELCOME TO RUN. BEARDS, SIDEBURNS, SOUL PATCHES AND EVEN THE DELIGHTFUL UNIBROW ARE POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS OF THE UNSHAVEN."

basis. The more effeminate side of me said it would be a good idea to smooth myself back to age 13.

This year, however, I have been rubbing Rogaine on my face and combing my whiskers in the biggest battle I have ever faced in perfecting the penultimate signature of masculinity.

This month's dedication to facial follicles is open to the entire gamut. As with the Oakland Post office pool for best in show at Dec. 1, every contender is welcome to run. Beards, sideburns, soul patch and even the delightful unibrow are potential champions for the unshaven.

Ladies, don't think we're excluding you from the festivities either. I've seen your peach fuzz. Go ahead and grow that thing out. Cast your wax and tweezers away for the rest of the month and embrace your inner animal.

However, my journey over these 30 days is more than just a testament to finally conquering puberty. Aside from doing my best to win that \$20, I am embarking on a quest to debunk the creepiness of the moustache.

The moustache used to be a sign of infinite power and authority. Worn by police officers aplenty, Tom Selleck and Ron Jeremy - these are just a sample of revered characters.

But something wicked happened. The look became a crooked cari-

cature, donned by evil powers and becoming associated with psychopaths and cretins. Adolf Hitler, Saddam Hussein, every convicted pedophile and Ron Jeremy — these are just a few of the monsters who forever changed the way we conceptualize the upper-lip accessory.

So far my test run to make the moustache friendly again has failed tremendously. I have been told every negative stereotype from "I look like an idiot hipster" to "I would not let my future kids trick-or-treat at your house," all while in the beginning stages of 'stache-dom.

I didn't start with the intention to become creepy, but it seems improbable to break the mold. The moustache has without a doubt fallen from its golden pinnacle back in the early '80s.

But don't let the ominous appearances prevent you from joining this monthly cause for irritable skin. It's a fun way to let loose this month or prep for your gig as mall Santa or Styrofoam cup beggar for December.

Best of luck to everyone embarking on their own facial art journey. If you would please excuse me, I've got a hair transplant appointment and kids to stare at in the municipal park.

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SATIRE

WEEKLY TOP 10

The little "whoopsie" left on student's voicemails as part of the emergency test alert was an eye-opener. It's hard to think of anything else that would be worse to hear on your recorded messages.

Here at The Post, we take pride in reserving time to figure out what would be on par with the mistake from yesterday. Thus, we present to you the **Top 10 Things You Don't Want to Hear on Your Voice Mail!**

10. "This is Michael Bay, I want to make a movie about your life!"
9. The "skill set" speech from the movie *Taken*.
8. "We found your golden tongue ring! We just had to wait for our Doberman to ... digest his food. Also ... how did the dog get your tongue ring?..."
7. "Hey, someone wrote your number on the bathroom wall at Clutch Cargo's... so... what's up?"
6. "I'm pregnant!"
5. "You're pregnant!"
4. "You're fired. Also, I'm pregnant!"
3. "Michael Bay again, how do you feel about Nic Cage for the lead role?"
2. "They're making a Ghost Rider 3!"
1. The actual "test" voicemail OUPD left on all our phone's voicemails earlier yesterday.

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