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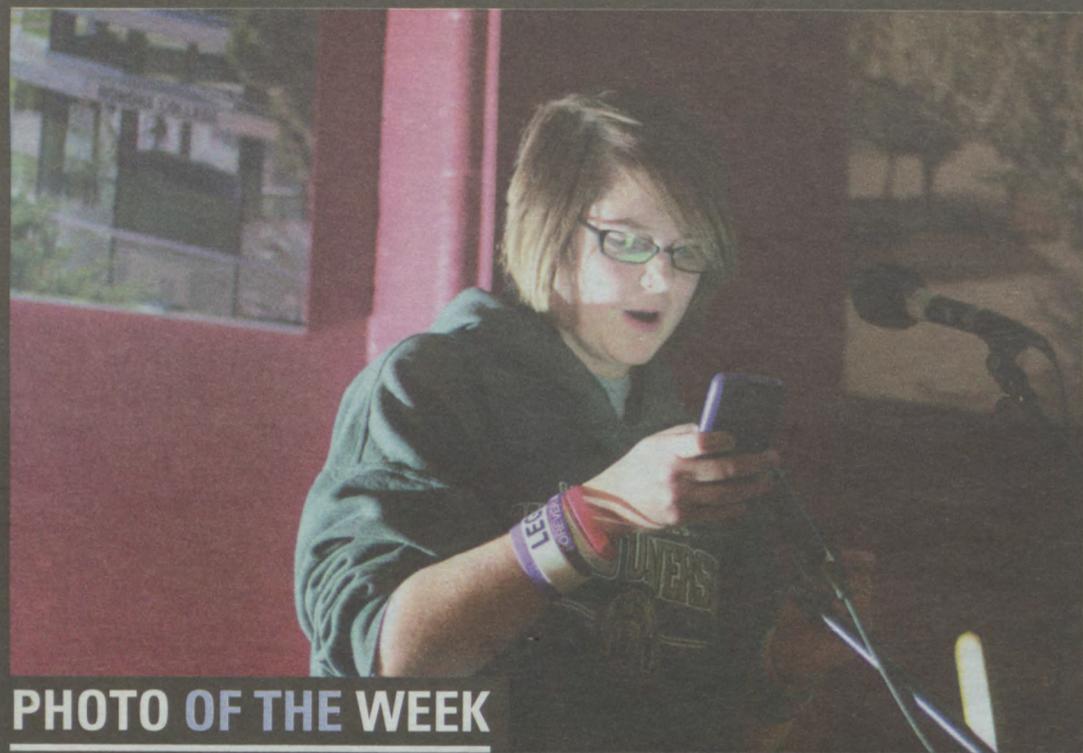
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Watch our Man on the Street segment about gun control. What is your stance on this hot button (or trigger) issue?

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

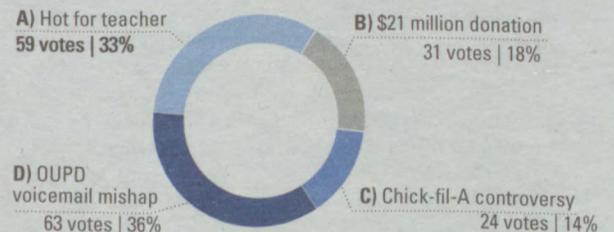
What is your stance on the availability and ownership of assault rifles in the U.S.?

- A** I think everyone has the right to own one
- B** I think it should be allowed, but with limitations
- C** I'm against it
- D** I don't care

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## LAST MONTH'S POLL

What do you think was the biggest story this past year?



## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### JANUARY 10, 1964

The pay base for student employees received a five cent increase. Students then earned one dollar per hour, instead of 95 cents.

### JANUARY 14, 1966

The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild went on tour for the first time. They performed "Cinderella" at select Michigan schools and community centers.

### JANUARY 14, 1980

O'Dowd Hall received the first pieces of its mirrored shell over the semester break. The building was expected to be completed in the coming months.



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Oakland University senior Brandon Hanna spent his break working in Honduras.

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
U.S. GUN USAGE

**5,077**

traced guns in Michigan in 2011

**62**

mass shootings in the U.S. in the past 31 years

**0.48**

percent of people who were denied guns in the U.S. in 2011

**131,806**

gun vendors in the U.S. in December 2012

**21**

minimum age needed to purchase

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### A nation in need of gun control

It's been almost a month since 20-year-old Adam Lanza murdered 20 children and six adults in the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary massacre in Newtown, Conn.

Lanza used three semi-automatic guns during the attack — all of which were purchased legally by his mother, whom he also killed.

This should have never happened.

However, as shocked as we were that Friday afternoon, by Saturday morning many had filed Newtown with Aurora, Columbine and Virginia Tech in their mental Rolodex of American tragedies.

There have been 62 mass shootings in the U.S. in the past 31 years, according to Mother Jones, and 49 of the gunmen obtained their weapons legally.

We need to take control — more specifically, gun control.

Let's start by getting rid of assault rifles.

In Michigan, residents can legally purchase guns when they turn 21. If they want a Concealed Pistol License, they just have to take a class and pay a fee. No tests are required, but a background check is administered.

Let's put the background check into perspective: In 2010, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System ran 16,454,951 background checks for firearm purchases. Of those, only 0.48 percent were denied.

After a background check,

An assault rifle, manufactured solely to cause mass carnage, should not be on your Walmart shopping list.

Michigan residents can purchase assault rifles and other firearms at local stores, including Walmart and Gander Mountain.

It's all too easy.

An assault rifle, manufactured solely to cause mass carnage, should not be on your Walmart shopping list.

America was founded on a passionate belief of individual freedoms. Our country was bred and born in violence, and our gun history is deep-rooted.

Today, there are nearly 300 million privately owned firearms in the U.S., according to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The controversy about gun control didn't escalate overnight. It's been increasing for years.

So have the numbers of people killed in mass shootings.

No one cause should be the scapegoat. It's time to stop placing the blame because pointing the finger is just as ignorant as pointing the gun.

Violent video games, mental illness ... we don't know why people do this.

But we do know what they do it with.

Instead of dealing with the

obvious, though, people are actually rallying for expanded gun rights.

More guns, however, are not the answer. Gov. Rick Snyder confirmed this when, days after the Sandy Hook shootings, he vetoed legislation permitting CPL holders to carry pistols in more public places, including universities and churches.

Oakland University Police Chief Samuel Lucido said he, along with a majority of campus officials, is pleased the legislation was made with the provision, and expects it to appear with future firearm bills.

"I believe in the constitution and all of the amendments," he said. "However, I believe that each university should retain the right to regulate the carrying of firearms on their own campuses."

The veto is just a start. Firearms have no place on campuses or in churches.

In reality, we'll probably never truly understand the complexities of the Newtown tragedy, or any of the other senseless massacres. We can spend forever dissecting the facts, placing blame and expressing sympathy.

But whatever the case, we need to do something, and it needs to start with getting assault rifles off the shelf.

*The staff editorial is written weekly by members of The Oakland Post's editorial board.*



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# Finding your niché at Oakland University

Welcome to the new semester, Golden Grizzlies. It's a brand new semester — different courses, new people and a heck of a lot more experiences are heading your way if you haven't already started to see them seep into your life. It's a great time of the year.

In fact, it's the best time to be at Oakland University because of how easy it is to get involved. Many people will tell you how the beginning of the school year is the easiest time to meet new people and get involved, but if you ask me, I'd say right now is.

What's that? You don't know how to get involved, or where to even go for all of that? You're clueless about it all? Well, I've got some good news for you — I'm here to help.

Whether you're a new Grizzly this semester, a middle-aged Grizzly with the experience of multiple semesters, or you're a full-grown seasoned veteran at OU, there's never a wrong time to get involved.

Set aside the fact that OU has more than 200 student organizations. Let's say you don't know you can



**ROBBIE WILLIFORD**  
columnist

start your own organization here. Let's say you have zero knowledge on how to get involved.

Now, let me tell you that everything I just wrote is true. There are over 200 student organizations on campus. You can start your own organization. And a lot of you don't know how to get involved. Here's how you start.

First things first — come down to the basement of the Oakland Center. Quite a few student organizations down here can help you find a way to get involved.

For example, Student Congress (OUSC) is here to be the voice of the student body on campus. Student Program Board (SPB) is here to provide entertainment opportunities like Casino Night or the annual concerts to the students and sometimes the surrounding community. WXOU the radio station is here for all of those who would like to pursue further opportunities in broadcasting, and they also cover OU athletic events and provide entertainment at events. The Oakland Post (which is what you're reading right now, in case you didn't know) is here to provide information to the campus community

on events, breaking news and trends.

Further on down the hallway, you'll find the Student Technology Center (STC), which is a place that computer-oriented students can go to get involved, and you can also check out the latest gadgets for your schoolwork. Across from that is the Center for Student Activities (CSA) where any and all students can go to find more places to get involved. Student Video Productions (SVP), located in the basement of Varner Hall, is here for when you want to learn all about video production.

The best part about all of these is that there are ample opportunities to get involved, as little as joining a committee to becoming a regular member of the organizations.

How do you do that? Take the first step. That's all that it takes. I look forward to seeing you around.

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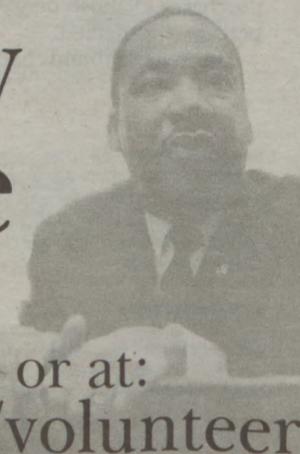
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## Keeping the Bear Bus rolling

Program aims to build 12 shelters next summer, increase ridership

By Katie Williams  
Life Editor

The Bear Bus program, a joint effort by Oakland University Housing and Student Congress, is preparing for adaptations to the updated routes and the use of two new shuttles that were introduced in September.

"We are doing our best to support the needs of both those students living on-campus, as well as the needs of several OU departments and student organizations," Nick Desrochers, the program's coordinator, said.

### Increased ridership and routing

The program has experienced increased ridership within the last year, according to Desrochers and Christine Aranda, program supervisor and bus driver. To encourage ridership, the Bear Bus supervising team has updated its website and social media presence.

"They had 8,000 (passengers) total, and we are on track for 10-12,000," Aranda said. "Our goal is to have 16,000 passengers this year."

Amera Fattah, OUSC director of student services, cited the highest ridership during midterms and finals and the lowest during official campus breaks.

"We've noticed higher numbers during those times because students absolutely need to get to classes," she said.

Desrochers attributes the increase to communication with the student body and increased awareness.

"While having two new shuttles has contributed to more students using our services, we've spent a lot of time with OU students to ensure their voices are heard regarding where it is that they want to go," he said.

The off-campus routes have been updated to include weekly stops at Great Lakes Crossing and visits to Taco Bell.

The routes will be continuously adjusted based on student interest, according to Fattah.

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Nick Desrochers,  
Bear Bus program coordinator



SHANNON COUGHLIN/The Oakland Post

Lauren Perlin makes a stop to pick up students during her shift. The program plans on building 12 Bear Bus shelters next summer.

"It's difficult, because students want consistency. We do have that to a degree with the routes, but the more requests we get, the more we're adapting things," she said.

Fattah said the program is working with the Center for Student Activities to coordinate event transportation and the vans are available for rental by student organizations and departments.

Although program directors are unsure how winter weather will affect ridership, Desrochers is optimistic about its potential impact.

### A bump in the road

In September, the program introduced an updated set of routes and added two new shuttles to the two Bear Bus vans already in use. The shuttles seat 16-20 passengers and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a feature not available with the vans.

The use of the shuttles was delayed until Sept. 17 because the drivers required additional licensing. To operate the vans, the drivers all had the required chauffeur's licenses. Due to the size and higher passenger capacity of the shuttles, they required a commercial license with a passenger endorsement.

"University Housing has always been, and will always be, most concerned with the safety of Oakland University students, and will always take precaution to ensure that we are in full compliance with state law regarding student transportation,"

Desrochers said.

Fattah said changes were implemented quickly to resolve the issue.

"It was a detail we overlooked. As soon as we found out about the need for the licenses, Housing resolved it almost immediately," she said. "We found out about the additional requirements and the same day our drivers started the training process."

The shuttles are still used for strictly on-campus routes.

The changes and additions to the Bear Bus program required to make the shuttles compliant to go off-campus are still being investigated and reviewed by Housing and the Risk Management Department, according to Desrochers.

### Long-term plans

In addition to the changes underway, those involved with the Bear Buses are making plans to ensure the longevity of the program.

Fattah has been working with Housing and Student Services to plan for 12 Bear Bus shelters to be established at the busiest route stops. New signs with route information were placed at the stops last week.

Fattah said the shelters would provide security and comfort for riders, and would allow more users to reduce parking congestion.

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## POLICE FILES

### OUPD dispatched to South Foundation for student medical emergency, suspicious bag

The Oakland University Police Department and emergency responders were dispatched to South Foundation Hall around 7:30 p.m. because a student was having a medical emergency.

According to a professor, the student had a seizure.

At the same time, police received a report that there was a suspicious bag on the second floor of the building. The bag was found to be no threat, according to Lt. Terry Ross.

The Oakland Post will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.

### Fire alarm wrongly set off at Greek cottage

Oakland University police officers were dispatched to a Greek cottage on Adams Road in response to a fire alarm Dec. 30 at 3:01 a.m.

Police arrived on scene and observed no sign of a fire but saw a group of people standing outside.

One male student approached the officers to tell them there was no fire and that the female student who pulled the alarm was walking toward the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

Police went to the house and spoke with the female student who was visibly distraught and said she pulled the alarm to prevent a fight. She told police she had been at a bar and her ex-boyfriend came to pick her up and take her home.

When she was dropped off at the Greek cottage, she said her ex-boyfriend and the male student began an argument, at which point she pulled the fire alarm.

Police spoke with all involved and every story matched. The two males said there was no physical contact involved during the confrontation.

Police advised all involved to have no contact with each other.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski and Nichole Seguin,  
Campus Editor and Editor-in-Chief

# Magnetic attraction

University creates partnership with Avondale District to create lab school

By Kevin Graham  
Senior Reporter

The School of Education and Human Services is looking to emulate the medical school in preparing teachers for future work.

The desire for a clinical laboratory setting for hands-on application of teaching techniques has led to a partnership between Oakland University and the Avondale School District.

OU students are already working within the district and applying skills learned in their education classes.

The next phase of this partnership should take place Fall 2013 when OU and Avondale open their magnet lab school.

Charles Maxfield, associate professor of educational leadership, explained the theory behind the partnership.

"As you are learning new ideas as an aspiring teacher, you actually are able to work with teachers and children and try those ideas out," Maxfield said.

## A new strategy

Both Maxfield and Avondale superintendent George Heitsch said they are looking to form a school to train teachers using a teaching hospital model in a partnership, similar to the model the School of Medicine has with the Beaumont Health System.

"(One of the goals is) kind of a new look at teacher education to have it look more like medical education so that the partner school will act much like a hospital would for students within the college of education for clinical experiences for them," Heitsch said.

Part of the strategy calls for a new level of leadership among the teachers involved.

"The traditional notion of leadership is that here in the School of Education, the dean is in charge and in the school district the superintendent and principals are in charge," Maxfield said. "One of the features of this whole project is to begin thinking about the role that teachers in the school district play as peer leaders, as teacher leaders."

Heitsch said this comes at a time when

there is a push for K-12 educational reform in Michigan.

"I think both higher education and public education are at a tipping point," Heitsch said. "Our older models are effective for many of our students, but they are not effective for all of our students."

## Already bearing fruit

Although the K-3 school of choice will not open until September of next year, the partnership is already paying off with OU students training in the district, according to Maxfield.

Maxfield received a letter from an Auburn Elementary School teacher stating that 65 students were able to receive extra reading instruction as a result of the program with OU, which started during the Fall semester.

Heitsch said the partnership will be a great asset for teachers in the district.

"One of the greatest advantages is just the volume of adult support that will be available," he said.

Maxfield also said OU has been able to bring wider university resources to bear. The medical school has begun a "Docs and Jocks" program promoting physical fitness and nutrition at one of the schools.

The School of Education and Human Services is also helping with counseling and social work services, according to Maxfield.

## The bigger picture

Maxfield and Heitsch both see the program impacting all grade levels in the future and Heitsch believes the magnet school is just the start.

"Even though the clinic school, that experience may start on a limited basis, we know that we're going to see the benefits of a partnership with Oakland University at all grade levels and in every building," Heitsch said.

Heitsch said they hope the program becomes the model for similar partnerships across the nation.

"Our goals are to improve the quality of life for our whole school community, to close achievement gaps across the district and to be part of a national model for partnerships between public schools and universities," he said.

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# Group of students continue to push for gender-neutral restrooms

By Natalie Popovski  
Campus Editor

The push for more gender-neutral restrooms on campus is still on the agenda for Oakland University's Gay-Straight Alliance, according to the student organization's president, Blake Bonkowski.

Formerly a joint effort between the GSA, Transcend and the Intro to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies class taught by assistant professor of social work, Dalton Connally, the project is now being handled by the GSA, the Gender and Sexuality Center as well as Student Congress, according to Bonkowski.

Bonkowski said the group hopes to create at least one gender-neutral restroom in each building on campus.

Samantha Wolf, president of

OUSC, said she was approached by a student at the beginning of the year when this class was working on getting signatures of support for the gender-neutral bathrooms.

"Working with Blake, OUSC and other gender neutral bathroom supporters will allow the administration to see all the student support there is for this cause."

Samantha Wolf,  
OUSC president

"I had informed her (the student) if she needed help I would love to assist in the project," Wolf said. "From this point I have been getting some information

from Blake and we had talked about when the class was done (beginning of December) we would start working together to really push for more gender-neutral bathrooms on campus."

Wolf said as student body president, she has the ability to have discussions with administration on a regular basis.

"Working with Blake, OUSC and other gender-neutral bathroom supporters will allow the administration to see all the student support there is for this cause," Wolf said.

So far Dean of Student Life Glenn McIntosh, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Mary Beth Snyder, University President Gary Russi, Interim Senior Vice President Academic Affairs and Provost Susan Awbrey and OC Director Richard Fekel have all heard about this initiative.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### International Education/ Study Abroad Information

Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., information will be made available for students who plan to study abroad. This event will be held in the Oakland Center and study-abroad student advisers will be there to answer questions and provide insight based on their experiences. For more information, contact Brian Connery at 248-370-2889 or email [connery@oakland.edu](mailto:connery@oakland.edu).

### 'Let's Reduce Plagiarism Problems - Expanded'

This workshop will be held Jan. 14 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in 200A Elliott Hall. Students can learn how to improve on their skills and how to avoid plagiarism. Students must register online to attend. For more information, contact Suzanne Flattery at 248-370-2466 or send an email to [flattery@oakland.edu](mailto:flattery@oakland.edu).

### THE ROVING EYE: Aura and the Contemporary Portrait

This exhibit will run from Jan. 12 until March 31 from noon to 5 p.m. in 208 Wilson Hall. The exhibit features 18 New York-based artists and 39 works of art. Admission is free and this event is open to the public. For more information, contact Jacky Leow at 248-370-3005 or send an email to [jaleow@oakland.edu](mailto:jaleow@oakland.edu)

### WXOU schedule changes

Several of WXOU's Monday radio programs will now begin at different times.

"The Sean Varicalli Show" will now be from 6-7 p.m., "The Edge Show" will be from 7-8 p.m., "Country Joe's Roadhouse" 8-9 p.m. and "Radio Free Rebekah" 9-10 p.m.

— Compiled by Lilly Reid,  
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**COME HOME TO OU**



STEPHANIE SOKOL/The Oakland Post

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon hang out in their Greek house. "I joined the fraternity to make friends and because I wanted to try something different," freshman Frank O'Brien said.

# It's all Greek to me

## A guide to sorority and fraternity life on campus

By Jennifer Holychuk // Senior Reporter

**D**uring the winter semester, sororities and fraternities at Oakland University hold a second recruitment to attract any interested students who may have missed the opportunity to join Greek life in the fall.

### Meet the Greeks

Oakland has 15 Greek letter organizations — 14 of which are governed by four different councils: the College Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and Multicultural Greeks.

OU's only multicultural Greek organization, Zeta Sigma Chi Sorority, is not governed by a council and reports directly to the Greek Council, which oversees all of the Greek sororities, fraternities and other councils.

The College Panhellenic Council is the main sorority council at OU and consists of Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma. The College Panhellenic Council exists to "promote superior scholarship, leadership development and dissemination of information important to women in general," according to information on the GrizzOrgs website.

Men looking to join a fraternity may look to the Interfraternity Council, which is made up of Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Theta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon. The purpose of this council is "to assist the fraternity system in the development of fraternity members through intellectual, social leadership and humanitarian pursuits."

OU also has five of the nine national Greek letter fraternities and sororities that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

The GrizzOrgs directory states the mission of the National Pan-Hellenic Council as "unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."

According to Tyanna Moore, president of OU's National Pan-Hellenic Council and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, this council is composed of Black Greek Letter

Organizations, or BGLOs, which are traditionally black Greek organizations.

"Being a member of a BGLO, there are many different things to do," she said. "Whether it's a yard show, a party or planning a charity event, there's always some business to take care of."

OU is also home to one multicultural Greek org, the Zeta Sigma Chi Sorority. According to their mission's statement on the GrizzOrgs website, this sorority seeks "to unify a group of women from diverse cultures for one common goal: success in education."

### How to join

Any student can go through the recruitment process for a sorority or fraternity. If a student accepts a bid, or invitation to join a Greek org, they must complete the requirements of the bid in order to be initiated into the sorority or fraternity.

In the fall, all of Oakland's Greek organizations have their major formal recruitment period.

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Allison Webster, assistant director of student organization programs and Greek adviser, said a second wave of "informal" recruitment is taking place this month as well, which is common at the beginning of each winter semester. However not every Greek org will participate.

"All of the fraternities will be recruiting this month, as well as two of the sororities," she said. "The next major formal recruitment will not take place until the fall."

Sarah Bacon, a member of Alpha Delta Pi, said Greeks may choose to recruit during this month if they do not have enough members to meet their goal.

"The certain Greek orgs who need more members in the winter will do their own recruitment within their chapter only," said Bacon, a junior majoring in education.

The Greek life requirements and bid acceptance form can be found on OU's Sorority and Fraternity Life website.

**Who's gone Greek**

Webster said despite how vocal the Greek organizations are on

campus, only about two percent of the student population is involved in Greek life.

According to Webster, recent sorority and fraternity recruitment added some students to this population. 419 students are currently involved in Greek life.

"I'm sure the population seems larger than that because they're so prominent on campus," she said.

She said one of the reasons such a small percentage of OU students engage in Greek life is the fact that, according to OU Housing, about 90 percent of students commute.

"It's hard to get OU students to commit to an org period, let alone a fraternity or sorority," she said. "So many students just come to class and go home."

**To Greek or not to Greek**

Going Greek, like joining any organization, requires commitment.

Moore said although her sorority "plays hard, they work harder." "Being Greek isn't all about the fun people pay attention to," she said. "We put in a lot of hard work, not only on campus, but in surrounding communities and sometimes nationally."

Unlike most campus groups, Webster said there is a level of

financial commitment as well. Greek students are required to pay yearly dues to their respective organization. This amount can range from \$300-600 depending on the sorority or fraternity and covers fees, events, badges and more.

"It's most expensive your first year," she said. "You're paying your new member fees, buying your badge and so on."

According to Webster, many of the Greeks offer payment plans and scholarships to cover dues.

Tom Cruz, alumni and founder of OU's chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said he believes the cost of Greek life is worth the benefits.

"You might want to join a community service organization, or an intramural sport, or an honors club, but Greek life is all of those," he said.

Webster said although not all students will join, she encourages everyone to investigate Greek life for themselves.

"It's not something you do for four years," she said. "It's something you join for life."

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**GREEK LIFE BY THE NUMBERS**

419

total students involved in Greek life at OU

52

members in Alpha Delta Pi Sorority

4

total number of Greek councils

2

percentage of OU students involved in Greek life

3

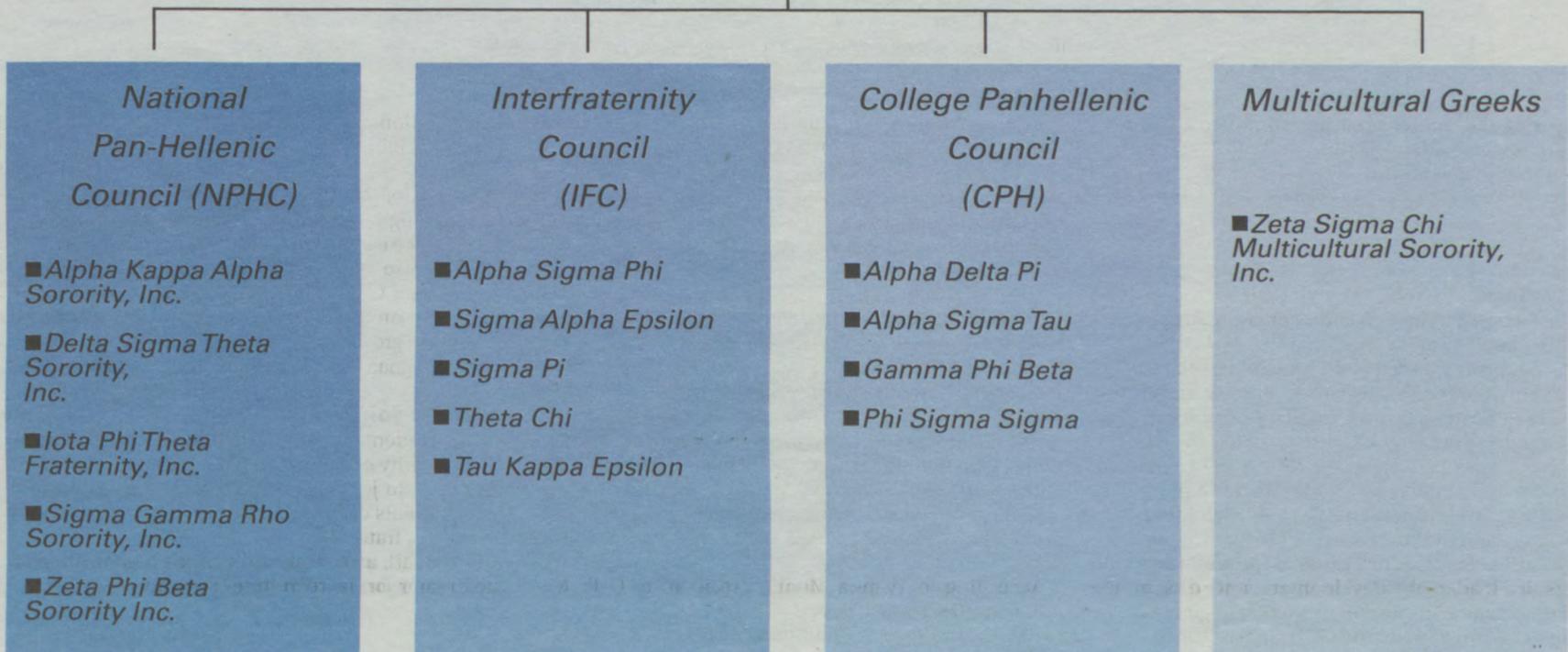
total members in Iota Phi Theta Fraternity

19

total Greek orgs on campus

\*all numbers are as of fall 2012

**GREEK COUNCIL BREAKDOWN**



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# DOLLARS & CENTS

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Donations fuel OU, but where do they come from – and where do they go?  
Written By Jennifer Holychuk • Photos by Lex Lee • Design by Frank Lepkowski

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Pawley Hall and Elliott Hall are recognizable features of Oakland University's campus, but where did they come from? These buildings are just two examples of campus landmarks made possible by alumni, community and corporate donations – even the Grizz itself was a gift.

Gifts serve as a major source of funding for programs, buildings and scholarships at Oakland; in the 2012 fiscal year which ended on June 30, the university received \$5.8 million in gifts — that's about \$1.5 million more than in the 2011 fiscal year.

The Division of Development, Alumni and Community Engagement is responsible for all incoming donations to OU and manages events such as the OU Telefund, which alone brings in around \$200,000 in university donations each year. This is only one of the several avenues for university funding.

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## Getting givers connected

Donations are received through the several departments within the Division of Development, such as Planned Giving, Annual Giving, and Major Gifts.

Angie Schmucker, director of Planned Giving and interim director of Annual Giving, explained why this division is vital to the success of OU.

"Our overall mission is to build lifelong relationships between people and the university," she said. "Some of those relationships end up as gifts."

According to Erika Walker, director of Major Gifts, donors are usually connected to the university through alumni events, community fundraisers and one-on-one contact with long-time university patrons.

Schmucker said that most large donations, including last fall's \$21 million donation by Stephen Sharf, are planned years in advance with aid from members of the Division of Development.

"They usually don't come out of nowhere," she said.

On occasion, however, the department is caught off-guard by unexpected donors. According to Schmucker, a recent sizeable donation landed on the office doorstep — literally.

"One day she (an anonymous donor) showed up and said, 'Hey I want to leave

you in my estate,'" she said. "It usually does not happen that way."

## Where gifts go

Walker explained the many different ways donations can be distributed within the university.

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**"Our overall mission is to build lifelong relationships between people and the university."**

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"There are gifts of actual cash, or donors can do stocks or land," Walker said.

Gifts are often made to fund specific projects, she explained, such as the \$3.5 million that was designated by multimillionaire Stephen Sharf for the Steve Sharf Golf Clubhouse that opened last June.

Most recently donated was a \$6.5 million gift from repeat donors Hugh and Nancy Elliott for the creation of the Elliott Carillon Tower, which is set to be completed in September 2014.

"Donors can also create endowments

that go for specific purposes," Walker said. "Those can be for scholarships, research funds, supporting a faculty position, a building and more."

According to Schmucker, endowments are a way of extending donations by treating them as investments and using part of the interest each year. This way, a donation can be used over a longer period of time.

This kind of investment is vital for the university because they create "predictable revenue streams for the unit and the university," Walker said.

Donors may wish to make general donations that go into what is called an "unrestricted fund" for a particular department or school within OU, she said. The funds are then allocated at the dean or department head's discretion.

## The Donor Bill of Rights

Schmucker said one of the department's main objectives is to ensure that donations are designated according to the donor's wishes. One of the ways this is achieved, she said, is by strictly following OU's "Donor Bill of Rights."

"We always adhere to the donor bill of rights," she said. "If somebody wants to do something specific (with a donation) and we accept it, we have to do that."

She also said that if for any reason a donation cannot continue to meet the



donor's expectations — the specified university program closes, a law is changed, etc. — they department must get approval from the donor before using the funds for another purpose.

## Why gifts matter

According to Schmucker, OU's beginnings were rooted in philanthropy — founder Matilda Wilson donated the majority of campus property as well as her estate Meadow Brook Hall to OU.

Now, Schmucker said, a large portion of OU's buildings, equipment and student scholarships exist because of donations.

"Donors want students' lives to be different because theirs was," she said.

Regardless of the size of the gift, Schmucker said her department is always excited to see interest in giving back.

According to Philip Snyder, Assistant Vice President of Development, anyone can get involved in university fundraising by spreading the goals and mission of the Oakland.

"Everyone can help build a culture of philanthropy that will make this university an ever greater place in the future," he said. Schmucker agreed.

"We want to see the mission and vision of the university coming alive," Schmucker said. "One of the major ways that we can do that is through philanthropy."

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## The five main avenues for donations to OU:

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### Major Gifts:

Donations above \$10,000.

### Planned Gifts:

Donations to be received on a future date, such as through a donor's will.

### Annual Gifts:

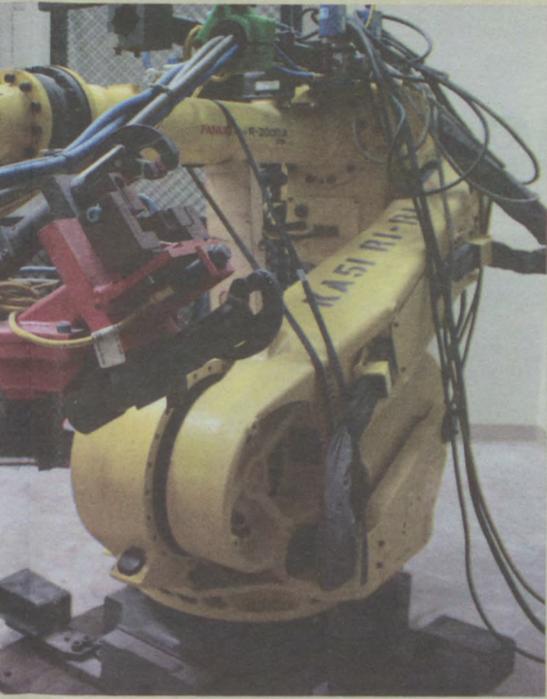
Donations under \$10,000, typically received on a regular basis.

### Alumni Engagement:

Events and fundraising opportunities that increase participation from OU Alumni.

### Corporate and Foundation Relations:

Donations and other funding from corporate and foundation donors, community partners and sponsors.



Meadow Brook Mansion  
Donated by Matilda Wilson



**Oakland's Donor 'Bill of Rights'**

Be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

Be informed of the identities of those serving on the organization's governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

Have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.

Be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

Receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.

Be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

Expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

Be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.

Have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.

Feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

Grizz statue  
Donated by Istva'n Ma'te and Gyorgyi Lantos



Steve Sharf Clubhouse  
Donated by Stephan Sharf



**Department directors:**

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Planned Gifts:  
Angie Schmuker

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Relations:  
Kristy Mitchell

Annual Gifts:  
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Erin Sudrovech

# Matching jerseys, matching genes

*Sisters work together on the women's basketball team*

By Lindsay Beaver  
Senior Reporter

Together, the Hamlet sisters have always shared a love for the game of basketball. From their time in the small town of McBain, Mich., all the way to Oakland University, the girls have stuck together.

## A shared passion

Elizabeth Hamlet, a junior guard, has had a passion for basketball since she was a young girl. She said it simply gave her something to do.

"I think I was born with a basketball in my hand," Elizabeth said. "I was always around the game, always in the gym. It gave me an alternative option growing up."

Elizabeth joined her first travel team when she was in fourth grade. Meanwhile, her younger sister Annemarie had begun to show an interest in the game as well.

A freshman guard, Annemarie Hamlet has already made a name for herself at Oakland. Like her older sister, she was bitten by the basketball bug between first and second grade.

"She's my older sister and without her I wouldn't be where I am now.

She's gotten me here and she's taught me all the hard things that she's had to go through ..."

— Annemarie Hamlet,  
Freshman guard

## A father's guidance

"My dad was in the gym teaching me how to play," Annemarie said. "He thought it would be fun if us girls could learn how to play basketball because that was something he was good at and he just wanted to teach us."

The Hamlets' father was a basketball coach for a travel team on which Elizabeth played. Despite the age difference, Annemarie would take advantage of her time spent around the court.



Freshman Annemarie (LEFT) and junior Elizabeth Hamlet both play guard on the Oakland University women's basketball team.

DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

"She might have been better than half the girls on the travelling team," Elizabeth said. "Three years younger than everyone else. Anytime she got an opportunity to hop in, whether it was one on-one or practicing drills, coming in and shooting with the other girls or even playing in some of our games when we were a couple girls short. She always capitalized on that opportunity."

Together at McBain High School, the girls led their team to a state runner-up finish.

## Matching uniforms, again

After being recruited by Oakland for a long time, Elizabeth moved on to join the Golden Grizzlies. When it came time for Annemarie to decide her path, she chose to follow in her sister's footsteps.

"They really cared about us as people, not just as players," Annemarie said. "Also, having Elizabeth go to college there, it made me want to follow my big sister because I've always been following my big sister."

Elizabeth was excited at the prospect of reuniting as teammates with Annemarie, comparing it to their time spent in high school. To Elizabeth, it feels like they've been playing together forever.

"We do well playing together," Elizabeth said. "She's always been my little sidekick."

The sisters' competitiveness is one way that they have helped each other on the court. After shooting drills, they would play one on one. They can get aggressive, but they know it's all out of love.

"Yeah, she might give me a hard time every once in a while but that just keeps it fun," Elizabeth said. "It keeps things interesting. We get to have a lot of fun with each other."

Annemarie credits her big sister for helping her both mentally and physically while on the court.

"When we play, she's always roughing around with me which makes me stronger," Annemarie said.

"Mentally, you know, she's gone

through it all. She's my older sister and without her I wouldn't be where I am now," Annemarie said. "She's gotten me here and she's taught me all the hard things that she's had to go through first, so I get the easy route."

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## FAST FACTS

### ANNEMARIE

Jersey number: 10  
Class: Freshman  
Height: 5'6"  
Points per game: 9.6  
Field goal percentage: 34.6

### ELIZABETH

Jersey number: 33  
Class: Junior  
Height: 5'11"  
Points per game: 8.3  
Field goal percentage: 45.5

# A Miner change

*Experienced leader takes the helm of the softball program*

By Kevin Graham  
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's softball program has seen its fair share of changes during the off-season, most notably the hiring of a new head coach Connie Miner.

Miner replaces LaDonia Hughes, who left the program last year following a 10-38 season. The Grizzlies were just 27-67 in Hughes' two years at the helm.

Miner has previous head coaching experience at Eastern Michigan, San Jose State and the University of California Riverside.

## Fresh faces

When assessing the team, Miner believes pitching is the area with the most room for improvement.

"Our ERA last year was around 6.50 last season and it's very tough to win games when you are giving up that many runs," Miner said. "It puts a lot of pressure on the defense and the offense to score a lot."

Looking to improve play in the pitching circle are freshmen Laura Pond, Erin Kownacki and Sarah Hartley. Each had a strong fall season for the team.

Junior catcher/outfielder Erika Polidori expects the newcomers to contribute early on.

"We have two freshmen pitchers coming in who look like they're going to play a lot of innings," Polidori, a nursing major, said. "We have a lot of freshmen who are going to look to start and they're going to bring something special to the team."

Miner also said they need more of the team to hit .300 this year to not put pressure on any one group of players to perform every game.

## A new attitude

Polidori said Miner has spent a lot of time on the mental aspect of the game with the team.

"She's done a lot of team building things, a lot of confidence building things, worked a lot on our skills," Polidori said.



Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Armed with previous experience at three successful teams, Connie Miner looks to bring her winning mindset to the Oakland program.

Polidori said she thought the team beat itself last year by letting mistakes pile up. She said this year the team has renewed confidence.

"This year it's going to be having the confidence and knowing that we are good enough to win a lot more games and have a much better record and have the chance to make it to the Summit League conference tournament," she said.

"Hopefully I can instill in the team to have faith and believe that at the end of the year they will be in a position to get into the tournament because you can do anything if you believe," Miner said.

## On the recruiting trail

Miner said she will have to hit the ground running on recruiting. The late timing of her hiring means she will have some catching up to do.

"In softball, people are already looking at recruits for 2015 and 2016, so coming here I know I am already be-

hind in recruiting some of the best players in the state," she said. "Of course there are kids who will develop later or fall through the cracks but because of the experiences I do not panic about recruiting like a younger coach might."

Assistant Athletic Director for Development Gordie Lindsay said Miner was hired in part because of her ability to build a program.

"She has built two programs that were similar to ours in Eastern Michigan and UC-Riverside and had tremendous success while coaching several all-conference and conference players of the year," Lindsay said. "She has a true passion for the sport and has a lot of experience that will help guide this program for years to come."

In terms of strategy, Miner's approach is varied.

"I'm not one-dimensional, I like to have a fast team but you also need players who can hit them in so I use small ball and power ball," she said.

"I think you have to take advantage of what the defense gives you."

## Key contributors

In addition to freshmen, Miner expects continued success for two-time All Summit League selections Polidori and senior second baseman/third baseman Erin Galloway.

Miner said sophomore Jackie Kisman should play well, coming off a strong freshman campaign.

Brittany Prior, a junior, hit the ball really well in the fall, Miner said.

Miner said junior Shannon Cleveland has taken her coaching tips well and is working to improve her game next season. Junior Chelsea Carena had a good fall season as well.

Oakland opens up the season down south after spring break.

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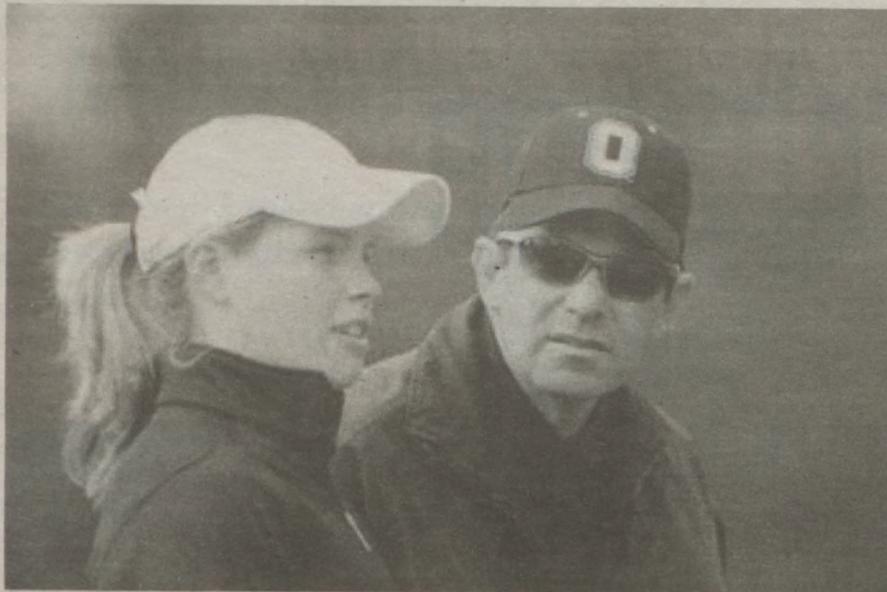


Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Six recruits signed with Oakland under the guidance of Russ Cunningham (RIGHT) this week.

## Golf program signs new talent for 2013-14 season

*Recruits boast awards and accomplishments in high school careers*

By Timothy Pontzer  
Sports Editor

This past week, Russ Cunningham, head coach of the Oakland men's and women's golf teams, announced the signing of six highly anticipated recruits.

"This recruiting class will make an immediate impact on our team," Cunningham said. "Each of these student-athletes combine a winning attitude with a fierce competitive drive which is what has brought them so much success."

Joining the women's program next season will be Danielle Crilley, Jazmin Haque, Julia Montgomery and Morgan Smith.

"This appears to be one of the top recruiting classes we have had since my arrival in 2007," said Scott MacDonald, assistant athletic director for athletic communications at OU. "They are accomplished high school golfers and have the work ethic to progress at Oakland."

Crilley was a member of three state championship teams at Lansing Catholic Central, qualifying for the 2012 USGA girl's amateur.

"Danielle is a pure ball striker with unlimited potential," Cunningham said.

Haque earned all-state honors in 2012

while playing at Rochester High.

"Jazmin truly represents the term student-athlete," Cunningham said. "She has a great work ethic, so as she gets stronger and gains confidence, she will only get better."

Montgomery, out of Utica Eisenhower, was the Golfweek junior Midwest spring player of the year last season.

"Julia has shown she can compete with and beat the best players in the Midwest," Cunningham said. "Her presence on the team will help make everyone better."

Smith led her team to four straight state championships while representing Mona Shores.

"Morgan has a natural feel for the game and she's only shown us a glimpse of what's in store," Cunningham said.

For the men's team, Jacob Johnson and Alex Waelchli signed on to wear the Oakland colors.

"I am very pleased that Alex and Jacob decided to join our program," Cunningham said. "They both have similar skill sets and are well-rounded student-athletes as made evident by their all-state recognition, academic success, and other numerous honors and awards."

Johnson was the 2012 Michigan PGA Junior Tour player of the year while playing for Lansing Catholic Central. Waelchli shot a 67 at an AJGA qualifier this past season.

All six of these players will not suit up for the Grizzlies until next fall. Until then, they will finish their senior seasons at their respective high schools.

## OAKLAND BASKETBALL

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# Picking up good donations

Local band Royal Hoax raises money for Rock4Hunger charity

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

Formed in 2010, Elijah Nelson and brothers Mark and Jake Hoak make up the Detroit band Royal Hoax. The alternative/pop-rock group is working with Gleaners Community Food Bank on their project Rock4Hunger, while getting their music out at local schools and venue shows.

## Behind the music

Nelson, Mark and Jake were originally part of the band Breathing Underwater in 2008. After one of the other members of the band left, Nelson said the three stayed together to form Royal Hoax in 2010.

While the brothers said songs from their self-titled album represent many different things, each has a different meaning based on band members' life experiences.

"The album is eclectic. My favorite song depends on my mood and what I'm feeling," Mark said. "Each one's got its own unique identity. If I'm in an upbeat mood I like 'Plenty to Burn.' I like 'Empty Hollow' for the way it connects emotionally."

## Performing for a cause

"I went to Waterford Kettering for high school and they let us play a show there for the whole school at an assembly," Mark said. "Since Gleaners is a great organization, we wanted to be able to merge the idea of playing at high schools with helping out and serve a deeper purpose. We decided to marry the two ideas and start Rock4Hunger."

The band has helped raise awareness of hunger in addition to donations, according to Anne Schenk, Gleaners Senior Director of Advancement.

They've played around 30 shows in Michigan and Mark said their work has provided more than 32,000 meals.

"We were really thrilled that Royal Hoax wanted to work with Gleaners on a long term basis with Rock4Hunger," Schenk said. "They're great people—really enthusiastic about not only their music but helping Gleaners. We are



STEPHANIE SOKOL/The Oakland Post

Jake and Mark Hoak of the local rock band Royal Hoax educate a shopper about their music and cause at their Lakeside Mall kiosk.

"Since Gleaners is a great organization, we wanted to merge the idea of playing at high schools with helping out and serve a deeper purpose. We decided to marry the two ideas and start 'Rock4Hunger.'"

Mark Hoak  
Guitarist, Royal Hoax

really grateful for what Royal Hoax is doing and hope they keep it up."

## Unique promotion

The band has a passion for "hand and foot promoting" and interacting with fans, Mark said. They frequented the DTE parking lot before concerts, passing out music, as well as going to the mall to get word out.

According to Jake, Royal Hoax has passed out 6,500 albums in the Metro Detroit area.

"After being harassed and kicked out by security multiple times in the mall, we decided that we needed to do it legitimately and so the only way to do that was through a kiosk," Mark said. "We took the risk and paid the astronomical monthly rental fee and it worked out — the cause helps, but the music speaks for itself. That's what has allowed us to be successful."

## A little laugh

While their main focus is their music and philanthropy, the band also incorporates humor and personality into their work. Their video "Shiver Shake" features a mall flash mob with a man in a giraffe costume leading the dance and interacting with the shoppers.

Jake bought the costume last minute for a Halloween party and thought it would be good for a video since people liked it. He said their sisters suggested the flash mob idea, so they combined the themes.

"Our sisters were pressing us to do a flash mob thing, so we just tried to do a spoof on a flash mob, dressing in cos-

tumes and implementing our natural personalities and random humor," Jake said.

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## 'ROCK4HUNGER'

**WHO** Rock band Royal Hoax in conjunction with Gleaners Community Food Bank.

**WHAT** Coalition to help alleviate hunger by generating revenue for Gleaners at rock shows.

**WHEN** Next Show: April 27 6-9 p.m.

**WHERE** Next Show: Fowlerville High School.

**MORE INFORMATION** Visit [www.rock4hungertour.org](http://www.rock4hungertour.org) for tour dates and band info.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### Food truck rally

Swing by the Royal Oak Farmers Market Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. for some eats on wheels at the Food Truck Rally.

Live music and Detroit area food trucks will be available at this family event.

The Farmers Market is located at 316 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

### MLK Jr. celebration

A celebration of the life and ideas of Martin Luther King Jr. will take place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 3:30 p.m. Sunday Jan. 13.

Rochester Community Schools and the Rochester Area Ministerial Association are teaming up to present the community with inspiring hymnals sung by University Hills Elementary and North Hills Elementary, as well as adult choirs.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr. will be the featured storyteller this year.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is located at 620 Romeo Road, Rochester Hills 48307.

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra to perform at Adams High School

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra wind and brass quintets will be performing Jan. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Adams High School in memory of Jessica K. Rogers.

The quintet will also be teaching master classes from 7 to 8 p.m.

Performing musicians include trumpeters Kevin Good and Robert White as well as Bryan Kennedy on French horn and Kenneth Tompkins on trombone.

### Beethoven festival

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present the music of Beethoven at the Bloomfield Township Public Library Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.

This is a live preview for the DSO's

Beethoven Festival in Orchestra Hall.

Although this is a free event, reservations are required. To reserve tickets please visit [www.dso.org](http://www.dso.org)

### Fire and Ice Festival

The Fire and Ice Festival tradition continues this year in Rochester. The festival is scheduled for Jan. 25-27.

Join the community for fun and games, fireworks and ice sculptures in downtown Rochester near Water Street and Third Street.

This year's festival will be held Friday, Jan. 25, 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a free event.

### Book signing and discussion

Authors Michael and Gina Spehn will speak about their bestselling book "The Color of Rain," Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Barnes and Noble in Rochester Hills.

The couple met after they each had spouses die from cancer. They then merged their families and started the New Day Foundation for Families, which provides assistance for families affected by cancer.

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts celebrates 30th anniversary

Artists from throughout the history of the Paint Creek Center for the Arts will be present for the opening reception on Friday, Jan. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.

With over 70 artists total contributing paintings, drawings, sculptures, prints, photography and mixed media projects, the 'Art Endures' event can appeal to all ages.

The exhibition will run from Jan. 18 to Feb. 15.

— Compiled by Ashley Mohler, Staff Intern

## op WEEKLY PUZZLES

Answers are available online at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

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### ACROSS

1. A territorial unit of Greece
5. Small terrestrial lizard
10. Fraud
14. By mouth
15. Not drunk
16. Lacquered metalware
17. Enough
19. Burden
20. Upon (prefix)
21. Slowly, in music
22. Doctrine
23. Arranging
25. Wampum
27. Young boy
28. Clothes
31. Loft
34. Drench
35. 3 in Roman numerals
36. Fourth sign of the zodiac
37. Monster
38. Kiln-dried grain
39. Blemish
40. French for "Room"
41. Slays
42. Inflection
44. Lair
45. Type of drill
46. Diplomacy
50. Accustom
52. Sarcasm
54. Can
55. Informed
56. A sporting competition
58. Wicked
59. 1/16th of a pound
60. Wings
61. Head of hair
62. Fruity-smelling compound
63. Small dam

### DOWN

1. Units of medicine
2. Blow up
3. A crime syndicate
4. Santa's helper
5. Go up
6. Coming and \_\_\_\_\_
7. Assist in crime
8. Change of life for a woman
9. Paintings
10. Flunky
11. Sociable
12. Astringent
13. Plateau
18. Of a pelvic bone
22. British title
24. Smooth-tongued
26. At one time (archaic)
28. Objectives
29. Cultivate
30. Seats oneself
31. Highest point
32. Streetcar
33. Waterproofed canvas
34. Excited
37. Headquarters
38. Not yours
40. Wise one
41. East African country
43. Obstacle
44. Supper
46. Compel
47. Inscribed pillar
48. Egyptian peninsula
49. Go in
50. Bit of gossip
51. Exploded star
53. Litter's littlest
56. Foot digit
57. Gullet



Members of the OU chapter of Global Brigades, including senior Brandon Hanna (second from right), volunteered in Honduras over winter break.

Photo courtesy of Brandon Hanna

# Helping Honduras for the holidays

*Students spend winter break volunteering in Central America*

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

The days leading up to Christmas were an “absolutely amazing, life changing experience” for Oakland University senior Brandon Hanna.

Hanna traveled to Santa Rosa, Honduras with the OU Medical and Dental chapter of Global Brigades.

“Everyone should try volunteering,” Hanna said.

For Hanna, the Student Activities Funding Board chairman and a biology major, volunteering is not new. He also traveled to Kentucky and Alabama earlier this year to build houses for storm-impacted areas.

Through Global Brigades, though, Hanna had the opportunity to practice his studies by providing free health care for residents. He said conditions were harsher than in the

U.S. because the country receives less government and community financial support.

Global Brigades was founded in 2010 by alumnus Laura Collier, the organization’s medical advocacy intern. The group started with the medical chapter and expanded to include architecture and public health brigades.

Collier was formerly the organization’s president and stayed as a mentor after graduating. She said the goal is for separate programs to operate together to create sustainable work with a lasting impact.

“Global Brigades is definitely a great opportunity to travel with OU students and volunteer abroad,” Collier said. “You get to use what you have learned in class to help and impact communities around the world.”

Hanna’s group took supplies including soap, toothpaste and vitamins to Honduras. They also provided

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Brandon Hanna,  
Biology Major

medical services.

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Three physicians — one from the U.S. and two from Honduras — as well as three Honduran dentists provided treatment, according to Hanna. In addition to testing for illness, the medical professionals educated Hondurans on hygiene and health issues.

“I found Brandon to be one of the most outstanding students with great promise in medicine. He did a great job with his willingness to learn and compassion for people. I’d be happy to have him as a colleague someday,” Dr. Tracy Snell said. “Part of the concern is having the appropriate attitude toward people; they notice all of your mannerisms. Brandon was very approachable and passionate about learning.”

While the volunteers’ work impacted the residents, Snell said the greater impact was on the students.

“One thing I was very surprised about in Honduras was the fact that people have so little — no food, old clothing, no health care, some people don’t even go to school,” Hanna said. “But at the same time, these are the happiest people. They are a close-knit, wise community with a true understanding of life.”

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Actors Ron Williams, Katie Hardy, Sarab Kamoo and Tobin Hissong review their scripts at a recent rehearsal. "White's Lies" premieres Jan. 9.

## Suspending disbelief with 'Lies'

*'White's Lies' comes to Meadow Brook Theatre*

By Misha Mayhand  
Multimedia Reporter

Meadow Brook Theatre will present an off-Broadway play, "White's Lies," Jan. 9 to Feb. 3.

The comedy is written by Ben Andron and produced by Aaron Grant.

"We are the first theater in the country to do 'White's Lies' since its off-Broadway run in 2010," said Cheryl Marshall, managing director at Meadow Brook Theatre. "The playwright is actually making some adjustments for the Meadow Brook show."

Marshall said both Andron and Grant will attend.

### The story

"White's Lies" centers on Joe White, a divorce attorney and womanizer representing one of his many girlfriends in a case. His mother, who desperately wants him to start a family, tells him she is going to die soon. Her dying wish is to have grandchildren, but Joe is not ready to settle down. To make his mother happy, he pretends to have a family — one of "White's Lies."

Katie Hardy, a 2009 Oakland University alumna, will play Joe's pretend-daughter Michele Edwards.

"This play is almost a sitcom," Hardy

said. "It's fun and it's different." She compared it to the TV show "How I Met Your Mother."

### Acting as a career

Hardy received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from OU and has been between New York and Michigan since her graduation.

"I work at Meadow Brook pretty extensively, which has been great," Hardy said. "It's almost hard to work anywhere else when you've been so spoiled at MBT."

Hardy stayed in New York for a few months for auditions and said the lifestyle just never clicked for her.

"It sounds so silly, but I'm used to having a car so simple things like getting coffee in the morning or running other errands becomes such an adventure," Hardy said of her stay in New York.

"You have to plan your whole day around the subway, and once you leave in the morning, you feel like you might as well stay out the whole day," she said.

Hardy has been acting since she was nine years old.

"I was doing gymnastics, and I guess I was okay at it but not great. One of the gymnastic coaches said to my mom, 'You know, she'll probably never be a great gymnast but man does she ever go out there and sell her routines. Maybe you should have her go and do acting,'" Hardy said. "My mom took me to the community theatre, they were putting on 'Annie.' I auditioned, and after that, I was hooked."

Hardy has previously portrayed Jo in

the stage play "Little Women," and hopes to portray Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde."

She has also taught theatre camps at The Detroit Zoo and The Community House in Birmingham.

### Preparing for 'White's Lies'

Rehearsals for "White's Lies" started Dec. 18. Hardy said that as opening day approaches, rehearsals are longer, usually running for six or seven hours a day, Tuesday through Sunday.

Hardy said the play is almost a bedroom farce, and it has a lot of funny jokes.

"In January, it's always good to laugh and have a good time, especially after the Christmas bills come in," Marshall said.

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## THE CAST



**RON WILLIAMS** will play Joe White. He has previously been in productions of "The Rocky Horror Show" and "Grease!"



**EMILY ROSE** has been a member of The Second City and acted in "Tony and Tina's Wedding." Rose will portray Debbie.



**TOBIN HISSONG** will portray Alan. He has previously been in productions of "A Christmas Carol" and "Murder By Poe."



**PETER PROUTY** has performed in productions of "Of Mice and Men" and "The Importance of Being Earnest." He will portray Mark.



**HENRIETTA HERMELIN** will portray Mrs. White. Her previous productions include "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Rabbit Hole."



**SARAB KAMOO** will play Barbara Edwards. Kamoo's previous productions include "Rabbit Hole" and the ABC Family film "Elixir."



**KATIE HARDY** will portray Michele Edwards. Her previous productions include "Xanadu" and "The Sound of Music."

## IF YOU GO...

### TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are available at the Meadow Brook Theatre box office, located in Wilson Hall, at the following times:

- Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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### MORE INFORMATION

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# Mouthing Off

SATIRE

## Creeping in the New Year

By Brian Figurski  
Copy Editor/Self-denied creep

I didn't really set any resolutions this year. I have a habit of breaking things, so I made the conscious effort to not set myself up for defeat. However, my seasonal affective disorder therapist says I need to set ascertainable goals for myself.

The one item I noted, after being unanimously crowned the victor for multiple end-of-semester Postie awards such as "creepiest mustache" and "most likely to drive a windowless van," is that it is probably time to drop the whole weirdo shtick. It has very short-term appeal, to say the least.

Each New Year's Day, I rest in the

calm of my old house next to my trusty hangover bucket. I decided to scour Papa Fig's photo albums of my repressed youth, and discovered a long-lost friend from elementary school who may very well be dead as of this point.

His name is Cameron, and I have not seen him in a very long time. I could not decide if skulking on the Internet was a good way to locate him.

However, my feline side got the best of me and curiosity triumphed yet again. Is this a creepy maneuver? Stalking a friend time forgot about?

I employed all my well-crafted techniques of stalking to look for him, but this guy is a ghost. I could have found bin Laden in the mountains of Pakistan before I find my kindergarten classmate.

Facebook turned out to be a no-go. The only person I found of the same name was not the pasty white child I remember, but some kind of Hispanic entrepreneur with a trophy wife.

If for some reason Cameron

underwent some kind of reverse Michael Jackson surgery, I refuse to dish out a dollar to these new rules required to contact outside of your circle of friends. I'm already getting calls from TCF about my overdraft playing Solitaire Blitz.

I even swallowed my pride and returned to MySpace, hoping for a lead on Cameron. MySpace's stalk search engine is convoluted since the mass transition to Facebook, and I could only find a handful of house DJs and strippers.

I even put a missed connections ad on Craigslist. I'll use the paper as my own personal bulletin board — Attention Oakland University students! Anyone with information on Cameron: blonde, lived in Sterling Heights and was six years old in 1993 — contact Brian Figurski. You will receive substantial payment in the form of seasonal produce for your support.

I am ashamed of my tactics, even though I have both come up empty-handed and done so in peace. I can-

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Brian Figurski and his missing friend, Cameron.



BRIAN FIGURSKI/The Oakland Post

not find my lost friend, and, in the process, I lost myself.

I have failed the resolution gods and my overpaid therapist mere moments into the next year. Maybe a new calendar is not a significant enough event for me to mend my wicked ways. It's a work in progress and I will not succumb to madness and try this plight in non-creepy again. I should embrace it and put a down payment on that tinted-out Econoline I saw for sale on north-bound Squirrel road.

But seriously, someone help me find my damn friend.



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